

# THE BEACON

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

Thursday, October 3rd, 2024

**Supper at 6:30pm**

Chairman: Tom Estes

Pulled Pork - Cole Slaw - Beans - Dessert

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

**Meeting at 7:30pm**

Master Mason's Lodge

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Albert J. Stowell 1; Christopher R. Dawson 2; Ricardo Avila, Jr. 3; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 4; Gerald T. Dawson 6; Bobby J. Tiner, John H. Schlueter II 7; Charles W. Pickering, Kenneth J. Polk 8; Harrell E. McCaslin, Jr. 10; Don R. Long 11; Ronnie H. Lee, David M. Prescott, Robert F. Simo, Randy A. Martin 13; Maxie E. Brune 16; Ladare V. Benoit 19; Donn E. Hile 22; Aric W. B. Besselievre, Paul D. Pennybacker 23; Tyler G. Lane 26; Juan A. Rivera, Jr. 29; Donn C. Winner 30.

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

## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS (RAISED THIS MONTH)

Tommie J. Conner 59; John W. Jackson II 61; Roy L. Hamor, Jr., Ralph D. Morren 63; William B. Farr, Don R. Long 68; Gary A. Crain 72; Kendell Holcomb 73; James L. Younger 83; Michael L. Poe 85; James B. Harris, John N. McFarling 88; Scott A. Freng 91; James K. Miller 93; Todd A. Reynolds 94; Jason P. Harrell 95; Jesus P. Velazquez 05; T. David Hoke 07; Isaac E. Carroll 21; Luis M. Diaz 23.

**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  
 2006- Russell M. Tidwell II

### Living Past Masters:

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  
 2023- Richard Alonso

### Living Affiliated Past Masters:

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

***From the East***

Hello everyone and welcome to another Texas fall season. September brought us some fruitful events and great times and I can't wait to see what the remaining months have in store for us. I'm more than happy to see how the lodge has started to have so many visitors and so many activities taking place. During September we had an Entered Apprentice Degree, a Fellowcrafts Degree and we had the pleasure of raising another brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Congratulations to the brothers and their advancement within the Craft. Those Degrees were fun to have but it was even more fun seeing the excitement of everyone taking part within each degree. If you are interested in participating within the degrees, please feel free to come and help out. We would love to have you participate.

On September 14th, Onion Creek hosted a Breakfast Social that I wish everyone could have attended. I've been to many social events in the past few years and this one must be one for the books. Everything was not only freshly made but it was made to order. From the eggs being fried or scrambled, the bacon being sizzled, the fresh hashbrowns being neatly placed on the flat top to the shrimp and grits being sauteed, it was amazing! I would like to take a moment and recognize Brothers Ernest Owney, PM; Chris Dawson, PM; Bobby Clakley and Nick Crawford, a hard-working team that made this event something to remember. It was orchestrated in a manner this will give future events something to strive for. Thank you for your hard work and care that the Lodge and members have needed for some time.

Speaking of events, a few Brothers have decided to add a twist to the current Pipe and Cigar Night that was started by Brother Dawson, PM a few years back. We currently have Pipe and Cigar Night on the third Monday of each month. It takes place on the back porch of the lodge and we usually sit around and chew the proverbial fat about current issues, daily activities and anything that just might be brought up by anyone. For the past (2) months we have added steaks to our night's activities. Each Brother is responsible for the purchase of said steaks and cigars and if you would like to be a part of the Steak / Pipe and Cigar Night, let us know. Our very own Senior Warden has taken the initiative for this event and is willing to purchase the steaks "Ribeye" for everyone. A \$25 donation will get you a steak, baked potato, salad, shrimp cocktail and desert. To ensure the logistics of this event is done in a timely manner we are asking your donations and RSVP to be made at least a week prior.

Also, on October 26th, Onion Creek Lodge will be hosting a Trunk or Treat. Fliers will be sent out soon and if you are wanting to assist with this please contact Bobby Clakley. Thank you for all the volunteers that have already made themselves available. We are hoping to see many kids from the surrounding area and schools.

***Worshipful Master Abram Wallace***

***From the West***

My Brothers, I hope that you had a great September. This past month, the brothers attending Lodge on Monday and Thursday evenings have had an issue with a gentleman stating that he is a Mason but he is not able to successfully prove this claim to our satisfaction. When he was asked to depart the building, he refused to leave. (This resulted in him receiving a Criminal Trespass charge). Austin Police Department had to respond and remove this person on three occasions.

Brothers, we live in dangerous and uncertain times. Please take steps to know your surroundings, what is happening around you and always keep your head on a swivel. Sometimes, we forget to think about these three basic activities of self-protection in our everyday life and that makes us dangerously oblivious as we carry on throughout the day.

With his permission, below is an email from Brother Bill Morgan, New Braunfels Lodge #1109, that I feel needs to be shared with you.

**As Violence Grows, Churches Turn to Security Groups**

“We absolutely are seeing more animosity towards faith-based organizations” the founder of one faith-based security company says.

Brothers,

There is a trend of people wanting to attack Masonic Lodges or Masons. The trend also seems to follow the escalation of conflict in Israel. Brothers, you know how we are tied to that aspect, so I need not say more. Please continue to be aware of your surroundings while at the Lodge. Challenge every new person that walks through our doors. You can do that respectfully, but you must do it. Please do not wait for someone to step up. Greet the visitor and determine their intent as soon as possible.

Brother Morgan  
Security Chairman

***Senior Warden Bobby Clakley***

***SAMC Hospital Volunteers***

During the month of August, 4 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 96 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 19 hours, Richard Guthridge with 18 hours, Carl Robinson with 40 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 19 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: Mike Barefield, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Carol Camarillo (John's step mom), John Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (John's father), Billy Capps, Forest Cruse, Patricia Eschenburg (Robert's sister), Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Don & Johnnie Long, Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Ernest Owney, Jr., Orlando Perez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Dennis Stewart, Sara Turner, and John Waggoner's family.

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



**2024-2025  
LODGE OFFICERS**



**Worshipful Master:** Abram Wallace  
**Senior Warden:** Bobby D. Clakley  
**Junior Warden:** Christopher R. Dawson, PM  
**Treasurer:** Curtis A. Gilgan, PM  
**Secretary:** Raul J. Scully, PM  
**Chaplain:** William L. Lewis, PM  
**Senior Deacon:** David "Tide" Williams, PM  
**Junior Deacon:** Ernest Owney, PM  
**Senior Steward:** Robert N. Crawford  
**Junior Steward:** Luis M. Diaz  
**Marshall:** Dennis J. Ross, PM  
**Master of Ceremonies:** Jeff J. Carroll, PM  
**Tiler:** Richard Alonso, PM



**2024-2025  
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Activities:** Bobby Clakley  
**Arbitration:** Abram Wallace  
**Audit:** Christopher Dawson, PM  
**Beacon Editor:** David Karhi  
**Breakfast Socials:** Ernest Owney, PM  
**Building:** David "Tide" Williams, PM  
**By-Laws, Policies:** Bobby Clakley  
**Cemetery:** Dale Flatt, PM  
**Communications:** Christopher Dawson, PM  
**Community Builder:** Dennis Ross, PM  
**Fantastic Teeth:** Dennis Ross, PM  
**Finance:** Curtis Gilgan, PM  
**Fraternal Assistance:** Abram Wallace

**Funeral:** Abram Wallace  
**Golden Trowel:** Richard Alonso, PM  
**Grand Lodge Business:** Curtis Gilgan, PM  
**Lodge Education:** David "Tide" Williams, PM  
**Lodge Safety:** Bobby Clakley  
**Members In Arrears:** Bobby Clakley  
**Past Master's Night:** Abram Wallace  
**Pleasant Hill Elementary Assistance:** Ernest Owney, PM  
**Raffle:** Bobby Clakley  
**Scholarships:** Dennis Ross, PM  
**Sick And Distressed:** Abram Wallace  
**Vanguard:** Christopher Dawson, PM