

THE BEACON

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

Thursday, April 4th, 2024

Supper at 6:30pm

Chairman: Christopher Dawson, PM

Pulled Pork Sandwiches - Sausage - Charro Beans - Cole Slaw - Salad - Apple
Cobbler

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

Meeting at 7:30pm

Master Mason's Lodge

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Luis M. Ramirez 1; John C. Preece, Andrew W. James 2; Wilbert H. Else, Marion P. Kerr 4; Gerald C. Carruth, William L. Hatten, David "Tide" Williams 8; Franklin E. Merica III 9; Joe D. Beaver 10; Hamilton B. Carter 11; Lawrence I. Falk, Jamie S. Marlow 14; James K. Miller 15; Jesus P. Velazquez 16; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 17; Benjamin B. Rauschke 18; James W. Dobbs, Joe S. Park 20; Isaac E. Carroll, James E. Meeks III 24; Frank C. Hankins 26

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS (RAISED THIS MONTH)

Donald W. Dickerson 57; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 59; Raymond D. Hannah, Ladare V. Benoit 62; Rodney H. Lewis, Donn C. Winner 65; Wayne E. Moore 66; David J. Faria 78; Daniel P. Vasquez 80; James W. Fouts 86; David C. Kestner, Joe L. Ruiz 87; Robert F. Simo 88; William S. Lear 92; Thomas S. Estes 03; Omar Chavez 07; Christopher R. Dawson 10; Larry L. Haney 12.

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 April to you all. Spring is officially here. It is traditionally a time of rebirth and renewal whether it be in nature or for the individual, physical or spiritual. Don't forget to take a moment or two to get out enjoy the weather and recharge the soul.

We had a great turn out at the Alamo Observance! Most Worshipful Grand Master Tommy Chapman delivered an inspirational message at both the Alamo and at the Grand Mater's conference. A hearty congratulations goes out to our newest Master Mason, Brother Scott Christopher Jellison, and to the degree team that did such an impressive job raising Brother Jellison to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Active Shooter, Situational Awareness, and Lodge Safety Training was well attended and was a wealth of information.

Some of the activities this month at the lodge include our stated meeting on Thursday the 4th (as National Tartan Day is on the 6th, any brother that wishes to wear their kilt at stated is welcome to do so). A lodge workday is scheduled for Saturday the 6th to clean up the lodge and lodge grounds. A Pepper Spray Training class will be held on Saturday morning on the 13th and Movie Night will be that same evening. Pipe and Cigar Night on the Patio will be on Monday the 15th (bring your favorite pipe or stogie and enjoy fellowship with the lodge brothers). And Tejas Grotto will have their stated meeting on Saturday the 27th. For more event details follow this link to the [LODGE CALENDAR](#).

The District 50 MWSA Meeting will be hosted at University #1190 on Thursday the 25th. any brothers that wish to attend are encouraged to do so. 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. Let's fill up all those seats in the lodge room. May the spring season bring rejuvenation to your soul and may you have a happy and peaceful Easter full of blessings.

Richard Alonso, Worshipful Master

From the South

Greetings from the south, Brothers, I hope all is well with you. As you know, the Lodge has formed a safety committee and I wanted to keep you up to date on our progress. The Lodge, based on research conducted by the committee, has bought a video and motion security system that will be installed soon.

The front door of the lodge has been secured with a brace and an audible alarm that will alert us if someone tries to enter the building while we are upstairs. The committee is securing sufficient lighting for the parking area and elsewhere about the lodge grounds.

This is an ongoing program that will improve everyone's safety and security to the best of our ability. Your safety is our number one priority.

Always remember, situational awareness is key to your personal safety and requires you to stay mentally alert, pay attention to your physical surroundings, be aware of the people around you, always stay safety conscious, and always pay attention to your instincts.

If you have any questions, other concerns, or suggestions regarding what the safety committee has and will be working on, please let me know. I would also like to thank Brother Robert Eschenburg, PM for cutting the grass and making the lodge grounds safe and presentable to the public.

In other news, on Saturday, April 6th at 10am, we will be installing steel barriers and a concrete pad around the lodge sign at the main entrance to prevent damage to the sign from a vehicle accident. If you are able, we would like to have you join us in this venture.

As always, I hope to see you at the lodge for fellowship and a delicious meal.

Bobby Clakley, Junior Warden

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of February, 5 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 119 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 4 hours, Barbara Guthridge with 14 hours, Richard Guthridge with 27 hours, Carl Robinson with 47 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 30 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's family, Forest Cruse, Eugene Eschenburg's family (Robert's uncle), Patricia Eschenburg (Robert's sister), Lauren Gilgan (Curtis' wife), 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, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Dennis Stewart, John Turner's family, Sara Turner, and John Waggoner.

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
 Audit: Bobby Clakley
 Beacon Editor: David Karhi
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 Building: Mike Barefield
 By-Laws, Policies: J. Robert Darrell, PM
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 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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 Scholarships: Charles Foreman
 Sick And Distressed: Richard Alonso
 Vanguard: Bobby Clakley