

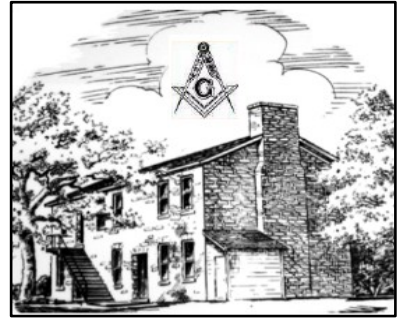
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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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March 2022

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
 Larry Faulk
 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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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; Francisco Reyes, Sr. 31.

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.

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!
 May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 March 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:

<i>Activities:</i>	<u>Bobby Clakley</u>
<i>Arbitration:</i>	<u>Ernest Owney, PM</u>
<i>Audit:</i>	<u>Richard Alonso</u>
<i>Beacon Editor:</i>	<u>David Karhi</u>
<i>Breakfast Socials:</i>	<u>Bobby Clakley</u>
<i>Building:</i>	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
<i>Cemetery:</i>	<u>Dale Flatt, PM</u>
<i>Communications:</i>	<u>RW Raul Scully, PM</u>
<i>Fantastic Teeth:</i>	<u>Dennis Ross, PM</u>
<i>Finance:</i>	<u>Curtis Gilgan, PM</u>
<i>Fraternal Assistance:</i>	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
<i>Funeral:</i>	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
<i>Golden Trowel:</i>	<u>RW Tide Williams, PM</u>
<i>Grand Lodge Business:</i>	<u>Curtis Gilgan, PM</u>
<i>Hospital:</i>	<u>David Karhi</u>
<i>Lodge Education:</i>	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
<i>Members in Arrears:</i>	<u>Ernest Owney, PM</u>
<i>Past Masters' Night:</i>	<u>Dennis Ross, PM</u>
<i>Raffle:</i>	<u>David Hoke</u>
<i>Sick and Distressed:</i>	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
<i>Vanguard:</i>	<u>Richard Alonso</u>

From The East

Hello, everyone. As usual, I hope this finds you all in good health and spirits. Things have been fairly normal around the lodge this past month, and I'm sure that most of you know that because we are in stage five in Austin Travis County that we have not been serving meals on our study nights. This has been a good break for our senior steward, but a little disappointing for the rest of us. With the decline in positive results of COVID-19, we should be regressing to stage four or maybe even stage three in the near future, and we will return to feeding you all on these nights.

Our February stated meeting was canceled due to the freezing weather, so we did not have the opportunity to read the the investigation report on our new petitioner. We are looking forward to reading it at this months meeting and hopefully soon will be initiating another brother into our faithful craft. And by the way, we will be serving a meal prepared by the March Food Committee on March 3rd for our family night and stated meeting. I hope to see you there! We will also be receiving our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Tide Williams, so it would be nice if you could be there and be part of his first official visit.

I want to remind you all about our raffle that's gonna be taking place at our April stated meeting. If you haven't purchased any tickets, you need to do so before then. There are many wonderful prizes for men and women alike, and of course the money raised goes toward our scholarship fund.

I would like to say thank you to all the brothers who came together to clean the museum and library before Grand Master came to town. We have named the library the Max Fisher Heritage Library in honor of our late brother. It has been cleaned up really nice and it's full of Masonic and history books. If anybody is interested in reading any of them, all they have to do is just go in and get one. It is also a great place to teach new candidates their memory work.

Speaking of the lodge, soon we will be laying new tile in the kitchen. Our senior steward has donated the materials and labor to complete the job. Thank you, Mike Barefield! The elevator has also been repaired. It was nothing more than a flipped breaker, and we tried everything in the world before looking in the breaker box! So it's ready to be used for all who need it.

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

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master

Prince Hall Freemasonry

On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 men of color were made masons in Lodge #441 of the Irish Registry attached to the 38th British Foot Infantry at Castle William Island in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. It marked the first time that Black men were made masons in America. About a year later, since the conflict between England and America had commenced, the British Foot Infantry left Boston, along with its lodge, leaving Prince Hall and his associates without a lodge. Before the lodge left, Worshipful Master Batt, gave them a "permit" to meet as a lodge and bury their dead in manner and form. This permit, however, did not allow them to do any "masonic work" or to take in any new members.

Under it, African Lodge was organized on July 3, 1776, with Prince Hall as the worshipful master. It wasn't long before this lodge received an additional "permit" from Provincial Grand Master John Rowe to walk in procession on St. John's Day.

On March 2, 1784, African Lodge #1 petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, the Premier or Mother Grand Lodge of the world, for a warrant (or charter), to organize a regular masonic lodge, with all the rights and privileges thereunto prescribed. The Grand Lodge of England issued a charter on September 29, 1784 to African Lodge #459, the first lodge of Blacks in America. African Lodge #459 grew and prospered to such a degree that Worshipful Master Prince Hall was appointed a Provincial Grand Master, in 1791, and out of this grew the first Black Provincial Grand Lodge.

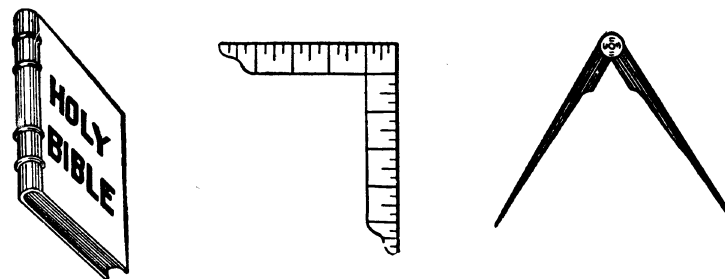
In 1797 he organized a lodge in Philadelphia and one in Rhode Island. These lodges were designated to work under the charter of African Lodge #459. In December 1808, one year after the death of Prince Hall, African Lodge #459 (Boston), African Lodge #459 (Philadelphia) and Hiram Lodge #3 (Providence) met in a general assembly of the craft and organized African Grand Lodge (sometime referred to as African Grand Lodge #1).

In 1847, out of respect for their founding father and first Grand Master, Prince Hall, they changed their name to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the name it carries today. In 1848 Union Lodge #2, Rising Sons of St. John #3 and Celestial Lodge #4 became the first lodges organized under the name Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

From these beginnings, there now are some 5,000 lodges and 47 grand lodges who trace their lineage to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts. The tradition started by Bro. Prince

Hall over 200 years ago is still carried on today.

www.princehall.org

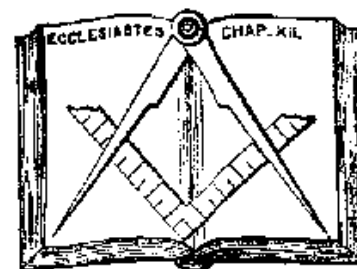


Mason Appreciation Lunch

All Masons and family members are invited for lunch provided by OES on Saturday, March 26th at 11:30am. Lunch is being prepared by Creedmoor Chapter #607 and Austin Chapter #304.

RSVP at this website:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mason-appreciation-lunch-tickets-277293491297>

OR at the sign-up sheet at Onion Creek Lodge. Information for the event will be available in the lodge as well. Hope to see you there!



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Harley Max Fisher
January 30, 2022

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of January, 3 Masons contributed over 9 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 3 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: Judy Alonso (Richard's wife), Teo Arredondo (Ab's nephew), Mike Aufdenkamp, 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), Jackie Crowther (Bobby Clakley's mother-in-law), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), 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, Mike Owens, Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Chuck Ramsey, Linda Russell's family, Archie Scott, Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Kenneth Smith, David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Paul Underwood and family, 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*

