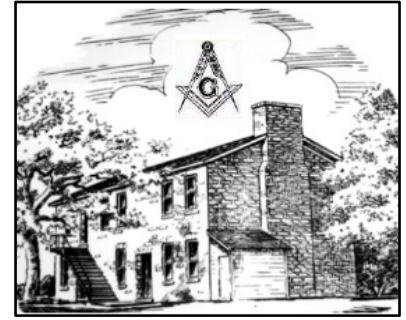


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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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Lodge Officers 2023- 2024

WM: **Richard Alonso**
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 Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
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 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
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 Mus: **Ernest Owney, PM**
 Tiler: **Ricardo Avila Jr.**

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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
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee
 1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
 1994- Walter H. Argall
 1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
 1997- William S. Lear
 1998- John W. Turner
 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
 2022- Ernest Owney

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J. Roland Brown
 J. Robert Darrell
 Gerald T. Dawson
 Allen W. Deaver
 Robert Eschenburg
 Larry Faulk
 Brad French
 Reagan W. Hammett
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Randy Martin
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Jorge A. Millan
 Ernest Owney
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Arbitration: **Abram Wallace**
Audit: **Bobby Clakley**
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Funeral: **Richard Alonso**
Golden Trowel: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Grand Lodge Business: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Hospital: **Carl Robinson Sr.**
Library: **Christopher Dawson, PM**
Lodge Education: **Mike Barefield**
Members in Arrears: **Abram Wallace**
Photography: **Ricardo Avila Jr.**
Past Masters' Night: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Raffle: **David Hoke**
Scholarship: **Charles Foreman**
Sick and Distressed: **Richard Alonso**
Vanguard: **Bobby Clakley**

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
September 7th, 2023

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

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

From the East

Greetings brethren and welcome to September, the traditional start of autumn or the harvest season.

I am sure everybody is looking forward to an enjoyable Labor Day weekend, full of friends and family, food and relaxation, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a happy and safe holiday.

We have a few things going on this month starting with our stated meeting and our District 50 DDGM RW D. Lee Kinser, Jr. making his second official visit on Thursday the 7th. Saturday the 9th is our breakfast social in the morning and our movie night in the evening. Saturday the 16th we will be conducting a pepper spray defensive training class. This event is geared towards the ladies of the Lodge and OES chapters ladies. The class is free and there will be room for thirty participants. Monday the 18th is our monthly Pipe and Cigar Night on the patio. Bring your favorite pipe or stogie and enjoy fellowship with the Lodge brothers. Thursday the 21st we will be installing a new signpost at the end of the driveway for the lodge's new sign. The post is rather weighty so any brothers that can show up for this event would be greatly appreciated. As we all know, "many hands make for light work". For more event details follow this link to the [Lodge calendar](http://onioncreeklodge220.org/?page_id=37) http://onioncreeklodge220.org/?page_id=37.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the stated meeting, especially brothers who have been away for a while, and it is my sincerest hope to have a full and lively lodge.

I will close with a few words from the Holy Bible, the place of Masonic light, "and let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season, we will reap, if we do not give up" ~ Matthew 9:37. May your harvest be plentiful brothers.

Worshipful Master Richard Alonso

From the South

As I was trying to decide what to write, I took a look at the duties of the Junior Warden of the Lodge. One of my duties that I am tasked with is being the Lawyer of the Lodge. I decided that the best way to perform this task was to offer a reading from the 2023 Law book. I hope that you enjoy the reading. This will be the first article in a series of three sections titled: TRIAL MASTER: DUTIES AND POWERS.

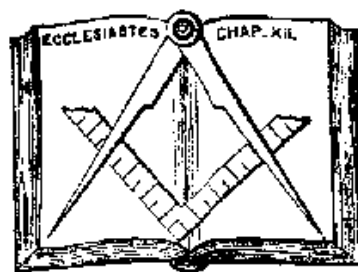
CHAPTER 6 – TITLE V TRIAL MASTER: DUTIES

AND POWERS

Art. 531. Who Shall Be Trial Master.

"It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to preside at any disciplinary procedure in his Lodge unless he is the accuser; or he may, on his own initiative, or upon the request of either the prosecution or defense, appoint the District Deputy Grand Master, or any Past Master of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, to preside thereat. The Grand Master may appoint a Trial Master, if he deems it advisable, and said appointee shall supersede the Master or his appointee as Trial Master. The necessary expenses of a Trial Master, when a non-resident, appointed by the Master or the Grand Master, shall be paid by the Lodge. The Worshipful Master should not act as prosecutor or defense counsel in a disciplinary procedure in his Lodge."

Bobby Clakley, Junior Warden



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Michael C. Owens
August 24, 2023

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, I have to tell you that it is great to see so much activity going on around the Lodge. We have been having some excellent weekly meals being prepared by the Stewards and it has been wonderful to break bread with each other and catch up with how everyone is doing. We've had some existing members start to get active again, we have several new EAs that have been learning their work, we've had several men interested in Freemasonry visiting with us, and we've had several out of jurisdiction Masons visiting with us. All that is really missing is you!

If you haven't been active in a while, I encourage you to come out for a hearty meal and some social intercourse that will fill your belly and heart. We're gonna be needing to confer some Fellowcraft Degrees soon, so if you have ever wanted to participate in a degree there is a spot for you. Like the Master mentioned, we'll be having our Breakfast Social on September 9th and this is another great opportunity for members, families, and friends to get together and socialize. If you are interested in helping work the

event, sponsoring a food item, or making a donation to support it, please step up and so. Brother Junior Deacon Jacob Carroll would be very appreciative!

I look forward to seeing you at Lodge soon!

Secretary Raul Scully, PM

Come and Take It Observance

If you're looking at the 'Come and Take It' observance in Gonzales (6-Oct / 7-Oct), the following is the schedule of Masonic events:

- 10/6/2023 6:00 PM Dinner with the GM in Gonzales, Riverside Center, 110 St. Lawrence St. Gonzales TX 78629, Dress is casual. Tickets are \$20 and hopefully should be available on GL website soon. Gonzales Lodge #30 has a food stall on the square in front of the lodge - the boudin balls are worth a try (note: roads around both squares are closed off for 'Come and Take It' weekend).
- 10/7/2023 8:00 AM Come and Take It Historical Observance. Gonzales Lodge #30, 519 St. Joseph St. Gonzales TX 78629 ▪ 8:00a Coffee and Donuts at the Lodge ▪ 8:45a Short walk to Hero's Square ▪ 9:00a Wreath Laying and Oration. DDGM attire.

Upon conclusion of the wreath laying ceremony, there will be about a dozen spots on the Lodge parade float for those that wish to ride. I recommend changing into comfortable clothes at the Lodge since you could be sitting on hay bales. Contact point for Gonzales Lodge #30 is Secretary Mike Baker (830-437-2777)

Abram Wallace, Senior Warden

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Feeding the Kitty

Brethren, for those of you that would like to "feed the kitty" electronically, there is now a PayPal QR code next to the stewards' physical kitty. Simply scan the barcode with your smart phone camera, enter in your donation amount, add a quick note for the "Stewards' Kitty" and bing, bang, boom you are on your way!

Secretary Raul Scully, PM

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), 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), Odie Eschenburg (Robert's mom), Patricia Eschenburg (Robert's sister), 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), Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Will Mingua, Edna Missildine, Michael Owens' family, Ernest Owney, Jr., Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Orlando Perez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), John Waggoner, and Tommy Wells (Jim's brother).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Richard Alonso or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of July, 6 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 142 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): Charlie Foreman with 15 hours, Barbara Guthridge with 15 hours, Richard Guthridge with 20 hours, David Karhi with 9 hours, Carl Robinson with 43 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 39 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

September Menu

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

Thank you for a fine meal!

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September Birthdays

Allan J. Tolbert III 2; Arnold J. Holden, James A. Kruger, Stephen A. Barlow, Armand C. Ablanedo 3; Billy R. Capps, Tommy R. Teykl 6; Bobby J. Doherty 7; Dale A. Rundell 12; Dennis M. Stewart 14; Ricky J. Tindell 16; Michael S. Compton, Eddie E. Daffern, Peter Seguin 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, 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; Gerald C. Carruth 63; Dennis M. Stewart 67; Stephen C. Dowell 69; Clyde J. Medlock 78; 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 04; Bradley D. French 06; Aaron K. Robertson 07; Christopher R. Gaines, 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!***