

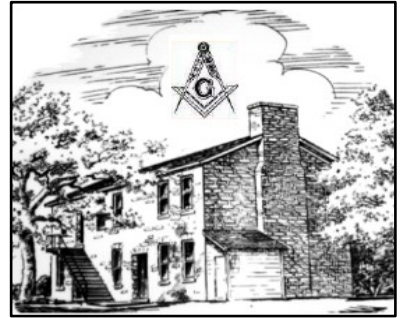
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May 2019

Lodge Officers 2018 - 2019

WM: **Christopher R. Dawson**
 SW: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JW: **Orlando Perez**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 SD: **Ernest Owney**
 JD: **Richard Alonso**
 SS: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 JS: **Abram Wallace**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Mus: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 Tiler: **Bobby Clakley**

Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner
 1970- Ralph L. Cearley
 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges
 1977- Roy L. Hamor
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
 1981- Howard D. Hall
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin
 1984- Matias H. Ruiz
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
 1989- Dennis C. Kestner
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee
 1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
 1994- Walter H. Argall
 1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
 1996- Kenneth P. Wood
 1997- William S. Lear
 1998- John W. Turner

1999- James F. Keese
 2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Elijo Arjona, Jr.
 2005- Hamilton B. Carter
 2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
 2007- Michael E. Sanders
 2008- Daniel E. Barber
 2009- Dale L. Flatt
 2010- Tony M. Ramirez
 2011- Dennis J. Ross
 2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
 2013- Raul J. Scully
 2014- Ben B. Rauschke
 2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
 2016- Jeff J. Carroll
 2017- William L. Lewis

Living Affiliated Past Masters

J. Roland Brown
 Gerald T. Dawson
 Allen W. Deaver
 Carlton L. Edwards
 Robert Eschenburg
 Elbert I. Franks
 Reagan W. Hammett
 Bennie L. Hudson
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Bobby J. Norris
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



May Birthdays

Matias H. Ruiz 1; Joseph E. Simpson, James C. Stewart IV 2; Connor R. Williams 3; James E. Greybeck, Richard P. Rayborn 5; Abram R. Wallace 8; Alfred R. Bell II, Harrell E. McCaslin, Sr. 12; Orlando Perez 13; Allen W. Deaver 15; Sherrell D. Cole 16; David S. Solverson 17; James L. Brown 18; Kenneth P. Wood, Terrence P. Murphy, Dennis J. Ross, Vernon W. Miers 19; Daniel V. Andrade, Raymond Gonzalez 23; Larry I. Korts, Robert Ray 25; Donnie F. Carter 26; Rodney W. Angell, Billy L. Penry 28; Johnny G. Camarillo 29; Clyde J. Medlock, Ronald B. Norwood 30, and Norman L. Smith III 31.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in May (year)

Larry I. Korts 54; John J. Brassil 64; Billy R. Capps 65; Tommy R. Teykl 66; Carl H. Robinson, Sr. 67; Ronald B. Norwood, Raymond M. Williams 73; David M. Prescott 74; Samuel T. Hill 78; Elliott R. Wilson 79; Albert A. Mehlhaff 83; Harrell E. McCaslin, Jr. 86; Daniel V. Andrade 88; John H. Schlueter II 94; James R. Robinson II 95; Elijo Arjona, Jr., Frank C. Hankins 98; Fransisco Reyes, Jr. 01; Troy J. Shugart 07; Daniel W. McCarter 10; James C. Wells 11; Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 12; Jacob A. Carroll, James C. Stewart IV, Raymond Gonzalez 13; Tyler G. Lane 16; Jeromy W. Odom 17.

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!
 May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

*And God said, "Let there be light,"
 and there was light!*

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
May 2nd, 2019

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

Meal at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Beacon Editor: ***David Karhi***
Breakfast Socials: ***Richard Alonso***
Building: ***Jeromy Odom***
Cemetery: ***Abram Wallace***
Communications: ***Dale Flatt, PM***
Esoteric Instruction: ***Troy Shugart, PM***
Finance: ***Ernest Owney***
Funeral: ***Curtis Gilgan, PM***
Historian: ***Troy Shugart, PM***
Hospital: ***H. Max Fisher***
Ill and Visitation: ***Carl Robinson***
Vanguard: ***Christopher Dawson***
Orlando Perez

From the East...

Greetings Brethren and welcome to May!

As we move through the fifth month of the calendar year, we also move through the eleventh month of the Masonic Year. We're still busy with a lot of work, and we still have a lot of work ahead of us, though!

At April's Stated Meeting, Onion Creek honored our very own Marshal and PM Dennis Ross with the Golden Trowel Award. At that same meeting, we received District 50's DDGM Mark Dermit and W. Raul J. Scully to Onion Creek. This was RW Dermit's 1st official visit and it was a blast. As Master, I am pleased that some of the men whom I've received as official Grand Lodge Representatives, or recognized for their contributions in Masonry, have not only been my brothers, but also my friends.

On April 6th, 14 Onion Creek Members braved a hard rain storm to join our Grand Master of Texas, Terry Wayne Stogner, at his Austin Grand Master's Conference at Ben Hur Shrine — and Onion Creek had the most brethren from District 50! The conference was great, and there were several examples given about how Masons can lead by example in both the Craft and our community.

April 15th was our monthly Cigar and Pipe Night and several brethren hung out on the patio and enjoyed fellowship, while other brothers continued their QA work inside.

On Saturday, April 20th, several brothers from Onion Creek came together to give our lodge some much-needed attention. Two doors near the lodge room were fixed, our BBQ was seasoned and is now ready for cooking, the trim of our 'stained glass' windows was painted, downed tree branches were reduced to mulch, and two barbed-wire fences were erected along our lodge driveway. Thank you to all the brothers who came out and worked! Every time a group of brothers gets together, so much gets done!

The District 50 MWSA meeting was held on April 22nd at Austin Lodge 12. A fantastic meal was served, followed by a sharing of various lodge activities in District 50. Remember — you don't have to be a Worshipful Master, Warden, or Secretary to attend these meetings! Feel free to come out and hear what's going on in our district!

As of now, many EAs are continuing to learn their QA work. I'd like to thank PMs Dennis Ross and Jeff Carroll for their steadfast commitment to

educating our brothers as they work to increase their Masonic knowledge.

On May 2nd, Onion Creek will be hosting an open meeting to present scholarships and Lamar Medals to our 6 deserving recipients. We will also be presenting our Community Builder Award. After our Open Meeting, we will be having our May Stated Meeting.

May 9th, SW Tide Williams, SD Ernest Owey, and I will be hosting an A.L.L. Class for all new Master Masons. This class is open to any Master Mason who'd like to come and join the discussion and education. You never know what you might learn!

On Saturday, May 11th we will be hosting our Spring Breakfast Social — you know the drill — eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and all you can eat for \$7.00. Remember that kids under 12 eat free!

After our Breakfast Social, PM Dennis Ross and W. George Moxley will be hosting a Masonic Esoteric Workshop. This is a free-form workshop where you can come to ask any question concerning the form of our rituals — or just come to watch, listen, and learn!

May 20th will be our monthly Cigar and Pipe Night.

May 27th is Memorial Day and Onion Creek will be dark. Enjoy the extra day with your family at home, in your backyard, on a boat, or on the couch enjoying the A/C!

Lastly, remember that our June Stated Meeting is on the 2nd Thursday, June 13th, where we will be electing Onion Creek Officers for the 2019-2020 Masonic Year. A short two weeks later, we will be having our Installation of Officers on June 29th. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Summer is coming, so let's get our swim shorts and inner tubes ready to celebrate the long days and warm, pleasant nights. See you at lodge soon. Or the river!

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson

May Menu

I've been told that the May Food Committee will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, and assorted liquid refreshments.

Thank you for a fine meal!

Call for Volunteers

For many years, the brothers of Onion Creek Lodge have assisted the patients and staff at St. David's South Austin Medical Center by serving as volunteers. Recently, we've seen a number of our members retire from volunteering and we haven't had any new volunteers step in to fill their place. It would be great if we could find a few more brothers who would like to help out.

We volunteer on Fridays from about 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The hospital provides us with a free dinner from the cafeteria, so we usually arrive around 5 pm, eat a great meal, then start our shift around 6 pm.

People are typically scheduled for 1 or 2 weeks per month, so there's no obligation to work every single week. We always have a lot of fun, and the patients and staff are always very appreciative that we're there to help.

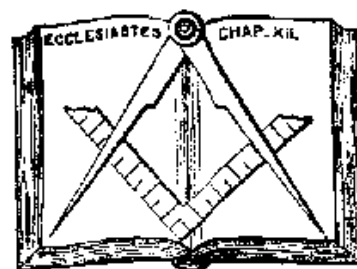
Our duties include delivering flowers and gift baskets to patients, pushing patients around in wheel chairs, delivering lab specimens or paperwork, and assisting visitors as needed. There are no special medical skills required.

The process to get started is simple: you'll need to fill out some paper work, take a free blood test that checks for tuberculosis, and attend a 1-hour orientation. Because our lodge has a great relationship with the hospital, the process can move along very quickly.

If you're interested in making a difference in your community, contact Hospital Committee Chairman Carl Robinson. Your brothers will appreciate your support, and I guarantee you'll get more out of it than you thought you would.

David Karhi, Editor

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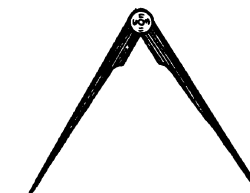
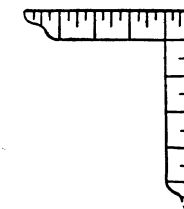
Called to the Celestial Lodge

Antonio F. "Tony" Moreno
April 10, 2019

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers as they seek comfort and healing. They are or have been ill, recovering from medical procedures or have limited mobility: T.K. Anthony, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, RW Mike Gower and family, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Wes Mersiovsky, Tony Moreno's family, Jeanine Robinson (wife of Carl Robinson), Tom Rogers' family, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Henry Tindell, and Louis Ugarte (cousin of JW Orlando Perez).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Chris Dawson or Chaplain Raul Scully, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of March, 7 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 144 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

The outstanding volunteers who made this possible are (in alphabetical order): Linda Boyd with 13 hours, Dave Faria with 19 hours, Max Fisher with 9 hours, Dwane Idecker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, Carl Robinson with 32 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 22 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 38 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!