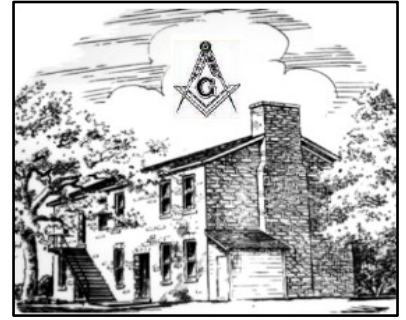


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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858
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Lodge Officers 2022- 2023

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:

Activities: **Bobby Clakley**
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Audit: **Abram Wallace**
Beacon Editor: **David Karhi**
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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**
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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**

Stated Meeting

Second Thursday
December 8th, 2022

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

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

Movie Night at Onion Creek Lodge

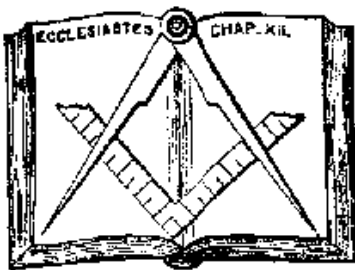
December 10th @7pm



Nearly 5,000 years after he was bestowed with the almighty powers of the Egyptian gods—and imprisoned just as quickly—Black Adam is freed from his earthly tomb, ready to unleash his unique form of justice on the modern world.

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Aldis Hodge, Pierce Brosnan

RW Tide Williams, PM



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

David S. Solverson
October 29th, 2022

The Holy Saints John

The two Saints John, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, were the Patron Saints of Freemasonry at the formation of the Grand Lodge of England on St. John the Baptist's day June 24, 1717. Lodges and Grand Lodges in the United States generally adopted that practice and it remains true today. The adoption of one or both of them as Patron Saints by individual operative Masonic Lodges predates the formation of speculative Freemasonry.

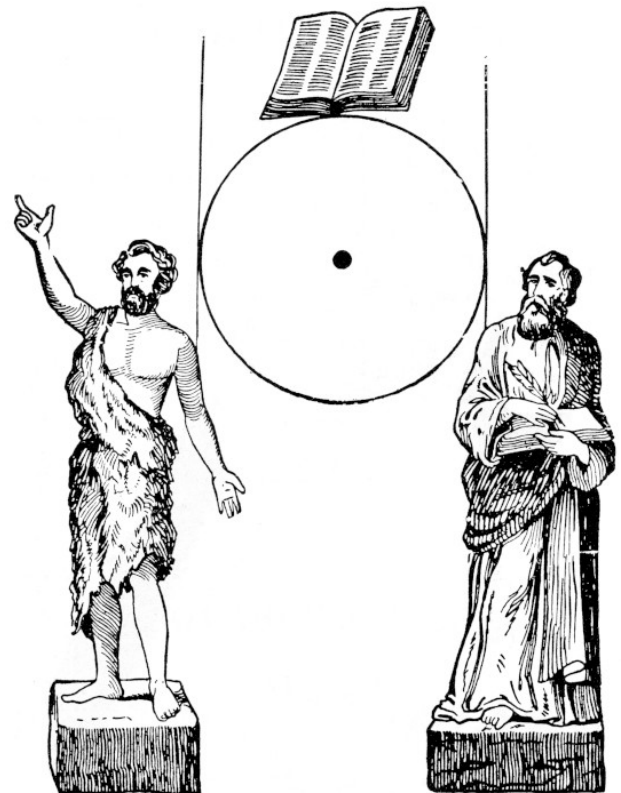
Historically the lodges in Scotland generally

avored St. John the Evangelist and English lodges opted for Saint John the Baptist. It appears that speculative lodges generally adopted Saint John the Baptist. When the Grand Lodge of Scotland was formed in 1736 it overcame the potential dispute by adopting St. Andrew.

The Saints John are logical choices for a fraternity dedicated to seeking light. Their feast days occur near the summer and winter solstices (June 24 for St. John the Baptist and December 27 for St. John the Evangelist). Also, important Masonic lessons can be drawn from their exemplary lives.

Unfortunately the celebration of these feast days no longer seems to have as much significance in the United States as it once had. None-the-less, several Grand Lodges, including the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, still use the Feast Day of St. John the Evangelist for their Annual Communication and installation of officers.

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This Month in Masonic History

- December 4th, 1807, Most Worshipful Brother Prince Hall, the first African American known to have received the Masonic degrees in America, died.

- December 9th, 1999, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. voted to recognize the Grand Lodge of D.C.
- December 14th, 1994, the United Grand Lodge of England issued a statement that it found the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the source of all Prince Hall Masonry in the United States, to be regular and deserving of recognition.
- December 18th, 1799, George Washington's funeral was conducted in Masonic fashion at Mount Vernon, Virginia.
- December 26th, 1972, Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States and Past Grand Master of Missouri, died.
- December 30th, the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed.

David Karhi, Editor

The Bee Hive

The bee hive is an emblem of industry, and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings, from the highest seraph in the heavens to the lowest reptile of the dust. It teaches us that, as we came into the world endowed as rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow creatures around us are in want, when it is in our power to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves.

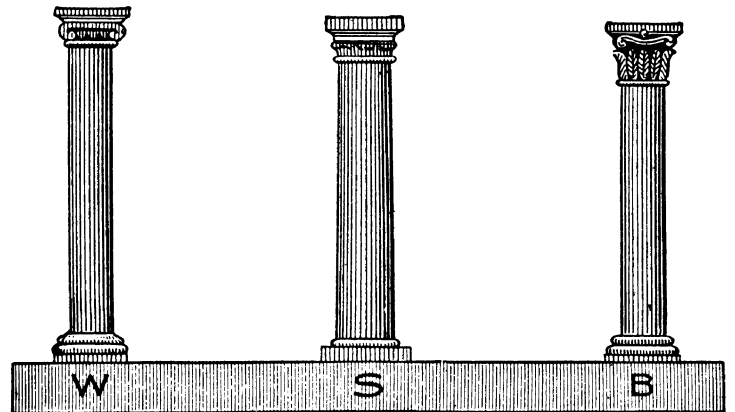
Monitor of the Lodge



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: Victor Armstrong's family, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Carol Camarillo (John's step mom), John Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (John's father), Billy & Evelyn Capps, Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), 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, Don & Johnnie Long, Randy Martin, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Ernest Owney's family, Ernest Owney, Jr., Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Carl Robinson, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), 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 October, 3 Masons contributed over 76 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 31 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 39 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

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December Birthdays

Paul S. Hinchliffe, Scott L. Lehman 2; Christopher A. Preece 3; Sidney Q. Strength 5; Jerry T. Jarmon 6; Jacob A. Carroll, Wilfredo "J.R." Vera 8; John E. Waggoner, Ronald L. Angell, Thomas S. Estes 9; Tommie J. Conner, Marvin G. Gammage 10; Ronald B. Norwood, Jr. 11; Everet J. Sharp III 15; John N. McFarling 17; Mack Gerald 18; Michael M. Zombola 25; Kenneth O. Shiga 28; Michael W. Carter 30, and Randall J. Storm 31.

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

Masonic Birthdays; raised in December (year)

Arnold J. Holden, Edward L. Weeren 57; Wayne V. Frye 60; Howard D. Hall 70; Bobby J. Doherty 72; Matias S. Ruiz 77; Robert F. Park, Jr. 85; Gerald T. Dawson, Dennis J. Ross 89; Terry L. Sharp 94; Charles E. Gray, Jr. 96, Howard K. Kimball 98; Hamilton B. Carter 01; James R. Darrell 06; William "Bill" Lewis, Jr., Charles W. Pickering 10; Jason C. Shoumaker 11; Ernest Owney 14.

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