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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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February 2022

Lodge Officers 2021 - 2022

WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
SW: **Ernest Owney, PM**
JW: **Richard Alonso**
Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
Sec: **RW Raul J. Scully, PM**
Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
SD: **Abram R. Wallace**
JD: **Bobby D. Clakley**
SS: **Mike Barefield**
JS: **Mike Aufdencamp**
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
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
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
Allen W. Deaver
Robert Eschenburg
Reagan W. Hammett
Bennie L. Hudson
Howard Kimball
James M. King
Don R. Long
Wes Mersiovsky
Jorge A. Millan
Ernest Owney
James C. Wells



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February Birthdays

Howard K. Kimball, Reagan L. Dunklin 2; Manuel A. Hernandez, Stephen M. Preece 3; Ralph L. Cearley, David H. Eickbusch 4; Samuel N. Lanham, Jr. 5; David J. Faria 7; Michael D. Aufdenkamp 8; Kenneth W. Patton, Jonathan L. Ramirez 11; L.A. Westling 12; Dennis W. Mingua 14; David A. Karhi 15; Larry G. Richter 18; Donald W. Dickerson 19; Darin W. Isaacs 20; Kirk W. Reasoner 21; Jose M. Chirinos 25; Bradley J. Hardin, Chadwyck W. Preece 26; Kenath T. Carver 27; Robert L. Roda, and Michael C. Owens 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in February (year)

Roland J. Brown 60; Harrell E. McCaslin, Sr. 61; Stanley A. Penner 63; Allyn R. Anderson, Marion P. Kerr 65; William E. Powell, David S. Solverson 66; David H. Eickbusch 74; Stephen A. Barlow, H. Max Fisher 79; Stephen M. Preece 80; Marvin G. Gammage 82; Michael C. Owens 84; Bobby J. Tiner 85; Sidney Q. Strength 87; Andrew W. James 88; Michael A. Lee 92; Robert M. Mallett, Michael E. Sanders 95; Johnathan D. Walker, David M. Harnden 98; James E. Meeks III, Samuel E. Taylor, Sr. 01; Russell M. Tidwell II 02; Donn E. Hile 03; Richard Alonso 07; Johnny G. Camarillo 08; Curtis Alan Gilgan 09; David A. Karhi 10; Orlando Perez 12; Bobby D. Clakley, Dennis W. Mingua 18.

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
February 3rd, 2022

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

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

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Activities:	<u>Bobby Clakley</u>
Arbitration:	<u>Ernest Owney, PM</u>
Audit:	<u>Richard Alonso</u>
Beacon Editor:	<u>David Karhi</u>
Breakfast Socials:	<u>Bobby Clakley</u>
Building:	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
Cemetery:	<u>Dale Flatt, PM</u>
Communications:	<u>RW 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>RW 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>Ernest Owney, PM</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>

From The East

Greetings everyone! Here we are in the second month of 2022 already and we are off to another rough start because of COVID. I reckon if we all pull together, we will make it through this. Austin and Travis County are under Stage 5 restrictions. Due to this we will not be serving meals on our normal Monday and Thursday study nights, however our monthly food committees will continue to prepare a meal for our Stated Meeting and Family nights so please plan on attending and enjoying a fine meal and fellowship.

We have had several members come down with the latest strain of COVID and thankfully most are coming out of it with mild or no symptoms at all. Please keep Max Fisher in your prayers as he was admitted into the hospital last week with COVID. To my knowledge, he is the only one to be hospitalized thus far.

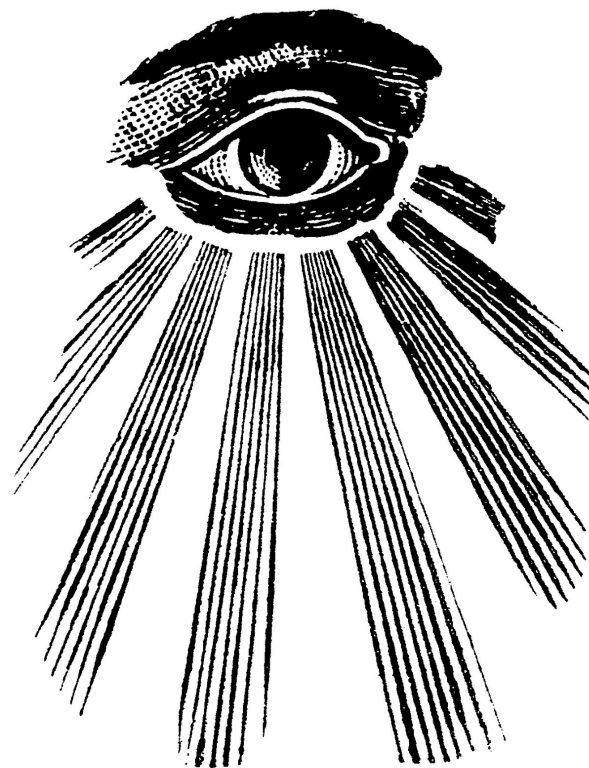
On a lighter note, many of us showed up in Waco for the 186th Grand Annual Communication and it was a lot of fun. I would like to extend congratulations to David "Tide" Williams, PM for being appointed as District Deputy Grand Master for District 50 and to Raul Scully, PM for being appointed as District Deputy Grand Master At Large. Congratulations Right Worshipful Sirs! Brother Rayborn Reader from Montgomery Lodge was elected to the Grand South and appointed me as Grand Senior Steward, an honorary position which requires absolutely no cooking or cleaning! I look forward to accompanying our DDGMs and other brothers around the state during this masonic year. It should prove to be much fun!

JD Bobby Clakely along with others are still working out the details for our upcoming carnival and Brother David Hoke is still working on our raffle. They should both be fun to participate in. We initiated a new candidate a couple of weeks ago and will be having another EA Degree soon. Watch your email and the Beacon for further details.

The lift is currently out of order, but we have contacted the repair folks and it should be working soon. We apologize for the inconvenience. Another important item regarding our Historic Lodge building is we will be voting on moving forward with the tuck-pointing project which is needed very badly to preserve our building. We will be working on the West and South sides first as they are in the worst condition. The East and South will be done later. We will keep you all in the loop as the repairs progress.

That's all for now, but as usual, I look forward to seeing you all real soon and I love you all.

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master



A New Year's Plea

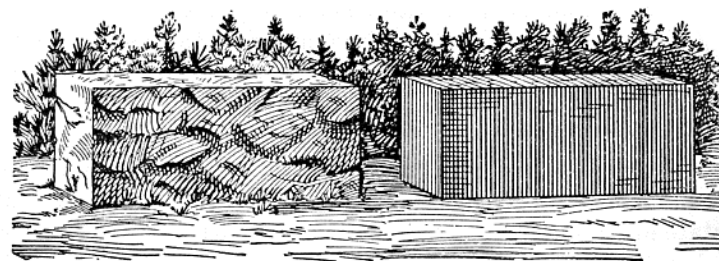
Lord, let me stand in the thick of the fight,
Let me bear what I must without whining;
Grant me the wisdom to do what is right,
Though a thousand false beacons are shining.
Let me be true as the steel of a blade,
Make me bigger than skillful or clever;
Teach me to cling to my best, unafraid,
And harken to false gospels, never.
Let me be brave when the burden is great,
Faithful when wounded by sorrow;
Teach me, when troubled, with patience to wait
The better and brighter to-morrow.
Spare me from hatred and envy and shame,
Open my eyes to life's beauty;
Let not the glitter of fortune or fame
Blind me to what is my duty.
Let me be true to myself to the end,
Let me stand to my task without whining;
Let me be right as a man, as a friend,
Though a thousand false beacons are shining.

Bro. Edgar A. Guest

This Month in Masonic History

- February 7th, 1981, the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed.
- February 9th, 1909, Harry S. Truman received his 1st degree in Belton Lodge #450, Missouri.
- February 11th, 1988, masonic leaders met with President Ronald Reagan, presenting him with a certificate of honor and making him an honorary Scottish Rite mason.
- February 18th, 1909, William Howard Taft received his 1st degree in Kilwinning Lodge #356, Ohio.
- February 19th, 1811, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was formed.
- February 23rd, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 2nd degree.
- February 24th, 1853, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was formed.

David Karhi, Editor



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of December, 3 Masons contributed over 26 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): Max Fisher with 7 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 16 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

February Menu

February Food Committee Chairman RW Tide Williams, PM reports that they will be serving pork tenderloin, potato casserole, and green beans.

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: Judy Alonso (Richard's wife), Teo Arredondo (Ab's nephew), Mike Barefield, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, De & Roland Brown, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Billy Capps, Lucas Carroll (Jeff's son), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), Charlie Foreman's family, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Jimmy Gower (RW Mike Gower's son), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Murphy Kidder (Jim Wells' son-in-law), Don & Johnnie Long, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Edna Missildine, Stacy O'Quin's family (Troy's sister), Milly Oakes' family, Mike Owens, Ernest Owney, PM's family, Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Chuck Ramsey, Archie Scott, Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Kenneth Smith, David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Troy Wells (Jim's son), 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

