

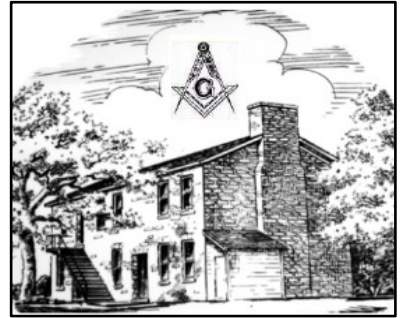
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October 2018

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**
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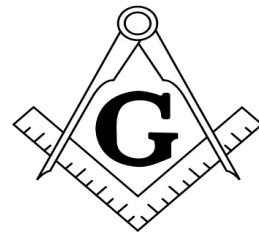
Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

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



October Birthdays

Albert J. Stowell 1; Christopher R. Dawson, Robin B. Shannon 2; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 4; Wayne E. Moore 5; Gerald T. Dawson 6; Bobby J. Tiner, John H. Schlueter II 7; James T. Harris, Charles W. Pickering, Kenneth J. Polk 8; Richard K. Bledsoe 9; John M. Escalante, Harrell E. McCaslin, Jr. 10; Don R. Long, Matias S. Ruiz 11; Robert M. Mallett 12; Ronnie H. Lee, David M. Prescott, Robert F. Simo, Randy A. Martin 13; Maxie E. Brune 16; Ben E. Gray 18; Ladare V. Benoit 19; Donn E. Hile 22; Paul D. Pennybacker 23; Bobby J. Norris 25; Tyler G. Lane 26; Juan A. Rivera, Jr. 29; Donn C. Winner 30; Richard C. Smith 31.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in October (year)

Norman L. Smith III 49; Edward V. Hill 56; Tommie J. Conner 59; Bobby J. Norris 60; Glenn M. Groth, John W. Jackson II 61; Billy L. Penry 62; Roy L. Hamor, Jr., Ralph D. Morren 63; Duncan K. Copeland 65; William B. Farr, Don R. Long 68; Gary A. Crain 72; Kendell Holcomb 73; Jerry F. Trammell 82; Robert C. Cowan, James L. Younger 83; Michael L. Poe 85; James B. Harris, John N. McFarling 88; Scott A. Freng, William W. Winnie III 91; James K. Miller 93; Todd A. Reynolds 94; Jason P. Harrell, Joseph M. Hurtado 95; Jesus P. Velazquez 05; T. David Hoke 07; John M. Escalante 14.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 October 4th, 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...

Greetings, Brethren, and Happy Autumn!

We are approaching October's stated meeting, where we are presenting Grand Lodge Service awards to two of our Brethren. Bro. Don Long will be receiving his 50-year award and Bro. Forest Cruse will be receiving his 60. Past Grand Master Michael L. Wiggins will be here to present the awards, as well as give a presentation. Also, we will be receiving RW Raul Scully on his final official visit as DDGM. Please be sure to come out for the awards presentation to recognize our brethren, and stay for our stated meeting.

As I write this, many of our brethren are in Corpus Christi for the Leadership Training weekend. I'm proud to be one of the lodges that send our future leaders to be educated in lodge administration and function. But, even more so, we are now getting ahead and sending our deacons to these training weekends. Having attended for two years, I can say there's no other way to gather so much helpful information in so short a time – while having lots of fun!

On September 14th, we hosted the Scottish Rite Republic of Texas Degree Team as they held a Master Degree for Bro. Ed Merica. It was a special night, as Bro. Ed's father traveled from Missouri to be there. Congratulations, Bro. Ed! On September 24th and 26th, we also passed two brethren to the degree of Fellowcraft, guiding them to their way to Master. We also have two petitioners anxious to receive the degrees in waiting. It truly is a blessing to be this active in the process of making better men!

On September 29th, Onion Creek hosted the Committee on Work Esoteric Forum and Exam. Several Onion Creek members earned or renewed their certificates of proficiency. For those who couldn't make it, Rambo no. 426 will be hosting the Forum and Exam on November 3RD. While these certificates aren't required, they certainly document the brethren in our lodge who are qualified instructors – or at least those who crammed real hard for a week!

On Saturday, October 13th, Onion Creek will be hosting a memorial service for Bro. Ken Loveless, who passed on August 31st. If you are able, come visit between 11am and 1pm to remember Ken and support his wife, Bettie.

The District 50 MWSA meeting is coming up on October 25th and the officers of Onion Creek will be in attendance.

We are presently planning to host an Open

House on Saturday, October. 27th and will have more details coming soon.

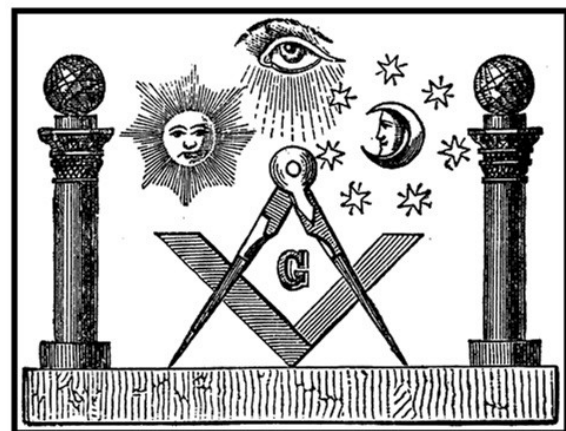
Other notable dates upcoming:

- Oct. 5th – 7th: Come and Take It Observance and Festival @ Gonzales
- Oct. 20th – Briscoe Workshop @ Onion Creek no. 220
- Oct. 27th: Tranquility Lodge @ CW Anderson Lodge no. 1413, San Antonio
- Nov. 1st: Stated Meeting @ Onion Creek no. 220

We have a lot coming up now and in the next few weeks. It feels busy around the lodge with these events, but we are also working inside the lodge. You've already noticed our new seating in the parlor, but will also notice that we have some changes to the 'window' decorations in the mess hall. SW Tide Williams and the Building Committee are diligently working to give these windows an upgrade, turning them into a lighted art presentation. The artwork that was previously displayed has been moved to the museum. Our intention is to have all the windows in the mess hall updated in a like fashion – but these windows are not permanent. The idea is to give future brethren the option of changing the art without too much effort.

Thank you for reading through this long article. I'm sure I've missed a call-out or three, but I hope to communicate events and convey how many things are going on in our lodge. It's one of my favorite things about Onion Creek. I hope you all have a cool October and enjoy your observance of Halloween with your little ones. See you at lodge!

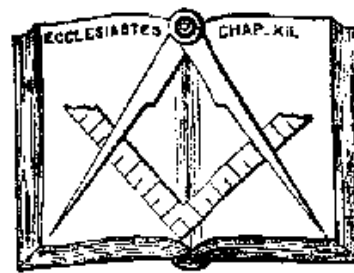
Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson



The Edinburgh Register House Manuscript

The first recorded ritual dates back to 1696 and can be found in the Edinburgh Register House manuscript. Thanks to this record, we can imagine what a Masonic ritual in the late 1600s would be like, and it shows the earliest evidence of a two-degree system. The third degree first appeared quite a few years later, somewhere between 1723 and 1730, and it spread slowly within the craft until it became part of the Masonic system.

David Karhi, Editor



***Called to the
Celestial Lodge***

Ken E. Loveless
September 1, 2018

Charles L. Ames
September 3, 2018

The First Masonic Grand Lodge

The formation of the first Grand Lodge in the world and the start of lodges being governed by Grand Lodges occurred in 1717. The first Grand Lodge was formed in London on the 24th June, 1717. It is today known as the United Grand Lodge of England and governs more than 8,000 lodges. The Grand Lodge of England is one of the three home Grand Lodges together with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, founded in 1725, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, founded in 1736. These three home Grand Lodges are known to have started taking Freemasonry overseas to other countries.

David Karhi, Editor

October Menu

October Food Committee Chair Tom Estes reports that they will be serving pork loin, green beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, and homemade cookies.

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, 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***

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SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of August, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 142 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 20 hours, Dave Faria with 10 hours, Max Fisher with 8 hours, Norm Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Idecker with 2 hours, David Karhi with 7 hours, Carl Robinson with 27 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 27 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 33 hours.

We want to welcome Brother Dave Faria, who is a member of Onion Creek Lodge, as a new Volunteer in our Gift Shop. He has already accumulated over 27 hours. Dave also volunteers at Dell Children's Hospital Gift Shop, and will be donating those hours to our Lodge also.

Thank you folks for a job well done!