

# THE BEACON

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## **STATED MEETING NIGHT**

Thursday, April 3rd, 2025

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

Chairman: Christopher Dawson, PM

Pasta - Salad - Garlic Bread - Dessert

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  
 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  
 James C. Wells

***From the East***

Hello everyone. March has us getting ready for many great things happening for the year. We have scholarships to give away to many deserving students, recognition for our community builder and we will also recognize a Mason for his many contributions. This is the part of the year I enjoy the most.

During the month of March, we had the pleasure of Raising a new Master Mason. This one I think is one for the record books. We all talk about the day we became a Master Mason and how it has influenced our everyday life, but this one was a little more special for our Lodge. Brother Thistlethwaite had the honor of having his father assist in the ceremony. This family has a lengthy lineage that can go back at least three generations and the apron that was passed down from father to son proves it. I believe that everyone that attended this degree will carry this memory for a long time. Again, Congratulations Brothers Thistlethwaite and thank you for sharing this day with all of us.

Now that we have a new Texas Spring arriving, we would love to see everyone come to the lodge and say hello. If you are like me and your knees hate the cold, now is a great time to get them moving. We are still here every Monday and Thursday. We usually have a meal at 6:30 and get into our work at 7:15-7:30. We are constantly working on our ceremonies, open and closing and always working with candidates. If you wish to come and take part, please come see us, daylight savings is on your side.

Before I let you go, I would like to ask for everyone's help with our communication and user Information. It's the sign of the times brethren and we have moved a lot of our communication to the digital world. That being said, we could use your help with registration into grand view. We have your names but many of us have moved, changed our phone numbers and even our email addresses. If I could please get your help and go to <https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/> and either register or update your information in the "Member Portal". Believe it or not, you can even place one of your updated pictures of yourself. It takes a few moments and it helps more than you think. If for some reason you're having issues with getting on line, come and see us at the lodge on either Monday or Thursday and we will help you get back on track.

***Abram Wallace, Worshipful Master***

***SAMC Hospital Volunteers***

During the month of February, 3 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 58 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): Richard Guthridge with 4 hours, Carl Robinson with 30 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 25 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: Billy Capps, Forest Cruse, Odie Eschenburg (Robert's mom), Patricia Eschenburg (Robert's sister), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Don & Johnnie Long, Nathan Lowski (Curtis Gilgan's friend), 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), and Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother).

***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