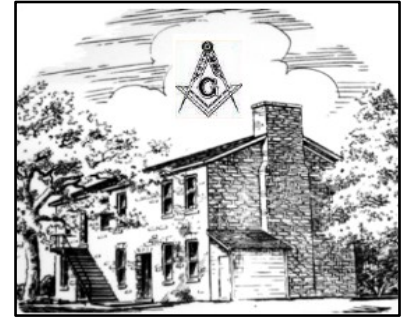


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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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WM: **Ernest Owney, PM**
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 1977- Roy L. Hamor
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 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
 1981- Howard D. Hall
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 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

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 J. Robert Darrell
 Gerald T. Dawson
 Allen W. Deaver
 Robert Eschenburg
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Lodge Education: **Bobby Clakley**
Members in Arrears: **Richard Alonso**
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Past Masters' Night: **Robert Eschenburg, PM**
Raffle: **David Hoke**
Scholarship: **Charles Foreman**
Sick and Distressed: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Vanguard: **Abram Wallace**

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
November 3rd, 2022

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

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

From the East

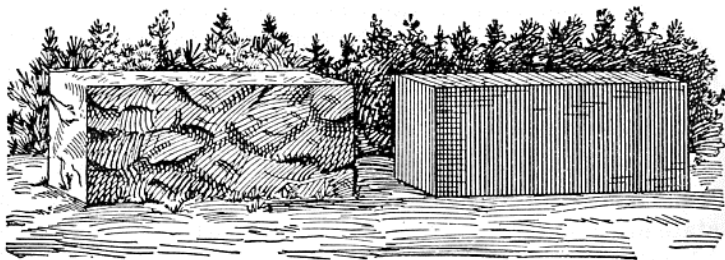
Greetings, Brethren; hope all is well with you and your families. My brothers, can you make sure your information is correct in the Grand Lodge database. As Worshipful Master, I have been trying to just reach out to brethren just to check on you and a lot of contact information is not good.

We are looking at restructuring the Stated Meeting Food Committees starting in January 2023. We are looking to provide more support for the brethren that are preparing meals during their month to cook. If you are interesting in cooking during stated meetings, please contact the following: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and the Secretary.

In November, before our stated meeting, we will have an open meeting to recognize our Veterans. My brethren Veterans, hope to see you at the stated meeting with your families and friends. Also, that night we will be receiving our very own RW David Tide Williams.

I will close for now, but remember the officers hope to see you all soon

Ernest Owney, PM, Worshipful Master



Labor is Worship

Now, this doctrine, that labor is worship, is the very doctrine that has been advanced and maintained, from time immemorial, as a leading dogma of the Order of Freemasonry. There is no other human institution under the sun which has set forth this great principle in such bold relief. We hear constantly of Freemasonry as an institution that inculcates morality, that fosters the social feeling, that teaches brotherly love; and all this is well, because it is true; but we must never forget that from its foundation-stone to its pinnacle, all over its vast temple, is inscribed, in symbols of living light, the great truth that *labor is worship*.

It has been supposed that, because we speak of

Freemasonry as a speculative system, it has nothing to do with the practical. But this is a most grievous error. Freemasonry is, it is true, a speculative science, but it is a speculative science based upon an operative art. All its symbols and allegories refer to this connection. Its very language is borrowed from the art, and it is singularly suggestive that the initiation of a candidate into its mysteries is called, in its peculiar phraseology, *work*.

I repeat that this expression is singularly suggestive. When the lodge is engaged in reading petitions, hearing reports, debating financial matters, it is said to be occupied in *business*; but when it is engaged in the form and ceremony of initiation into any of the degrees, it is said to be at *work*. Initiation is masonic labor. This phraseology at once suggests the connection of our speculative system with an operative art that preceded it, and upon which it has been founded. This operative art must have given it form and features and organization.

Bro. Albert Mackey

Annual Communication Registration

Registration for the 2023 Grand Annual Communication scheduled for January 19-21, 2023, will open Tuesday, November 1st, 2022, at 10:00 am. Members can register to attend in person or virtually. Please note that virtual attendees will not be able to vote or speak for or against any proposed resolution.

The Grand Secretary's office has blocked rooms at the following hotels for the upcoming Annual Communication:

Waco Hilton - \$169 per night
113 S University Parks Dr
Waco, TX 76701

Please use the link below to book your room.
Hilton – <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/actwhhf-mgl23-1e23bc04-183a-4725-ba01-1427a4cfa050/>

Courtyard by Marriot Waco - \$149 per night
101 Washington Ave
Waco, TX 76701

Please use the link below to book your room.
Courtyard – <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1664296571655&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Comfort Suites
2700 La Salle
Waco, TX 76706
254-523-6776

Use code LCOUN for a discount off the standard nightly rate. Reservations at this hotel must be made over the telephone.

David Karhi, Editor



Second Saturday Movie Night at OCL

Nov 12th @7:00pm at OCL 220
Top Gun: Maverick
Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly

After thirty years, Maverick is still pushing the envelope as a top naval aviator, but must confront ghosts of his past when he leads TOP GUN's elite graduates on a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly it.

RW Tide Williams, PM



November Menu

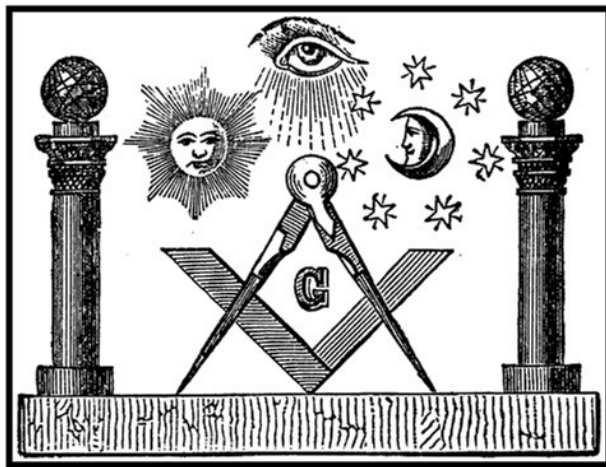
November Food Committee Chairman Curtis Gilgan, PM reports they will be serving pasta fagioli with garden salad, bread sticks, cookies, and maybe fruit salad.

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: 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), Izzy Dawson (Chris' daughter), Bill Farr, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Sharon Garza (Tide's mom), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Dorothy Hill (Sam's wife), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Michelle Lewis (Todd's wife), Shelly Lewis, Don & Johnnie Long, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Sam M. Piper's family, Ricky Rayburn, Carl Robinson, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), and Henry Tindell (Ricky'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 September, 4 Masons contributed over 107 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, Carl Robinson with 61 hours, Bobby Tiner with 37 hours, and RW Tide Williams with 3 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

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November Birthdays

Herbert M. Steiner 1; Jimmy L. Preece 3; Thomas A. Compton, Joe L. Ruiz 4; Patrick L. Williams 6; Dwane R. Ideker 8; David C. Kestner 10; Robert N. Crawford, Russell M. Tidwell, II 11; James B. Harris 13; Walter E. Boyd, Wesley L. Mersiovsky 14; Robert G. Utter 15; Daniel E. Barber 21; Gary E. Clark 25; William L. Lewis, Jr. 28.

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

Masonic Birthdays; raised in November (year)

Samuel N. Lanham, Jr. 52; Kenneth W. Patton 59; John E. Altis 65; Reagan W. Hammett 72; Alfred R. Bell, II 73; Robert G. Utter 73; Charles R. Caudill 86; Dale A. Rundell 86; Steven R. Franklin 93; Keith W. Caron, Herbert M. Steiner 96; James W. Dobbs 97; Robert L. Eschenburg 00; William B. Tamminga 02; Luis M. Ramirez 09; Ronald B. Norwood, Jr., Abram R. Wallace 17; Everet J. Sharp, III, Connor R. Williams 18; Scott L. Lehman 19; Michael D. Aufdenkamp, Jamie S. Marlow 20.

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