

# THE BEACON

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

Thursday, November 7th, 2024

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

Chairman: The Gilgan Family

Loaded Baked Potato Soup - Salad - Pudding w/ Fixings - Iced Tea

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; Joe L. Ruiz 4; Patrick L. Williams 6; Dwane R. Ideker 8; David C. Kestner, Skylar J. L. King 10; Robert N. Crawford, Russell M. Tidwell, II 11; James B. Harris 13; Tony F. Bassi, Walter E. Boyd, Wesley L. Mersiovsky 14; Robert G. Utter 15; Daniel E. Barber 21; William L. Lewis, Jr., Dennis J. Sanders 28.

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

## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS (RAISED THIS MONTH)

John E. Altis 65; 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  
 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 Owey  
 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***

October was a busy month and I want to thank everyone that had a chance to participate and take part in all the activities. From the Come and Take It Ceremony in Gonzalez to the Trunk or Treat event that took place at Pleasant Hill Elementary and the Forum and Exams that took place at OCL. We had great representation from OCL at the Come and Take It ceremony and great fellowship afterwards.

I would like to take a moment and thank our Senior Warden Bobby Clakley for putting together a great Trunk or Treat event that took place at Onion Creek Lodge on the 26th. Events like this aren't the easiest thing to conduct/orchestrate and I for one think he did a great job. We had many volunteers help with parking cars and handing out candy and even more inside the building with making hot dogs, helping with decorating and assisting OES in the cake walk. Thank you all for your help. I would also like to thank our ladies from OES that set up the Cake Walk and ran it during the night. We had so many families that couldn't stop talking about the great work you did to include the happiness you gave to the kids that won a prize. I can't wait to see what next year brings us.

SS Bro. Crawford, thank you for your direct support for the Forum and Exams, the same day as the Trunk or Treat mind you. We had at least 28 in attendance from the district and surrounding area. For all in attendance, thank you all for giving your time and effort to the Craft. Without your constant work and effort so much knowledge could be lost.

On October 28th, we had an MWSA meeting at Austin Lodge #12 and we had a chance to meet a few of the candidates that have made themselves available for Grand Secretary and the Grand South. We had a great meal, great agenda and the education moment will be a hard one to follow up with. For the Board, thank you for putting in the work and having a great meeting. Speaking of the MWSA Board, I wanted to take a moment and thank Bro. Eschenburg for his time as MWSA Secretary. Thank you for sharing your time, effort and brotherly love. The work that you have given to the district and the MWSA will be sadly missed.

Looking forward, I think November will be another great month for the lodge and families. We have a few degrees to get ready for, a little TLC given to the lodge building and cemetery and a great Thanksgiving to get ready for. In preparations for Veterans Day, we will be placing flags at the cemetery on November 9th at 0900, 9 am for you non-military types. If you have not had a chance to read the emails sent from Bro. Secretary "This Week at Onion Creek", we have started a Steaks and Stogies night. On the 3rd Monday of each month, we usually have Pipes and Cigar night on the back porch. We would normally talk about the day's events, what we have planned for the future and from time to time, a few of the old war horses tell stories of their time in the military. All in all we still do the same thing but we have added a great meal to the event. If you would

like to take part, please make a \$25 donation to our SW Bobby Clakley for the cost of a great steak, baked potato, shrimp, salad and desert. Money needs to be collected no later than 1 week prior to the event. Please contact Bro. SW if you have any questions.

*Worshipful Master Abram Wallace*

### ***From the South***

Happy November Brethren!

I'm hoping as I type this that we've finally gotten some rain and cooler weather after an unusually hot and dry October. There is relief in our forecast, but the weather in Austin can certainly be fickle. Please remember to conserve water as best you can since our lakes and reservoirs are in dire need of recharging from rain!

This month we will be hosting a Bingo Brunch on Saturday, November 16th, from 11am to 1pm. Members, families, and friends are invited to attend – plus, we'll also be playing some Bingo. Players will obviously be competing for winner's bragging rights, but there will also be some prizes. The Brunch menu will include charcuterie (meats, cheeses, fruits, breads), Belgian waffles, a veggie tray, and a little (maybe a lot) of chocolate - we'll also be serving coffee, juice, and iced tea. Setups and mixers will be available for those who are interested in BYOB Mimosas, Bloody Marys, and Micheladas. A \$10 donation upon entry will be very much appreciated, too!

If you would like to assist by providing a monetary donation, prizes or gift baskets for the winners, or want to help facilitate the game or serve food, please let me know!

On November 1st, 1923, the Cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial was laid. Alexandria Lodge No. 22 was opened, and a parade followed with 22 marching bands and over 10k Freemasons. The parade was led by a U.S. Army cavalry group, a company of infantry, two platoons of engineers, a company of U.S. Marines, the Marine Corps Band, and 500 Navy Sailors.

In attendance of the ceremony were 15k Freemasons and spectators who included President Calvin Coolidge, Chief Justice Howard Taft, Virginia Gov. E. Lee Trinkle, and Masonic dignitaries from all over the United States, Puerto Rico, and around the world. The cornerstone was lifted by chain and pulley, where a sealed box containing items from Grand Lodges all over the Globe was placed under it. The silver trowel used by Bro. Washington at the cornerstone ceremony for the U.S. Capitol in 1973 was used to spread the cement on the Memorial's cornerstone. Corn, Wine, and Oil were then presented and followed by an invocation:

“May the All Bounteous Author of Nature Bless the inhabitants of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection

and completion of this building; protect the workmen against every accident and long preserve the structure from decay...”

Read more about the ceremony by [CLICKING HERE](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful November and are able to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday with family and/or friends. Be sure to reach out to a brother if travel or other events cause you to be away during the holiday!

*Junior Warden Christopher Dawson*

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

During the month of September, 4 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 103 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 16 hours, Richard Guthridge with 14 hours, Carl Robinson with 50 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 24 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