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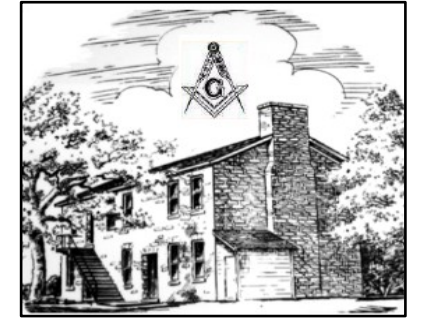
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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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September 2020

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: **Anthoney 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

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
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



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September Birthdays

Allan J. Tolbert III 2; Arnold J. Holden, James A. Kruger, Stephen A. Barlow, Armand C. Ablanado 3; Billy R. Capps, Tommy R. Teykl 6; Edward V. Hill, Bobby J. Doherty 7; Dale A. Rundell 12; Dennis M. Stewart 14; Ricky J. Tindell 16; Peter Seguin, Michael S. Compton 17; Daniel W. McCarter 19; James R. McMillan, Terry D. Phillips 20; Michael A. Lee 22; William S. Lear, Curtis A. Gilgan 23; Robert C. Williams 24; Allyn R. Anderson, Rodney H. Lewis, Jason S. Lyde 25; Ralph D. Morren, Richard Alonso 30.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in September (year)

John E. Waggoner, Jr. 61; Ralph L. Cearley 62; Gerald C. Carruth 63; Dennis M. Stewart 67; Stephen C. Dowell 69; Clyde J. Medlock 78; Larry G. Richter 80; Thomas R. Mayfield 83; Charles L. Allen, Paul S. Hinchcliffe, George G. Watkins 86; Samuel M. Gacesa, William M. Bastas 89; Allen W. Deaver 00; Dwane R. Ideker 03; Jeffrey T. Lester, Roni Zulu 04; Richard K. Bledsoe 05; Bradley D. French 06; Aaron K. Robertson 07; Benjamin B. Rauschke 08; Jeff J. Carroll 10; Christopher T. Bookout, Todd Lewis 13; Kenath T. Carver 14; Franklin E. Merica III 18.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 September 3rd, 2020**

Master Mason's Lodge

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Activities: Chris Dawson, PM
Arbitration: Orlando Perez
Audit: Richard Alonso
Beacon Editor: David Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Jeromy Odom
Building: Abram Wallace
Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
Communications: Raul Scully, PM
Community Builder: H. Max Fisher
Fantastic Teeth: Dennis Ross, PM
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Fraternal Assistance: Troy Shugart, PM
Funeral: Troy Shugart, PM
Golden Trowel: Tide Williams, PM
Grand Lodge Business: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Historian: H. Max Fisher
Hospital: David Karhi
Lodge Education: Abram Wallace
Members in Arrears: Orlando Perez
Past Masters' Night: Dennis Ross, PM
Pleasant Hill Advisory: H. Max Fisher
Raffle: David Hoke
Scholarship: H. Max Fisher
Sick and Distressed: Troy Shugart, PM
Vanguard: Richard Alonso

From the East

Greetings Brethren all,

As usual, I hope this finds you and your families in good health and spirits. Although we are experiencing trying times, things seem to be looking up. At the time of this writing, there are only 171 people in all of Travis County in the hospital with COVID-19 related illnesses. That is much better than this time last month!

Activities around the Lodge have been very limited in the recent past, and I know we are all looking forward to attending on a regular basis as soon as possible. Our mayor has extended the stay at home and 10-person order until December 15th of this year. Hopefully, if things continue to improve, he will relax that order and we may be able to get back to some form of normalcy!

The wife of one of our brothers tested positive for COVID in the past week, but the rest of the family tested negative and they have been self-quarantined. Please say a prayer for our brother and his family as well as all the folks dealing with this situation.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on September 3rd, but attendance will be limited. I wish I could say, “come on down!” but I cannot. We will be conducting Lodge business as close to normal as possible, and I am sure the secretary will keep you informed of all pertinent information via email. At the last meeting, we had a Master Mason and an Entered Apprentice Proficiency Examination, and both did excellent jobs in turning in their work. As soon as the rules change and our Grand Master gives us the OK, we will proceed with their respective degrees.

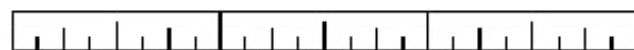
Our committee chairs are hard at work trying to figure ways for us to have our fundraisers such as the Christmas Raffle and Breakfast Socials. Stay tuned for more information on these soon. The Building Committee is working on several items around the Lodge building. We still have the bee problem in the attic and are trying to find a beekeeper before we resolve to an exterminator. The elevator is still out of commission, and we are working diligently to find someone to repair it. There is a possibility that someone reading this may know a beekeeper or elevator repair person or company; if you do, please let me or the secretary know.

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the folks that totally surprised me at the

last Stated Meeting. For those of you who do not know, when I drove into the parking lot, it was unusually full and I wondered what the heck was going on. After all, everyone knew attendance was limited. About that time, I heard all these horns honking and people hollering and all kinds of wild stuff! I then noticed a sign in the yard congratulating me on my election as worshipful master! To you all I say, “thank you very, very much!” It was a complete and total surprise, and it really tugged at my heart strings. I will never forget it.

I will leave you knowing that I am hoping and praying for an end to all this COVID stuff and I hope to see you all real soon. I love you all!

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master



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, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's father), 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, Robert & Mary Eschenburg, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, 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 & Thurman McGinnis' family, Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-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), Melissa

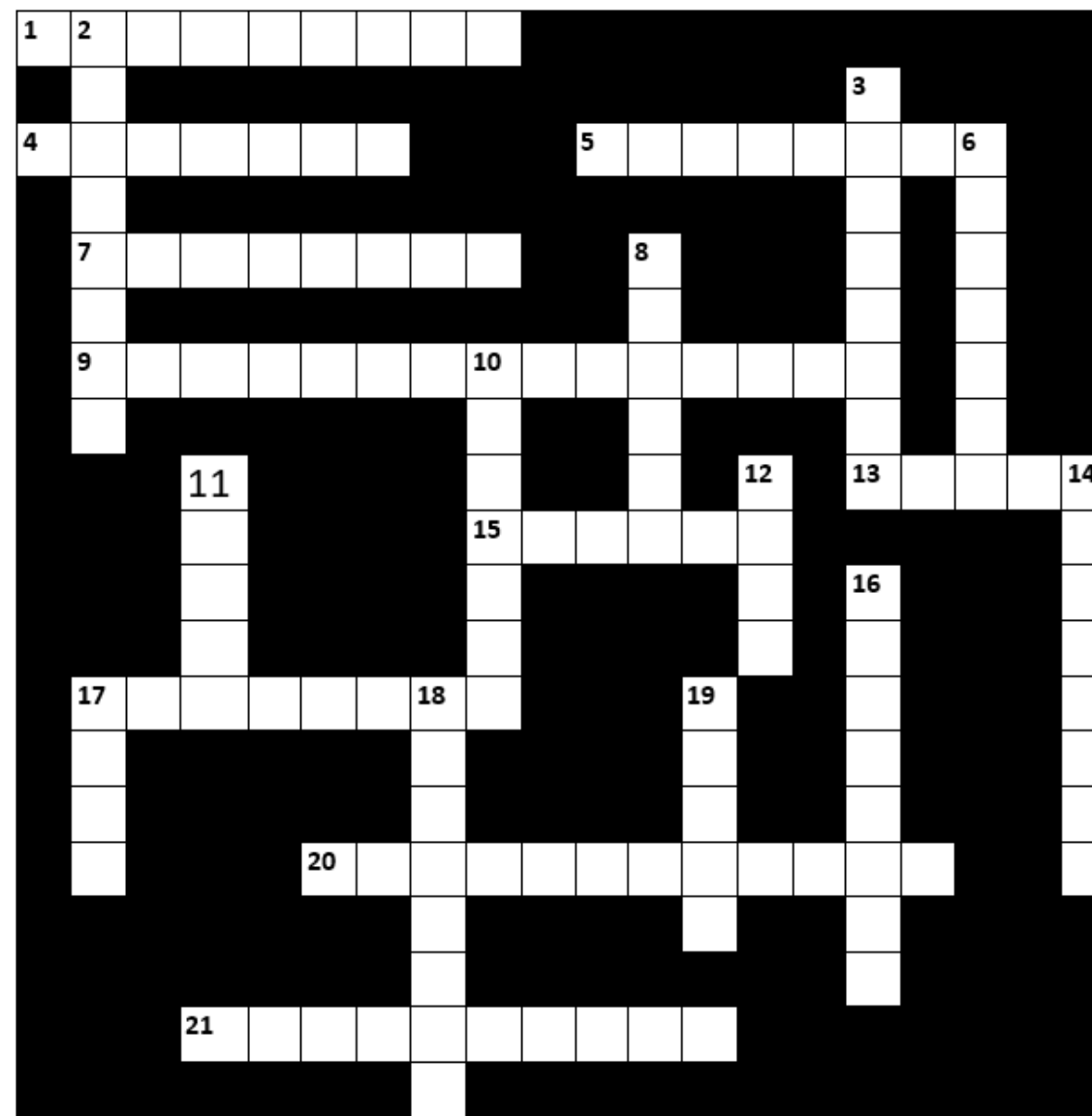
Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Willis Woods (Michael's father), and Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM 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!



Down

- 2. Wisdom; foresight
- 3. Filled with zeal or eagerness
- 6. Board for the Master to draw designs upon
- 8. A type of shrub or tree in the mimosa family
- 10. An indentured servant
- 11. The science or art of reasoning
- 12. Dressed with an edged tool
- 14. Stripped; deprived; cleaned
- 16. Concealing lesson; story within a story
- 17. Sinful; vulgar; repulsive
- 18. Unyielding; stubborn; hard
- 19. A bundle of wheat or straw

Across

- 1. Engaged in practical activity
- 4. Uprightness; fairness
- 5. Something erected to remember a person or event
- 7. Not written
- 9. Clockwise walk around the lodge room
- 13. To give way under pressure
- 15. Accuse without proof
- 17. Regular or usual occupation
- 20. Use of double meanings in order to deceive
- 21. The Baptist and the Evangelist (2 words)