

THE BEACON

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

Thursday, March 7th, 2024

Supper at 6:30pm

Chicken Pasta - Green Beans - Salad - Cookies

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

Meeting at 7:30pm

Master Mason's Lodge

DDGM Visitation from RW Garrett Moxley

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Michael E. Sanders 1; Ronnie W. Moreau 2; Charles R. Caudill, J. Roland Brown 3; Roy L. Hamor, Jr. 4; John E. Altis, Keith W. Caron 6; Troy J. Shugart 11; Walter H. Argall, Ferril C. Smith, Jonathan D. Walker, James C. Wells 13; Willis C. Woods 14; Charles P. Foreman 17; Omar V. Greene III, Richard N. Benoit 18; James M. King 19; Johnny S. Turner 20; Gary A. Crain 21; Stanley A. Penner 24; James L. Younger 28; Robert E. Allen, Michael J. Brode 29; William B. Tamminga, James E. Sterling 30; Fransisco Reyes, Sr. 31.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS (RAISED THIS MONTH)

Ronnie W. Moreau 63; Clifford C. Cody 66; Dennie J. Jackson 67; Jeffrey L. Wilbur 74; Alan L. Karotkin 76; Armand C. Ablanado, John C. Wood 79; Joe D. Beaver 83; Charles A. Snoddy, Omar V. Green III, Jimmy L. Preece, Billy R. Seguin 86; Terry D. Phillips 87; Stanley A. Mitchusson 88; William R. Harrison 90; Paul D. Pennybacker 93; Randall J. Storm, Michael J. Brode, Michael W. Carter 94; Jeffrey L. Dotterer 95; Jason S. Lyde 97; Dale L. Flatt 02; Jonathan L. Ramirez 07; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 09; Wilfredo Vera 14.

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

Living Past Masters:

1969- Tommie J. Conner
 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

Living Past Masters:

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
 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

Greetings, Brethren, and happy March to you all. If the weather isn't suiting you, give it a minute.

We had a great turnout for Fantastic Teeth Launch Party and all kits have been delivered to all of the different schools on the list. The school principals and nurses send their heartfelt thanks! The Sweethearts Luncheon was a lot of fun and the Pipe and Cigar Night very well attended. It really is a great feeling seeing a lodge full of brothers. Many thanks and kudos to the brothers that participated in the Cemetery Brush Clean-up, it was overdue and went a long way to making it look beautiful and peaceful again.

We will be receiving our DDGM on his official visit during our stated meeting. If you have been away for a while, it would be a great opportunity to come back and catch up! We are also raising a brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 14th. Come join us in making it a memorable event in this brother's life.

Some of the other activities this month include Breakfast Social on Saturday the 2nd, our stated meeting on Thursday the 7th, Movie Night on Saturday the 9th, Pipe and Cigar Night on the Patio on Monday the 18th (bring your favorite pipe or stogie and enjoy fellowship with the Lodge brothers), and Active Shooter, Situational Awareness, and Lodge Safety Training on Friday the 29th. For more event details, follow this link to the [LODGE CALENDAR](#). For more information on events in District 50, follow this link to the [50th DISTRICT CALENDAR](#).

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone at the stated meeting, especially brothers who have been away for a while. Lets fill up all those seats in the lodge room. May you all enjoy a happy Lent full of blessing.

Richard Alonso, Worshipful Master

From the South

Wishing you well from the South my brothers. Our 2023 charity fundraising Raffle was a huge success again this year, and we want to thank our donors who contributed significant items to the event, to the brothers that sold tickets, and especially to everyone for buying the tickets. The raffle generated enough funds to award several scholarships to deserving high school students on their way to college. The raffle committee members consist of the following Brothers: David Hoke (Chair), David Tide Williams, and Bobby Clakley. A special thank you goes to Rick Alonso (WM), and Robert Eschenburg for assisting the raffle committee in selling tickets. If you ever need a fundraising team, you would be hard pressed to find a better group of men to beat the bushes and make the event a success. The brothers of Onion Creek Lodge can rest easy knowing that all their efforts do make a difference to someone, and we leave our little part of the world a better place to be when we get involved.

Brothers, as you know, our social environment continues to deteriorate around us so fast that we as individuals struggle to keep ourselves and families safe from harm. The simple truth is that safety is everyone's responsibility. To that end, Onion Creek Lodge has created a safety committee team that will work in conjunction with our members to create and maintain appropriate protocols that we hope will add another level of protection to our members and guests.

The committee has developed this short-term list of safety measures that we are working towards incorporating into the lodge protection plan.

1. Lodge perimeter security cameras with real time monitoring.
2. Additional perimeter lighting.
3. Front door security while Lodge is in session.
4. Active Shooter training- March 29 @7:00pm
5. Pepper Spray (OC) training TBD

Safe travels my brothers.

Bobby Clakley, Junior Warden

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of January, 4 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 99 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): Barbara Guthridge with 25 hours, Richard Guthridge with 31 hours, Carl Robinson with 21 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 22 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: James L. Brown'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), Forest & Doris Cruse, Patricia Eschenburg (Robert's sister), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, 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 Owey, Jr., Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Orlando Perez, Ralph Rosenberg's family (Jacob Carroll's wife's grandfather), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Dennis Stewart, and John Waggoner.

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

Called to the Celestial Lodge James L. Brown

Heavenly Father, our Brother has left this world to answer the roll call in the Celestial Lodge above. He leaves behind family and friends who loved him dearly and I pray that you will comfort them with love and peace during this difficult time.

Amen, So Mote It Be.





**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
 Audit: Bobby Clakley
 Beacon Editor: David Karhi
 Breakfast Socials: Jacob Carroll
 Building: Mike Barefield
 By-Laws, Policies: J. Robert Darrell, PM
 Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
 Communications: Abram Wallace
 Fantastic Teeth: Dennis Ross, PM
 Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
 Fraternal Assistance: Richard Alonso
 Funeral: Richard Alonso

Golden Trowel: Ernest Owney, PM
 Grand Lodge Business: Curtis Gilgan, PM
 Hospital: Carl H. Robinson Sr.
 Library: Christopher Dawson, PM
 Lodge Education: Mike Barefield
 Members In Arrears: Abram Wallace
 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