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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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November 2016

Lodge Officers 2015 - 2016

WM: **Jeff J. Carroll**
 SW: **William L. Lewis**
 JW: **Chris R. Dawson**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**
 SD: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JD: **Orlando Perez**
 SS: **Ernest Owney**
 JS: **Johnny Contreras**
 Mar: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 MC: **Alan Karotkin, PM**
 Tiler: **Ken E. Loveless**

Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner	1998- John W. Turner
1970- Ralph L. Cearley	1999- James F. Keese
1974- Jimmy M. Hodges	2000- Walter E. Sanders
1977- Roy L. Hamor	2001- Jonathan D. Walker
1978- Bobby J. Doherty	2002- Robert L. Roda
1980- Ronald B. Norwood	2003- Ricky J. Tindell
1981- Howard D. Hall	2004- Elijio Arjona, Jr.
1982- Alan L. Karotkin	2005- Hamilton B. Carter
1984- Matias H. Ruiz	2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
1986- Jose V. Seguin	2007- Michael E. Sanders
1987- Elliott R. Wilson	2008- Daniel E. Barber
1988- Jerry T. Jarmon	2009- Dale L. Flatt
1989- Dennis C. Kestner	2010- Tony M. Ramirez
1991- Ronnie H. Lee	2011- Dennis J. Ross
1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff	2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
1994- Walter H. Argall	2013- Raul J. Scully
1995- Javier R. Gonzalez	2014- Ben B. Rauschke
1996- Kenneth P. Wood	2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
1997- William S. Lear	

Living Affiliated Past Masters

Jimmie L. Banks
 J. Roland Brown
 Don R. Cowley
 Gerald T. Dawson
 Allen W. Deaver
 Carlton L. Edwards
 Elbert I. Franks
 O. Tripp Garza
 Reagan W. Hammett
 Bennie L. Hudson
 Gordon W. Kelso
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Bobby J. Norris
 Boyce Oakes
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 Roni Zulu



November Birthdays

Herbert M. Steiner, Van M. Nimrick 1; Jimmy L. Preece 3; Hillery O. Davis, Patrick L. Williams 6; Dwane R. Ideker 8; David C. Kestner 10; Robert N. Crawford, Russell M. Tidwell, II 11; James B. Harris 13; Walter E. Boyd 14; Robert G. Utter 15; Steve T. Murray, Curtis M. Wagner 17; James W. Durr, Dennis C. Kestner 20; Daniel E. Barber 21; Leslie A. Wood 22; Gary E. Clark 25; William L. Lewis, Jr. 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in November (year)

Samuel N. Lanham, Jr. 52; Kenneth W. Patton 59; Kenneth R. Wenrich 62; Gerald L. Curry 62; John E. Altis 65; Thurman R. McGinnis 72; Reagan W. Hammett 72; Alfred R. Bell, II 73; Robert G. Utter 73; Charles R. Caudill 86; Dale A. Rundell 86; Mark B. Edwards 89; Steven R. Franklin 93; Horace E. Puckett 95; Keith W. Caron, Herbert M. Steiner 96; James W. Dobbs 97; Robert L. Eschenburg 00; William B. Tamminga 02; Luis M. Ramirez 09.

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
November 3rd, 2016

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Ill and Visitation: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**

Building: **Larry L. Haney**

Historian: **H. Max Fisher**

Beacon Editor: **David A. Karhi**

Hospital: **Carl H. Robinson**

Cemetery: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**

Funeral: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**

Finance: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**

Esoteric Instruction: **David "Tide" Williams**

Breakfast Socials: **Orlando Perez**

Greetings from the East,

The holiday season is upon us! Slow down and enjoy the moments...

I would like to report that last month many OCL Brethren attended the stated meeting at Texana Lodge #123 and retrieved the Traveling Gavel. We had a great time visiting WM Wells and fellow Brethren of Texana Lodge. I appreciate their hospitality and look forward to returning it sooner than later. I also would like to express my appreciation to our OCL Brethren in visiting the lodges of District #50 with me, and I look forward to our visit to Parsons Lodge #222 on Wednesday, November 9th.

“Dinner with Brethren” on the 3rd Thursday of the month was pleasantly trumped with an EA Degree. Senior Steward Owney once again provided a great meal and a fantastic degree was put on for our newly initiated Entered Apprentice. Congratulations, Brother! I hope to see you at the next “Dinner with Brethren” on Thursday, November 17th.

On October 15th we were visited by RW Carnes, who held the esoteric exams in place of RW Anthony. Many Brethren worked very hard on their memory work and will receive their certificates in the near future. It was a pleasure to host RW Carnes; however, please keep RW Anthony in your prayers for a quick recovery of his health issues.

Our Fall Breakfast Social on Saturday, October 22nd was a success! Brother Perez once again put together a great breakfast which served roughly 40 brethren, guests and families. Our next breakfast social will occur after the new year.

We have an Open House on the 30th, and I'm sure it will be a success. We've gathered much information from the Grand Lodge to hand out to our guests, and I look forward to giving tours and answering questions. I hope to see you there.

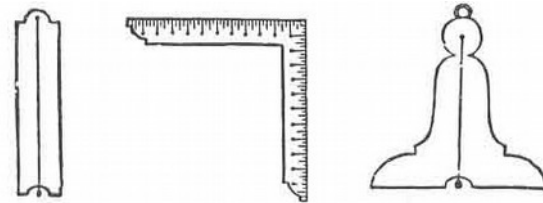
Raffle tickets are now available for our December raffle. This is one of our main fund raisers for the year, and many brethren are hoping to win that beautiful Freemason Tribute Edition .22 cal Henry Rifle. Others are hoping to capture the Galaxy Tab S2, the RTIC 45 Cooler or the \$100 Visa gift card. Buy some tickets to increase your chances. \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.

Our Stated Meeting is Thursday November 3rd. Dinner will be at 6:30pm, provided by our November Food Committee, with the meeting starting by 7:30pm. I plan to open a Master Mason's lodge. This will be

our DDGM, RW Keye Perry 2nd official visit. Come out and hear your DDGM and support your lodge. Come out and visit your brethren.

Looking forward, our visit to Parson Lodge #222 will again be on Wednesday November 9th. On November 12th, we have tentatively scheduled a cemetery clean up and again our “Dinner with Brethren” is scheduled on the 17th. We will be dark Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

Jeff Carroll, WM

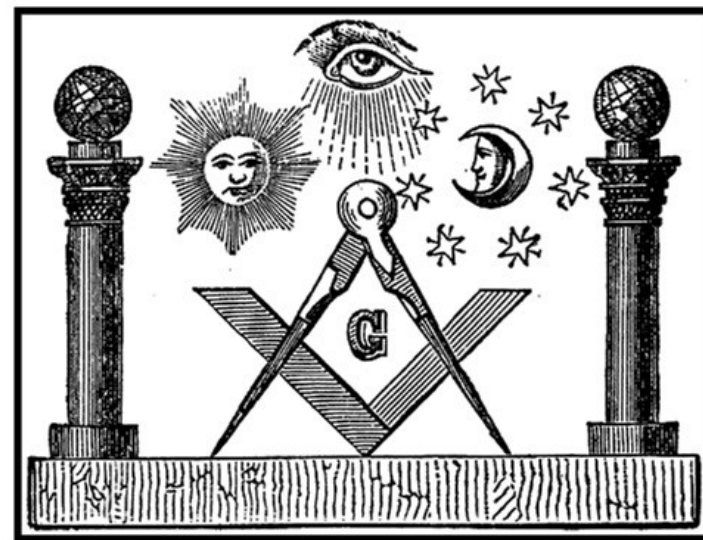


November Menu and Food Committee

Chairman Curtis Gilgan informs me that this month's menu will consist of smoked beef brisket, potato salad, beans, and a dessert.

The other folks responsible for this fine meal are: John Compton, Tommie Conner, Arnold Holden, Dwane Ideker, Dennis Mitchell, Chris Gaines, and Orlando Perez.

Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!



From The Secretary's Desk

Hello all! It's been two months since I have said hello to you as I missed the deadline for the last publication of the Beacon; I apologize for that. I wish there was someone I could blame but there isn't! I have been extremely busy with my day job, and I have lagged behind on my duties as your Secretary, and that is it in a nutshell!

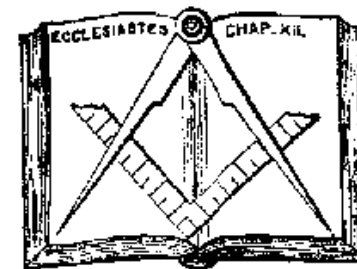
By the time this publication gets to you I will be somewhere along the west coast. I am taking some time off to go meet my Great Niece. She will be 8 months old soon, and I am sure she can't wait to meet her Great Uncle Troy! That means you won't hear from me again until December's Beacon.

Things have been running smoothly in and about the Lodge. There has been a lot going on, but I am sure WM Carroll's article has touched on those items so I am going to keep this article rather short!

I would like to wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all are surrounded by the ones nearest and dearest to your hearts!

I look forward to seeing you all at December's Stated Meeting, where I plan on taking home my very own Masonic Edition Henry 22 rifle!!

Troy J. Shugart, Secretary



Called to the Celestial Lodge

**Max F. Erlich
September 19, 2016**

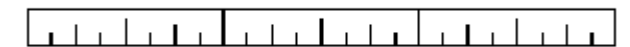
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Prayer List

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: RW T.K. Anthony, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Johnny Camarillo, Jim Carroll, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Charles Caudill, Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Lauren Gilgan, Reagan Hammett, George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke's aunt), Priscilla Jackson (Ernest Owney's sister), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's daughter-in-law), Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Dennis Mitchell, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Julia Rayborn (Ricky Rayborn's mother), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Douglas Vaughn Sr., PM (Chris Dawson's grandfather-in-law), and Suzanne Vera.

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Jeff Carroll or Chaplain Ben Rauschke, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of September, 11 Masons, wives and friends contributed 210 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

Bobby Tiner was there for an absolutely amazing amount of time; nearly 48 hours! Following in alphabetical order are: Linda Boyd with an impressive 21 plus hours, Doug Cheap with an also impressive 24 plus hours, Max Fisher with nearly 20 hours, Norm Hayes and Dwane Ideker both helped out with nearly 4 hours each, David Karhi assisted for nearly 6 hours, Larry Korts worked over 8 hours, and Ben Rauschke worked nearly 6 hours. Carl and Jeanine Robinson both rounded out the month with nearly 34 hours each! Wow, as usual these folks set the bar once again!

Thank you folks for a job well done