

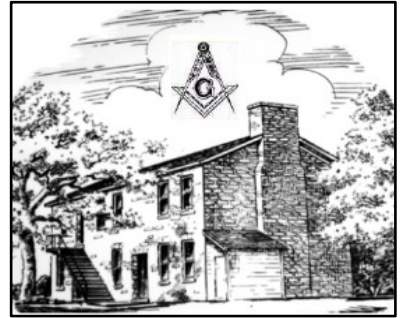
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April 2022

Lodge Officers 2021 - 2022

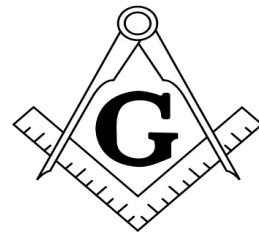
WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 SW: **Ernest Owney, PM**
 JW: **Richard Alonso**
 Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Sec: **RW Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 SD: **Abram R. Wallace**
 JD: **Bobby D. Clakley**
 SS: **Mike Barefield**
 JS: **Mike Aufdencamp**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**
 Mus: **Wilfredo "JR" Vera**
 Tiler: **Anthony T. Farmer**

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



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



April Birthdays

Luis M. Ramirez 1; John C. Preece, Andrew W. James 2; Wilbert H. Else, Marion P. Kerr 4; Gerald C. Carruth, William L. Hatten, David "Tide" Williams 8; Bennie L. Hudson, Franklin E. Merica III 9; Joe D. Beaver 10; Hamilton B. Carter 11; Lawrence I. Falk, Jamie S. Marlow 14; James K. Miller 15; Jesus P. Velazquez 16; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 17; Benjamin B. Rauschke 18; James W. Dobbs, Joe S. Park 20; Isaac E. Carroll, James E. Meeks III 24; Frank C. Hankins 26.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in April (year)

Donald W. Dickerson 57; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 59; Raymond D. Hannah, Ladare V. Benoit 62; Rodney H. Lewis, Donn C. Winner 65; Wayne E. Moore 66; David J. Faria 78; Daniel P. Vasquez 80; James W. Fouts 86; David C. Kestner, Joe L. Ruiz 87; Robert F. Simo 88; William S. Lear 92; Thomas S. Estes 03; Omar Chavez 07; Christopher R. Dawson 10; Larry L. Haney 12.

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
April 7th, 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>
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>
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>
Raffle:	<u>David Hoke</u>
Sick and Distressed:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Vanguard:	<u>Richard Alonso</u>

The Praise of Friendship

“It does not appear to be generally known that Freemasonry has the honour of claiming as one of its members the immortal and incomparable composer, Mozart, and our readers, we feel sure, will thank us for bringing under their notice a work by the great master, which was performed by a circle of friends under his own direction two days before his last illness. It is a Cantata upon the dedication of a Freemason’s lodge in Vienna. It has now been arranged for English-speaking Freemasons by Bro. George C. Dusart, of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, and is published by the Davis and Co., Arundel Street, Strand. Bro. Herbert Hodge has favoured us with the following notice of the work:

This is a short and easy Masonic cantata for male voice chorus with tenor and bass solos and duets. The work commences with a martial chorus in three parts (two tenors and bass), in the key of C, bold and stirring in character, in the form of a march, and introducing a short trio. The music is intended for the ceremony of initiation consists of a recitative for tenor,

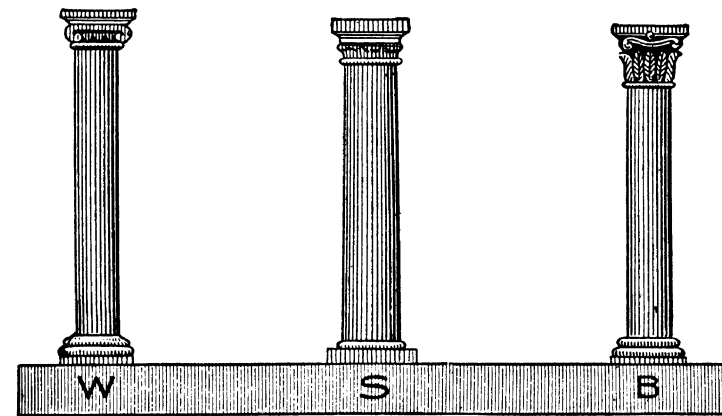
and an effective though simple duet for two tenors. This movement is followed by another recitative and aria for tenor, more extended in length, referring to the Fellow Craft Degree. The music for the Third Degree begins with a tenor and bass recitative, and after a rhythmical duet in triple time, “Hail the perfect Master Mason” in the key of F, in true Mozartian style, the cantata concludes by the first chorus being repeated.

This work, though so uncomplicated in construction, diatonic in style, and easy of performance, is the last finished composition of the famous Mozart, who was himself an earnest Mason, and attended the meetings of his lodge to within three weeks of his death.

For those who might desire orchestral accompaniment, instead of piano alone, the cantata is scored for the following instruments, viz., two violins, viola, violoncello, double bass, flute, two oboes, and two horns, and has the advantage of not requiring male altos, the highest part being written within the ordinary compass of the tenor voice.

“The Praise of Friendship” may be strongly recommended for ordinary lodge meetings, at which it would be heartily welcomed by reason of its tuneful attractiveness as well as for its moderate length; each number being complete in itself, a selection of various movements, if considered desirable, might be made without difficulty.”

The Masonic Illustrated, April 1, 1902, page 137



April Menu

April Food Committee Chairman Richard Rayborn reports they will be serving brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, and coleslaw.

Thank you for a fine meal!

This Month in Masonic History

- April 4th, 1778, Voltaire was initiated in “Les Neuf Soeurs” Lodge in Paris. His conductors were Benjamin Franklin and Count Gebelin
- April 5th, 1886, Rudyard Kipling received his 1st degree
- April 8th, 1790, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was formed
- April 19th, 1787, the Grand Lodge of Maryland was formed
- April 19th, 1850, the Grand Lodge of California was formed
- April 20th, 1884, Pope Leo XIII issued a famous Papal Bull against Freemasonry, titled Humanum Genus
- April 21st, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Missouri was founded
- April 22nd, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree
- April 24th, 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree
- April 28th, 1738, Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal Bull attacking Freemasonry
- April 28th, 1840, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed

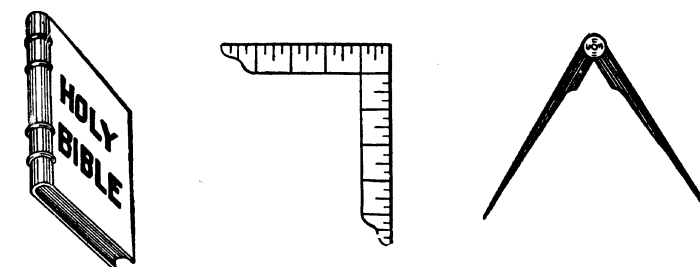
David Karhi, Editor

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of February, 1 Mason contributed over 6 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): David Karhi with 6 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), 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, 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, Archie Scott, Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Kenneth Smith, David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), 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

