

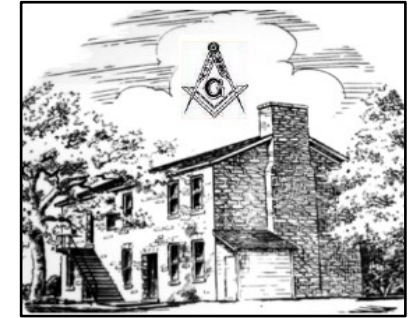
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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
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November 2018

### 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

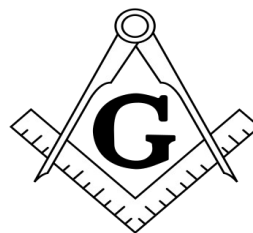
1999- James F. Keese  
 2000- Walter E. Sanders  
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker  
 2002- Robert L. Roda  
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell  
 2004- Elijo Arjona, Jr.  
 2005- Hamilton B. Carter  
 2006- Russell M. Tidwell II  
 2007- Michael E. Sanders  
 2008- Daniel E. Barber  
 2009- Dale L. Flatt  
 2010- Tony 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  
 Don R. Cowley  
 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  
 Boyce Oakes  
 Gene C. Payne  
 Troy J. Shugart  
 Bill Weathers  
 James C. Wells  
 Roni Zulu



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



### November Birthdays

Herbert M. Steiner 1; Jimmy L. Preece 3; Patrick L. Williams 6; Dwane R. Ideker 8; David C. Kestner 10; Russell M. Tidwell, II 11; James B. Harris 13; Walter E. Boyd, Wesley L. Mersiovsky 14; Robert G. Utter 15; Steve T. Murray 17; Dennis C. Kestner 20; Daniel E. Barber 21; 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; 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; Keith W. Caron, Herbert M. Steiner 96; James W. Dobbs 97; Robert L. Eschenburg 00; William B. Tamminga 02; Luis M. Ramirez 09; Ronald B. Norwood, Jr., Abram R. Wallace 17.

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

### Stated Meeting

**First Thursday  
 November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

### 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  
Abram Wallace  
**Cemetery:** Dale Flatt, PM  
**Communications:** Troy Shugart, PM  
**Esoteric Instruction:** Ernest Owney  
**Finance:** Curtis Gilgan, PM  
**Funeral:** Troy Shugart, PM  
**Historian:** H. Max Fisher  
**Hospital:** Carl Robinson  
**Ill and Visitation:** Christopher Dawson  
**Vanguard:** Orlando Perez

### ***From the East...***

Happy November and Happy Fall!

As I write this, we are finally getting a break from our very wet October. I hope all of you and your families have made it through these record-setting rainstorms safe and dry.

For those of you who weren't able to attend, we had a very special October stated meeting. First, we held an open meeting as Bros. Don Long and Forest Cruse were presented their 50 and 60-year Masonic Service Awards by RW Raul Scully, DDGM for Masonic District 50, and RW Michael L. Wiggins, Past Grand Master of Texas. Following, Onion Creek received RW Scully on his 2<sup>nd</sup> official visit, as well as RW Michael L. Wiggins and RW Troy Shugart, DDGM At-Large. It was a pleasure to receive and sit in lodge with so many distinguished Masons who are serving their communities and the Craft. I wanted to also appreciate Bro. Tom Estes and the October Food Committee for preparing a fantastic meal for everyone. It was delicious!

We are also delivering Grand Lodge Service awards to the following brethren who are unable to attend lodge: Boyce Oakes, 50-year; Kenneth Polk, 50-year; and Tony Moreno, 65-year. We are also preparing to personally visit Bro. Moreno when delivering his award – for those of you who subscribe to our Facebook page, we will have pictures posted and provide a link to those photos via our Lodge email notices.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, we held a memorial service for Bro. Kenneth Loveless. It was a wonderful service officiated by Bro. Don Long. On behalf of Bettie Loveless, I'd like to thank Bro. Don & Johnnie Long, Larry & Alba Haney, SW David (Tide) & Tracy Williams, Curtis Gilgan, PM, and Manny Hernandez for all their work and attention to plan and provide for the services – as well as the brethren of Onion Creek who assisted Bro. Long in the memorial service. Apologies if I may be neglecting someone in this list of appreciations.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, Bro. Dennis Ross, PM and the District 50 Service Team held a Briscoe Workshop at Onion Creek. RW Raul Scully conducted some role-play situations for the purpose of generating discussion and education of Grand Lodge Law. There were also topics of symbolism for the purpose of generating philosophical discussion relating to Freemasonry. Though the workshop didn't last all day, it was densely

packed with great discussion and sharing among the brethren. Thank you, PM Ross!

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, University Lodge No. 1190 hosted the District 50 MWSA. Lodges from our district came together for a fine meal and shared their progress during the first quarter of this Masonic year.

I wanted to take a few lines of the Beacon to congratulate Bro. Jeromy Odom and his new bride Melinda on their marriage on October 20<sup>th</sup>. They had a beautiful ceremony and worked until the very last minute to prepare an amazing reception for their guests and families who were celebrating their union. Congratulations and may you enjoy many years of love and harmony!

Also - a reminder that raffle tickets for the December raffle are now on sale! Contact Bros. Forest Cruse, David Hoke, and SW David Williams if you want some tickets!

Lastly, I hope all of you with little ones, or still a little one at heart, enjoyed the festivities of Halloween in your communities. Now we can look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. And the commercials!

Looking ahead, we have some dates to keep in mind. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we are having our stated meeting. We will be opening a Master Mason's lodge and it will be a family night, as always. November 10<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the Fall Breakfast Social PLUS an Open House. I will be contacting our brothers and sisters in OES to join us in the day-long festivities. We will also be honoring our first responders – keep tuned to our email communications and our Facebook page for further details. Our Building committee co-chairs, Bros. Jeromy Odom and Abram Wallace, have called for a Lodge workday on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Their proposed plan is to spruce up our lodge, but also address low-hanging branches and trees on the grounds – as well as other necessities. Please come out and lend a hand or two. November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Austin Veteran's Day Parade. Bro. Jason Castleberry has secured the option for Texas Masons to march in the parade. Please contact WM Dawson or RW Secretary for more information. November 22<sup>nd</sup> is Thanksgiving Day and the Lodge will be dark.

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Onion Creek No. 220 Stated Meeting
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Esoteric Forum and Exams @ Rambo No. 426
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Fall Breakfast Social and Onion Creek Open House – Details coming

- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Work Day
- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thanksgiving Day (Lodge Dark)

Finally, brethren, I look forward to seeing you at lodge. We are blessed with active men who are all working together for the betterment of themselves and the good of our Fraternity. Monday and Thursday nights are always open if you'd like to visit. We'll be having some more informal nights in the near future – where we sit out on the back porch and talk about everything. It would be great to have you over to enjoy fellowship! Remember that if you'd like to get more involved at Onion Creek, all you have to do is say so. There is always plenty going on and lots to do!

I hope you all have a wonderful November and are looking forward to turkeys, pies, trees, and lights. It's my favorite time of the year – minus the pumpkin spice!

***Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson***



### ***Veteran's Day Parade***

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, all Masons are invited to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade. Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are included and welcome to join.

If you want to join in, we will begin assembling at 7:00 a.m. at the Congress Avenue Bridge. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the worshipful master or the secretary.

***David Karhi, Editor***

### ***November Menu***

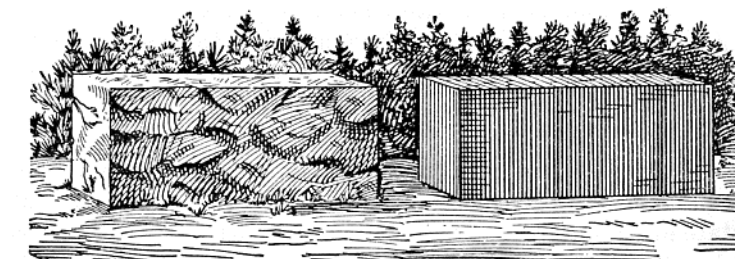
November Food Committee Chair Curtis Gilgan, PM reports that they will be serving smoked pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner salad, and iced-tea. For dessert, there will be fruit salad, chocolate sheet cake, and spice cake.

***Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!***

### ***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, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Johnnie Camarillo, RW Gene Carnes, 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, Reagan Hammett, Charlie Hampton, Larry & Alba Haney, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Bettie Loveless, Thurman McGinnis, Wes Mersiovsky, Tony Moreno, Boyce Oakes, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Sidney Strength, Wanda Stewart, and April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter).

***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 September, 9 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 128 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, Max Fisher with 10 hours, Norm Hayes with 3 hours, Dwane Idecker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 5 hours, Carl Robinson with 28 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 26 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 33 hours.

***Thank you folks for a job well done!***