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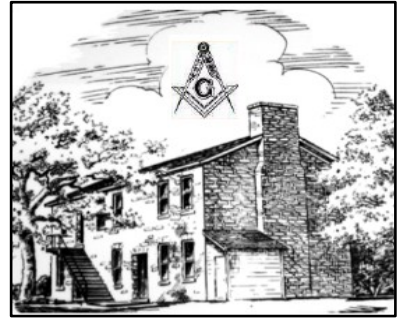
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May 2021

Lodge Officers 2020 - 2021

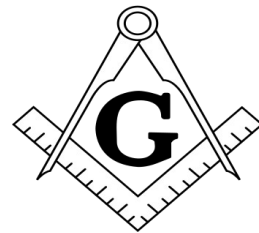
WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
JW: **Richard Alonso**
Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
SD: **Abram R. Wallace**
JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
SS: **Bobby D. Clakley**
JS: **Franklin "Ed" Merica**
Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
MC: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**
Mus: **Wilfredo "JR" Vera**
Tiler: **Anthony T. Farmer-Guerra**

Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner	2001- Jonathan D. Walker
1970- Ralph L. Cearley	2002- Robert L. Roda
1974- Jimmy M. Hodges	2003- Ricky J. Tindell
1977- Roy L. Hamor	2005- Hamilton B. Carter
1978- Bobby J. Doherty	2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
1980- Ronald B. Norwood	2007- Michael E. Sanders
1981- Howard D. Hall	2008- Daniel E. Barber
1982- Alan L. Karotkin	2009- Dale L. Flatt
1984- Matias H. Ruiz	2010- Tony M. Ramirez
1987- Elliott R. Wilson	2011- Dennis J. Ross
1988- Jerry T. Jarmon	2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
1991- Ronnie H. Lee	2013- Raul J. Scully
1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff	2014- Ben B. Rauschke
1994- Walter H. Argall	2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
1995- Javier R. Gonzalez	2016- Jeff J. Carroll
1996- Kenneth P. Wood	2017- William L. Lewis
1997- William S. Lear	2018- Christopher R. Dawson
1998- John W. Turner	2019- David "Tide" Williams
2000- Walter E. Sanders	

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
Jorge A. Millan
Ernest Owey
Troy J. Shugart
James C. Wells



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May Birthdays

Sebastian A. C. Franklin, 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. Mears 19; Daniel V. Andrade, Raymond Gonzalez 23; Donnie F. Carter 26; Rodney W. Angell 28; Johnny G. Camarillo 29; Ronald B. Norwood 30; Clyde J. Medlock 31.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in May (year)

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; Robert N. Crawford 96; 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, Raymond Gonzalez, James C. Stewart IV 13; Tyler G. Lane 16; Jeromy W. Odom 17.

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
May 6th, 2021

Master Mason's Lodge
10 Person Limit

No Meal Served
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Activities:	<u>Chris Dawson, PM</u>
Arbitration:	<u>Orlando Perez</u>
Audit:	<u>Richard Alonso</u>
Beacon Editor:	<u>David Karhi</u>
Breakfast Socials:	<u>Jeromy Odom</u>
Building:	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
Cemetery:	<u>Dale Flatt, PM</u>
Communications:	<u>Raul Scully, PM</u>
Community Builder:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Fantastic Teeth:	<u>Dennis Ross, PM</u>
Finance:	<u>Curtis Gilgan, PM</u>
Fraternal Assistance:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Funeral:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Golden Trowel:	<u>Tide Williams, PM</u>
Grand Lodge Business:	<u>Curtis Gilgan, PM</u>
Historian:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Hospital:	<u>David Karhi</u>
Lodge Education:	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
Members in Arrears:	<u>Orlando Perez</u>
Past Masters' Night:	<u>Dennis Ross, PM</u>
Pleasant Hill Advisory:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Raffle:	<u>David Hoke</u>
Scholarship:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Sick and Distressed:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Vanguard:	<u>Richard Alonso</u>

From the East

Greetings everyone! I am glad to report we are almost back to normal at the Lodge. We are still under the Mayor's 10-person restriction, hopefully he will come to his senses soon and release us from that. At our last Stated Meeting we had slightly more, and we were able to social distance with no problem at all. More and more folks are being vaccinated daily so that is reassuring. I received my second shot on April 16th with absolutely no side effects from the 1st or the 2nd and I am looking forward to the day when we can all relax a bit.

I am happy to tell you we have a new petitioner for the Degrees at our Lodge and will read his Investigation Report at the May Stated Meeting. It is comforting to know there are young folks out there who are interested in our craft. Hopefully, we will be having an Entered Apprentice Degree soon! The cooking restrictions are no longer in place so now our Stewards can have a little fun as well! That will certainly make things seem a little bit more normal.

I sent an email regarding our Lodge workday on April 17th but more of you receive the Beacon than do the Lodge bulk email, so I want to make sure everyone is aware of the hard work by the brothers on that day. We started the morning at 7:30am with tacos and coffee provided by our wonderful Secretary, PM Raul Scully. We had rented a woodchipper and a friend of ours, Mr. Luis Vasquez provided, at no charge, a dually truck and dump trailer, which we filled to the top and more! Mr. Vasquez is in the restaurant business and had more tacos delivered around 10:00am! We all worked very hard trimming the brush and a lot of the dead limbs mainly on the front and two sides of the lodge. The porch was cleared of all the fallen leaves and such as well. We had to quit because the trailer was more than full! You will see the difference when you drive up. So, "THANK YOU" to all that helped. They are, in no order, PM Raul Scully, Mr. Luis Vasquez, PM Curtis Gilgan, PM Robert Eschenburg, PM Tim Ford, Kenneth Shiga, Anthony Farmer-Guerra, Max Fisher, PM Tide Williams, PM Chris Dawson, Charlie Foreman, J.R. Vera, PM Bill Lewis, Rick Alonso, Jamie Marlow, Billy Capps (on the 4-wheeler pulling a trailer full of brush to the chipping area all day!), Mike Barefield, and myself. When we finished, we all met at my house where Brother Mike Barefield provided and prepared delicious burgers for all of us, there was also a bit of liquid refreshment consumed! Thanks again my

friends!

I am sure most of you know PM Tide Williams is hosting an outdoor drive-in type of movie every two weeks on Saturdays at the Lodge. You can sit in your vehicle and tune your radio to the movie or, if you like, bring lawn chairs and sit in the yard. It's a great time to catch up with each other as well. Watch you email for up-coming attractions.

Our next Stated meeting is on May 6th and will be opened on a Master's Lodge. We will be presenting one Masonic Service Award to a brother who has requested it to be presented to him by Brother George Moxley of T. Neal Porter Lodge No. 1354. There are several 25-, 40-, 50-, and 60-year awards but due to the COVID restrictions we will be mailing them. I would like to thank all these brothers, you know who you are, for your many years of dedicated service to the craft.

That is about all for now and as usual, I hope to see you real soon. I love you all!

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master



Onion Creek Lodge Drive-In is Open

Relive those days of yesteryear, enjoy some comradery, and relax with a good movie. Come watch top run movies from the comfort of your car, or on the grass in a lawn chair. Sound is transmitted over FM radio, or there is a large speaker (for those in the grass), and the movie is projected onto a screen 16 feet across to provide the full cinematic experience.

We've been able to get some great box office movies while they were still in theaters (*News of the World* and *Godzilla vs. Kong*), and there are plans for some "throw-back" nights featuring classics from the past.

There's popcorn and sodas available (for a small fee), or bring your own snacks. Movie starts at 8pm, so don't be late.

Coming Attractions: May 28th – Special Friday night showing of *Dazed & Confused*.

Tide Williams, PM

This Month in Masonic History

- May 1st, 1865, President William McKinley received his 1st degree in Hiram Lodge #21, Winchester, Virginia
- May 3rd, 1886, Rudyard Kipling received his 2nd degree
- May 4th, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed
- May 4th, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Missouri was formed
- May 5th, 1851, President Andrew Johnson received his 1st degree in Greenville Lodge #119, Tennessee
- May 8th, 1884, a national Masonic Congress was held in Baltimore in order to establish a uniform ritual for United States Grand Lodges
- May 11th, 1865, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was founded
- May 12th, 1931, Senator Barry Goldwater received his 1st degree in Arizona Lodge #2, Phoenix, Arizona
- May 12th, 1932, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia was dedicated
- May 12th, 1999, the Grand Lodge of D.C. voted to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C.
- May 17th, 1921, High Twelve International was organized
- May 18th, 1959, President Harry S. Truman received his 50 year masonic award
- May 24th, 1901, Sir Winston Churchill received his 1st degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London
- May 27th, 1801, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States was established in Charleston, South Carolina

David Karhi, Editor

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

We've received word from St. David's South Austin Medical Center that our volunteers will be allowed to return very soon. We're all incredibly excited to get back to visiting with our friends and assisting patients and their families at St. David's South Austin Medical Center!

Thank you folks for a job well done!

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: Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Roland Brown, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Billy Capps, Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Brett Chandler-Finch, Ray & Sandy Combs, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer's family (Anthony's grandfather), Stephanie Farmer (Anthony's aunt), Boyce Freitag, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Jimmy Gower (RW Mike Gower's son), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Murphy Kidder (Freddie's daughter's husband), Don & Johnnie Long, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Edna Missildine, Orlando Perez, William Phillip (Bobby Clakley's sister-in-law's father), Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Angela Ross (Dennis' wife), Linda Russel, Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Hope Smith (John's wife), Kenneth Smith, Mike Smith (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law's husband), David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Willis Woods (Michael's father), and Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Troy Shugart, PM or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM

