

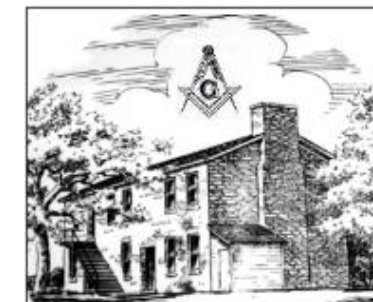
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Lodge Officers 2020 - 2021

WM: Troy J. Shugart, PM
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JW: Richard Alonso
Treas: Curtis A. Gilgan, PM
Sec: Raul J. Scully, PM
Chap: William L. Lewis, PM
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JD: Bobby D. Clakley
SS: Mike Barefield
JS: Mike Aufdencamp
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MC: Ben B. Rauschke, PM
Mus: Wilfredo "JR" Vera
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Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner
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
2001- Jonathan D. Walker

Living Affiliated Past Masters

J. Roland Brown
Gerald T. Dawson
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Carlton L. Edwards
Robert Eschenburg
Reagan W. Hammett
Bennie L. Hudson
Howard Kimball
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Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Activities: Bobby Clakley
Arbitration: Ernest Owney, PM
Audit: Richard Alonso
Beacon Editor: David Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Bobby Clakley
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: Ernest Owney, PM
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



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 2nd 2021

Fellowcraft Mason's
Lodge

Family Night

Meal at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

From the East

Greetings everyone! I trust this finds you in good health and spirits. I'm glad to report once again things are slowly returning to normal around the Lodge. The brothers are starting to show up regularly for fellowship and practice. We have decided to have Esoteric practice on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of each month to polish up our skills, please consider joining us for fun nights of fellowship and practice, not to mention a fine meal. Our new Senior Steward, Mike Barefield, has set the bar pretty high for himself which is very pleasing to those present for dinner!

We recently had a Fellowcraft Degree, and he will most likely have turned in his Proficiency Examination by the time you read this. We have his Master's Degree tentatively scheduled for late September and look forward to raising him to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree on August 26th and a courtesy Master's Degree for a brother out of Florida on August 30th. Both went very well.

The Building Committee is looking into several repairs around the Lodge building. We need to have the entire building "Tuck Pointed" which is the repair and replacement of much of the mortar around the entire building. We have been kicking the can down the road on this project and plan on getting it completed this year. It will most likely prove to be quite expensive (donations happily accepted!) and must be authorized by the Historical Commission but needs to be done to preserve our wonderful, beautiful, and historical building. We plan on having the AC units looked at as a preventive maintenance step to avoid costly repairs in the future.

We have a Mini-Forum hosted by PM George Moxley scheduled on September 25th and a Briscoe Workshop hosted by PM Dennis Ross on October 9th and welcome all Master Masons to join us for both events. There will most likely be breakfast and lunch provided for the workshop.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on September 2nd and will be opened on a Fellowcraft Lodge so that our newest Fellowcraft may join us. I hope to see you all there!

That's about all I have for now but want you all to know I can't wait to see you and I love you all!

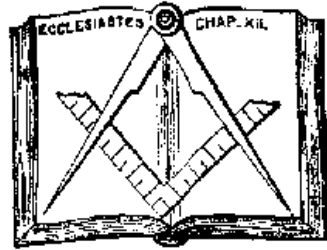
Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of July, 3 Masons contributed over 15 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): Bobby Tiner with 6 hours, Max Fisher with 3 hours, and David Karhi with 6 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!



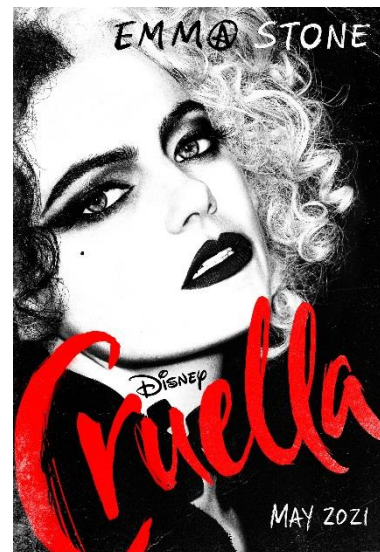
*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

**Major L.A. "Duke"
Westling (Ret.)**
June 13, 2021

Movie Night at Onion Creek

Saturday, September 4th at 7pm, we will be hosting another movie night at the lodge. Come enjoy some fellowship and a great movie on a 16' screen. There's plenty of airconditioned seating inside. Popcorn and drinks available (for a small fee).

Now showing: **Cruella** *rated PG-13*



Starring:
Emma Stone, Emma
Thompson, Joel Fry

Directed by:
Craig Gillespie

**Brilliant. Bad. A little
bit mad.**

Tide Williams, PM

This Month in Masonic History

- September 4th, 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Tennessee.
- September 11th, 2000, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of D.C. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. signed a ceremonial "proclamation" symbolizing their mutual recognition that had been voted on favorably by both Grand Lodges in 1999.
- September 14th, 1844, the Grand Lodge of Michigan was founded.
- September 15th, 1851, the Grand Lodge of Oregon was founded.
- September 18th, 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. Was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony with George Washington personally playing a key role and wearing Masonic regalia.
- September 20th, 1784, the Grand Lodge of England issued a warrant to African Lodge #459. This charter is a prized possession of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and African Lodge #459 has continued to exist to the present time.
- September 23rd, 1857, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was formed.
- September 25th, 1786, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was organized.
- September 26th, 1872, the Shrine of North America (AAONMS) was organized, in New York City.
- September 30th, 1949, Gerald R. Ford (U.S. President 1974-1977) received his 1st degree in Malta Lodge #465, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

David Karhi, Editor



September Menu

Creedmore Chapter 607 OES will be providing the meal this month.

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: Teo Arredondo (Ab's nephew), Lina Avila (Doce's sister), 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), Narayana Chandler-Finch (Brett's daughter), Sandy Combs & 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, Dorothy Hill (Sam's widow), 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, Jamie Marlow's family, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Edna Missildine, Orlando Perez, William Phillip's family (Bobby Clakley's sister-in-law's father), Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Bob Roda, Angela Ross (Dennis' wife), Linda Russel, Carl Robinson, Archie Scott, 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), RW Paul Underwood, Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin), Buddy Wilson, PM, and Willis Woods (Michael's father).

*If you know of others who should be on this list,
please contact WM Troy Shugart, PM
or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM*

