

# THE BEACON

ONION CREEK NO. 220 ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
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## **STATED MEETING NIGHT**

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023

### **Supper at 6:30pm**

Chairman: Curtis Gilgan, PM

Chicken & Dumplings - Salad - Rolls - Dessert - Iced Tea & Coffee

Lodge Members: \$10 Donation - Family, Friends & Guests: Free

### **Meeting at 7:30pm**

Master Mason's Lodge

## 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 THIS MONTH)

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!**

### Living 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  
 1997- William S. Lear  
 1998- John W. Turner  
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker

### Living Past Masters:

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, 2021 - Troy J. Shugart  
 2022 - Ernest Owney

### Living Affiliated Past Masters:

J. Roland Brown  
 J. Robert Darrell  
 Gerald T. Dawson  
 Allen W. Deaver  
 Robert Eschenburg  
 Larry Faulk  
 Reagan W. Hammett  
 Howard Kimball  
 James M. King  
 Don R. Long  
 Wes Mersiovsky  
 Jorge A. Millan  
 Byron Webster  
 James C. Wells

***From the East***

Hello, brethren, and welcome to November. It's a great time to reflect on all of your blessings. Family and friends, health and good fortune, even the setbacks in life are an opportunity to learn and grow.

I have many things to be thankful for but one of my biggest blessings is getting to be part of the Masonic fraternity with all of the awesome men I get to call my brothers. It truly has been wonderful to see so many brothers returning to Lodge in the past few months, but I know we can do better. I know that after a long absence, it can be difficult to get back into the routine of regularly attending lodge, so I would like to challenge the brethren who have been away for an extended period of time to come on back and get involved. From Stated Meetings, to degrees, to keeping the Lodge and the cemetery looking beautiful, my brothers, we need you. Together, we can keep our Lodge alive and vibrant for the next generation of Masons.

***Worshipful Master Richard Alonso***

***From the West***

Hello, all, I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the Halloween and Oktoberfest festivities. Many of us managed to get around our district and venture throughout our great state to share time with other brethren from other lodges. During the month of October, we also had a Master Mason Degree for our very own Brother Luis Martin Diaz. For those who don't know, Brother Diaz is from Peru and he has made Texas and Onion Creek his new home. Please join us in congratulating Brother Diaz as he continues his journey through Masonry and Texas History.

As we move into November, we hope to see many of you that might have not had a chance to join us in the last few weeks/months. November 2nd is our next Stated Meeting night, but please feel free to join us on Monday and Thursday each week. Many of us are at the lodge either studying with candidates, working on the lodge in several capacities or even up stairs brushing up on floor and memory work. Regardless of how long you have been gone, we would love to see you and shake your hand again.

***Abram Wallace, Senior Warden***

***From the South***

Onion Creek is alive and well, so many degrees and so much practice going on. I would like to thank the teachers for their instruction and dedication to the craft. I would also like to thank the stewards for the awesome meals that are provided to the brothers. The Lodge would also like to recognize Mrs. Judy Alonso for her continuing effort in making our dining hall look and feel so inviting by seasonally decorating the dinner tables.

We are planning the annual fundraising raffle that will be held on February 1st, 2024. Several donations have already been received and they are awesome and more are on the

way. If you would like to donate an item, please contact me at 512-775-8804.

This is the last installment of CHAPTER 6 TITLE V TRIAL MASTER DUTIES AND POWERS.

#### CHAPTER 6 TITLE V TRIAL MASTER DUTIES AND POWERS

Art. 533. Matters Determined by Trial Master.

The Trial Master shall pass on all motions to amend or dismiss any allegation or specification; on the regularity or sufficiency of the service of citation and copies of the allegations, and the return thereon; on the regularity and legality of the taking of depositions, and of motions to quash the whole, or any part thereof; and on all questions of the materiality and admissibility of testimony. He may allow or refuse amendments of the pleadings after announcement of ready for disciplinary procedure has been made by both the prosecution and the accused. He shall control the number of arguments to be made by each side, and shall divide the time thereof equally; but the prosecution shall open and close the argument.

No appeal shall be taken from his decision to the Disciplinary Procedure Commission, or the Lodge; but he shall be responsible to the Grand Lodge for any abuse of his powers. When a Trial Master is appointed, he shall be vested with all the prerogatives, powers and functions usually exercised by the Worshipful Master, or by Civil Magistrates in the disciplinary procedure of causes, except he shall not have power to inflict punishment for disobedience to his orders, but may cause allegations to be filed against any member who acts in a disorderly or disrespectful manner in the presence of the Disciplinary Procedure Commission, or refuses to obey the lawful orders of the Trial Master, in the conduct of the disciplinary procedure.

***Bobby Clakley, Senior Warden***

#### ***SAMC Hospital Volunteers***

During the month of September, 6 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 157 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 21 hours, Barbara Guthridge with 15 hours, Richard Guthridge with 21 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with 46 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 47 hours.

***Thank you folks for a job well done!***

#### ***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, Ernest Owney, Jr., Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Orlando Perez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Elfie Vasquez (Robert Eschenburg's mother-in-law), John Waggoner, and the family of 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*



**2023-2024  
LODGE OFFICERS**



Worshipful Master: Rick Alonso  
 Senior Warden: Abram Wallace  
 Junior Warden: Bobby D. Clakley  
 Treasurer: Curtis A. Gilgan, PM  
 Secretary: Raul J. Scully, PM  
 Chaplain: William L. Lewis, PM  
 Senior Deacon: Mike Barefield  
 Junior Deacon: Jacob A. Carroll  
 Senior Steward: Isaac E. Carroll  
 Junior Steward: Robert Eschenburg, PM  
 Marsall: Dennis J. Ross, PM  
 Master of Ceremonies: Jeff J. Carroll, PM  
 Musician: Ernest Owney, PM  
 Tiler: Ricardo Avila, Jr.



**2023-2024  
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Activities: Bobby Clakley  
 Arbitration: Abram Wallace  
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 Beacon Editor: David Karhi  
 Breakfast Socials: Jacob Carroll  
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Golden Trowel: Ernest Owney, PM  
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 Library: Christopher Dawson, PM  
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 Photography: Ricardo Avila Jr.  
 Past Master'S Night: Ernest Owney, PM  
 Raffle: David Hoke  
 Scholarships: Charles Foreman  
 Sick And Distressed: Richard Alonso  
 Vanguard: Bobby Clakley