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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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November 2019

Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

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

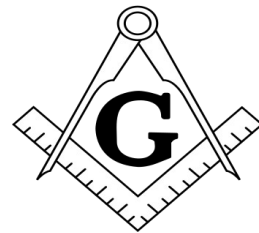
Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

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

2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Eljio 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
 2018- Christopher R. Dawson

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



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November Birthdays

Herbert M. Steiner 1; Jimmy L. Preece 3; 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, Wesley L. Mersiovsky 14; Robert G. Utter 15; 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; Reagan W. Hammett 72; Alfred R. Bell, II 73; Robert G. Utter 73; Charles R. Caudill 86; Dale A. Rundell 86; 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; Abram R. Wallace 17; Everet J. Sharp, III, Connor R. Williams 18.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 November 7th, 2019**

**Entered Apprentice
 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: Jeromy Odom
Building: Jeromy Odom
Abram Wallace
Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
Communications: Troy Shugart, PM
Esoteric Instruction: Richard Alonso
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Funeral: Troy Shugart, PM
Historian: H. Max Fisher
Hospital: Carl Robinson
Ill and Visitation: David "Tide" Williams
Vanguard: Raul Scully, PM
Pleasant Hill Advisory: H. Max Fisher
Special Events: Chris Dawson, PM

From the East

Greetings once again brethren, and happy November. It was a pretty brutal and long summer, but it looks like fall my finally be upon us. Unfortunately, fall is also the beginning of cold and flu season, so please do what you can to stay healthy. I Hope these 6 tips can keep you well:

1. Get a flu shot. It's the No. 1 thing you can do to prevent the flu.
2. Wash your hands — a lot.
3. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
4. Avoid getting close to people who are sick.
5. Keep your surroundings clean. Wipe down high touch areas with disinfectant wipes.
6. Keep up a healthy lifestyle. Get adequate rest, get good nutrition, don't smoke, and keep your allergies controlled.

October was a busy month, starting on the 3rd with our Stated meeting. Before receiving our District Deputy Grand Master, we took care of the business of the lodge, presented esoteric certificates, and elected a new member to receive initiation into our lodge family.

Past Master Ross held a Briscoe Workshop in the lodge for us on the 19th. Even though a number of our brothers traveled to Houston to attend Tranquility Lodge's stated meeting, the Briscoe was well attended by brethren from many of the lodges within our district. Many thanks to PM Dennis Ross, JPM Chris Dawson, and Brother Byron Webster for leading the sessions and guiding us through the various scenarios presented.

On October 21st, the aforementioned new member received his Entered Apprentice degree, and is already well on his way to learning his work. It is great to see his enthusiasm and zeal in this first step of his masonic journey.

Another brother continued on his masonic path and completed his Fellowcraft work on the 24th. Look for an announcement in the near future as we endeavor to raise this brother to the third and final degree.

We ended October on a positive note, by hosting the Committee on Work Forum and Exams at the lodge. While we had numerous brethren from all over our district in attendance, I am always in awe at the number of our Onion Creek brethren who devote so many hours of their lives to stay current and achieve their certifications. Congratulations to all who passed

their A, B, or C level testing.

Not to be outdone by the busy preceding month, Junior Past Master Dawson ushered in November with his Lady Luck Bingo Brunch. As with the last one he held, it was a great success and everyone had a great time. I'm already looking forward to his scheduling the next one.

Coming Events:

- Nov 7th — Stated Meeting (EA Lodge)
- Nov 9th — Fall Breakfast Social — 8-11am
- Nov 18th — Pipe and Cigar Night on the Porch (weather permitting, venue for this one will be Little Darlin's)
- Nov 28th — Thanksgiving — Lodge will be DARK
- Dec 5th — Called Meeting of the Committee on Grand Annual Communications Business (all are welcome)
- Dec 12th — December Stated Meeting, Charity Raffle, and Silent Auction

Speaking of the Raffle, there are still plenty of tickets available, so please see Bros. Cruz, Hoke, Clakley, or myself if you'd like to acquire some chances at winning some great prizes. All proceeds benefit our charity fund. Additionally, this year we will also be holding a silent auction. Thus far, the items acquired are an AR15 300 Blackout, three pieces of art donated by Tracy Williams, a piece of jewelry donated by Whitestone Fine Jewelry, and a Gun Safety class donated by brother Clakley.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and do something kind for a fellow human.

Tide Williams, Worshipful Master

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November Menu

November Food Committee Chairman Curtis Gilgan reports that November's menu will include chicken and dumplings, seasonal vegetables, salad, yeast rolls, and desserts with cider and tea to drink.

Thank you for a fine meal!

This Month in Masonic History

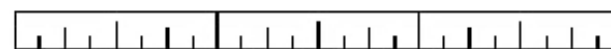
George Washington, a 21 year-old Virginia planter, was initiated November 4, 1752, passed March 3, 1753, and raised August 4, 1753 in "The Lodge at Fredericksburg" (Fredericksburg, Virginia). The Masons in the 18th century espoused liberal democratic principles that included religious tolerance, loyalty to local government, and the importance of charity and political compromise. Washington On Masonry by George Washington: "Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

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The cornerstone for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was laid on November 1st, 1922 in Alexandria, Virginia. The Memorial is a memorial and museum, an active Masonic temple, a research library, a cultural space, a community and performing arts center, and an important regional landmark.

This magnificent nine-story neoclassical structure has been erected and maintained by the Freemasons of the United States as an expression of the high esteem in which the memory of George Washington is held within the Masonic fraternity, and to preserve the history and heritage of American Freemasonry.

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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: Mary Barber's family (Dan's mother), Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Billy Brown (Roland's son), Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's father), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Molly Clakley (Bobby's wife), Charles Cockrell's family, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, Jacqueline Goodman (Ernest Owney's sister-in-law), Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Fred Khoury (Jeff's father-in-law), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long (Don's wife), Glendene Marlow, Thurman McGinnis, Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Will Mingua, Newell "Red" Rauschke (Ben's father), Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), JT Shugart (Troy's father), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Willis Woods (Michael's father), Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin), and WM Michael James Woehl's family.

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Tide Williams or Chaplain Jim Wells, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

There was a delay in getting the hours worked by our outstanding volunteers this month, but we'll have the totals ready for next month's Beacon!

Thank you folks for a job well done!