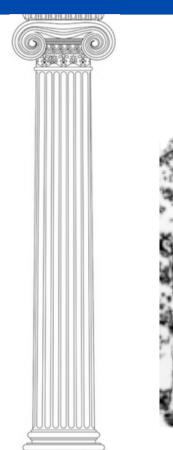
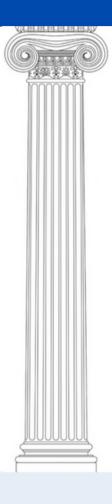
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STATED MEETING NIGHT

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. Ablanedo, 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:

I. 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 Owney, 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



2023-2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Musician: Ernest Owney, PM Tiler: Ricardo Avila, Jr.

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

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Raffle: David Hoke

Scholarships: Charles Foreman Sick And Distressed: Richard Alonso

Vanguard: Bobby Clakley