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January 2022

Lodge Officers 2021 - 2022

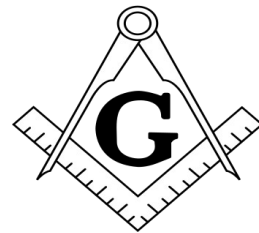
WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
SW: **Ernest Owney, PM**
JW: **Richard Alonso**
Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
SD: **Abram R. Wallace**
JD: **Bobby D. Clakley**
SS: **Mike Barefield**
JS: **Mike Aufdencamp**
Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
MC: **Ben 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
2003- Ricky J. Tindell
2005- Hamilton B. Carter
2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
2007- Michael E. Sanders
2008- Daniel E. Barber
2009- Dale L. Flatt
2010- Tony M. Ramirez
2011- Dennis J. Ross
2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
2013- Raul J. Scully
2014- Ben B. Rauschke
2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
2016- Jeff J. Carroll
2017- William L. Lewis
2018- Christopher R. Dawson
2019- David "Tide" Williams
2020- Troy J. Shugart

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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January Birthdays

Carl W. Winters, Jr. 1; Earnest C. Applegate 2; Elliott R. Wilson 6; Glenn M. Groth, Walter E. Sanders 9; William M. Bastas, James D. Hatton 10; Robert F. Park, Jr. 11; Ernest Owney 13; Charles E. Ruebbling 14; Aaron K. Robertson, Henry R. Tindell 18; Jason P. Harrell 19; Francisco Reyes, Jr., Carl H. Robinson, Sr. 22; Howard D. Hall, Reagan W. Hammett 24; Jason C. Shoumaker 26; Robert L. Eschenburg, John W. Turner 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in January (year)

Lawrence F. Crooke Jr. 49; Bobby O. Brown 53; Leon D. Ross 53; Darrell W. Boyd 55; Ben E. Gray 62; Sam M. Piper Jr. 65; James M. King 68; Kenneth J. Polk 69; Maxie E. Brune 72; Matias H. Ruiz 78; James E. Sterling 80; Bennie L. Hudson 83; William L. Hatten 84; Vernon W. Miers 85; Randy A. Martin 89; Wesley L. Mersiovsky, Michael M. Zombola 90; Richard P. Rayborn 96; Carl W. Winters, Jr. 97; David C. Allen 98; James E. Greybeck 98; James A. Kruger 00; John O. Adams 01; Adrian W. Edmundson 04; David W. Hardt, Christopher A. Preece 13; Kenneth O. Shiga 19, Ricardo Avila, Jr. 20.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
January 6th, 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: 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

From The East

Happy New Year everyone! I trust you all had a safe and merry Christmas. I'm excited about starting a new year off with some great fellowship and camaraderie and look forward to getting back in Lodge.

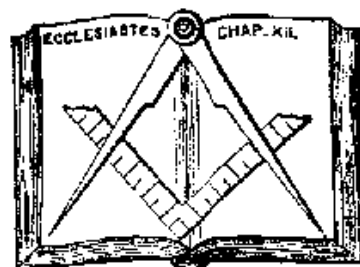
I don't have much to say concerning the Lodge since we have been dark for almost an entire month, but just a couple of announcements of things coming up. We will be attending Grand Lodge during the 3rd weekend in January. Brother JD Bobby Clakely is working on a "Lodge Carnival" to coincide with our annual raffle headed up by Brother David Hoke. We didn't have the usual Christmas Raffle last year due to lack of attendance, so we decided to do it in February or March along with the carnival. Watch your emails for further details on both.

We will most likely be performing an Entered Apprentice degree early in January, depending on how the Investigating Committee found the petitioner although I have a sneaking suspicion he will be found favorable!

Brother SW Ernest Owey is heading up the January Food Committee for the Stated Meeting on January 6th and you know he is a chef by trade so I'm sure it will be a fine meal so please consider joining us.

I wish you all a Happy and prosperous new year and hope to see you soon. I love you all!

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master



**Called to the
Celestial Lodge**

**Glen R. Broddrick
December 18, 2021**

Auld Lang Syne

Most people are probably familiar with the song traditionally sung on New Year's Eve. But did you know that it was originally written by a Mason?

While the song is an old Scottish folk song, the first person to write it down was Bro. Robert Burns. In 1788, Bro. Burns sent a copy of the original song to the Scots Musical Museum saying, "The following song, an old song, of the olden times, and which has never been in print, nor even in manuscript until I took it down from an old man." The song has changed over

time, and while the version we sing today captures the same sentiment as the original, the lyrics are much different. Here are the original lyrics:

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my jo,
for auld lang syne,
we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup!
and surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

Chorus

We twa hae run about the braes,
and pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
sin' auld lang syne.

Chorus

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
sin' auld lang syne.

Chorus

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
and gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak' a right gude-willie waught,
for auld lang syne.

Chorus

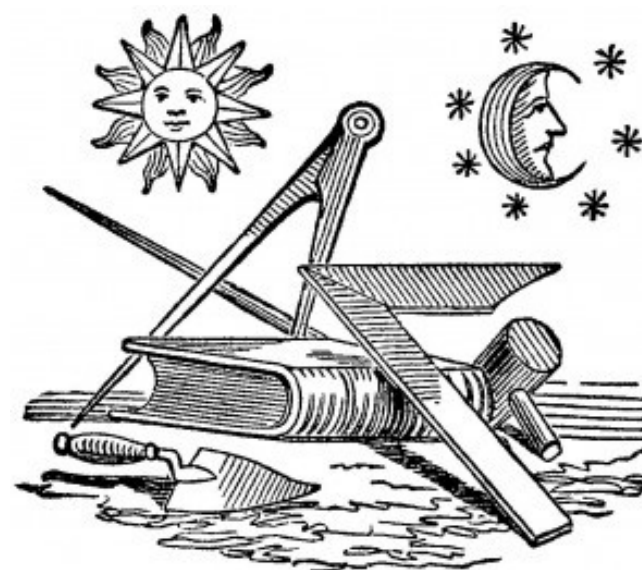
David Karhi, Editor



This Month in Masonic History

- January 2nd, 1901, Theodore Roosevelt received his 1st degree in Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, New York.
- January 7th, 1808, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was formed.
- January 7th, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 2nd degree.
- January 13th, 1818, the Grand Lodge of Indiana was formed.
- January 17th, 1865, the Grand Lodge of Nevada was formed.
- January 17th, 1872, the Grand Lodge of Utah was formed.
- January 26th 1866, the Grand Lodge of Montana was formed.
- January 26th, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 1st degree.

David Karhi, Editor



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of November, 3 Masons contributed over 20 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 3 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 14 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

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: Betty (Jeff Carroll's mother-in-law), Cynthia (Jeff Carroll's sister-in-law), Judy Alonso (Richard's wife), Teo Arredondo (Ab's nephew), Mike Barefield, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glen Broddrick's family, De & Roland Brown, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Billy Capps, Jeff Carroll's family, Sharon Carroll (Jeff's wife), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), Boyce Freitag, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Jimmy Gower (RW Mike Gower's son), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Arnold Holden, Bennie Hudson, 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, Cliff O'Quin (Troy Shugart's brother-in-law), Mike Owens, Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Chuck Ramsey, Archie Scott, 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), 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

