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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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November 2020

Lodge Officers 2020 - 2021

WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
SW: **Orlando Perez**
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
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
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
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
2019- David "Tide" Williams

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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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 5th, 2020**

Master Mason's Lodge

**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 all,

Here we are in the beginning of the holiday season and it seems as though we have not seen one another since the last holiday season! Things have been so much different this year than in years past. All this COVID stuff is really getting old but is not to be taken lightly. That being said, I hope this communication finds you all in the best health ever.

Around the lodge, things are picking up a little. In October, Grand Master Paul D. Underwood rescinded all his proclamations and is now allowing us to have Called Meetings! This means we are now able to put on degrees. We recently passed two worthy brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. It was exciting for us all since we had not had any Called Meetings since March of this year. We had a Master's Degree planned for October 19th as well but had to postpone it. Hopefully by the time the Beacon goes to print we will have raised this fine brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason!

We had a bee keeper come to the lodge to assess the bee situation, and it was determined the best way to attack this problem is to remove the stone on the outside of the building near the south east corner so all the hive could be safely removed. Our secretary, PM Raul Scully has spent many hours speaking with the City of Austin and the city and state historical commissions to determine what we need to do to resolve this situation safely and legally. We all know anytime you must deal with government entities, it is like waiting for water boil! Please know we are doing the best we can. Thank you, Brother Secretary, for your diligence! The lift (aka elevator) is still out of commission as we have not found a suitable repair company at this time, but we are trying.

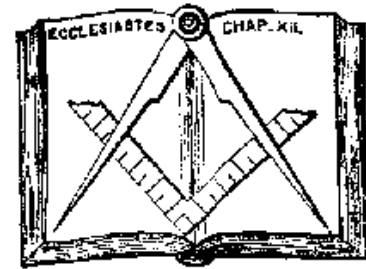
We finally had the cemetery mowed completely and it looks much better. We have approved in the budget for this year to have it professionally mowed three times, but it is very expensive. Hopefully, together, we can stay on top of it without having to spend the money. Another quick shout out to Brothers Billy Capp and Dave Faria. They continue to keep the north and west areas looking good.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on November 5th and will open at 7:30 PM on a Master Mason's Lodge. We are still limited to ten people and masks and social distancing are required to meet the mayor's

orders.

That is about all for now. Please stay safe and healthy and hopefully we can all meet again soon. I love you all!

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master



**Called to the
Celestial Lodge**

Norman L. Smith III
September 6, 2020

This Month in Masonic History

- November 1st, 1922, the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was laid in Alexandria, Virginia.
- November 4th, 1752, George Washington received his Entered Apprentice degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.
- November 21st, 1838, the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was formed.
- November 25th, 1813, the Articles of Union of the United Grand Lodge of England were signed.
- November 28th, 1911, Franklin D. Roosevelt received his 3rd degree.

David Karhi, Editor



Character

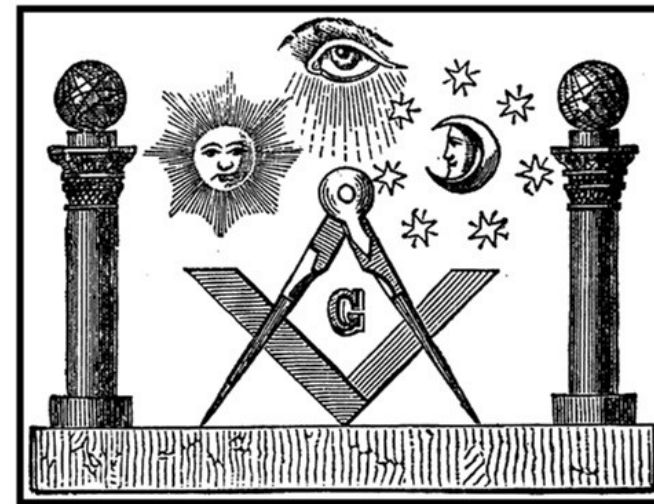
“Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.”

Bro. Henry Ford

Decision

“In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.”

Bro. Theodore Roosevelt



From the November Food Committee

First, I hope this message finds everyone safe and sane. Secondly, usually, my wife and I have November's menu planned and prototyped over a month before the November stated meeting. We are sad that we cannot gather to share fellowship and a meal at this time. There will be a time, hopefully in the not too distant future, that we can do this again — when we do, we will have to do a make-up meal for our Lodge family.

Curtis Gilgan, PM, Treasurer

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: Tanya Besch (Bobby Clakley's niece), 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, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Jimmy Gower (RW Mike Gower's son), RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Fred Khoury (Jeff's father-in-law), Eva Jean Kestner, Don & Johnnie Long, Glendene Marlow, Patricia McGinnis, Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Orlando Perez, Joe Pickering, 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), Kenneth Smith, Mike Smith (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law's husband), 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



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

Due to COVID-19, we haven't been volunteering at St. David's South Austin Medical Center recently, but we hope to see our friends at St. David's again soon!

Thank you folks for a job well done!