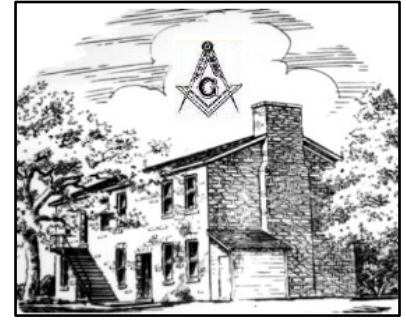


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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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Lodge Officers 2022- 2023

WM: **Ernest Owney, PM**
 SW: **Richard Alonso**
 JW: **Abram R. Wallace**
 Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Sec: **RW Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 SD: **Bobby D. Clakley**
 JD: **Mike G. Barefield**
 SS: **Jacob A. Carroll**
 JS: **Isaac E. Carroll**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Jeff J. Carroll, PM**
 Mus: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Tiler: **Dennis W. Mingua, Jr.**

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
 2021- Troy J. Shugart

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

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
September 1st, 2022

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

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

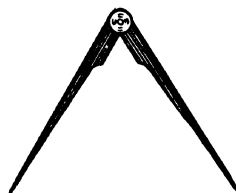
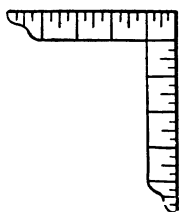
Activities: **Bobby Clakley**
Arbitration: **Richard Alonso**
Audit: **Abram Wallace**
Beacon Editor: **David Karhi**
Breakfast Socials: **Michael Barefield**
Building: **Bobby Clakley**
By-Laws, Policies: **Robert Darrell, PM**
Cemetery: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Communications: **RW Raul Scully, PM**
Fantastic Teeth: **Dennis Ross, PM**
Finance: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Fraternal Assistance: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Funeral: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Golden Trowel: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Grand Lodge Business: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Hospital: **David Karhi**
Library: **Christopher Dawson, PM**
Lodge Education: **Bobby Clakley**
Members in Arrears: **Richard Alonso**
Photography: **Ricardo Avila**
Past Masters' Night: **Robert Eschenburg, PM**
Raffle: **David Hoke**
Scholarship: **Charles Foreman**
Sick and Distressed: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Vanguard: **Abram Wallace**

From the East

Greetings, Brethren; our first stated meeting under the officers appointed and elected was held in August. All lodge committees were appointed. We had two Master Masons that have not been to the lodge for over a year attend the stated meeting in August. As Worshipful Master, I would like to invite all brothers that have not been to lodge over the last two years to please come out and visit with your new officers either for a stated meeting or for study night on Monday or Thursday. On August 18, 2022, we conferred the first degree in Masonry on a brother. Due to the bad weather and the electricity being knocked out, we did the degree by candle light and it was amazing. Thanks to all the brothers that came out and a special thanks to the degree team. We will be having our first Breakfast Social on September 24, 2022. Remember, if by the length of your cable-tow you are able to make the September stated meeting on September 1, 2022, would love to see you there.

I will close for now but want you all to know the officers cannot wait to see you soon.

Ernest Owney, PM, Worshipful Master



The Moral Advantages of Geometry

From this theme we proceed to illustrate the moral advantages of Geometry, a subject on which the following observations may not be unacceptable. *Geometry*, the first and noblest of sciences, is the basis on which the *superstructure* of Freemasonry is erected. By Geometry we may curiously trace nature, through her various windings, to her most concealed recesses. By it we discover the power, wisdom and goodness of the Grand Artificer of the Universe, and view with delight the proportions which connect this vast machine. By it we discover how the planets move in their different orbits, and demonstrate their various revolutions.

By it we account for the return of seasons, and

the variety of scenes which each season displays to the discerning eye.

Numberless worlds are around us (all framed by the same Divine Artist), which roll through the vast expanse, and all are conducted by the same unerring laws of nature.

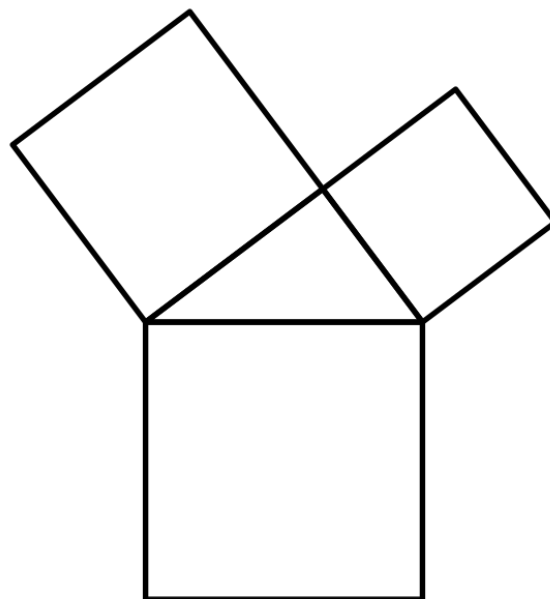
A survey of nature, and the observation of her beautiful proportions, first determined man to imitate the divine plan, and study symmetry and order. This gave rise to Societies, and birth to every useful art. The architect began to design, and the plans which he laid down, being improved by experience and time, have produced works which are the admiration of every age.

The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, and the devastations of war, have laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity, on which the utmost exertions of human genius have been employed. Even the Temple of Solomon, so spacious and magnificent, and constructed by so many celebrated artists, escaped not the unsparing ravages of barbarous force.

Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived. The *attentive ear* receives the sound from the *instructive tongue*, and the sacred mysteries are safely lodged in the repository of *faithful breasts*.

Tools and implements of architecture, symbols the most expressive, are selected by the Fraternity to imprint on the memory wise and serious truths; and thus, through a succession of ages, are transmitted, unimpaired, the excellent tenets of our institution.

Monitor of the Lodge



This Month in Masonic History

- September 4th, 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Tennessee.
- September 11th, 2000, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of D.C. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. signed a ceremonial “proclamation” symbolizing their mutual recognition that had been voted on favorably by both Grand Lodges in 1999.
- September 14th, 1844, the Grand Lodge of Michigan was founded.
- September 15th, 1851, the Grand Lodge of Oregon was founded.
- September 18th, 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. Was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony with George Washington personally playing a key role and wearing Masonic regalia.
- September 20th, 1784, the Grand Lodge of England issued a warrant to African Lodge #459. This charter is a prized possession of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and African Lodge #459 has continued to exist to the present time.
- September 23rd, 1857, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was formed.
- September 25th, 1786, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was organized.
- September 26th, 1872, the Shrine of North America (AAONMS) was organized, in New York City.
- September 30th, 1949, Gerald R. Ford (U.S. President 1974-1977) received his 1st degree in Malta Lodge #465, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

David Karhi, Editor



September Menu

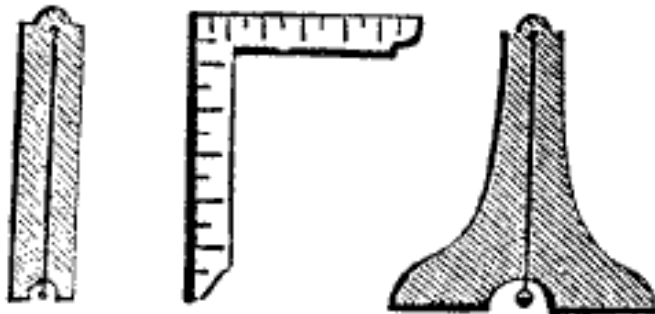
September Food Committee Chairman Joe Beaver reports they will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, and ice cream.

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: the Arredondo family, 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), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Bill Farr, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Dorothy Hill (Sam's wife), Arnold Holden, Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Don & Johnnie Long, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Ricky Rayburn, Carl Robinson, Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Mike Smith (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law's husband), 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 Ernest Owney, PM or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of July, 4 Masons contributed over 57 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 38 hours, Bobby Tiner with 9 hours, and RW Tide Williams with 6 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

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September Birthdays

Allan J. Tolbert III 2; Arnold J. Holden, James A. Kruger, Stephen A. Barlow, Armand C. Ablanado 3; Billy R. Capps, Tommy R. Teykl 6; Edward V. Hill, Bobby J. Doherty 7; Dale A. Rundell 12; Dennis M. Stewart 14; Ricky J. Tindell 16; Peter Seguin, Michael S. Compton 17; Daniel W. McCarter 19; James R. McMillan, Terry D. Phillips 20; Michael A. Lee 22; William S. Lear, Curtis A. Gilgan 23; Robert C. Williams 24; Allyn R. Anderson, Rodney H. Lewis, Jason S. Lyde 25; Ralph D. Morren, Richard Alonso 30.

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

Masonic Birthdays; raised in September (year)

John E. Waggoner, Jr. 61; Ralph L. Cearley 62; Gerald C. Carruth 63; Dennis M. Stewart 67; Stephen C. Dowell 69; Clyde J. Medlock 78; Larry G. Richter 80; Thomas R. Mayfield 83; Charles L. Allen, Paul S. Hinchcliffe, George G. Watkins 86; Samuel M. Gacesa, William M. Bastas 89; Allen W. Deaver 00; Dwane R. Ideker 03; Jeffrey T. Lester, Roni Zulu 04; Richard K. Bledsoe 05; Bradley D. French 06; Aaron K. Robertson 07; Benjamin B. Rauschke 08; Jeff J. Carroll 10; Christopher T. Bookout, Todd Lewis 13; Kenath T. Carver 14; Franklin E. Merica III 18.

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