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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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June 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
 J. Robert Darrell
 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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June Birthdays

Todd Lewis 01; Louis C. Martin, Jeffrey L. Dotterer 03;
 Scott A. Freng 04; John W. Jackson II, Edward L. Weeren,
 Jeffrey T. Lester 07; Daniel P. Vasquez 11; Jeff J. Carroll,
 William L. Weathers 13; Jorge A. Millan 14; Donald A.
 Villoni 16; Thomas D. Hoke 17; Nazario Cantu III, Stanley
 A. Mitchusson 18; James R. Robinson II, Jeffrey L. Wilbur
 20; Raymond D. Hannah 23; Elbert I. Franks 24; Tony M.
 Ramirez, Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 26; Sam M. Piper, Jr. 27;
 Hunter S. Arend 28; Anthony T. Farmer-Guerra 30.

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

Masonic Birthdays; raised in June (year)

Gary E. Clark 64; Sherrel D. Cole, Ronald L. Angell 66;
 James D. Hatton 71; Richard W. Johnson 73; Robert A.
 Carnes, Walter E. Boyd 76; Nazario Cantu III 77; Mack
 Gerald 80; Donnie F. Carter 81; Allan J. Tolbert III 89; Kirk
 W. Reasoner, Robert E. Allen 90; Henry R. Tindell, Ricky J.
 Tindell 98; James R. McMillan 99; Tony M. Ramirez 03;
 Jorge A. Millan 06; Manuel A. Hernandez 13; Lawrence I.
 Falk 14.

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

Stated Meeting

**Second Thursday
 June 9th, 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: RW Raul Scully, PM
Fantastic Teeth: Dennis Ross, PM
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Fraternal Assistance: Troy Shugart, PM
Funeral: Troy Shugart, PM
Golden Trowel: RW Tide Williams, PM
Grand Lodge Business: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Hospital: David Karhi
Lodge Education: Abram Wallace
Members in Arrears: Ernest Owney, PM
Past Masters' Night: Dennis Ross, PM
Raffle: David Hoke
Sick and Distressed: Troy Shugart, PM
Vanguard: Richard Alonso

St. John the Baptist

Friday, June 24th is recognized as St. John's Day in several parts of the globe. On this day in mid-summer, near the time of the solstice, a feast is held in celebration of the birth of St. John the Baptist.

St. John is a famous Bible character that is also the patron saint of many different subjects, including builders, tailors, printers, baptism, conversion to faith, people dealing with storms and their effects, and people who need healing from spasms or seizures. John also serves as the patron saint of a variety of places throughout the world, such as Puerto Rico; Jordan, Quebec, Canada; Charleston, South Carolina; Cornwall, England; and various cities in Italy.

St. John was born around 1 CE. As a young man, he spent many years wandering alone in the Judean desert. It is written that these travels helped him develop his spirituality and relationship with God. After this time, he emerged in the Jordan River valley as a prophet and gathered a group of followers.

June 24th is also the day that the Grand Lodge of England was first established in London, in the year 1717 CE. Four Masonic lodges met at the Goose and Gridiron Pub, located in St. Paul's Church yard, where they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge. But a year prior, in 1716 CE, they had constituted themselves a Grand Lodge pro Tempore at the Apple-Tree Tavern. During that meeting, in 1716 CE, they decided to hold an Annual Assembly and a Feast. Anthony Sayer was installed as the first Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge of England.

St. John prepared the way for the ministry of and became one of Jesus' disciples. John did so by preaching to many people about the importance of repenting from their sins so they could grow closer to God when the Messiah came in the form of Jesus Christ. St. John was outspoken in his opinions concerning integrity and faith. So much so that it ultimately cost him his life, as King Herod martyred him around 30 CE.

Christopher Dawson, PM

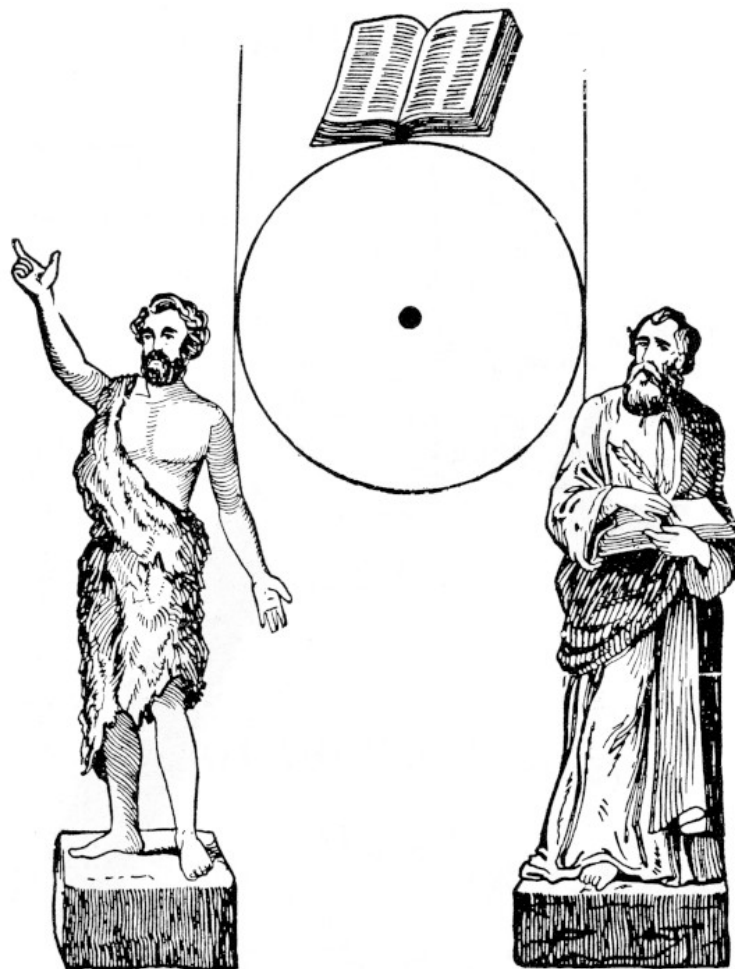
June Menu

June Food Committee Chairman Curtis Gilgan reports they will be serving kabobs with rice, bread, salad, fruit salad, dessert, and tea.

Thank you for a fine meal!

This Month in Masonic History

- June 1st, 1820, the Grand Lodge of Maine was founded
- June 5th, 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Columbia, Tennessee
- June 5th, 1923, groundbreaking took place for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia
- June 6th, 1787, the Grand Lodge of New York became independent
- June 6th, 1806, the Grand Lodge of Delaware was established
- June 9th, 1849, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Delaware was established
- June 13th, 1889, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was established
- June 16th, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Alabama was established
- June 20th, 1812, the Grand lodge of Louisiana was established



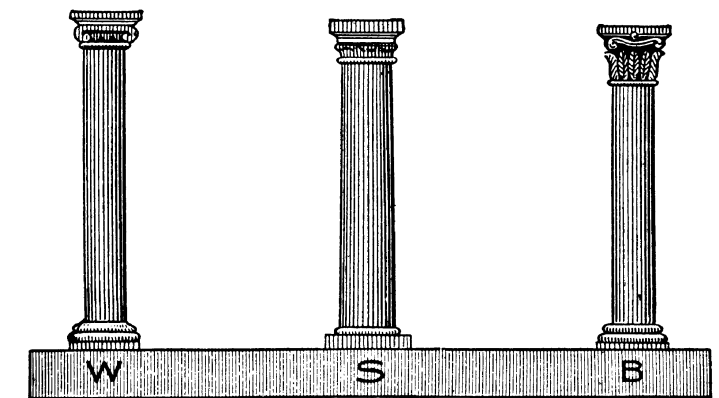
- June 20th, 1881, Albert G. Mackey, Masonic author and Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S., died
- June 23rd, 1780, Wolfgang Goethe was initiated in Amalia Lodge in Weimar
- June 24th, 1717, what is referred to as the premiere Grand Lodge was formed in London, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house
- June 24th, 1731, the first record of a Lodge meeting in the colonies that became the United States is recorded in an account book of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia
- June 24th, 1791, the African Grand Lodge of North America was organized in Boston. It later became the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
- June 27th, 1791, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was established
- June 28th, 1901, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 1st degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio

David Karhi, Editor

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), Richard Alonso's family, Teo Arredondo (Abe's nephew), Jack Brassil, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Billy & Evelyn Capps, Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Tammy Clakley (Bobby's sister), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Arnold Holden, Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Don & Johnnie Long, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Mike Owens, Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), the family and friends of Aliya Rosegreen (friend of Curtis Gilgan), Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), 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



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of April, 3 Masons contributed over 71 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 9 hours, Carl Robinson with 35 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 27 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!