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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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June 2021

Lodge Officers 2020 - 2021

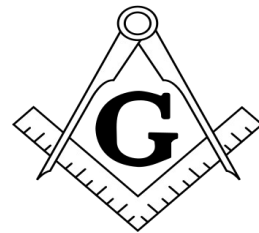
WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 SW: **Orlando Perez**
 JW: **Richard Alonso**
 Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 SD: **Abram R. Wallace**
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 SS: **Bobby D. Clakley**
 JS: **Franklin "Ed" Merica**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**
 Mus: **Wilfredo "JR" Vera**
 Tiler: **Anthony T. Farmer-Guerra**

Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

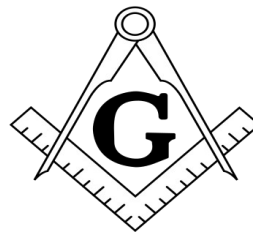
1969- Tommie J. Conner
 1970- Ralph L. Cearley
 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges
 1977- Roy L. Hamor
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
 1981- Howard D. Hall
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin
 1984- Matias H. Ruiz
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee
 1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
 1994- Walter H. Argall
 1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
 1996- Kenneth P. Wood
 1997- William S. Lear
 1998- John W. Turner
 2000- Walter E. Sanders

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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June Birthdays

Todd Lewis 01; Louis C. Martin, Jeffrey L. Dotterer 03; Scott A. Freng 04; John W. Jackson II, Edward L. Weeren, Jeffrey T. Lester 07; Daniel P. Vasquez 11; Jeff J. Carroll, William L. Weathers 13; Jorge A. Millan 14; Donald A. Villoni 16; Thomas D. Hoke 17; Nazario Cantu III, Stanley A. Mitchusson 18; James R. Robinson II, Jeffrey L. Wilbur 20; Raymond D. Hannah 23; Elbert I. Franks 24; Tony M. Ramirez, Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 26; Sam M. Piper, Jr. 27; Hunter S. Arend 28; Anthony T. Farmer-Guerra 30.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in June (year)

Gary E. Clark 64; Sherrel D. Cole, Ronald L. Angell 66; James D. Hatton 71; Richard W. Johnson 73; Robert A. Carnes, Walter E. Boyd 76; Nazario Cantu III 77; Mack Gerald 80; Donnie F. Carter 81; Allan J. Tolbert III 89; Kirk W. Reasoner, Robert E. Allen 90; Henry R. Tindell, Ricky J. Tindell 98; James R. McMillan 99; Tony M. Ramirez 03; Jorge A. Millan 06; Manuel A. Hernandez 13; Lawrence I. Falk 14.

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

Stated Meeting

Second Thursday
June 10th, 2021

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

Meal at 6:30 p.m.
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 everyone! Sadly, for me, this will be my last communication to you as Worshipful Master for Masonic year 2020-2021. I must admit it has been quite a ride from the standpoint of not accomplishing the things we could have pre-COVID. Due to the restrictions of the Mayor of Austin, Lodge attendance was understandingly, very, very light. A lot of the things we normally could have accomplished were simply unattainable. As of late, things are approaching normality and I am very thankful for that! On May 18th, the Mayor reduced our city to Level 2 restrictions which opened a lot of freedoms. We are now able to serve meals at Lodge and masks are not required if you have been totally vaccinated. We have resumed Monday and Thursday study and practice nights, and we plan on doing some serious work together to bring us all up to snuff in our esoteric work and teaching the rituals. I hope this compels you to come back to Lodge on a regular basis as it would be awesome to see you all again.

We had an Entered Apprentice Degree on May 20th and initiated a son of one of our Master Masons. It was a very good degree, and we are all very excited to have this young man as a brother in our gentle fraternity and look forward to accompanying him on his Masonic journey. You should consider coming to Lodge if nothing more than to meet and welcome him. I really hope you do.

We still have somewhat of a bee problem, but the beekeeper is working to rectify the situation. There is really no way to tell when they will be completely gone. He is trying to bait them out rather than tear out the face of our building. Instead of creating a gaping hole, he has only made a small one and created a device where they can get out but not back in. There are a couple of bait traps on the property so when you come to Lodge, please steer clear of them for your own safety.

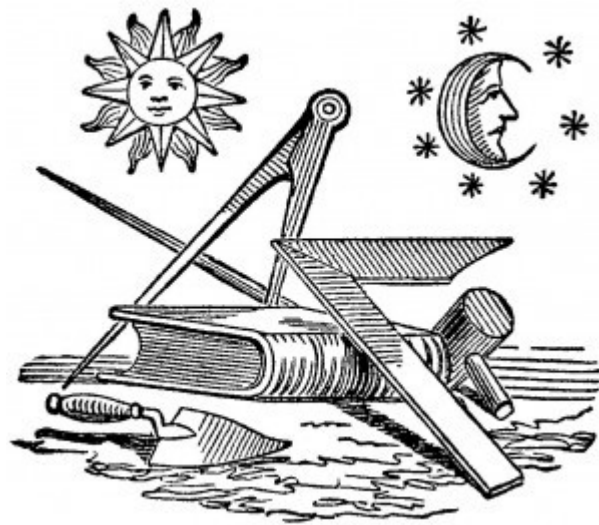
On Saturday, May 29th we will be meeting at our cemetery around 8:00 AM to replace the flags on the graves of our Veteran brothers resting there. It is scheduled to be mowed the weekend of the 22nd so it should look nice for Memorial Day with all the new flags. Please join us in honoring these fine men for their sacrifices for us and our great Nation, we would love to see you there!

On the **SECOND Thursday of June**, the **10th**, we will hold our **Stated Meeting and Family Night**. A

fine meal will be served so come and at least join us for dinner! This is a very important meeting as we will be presenting the Golden Trowel to an extremely worthy brother and holding Officer Elections. It is undetermined at this point if there will be an open meeting for the Golden Trowel presentation. This decision will depend on the crowd. Since we had such an abnormal year, most of the officers will be holding over but not all. According to Grand Lodge Law Article 292, we must still hold elections so please be there and make your voice heard.

In closing, I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for blessing me with the opportunity to serve as Worshipful Master of our very special and historic Lodge. Although the year was quite different than years past, I enjoyed every minute of it, and I am humbled and honored you have allowed me the opportunity. I want to thank all the officers for their attendance when possible as well as jobs "well done." We will see what the coming Masonic year holds for us, and I look forward to assisting in any way I am needed. I truly love you all very much and look forward to seeing you really soon!

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

Our volunteer team returned to their duties at St. David's South Austin Medical Center on May 28th! We'll start having updates about our volunteer activities beginning next month.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

This Month in Masonic History

- June 1st, 1820, the Grand Lodge of Maine was founded
- June 5th, 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Columbia, Tennessee
- June 5th, 1923, groundbreaking took place for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia
- June 6th, 1787, the Grand Lodge of New York became independent
- June 6th, 1806, the Grand Lodge of Delaware was established
- June 9th, 1849, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Delaware was established
- June 13th, 1889, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was established
- June 16th, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Alabama was established
- June 20th, 1812, the Grand lodge of Louisiana was established
- June 20th, 1881, Albert G. Mackey, Masonic author and Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S., died
- June 23rd, 1780, Wolfgang Goethe was initiated in Amalia Lodge in Weimar
- June 24th, 1717, what is referred to as the premiere Grand Lodge was formed in London, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house
- June 24th, 1731, the first record of a Lodge meeting in the colonies that became the United States is recorded in an account book of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia
- June 24th, 1791, the African Grand Lodge of North America was organized in Boston. It later became the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
- June 24th, 1797, the second Grand Lodge for African Americans was founded in Philadelphia
- June 27th, 1791, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was established
- June 28th, 1901, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 1st degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio

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: 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, Sandy Combs and Ray Combs' family, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Boyce Freitag, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Jimmy Gower (RW Mike Gower's son), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Bennie Hudson, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Murphy Kidder (Freddie's daughter's husband), Don & Johnnie Long, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Edna Missildine, Orlando Perez, William Phillip (Bobby Clakley's sister-in-law's father), 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), Hope Smith (John's wife), 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), RW Paul Underwood, 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

