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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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March 2021

Lodge Officers 2020 - 2021

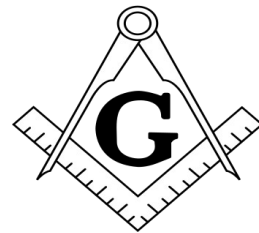
WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 SW: **Orlando Perez**
 JW: **Richard Alonso**
 Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 SD: **Abram R. Wallace**
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 SS: **Bobby D. Clakley**
 JS: **Franklin "Ed" Merica**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**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



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



March Birthdays

Michael E. Sanders 1; Ronnie W. Moreau 2; Charles R. Caudill, J. Roland Brown, L.J. Brister 3; Roy L. Hamor, Jr. 4; John E. Altis, Keith W. Caron 6; Glen R. Broddrick 7; Troy J. Shugart 11; Robert C. Cowan, Walter H. Argall, Ferril C. Smith, Jonathan D. Walker, James C. Wells 13; Willis C. Woods 14; Charles P. Foreman 17; Omar V. Greene III, Richard N. Benoit 18; James M. King 19; Johnny S. Turner 20; Gary A. Crain 21; Stanley A. Penner 24; James L. Younger 28; Robert E. Allen, Michael J. Brode 29; William B. Tamminga, James E. Sterling 30; Fransisco Reyes, Sr. 31.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in March (year)

James T. Harris 54; Wilbert H. Else 60; Ronnie W. Moreau 63; L.J. Brister 65; Clifford C. Cody 66; Dennie J. Jackson 67; James L. Brown 71; Jeffrey L. Wilbur 74; Alan L. Karotkin 76; Armand C. Ablanado, John C. Wood 79; Joe D. Beaver 83; Charles A. Snoddy, Omar V. Green III, Jimmy L. Preece, Billy R. Seguin 86; Terry D. Phillips 87; Stanley A. Mitchusson 88; William R. Harrison 90; Paul D. Pennybacker 93; Walter E. Sanders, Randall J. Storm, Michael J. Brode, Michael W. Carter 94; Jeffrey L. Dotterer 95; Jason S. Lyde 97; Dale L. Flatt 02; Jonathan L. Ramirez 07; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 09; Wilfredo Vera 14.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 March 4th, 2021**

**Master Mason's Lodge
 10 Person Limit**

**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>

Official Past Master's Apron

As presented at the 185th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, an official Past Master's Apron is now available for purchase from the Grand Lodge. The standard apron is \$200, and for an additional \$50, the area beneath the bib can be personalized. This Texas regulation apron complies with the laws of the Grand Lodge and is crafted from lambskin, silver bullion, and grosgrain blue ribbon. Orders can be placed by completing the form in the link below.

This is the Official Past Master's apron;



however, it is not mandatory. If you already have a Past Master's apron, or if you prefer another style, you are still allowed to wear them. As a Texas Mason, you are encouraged to adopt this apron as the profits will benefit the long-term Reserve Fund of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Orders must be received in the Grand Secretary's office by close of business on April 1, 2021. They will be shipped to you no later than June 24. In order to give the manufacturer enough time to produce the apron, orders will be limited to only 250.

<https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/past-master-apron-order-form/>

Grand Secretary's Office

Masonic Minecraft Gaming Group

Due to the need for safety during the pandemic, we've lost some ability to have fellowship. I would like to start a Minecraft online gaming group for Onion Creek Members, as well as other Masons interested. I'd like to make this a weekly event that would work with the schedules of everyone involved, possibly 5-7 Masons. It would be cool to build structures with a Masonic theme. Operative Masonry!

I will be playing on a Microsoft Xbox One, and have a headset for chatting. If you're interested, please reach out to me at CDawsonOCL220@gmail.com. Thanks!

Christopher Dawson, PM

This Month in Masonic History

- March 3rd, 1753, George Washington received his Fellow Craft degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia
- March 5th, 1792, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed
- March 6th, 1775, several black men, including Prince Hall, were initiated into Freemasonry in Boston, beginning Prince Hall Masonry
- March 9th, 1822, a national masonic Congress was held in the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.
- March 17th, 1856, the Grand Lodge of Kansas was

formed

- March 17th, 1848, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. was formed
- March 18th, 1902, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was incorporated in Trenton, New Jersey
- March 23rd, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 3rd degree
- March 25th, 1882, the Grand Lodge of Arizona was formed
- March 25th, 1902, Sir Winston Churchill received his 3rd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London

David Karhi, Editor



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: Rick & Judy Alonso, 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 & Barbara Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Murphy Kidder (Freddie's daughter's husband), Rodney Lay's family, Don & Johnnie Long, Jamie & Glendene Marlow, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Dennis W. Mingua, Sr. (William's dad), Orlando Perez, William Phillip (Bobby Clakley's sister-in-law's father), Joe Pickering's family, 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), David Solverson, 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!