

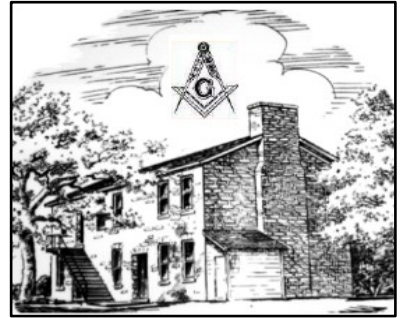
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October 2019

### 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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### 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; 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.

### 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; 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, Jesus P. Velazquez 05; T. David Hoke 07.

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

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!  
 May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

### Stated Meeting

**First Thursday  
 October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

### 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:** 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 brethren, and I hope this finds all of you in good health and good spirits. October is upon us, and hopefully some much needed cooler weather. This summer was one of the more brutal ones that I remember in quite a while.

Things have slowed down a just a little bit around the lodge. Not that we haven't been active, but just a bit less hectic. We're continuing to instruct our EA's and an FC, and hopefully, the courtesy training we were providing for a MM from Temple should be complete and turned in as I write this. I want to thank PM Ross for taking care of this brother from another lodge and ensuring that his memory work was flawless. Also, a good number of our members have been participating in the Thursday night practices for the upcoming Committee on Work Forum and Exams. These practice sessions will continue every Thursday (except Stated Meeting nights). Please come join us as we practice for perfection. It fills me with pride at the number of Onion Creek members who dedicate their time to certify each year. We are truly blessed.

The annual Charity Raffle is upon us, and the raffle committee has outdone themselves this year. There is definitely a wide variety and hopefully a little something for everyone's taste. Prizes in the raffle are: CZ-P-10F 9mm pistol, CZ-P-10C 9mm pistol, CZ-P-07 9mm pistol, \$200 Nordstrom gift card, blue RTIC 45 cooler, Coach handbag and matching purse, Dooney & Burke handbag and matching coin purse, 5 ounces of Silver Rounds, and a Circuit of the Americas 3 race karting pass. Definitely a wide variety and hopefully a little something for everyone's taste. Tickets are printed and on sale now, so please see David Hoke, Forest Cruse, or any of the lodge officers to get your chance to win some great prizes. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20, or 15 for \$50. Additionally, we're changing it up a little this year, as we will also be holding a silent auction for some more great prizes. The silent auction prizes are still being acquired, so look for more information next month.

Grand Lodge Leadership Training was held in Corpus Christi at the start of September, and brother Senior Deacon tells me it was a great session. A number of us also made our annual trek to Corpus during the event, to enjoy some fellowship with brethren from other lodges, and to enjoy a few days at the coast.

## Coming Events:

- 10/3 — October Stated Meeting
- 10/5 — Come & Take It Celebration — Gonzales
- 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 — Practice for CoW Forum and Exams
- 10/12 — Lady Luck Bingo Brunch (Tentative)
- 10/19 — Briscoe Workshop @OCL — 9am
- 10/21 — Pipe and Cigar Night on the Porch
- 10/26 — CoW Forum and Exams @OCL — 9am
- 10/28 — MWSA meeting at Texan 123

Stay safe, stay healthy, and I hope to see all of you soon.

*Tide Williams, Worshipful Master*

## 2020 Grand Annual Communication

The 2020 Grand Annual Communication will take place in Waco on January 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Pre-registration forms can be downloaded at: [https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2020\\_preregistration\\_form.pdf](https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2020_preregistration_form.pdf). The registration fee of \$25 must be included with the pre-registration form, and the deadline for pre-registration is December 28, 2019.

*David Karhi, Editor*



## The First Shot

Most people know that many Freemasons were involved in the Texas Revolution, but did you know that the first shot of the Texas Revolution was fired by a Freemason? The shot was fired by Eli Mitchell on October 2, 1835, near Gonzales. In fact, Mitchell's commanding officer, Colonel John H. Moore, was also a Freemason.

*David Karhi, Editor*



## October Menu

October Food Committee Chairman Tom Estes reports they will be serving smokey Denmark sausage with potato salad, coleslaw, bread, tortillas, and a dessert.

*Thank you 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: 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), Forest & Doris Cruse, Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, Jacqueline Goodman (Ernest Ooney's sister-in-law), Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite's family, 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), and Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin).

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

## SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of August, 6 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 133 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 17 hours, Dave Faria with 17 hours, Max Fisher with 12 hours, David Karhi with 2 hours, Carl Robinson with 22 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 21 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 36 hours.

*Thank you folks for a job well done!*