

August, 2010

Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220

The Beacon

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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Summertime and the living is easy....

Dog Days of August

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Stated Meeting 1st Thursday

August 5th, 2010

Brotherhood Meal at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Arthur D. Pedersen PM

June 27th, 2010



From the Incoming Worshipful Master

(continued from July)...

...I will be asking Past Masters of our lodge to join an advisory committee, as I would prefer not to re-invent the wheel when dealing with matters of the lodge. If a Past Master successfully performed a task I need to know about it. I also think very highly of failures; every failure has a giant tag attached to it – a lesson. I will listen diligently to both Past Master successes and failures. I am sure I will have some of both during my year. Finally, I plan on having two EA lodges for every one MM lodge for our stated meetings. For example, for two stated meetings we will open an EA lodge and conduct business. On the third month we will open a MM lodge and conduct business. The next two months we will again open two EA lodges, and so forth. In total, our stated meetings will consist of opening 8 EA lodges and 3 to 4 MM lodges for my year. I decided on this after witnessing the eye opening wonder I saw on the faces of two EA's that attended our April stated meeting. We opened an EA lodge for that meeting and had about three EA's attend. They whispered to each other as we conducted the business of the lodge. I saw them wondering what was happening when we voted on a brother wanting to demit. I am sure Past Masters will read this and think that I will probably not complete all the things I wish to do. I may not. However, these are the things I have been thinking about for awhile, with some of the ideas written through the years in the back cover of my Monitor. Things that Terry Russell, Aubrey Dawson, Dick Frazer, Gene Sanders, Mike Sanders, and many other brothers have told me over the years. All I plan on doing is giving it a good try.

Tony Ramirez, Worshipful Master

From the West...

If you have not been to lodge for awhile, your new 2010-11 officers invite you to come back again. No matter how long it has been or what your reason is, we need and want you back at your lodge; no organization can survive without its members. The following article was on Blanco Lodge 216's website and the author certainly makes his point. Please read it and then ask yourself "am I supporting my lodge?" The Masonic Lodge Funeral – Does Your Lodge Need To Do the Same Thing?

A new Worshipful Master in a small Georgia town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first lodge meeting. The following Thursday, the Lodge was all but empty. Accordingly, the WM placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that because the lodge was dead, it was their duty to give it a decent burial. The funeral was scheduled for the following Monday afternoon.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the altar, they saw a closed coffin smothered in flowers. After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his brethren to come forward to pay their final respects to their dead Masonic lodge.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead lodge," all the brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at just the right angle, was a large mirror.

My brothers, remember the obligation we all took - please attend, participate, and support your lodge.

Dennis Ross, Senior Warden



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From the South...

Since my initiation into Freemasonry several years ago, I have learned a great deal. I value the friendship and mentorship I have received from my brothers at our lodge. As Freemasons, we are taught to assess a man for his internal qualities; I value this lesson more than any other. Through discussions over the last several years, I have learned my interaction with the men in our fraternity has improved me in ways no other organization has ever done. I have lived in many places and known a few great men, but I have never been a member of an association where the concentration of great men has been higher.

My daily dealings at work and school have taught me that the lodge is my place of refuge, a place where I do not have to be on guard against deception and personal agendas. When I walk through the doors of the lodge, I know I can relax and enjoy the evening because I am in the company of great men. We, and men like us, are the reason this nation will endure.

As I begin my year as Junior Warden, I want to thank each of you for the things you do to make my work in the lodge an enjoyable experience. I am truly grateful to you, the men of Onion Creek Lodge #220 and your families, and I am at your service. Please contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Adrian Edmundson, Junior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk

A word, syllable, letter, or character; grunts, drums, print; pony express, electronics. You recognize this string as elements of communication. It is central to all we do as humans, and civilization is helpless without it. Your lodge uses print and electronics to keep you informed; the Beacon, telephone, email, and our website all play a part. The August Beacon features articles from your principal lodge officers and the new editor, Chris Dawson; Max Fisher continues his anecdotes in the larger, colorful online edition.

The process of collecting information, preparing it, and delivering it to you is continuous, as are the efforts of those involved. In this first issue since installation of the 2010-11 officers, you get a glimpse of their feelings about themselves, their new positions, and their goals for the year. If you share your feelings with your Beacon staff, you may see them in a future "Letters to the Editor" column.

Onion Creek Masonic Lodge, like most organizations, is dynamic. As members are called to the Celestial Lodge or lost for other reasons, newcomers take their place and contribute their time and talents to the fabric of the lodge. Talented people who were not Masons just a few years ago are now conferring degrees and teaching. If you have not been to lodge recently, we invite you to come and share an evening with us; we believe you will be pleased with what you see. **Roland Brown, Secretary**

From the Editor's Chair...

I first petitioned to receive the degrees of Freemasonry just over a year ago and wasn't really sure what I was getting myself into. Since then, I have experienced much; I've participated in rituals that pre-date our great country and have read of the exceptional men who helped shape it. I have talked with old friends and found out that we are also brothers in Masonry. I've had the pleasure of seeing close friends and family go through the degrees and have helped them with their work. Additionally, I am forming lasting friendships with some of my new Brethren.

When I started my work on the monthly Beacon, I didn't know if it would be something that I would like to do or if I would be able to follow the example set by Bro. Max Fisher. I simply wanted to help make a contribution to our lodge. As it turns out, it is something that I enjoy putting together and Bro. Max has given me his blessing to continue the work. I'm happy to help relieve the burden of some brothers while helping to improve lodge communication. With Max continuing to offer his historical knowledge and working his magic with the online Beacon, I believe future issues of the Beacon will be special. We are discussing further changes to the Beacon's layout, what we communicate, and when and how often the Beacon will be delivered. Our hope is to efficiently and economically provide as much information as possible. As time passes, I will work with Max, Roland, and Tony to brainstorm and identify the best changes. It's a great new project for me and I'm positive that it can only improve the way we communicate as Brethren.

Chris Dawson, Editor and Musician



Ill, Recovering, and Shut-in Brethren and Family Members

Please remember the following people in your prayers, as they are or have been ill, are recovering from medical procedures, or have limited mobility: Cathy (Chris) Preece, Carl Shaw, Dolores Mayberry, Max Ehrlich, Alan Karotkin, Gene Richardson, Dick Frazer, Roger Gaby, Cecil Goodwin, Janet (Jay) Lee, Johnnie (Don) Long, Sue (J. C.), Morton, Kenneth Patton, Tom Richardson, and Philip Sughrue.

If any brother knows of others who should be on this list, please contact Chaplain John Turner at 512-659-5031 or 512-303-7272.

August Birthdays

(1) Charles W. Hampton, Michael L. Poe; (2) Marvin H. Kelly, Henry Trevino; (3rd) Robert A. Carnes, David W. Hassinger; (4th) William L. Schultz, Joseph M. Hurtado; (5th) Raymond M. Williams; (7th) Richard S. Schlueter, David M. Harnden; (8th) Darrell W. Boyd, Gordon V. Powell, Jr.; (9th) Lawrence F. Crooke, Jr., John O. Adams; (10th) John W. Wahl; (11th) Victor E. Chandler, Larry A. Overall; (12th) Wayne V. Frye, David C. Allen; (13th) Everett R. Moore, Donal L. Haire, Arthur N. Wagner, William S. Haire, Leon D. Ross; (14th), Dennis L. Warner, Paul D. Seeman; (17th) Donald R. Komm, Albert A. Mehlhaff; (18th) William A. Panick, Greg Watkins; (20th) James L. Hargrove, Terry L. Sharp, Jerry W. Wranischar; (21st) Bob V. Oakes, Dennie J. Jackson; (22nd) Bobby O. Brown, Charles E. Gray, Jr., James E. Lanford, Jr.; (24th) John J. Brassil; (25th) William B. Farr, Robert E. Dvorsky; (27th) Stephen C. Dowell, Raul J. Scully; (28th) L. Bruce Roberson; (29th) James D. Berry, Samuel E. Taylor, Sr.; (31st) David H. Lewis.

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

August

American Artist Appreciation Month
Catfish Month Golf Month Inventers Month
1st Week is National Clown Week
2nd is Apple Week also Elvis Week and smile week
3rd is air conditioning appreciation week and dance week
1st sunday in August is American Family Day
Aug 1 is Francis Scott Key's birthday 1779
Aug 1 is Swiss National Day 1291
Aug 2 signing of the Declaration of Independence
Aug 3rd Columbus set sail 1492
National Watermelon Day
Aug 4th is Coast Guard Day
Aug 8 is Dollar Day US Dollar was created
Aug 10 is beginning of Ramadan
Aug 12 1981 IBM PC announced
Aug 13 is International Left-handers day
Aug 17 1786 was David Crockett's Birthday
Aug 18 The Wizard of Oz premiered in 1939
Aug 25 is Banana Split Day
Aug 28 MLK "I have a Dream" speech 1963
Aug 30 Marshmallow Day

Masonic Birthdays Raised in August of (year)

Herman W. Smith (49), Don R. Cowley (53), Will A. Beatty (55), Sidney L. Ellis (59), William H. Cox (60), John W. Wahl (64), Trollis J. Morris (65), Robert C. Williams (66), Joseph E. Simpson (67), Louis C. Martin (69), Willis C. Woods and Rodney W. Angell (70), John W. Turner (73), Leslie A. Wood, Jr. (77), Jerry T. Jarmon (79), Walter H. Argall (81), Ronnie H. Lee and Eddie E. Daffern (82), Elbert I. Franks, John E. Potts, and David H. Lewis (86), Kenneth R. Smith and Robin B. Shannon (87), Kenneth P. Wood (90), Bradley J. Hardin (92), James M. Collins (93), Richard A. Jordan, Jr. (96), Rodney E. Lay (97), Bobby G. LeDoux, Johnny S. Turner, Reagan L. Dunkin, and Henry Trevino (99), Roger J. Gaby (00), Albert J. Stowell (01), Daniel E. Barber (02), Paul D. Seeman (03), Casey Johle (06), Todd A. English and Raul J. Scully (08).

And the Lord said, "Let there be light",
...and there was light!"

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During June, 16 Masons, wives, and friends worked 39 individual shifts for a total of nearly 167 hours. The leader of the pack was Ron Moreau with 3 shifts for 27 hours, followed by Max Fisher with 6 shifts totaling 23 hours. Next came Linda Boyd with 5 shifts for 22 hours; Bart Tuthill was next with 4 shifts for 17 hours, and Roland Brown was there for 5 shifts and 16 hours. Carl and Jeanine Robinson with 4 shifts totaled nearly 13 hours. Daniel Andrade was next with 4 shifts for 11 hours; friend of the lodge Norm Hayes worked 3 shifts for 8 hours. Walter Boyd worked 2 shifts for over 6 hours; Bobby Tiner was next with 2 shifts and nearly 6 hours, followed by Glen Broddrick, Dwane Ideker, Ken Loveless, and Ricky Tindell at about 3 hours each. To become a part of this very worthwhile community service, call Bart Tuthill at 512-745-2680 or Ricky Tindell at 512-247-4742.

2010 August Food Committee

Co-chairmen: Roland Brown and Ricky Tindell
Members: Charles Allen, Shane Currier, Brad French, Dale Flatt, Frank Garza, Cecil Goodwin, Paul Hinchliffe, Jimmy Hodges, James Malone, Terry Phillips, Alvis Richardson, David Rosenbaum, and Greg Watkins.

Menu: Spaghetti with home-made spaghetti sauce, including a vegetarian version; salad, garlic bread, iced tea, coffee, water, and dessert.

Islam Ramadan August 10th

About 21% of the world's population practices Islam; therefore, to help OCL Brothers better understand the religion this brief collection of information and pictures is submitted.

In 2010 Ramadan will begin on August 10th. Ramadan is a lunar holiday and the 9th Month of the Islamic Year. During Ramadan the Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. The Angel Gabriel brought a golden tablet which became the essence of the Quran. One of the five pillars of faith requires Saum (fasting) from the new moon during the daylight hours... fasting is to teach self-discipline and prepares Muslims for the suffering they may have to face in the course of obeying Allah. In the evening the fast is broken with Iftar, while the meal before morning fast is Sahur. The tradition is to drink some water and eat a date just as the Prophet broke his fast.

The Five Pillars of Faith

Duties each Muslim performs to demonstrate his or her faith.

1. **Shahadah (Declaration of Faith)** *"There is no god, but Allah, and Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah."*
2. **Salat (Prayer)** pray five times a day in worship of Allah.
3. **Zakat (Almsgiving)** helping the needy.
4. **Saum (Fasting)** fast during the month of Ramadan from sunrise to sunset.
5. **Hajj (Pilgrimage)** a pilgrimage to Ka'aba (House of Allah) in Makkah.

Seven Core Beliefs

Belief in Allah

Belief in the angels

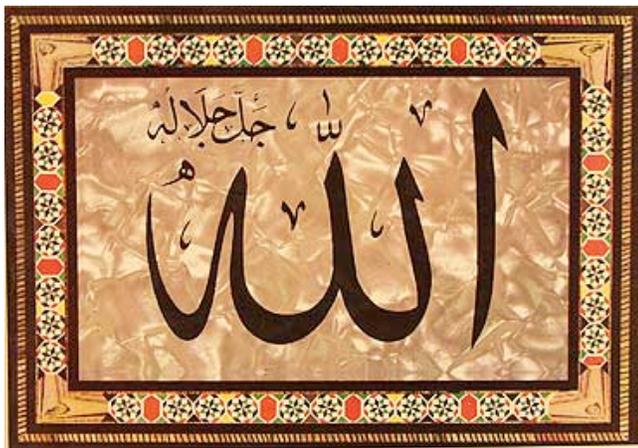
Belief in the revealed Books of Allah

Belief in Allah's many prophets

Belief in the Last Day

Belief in Allah's divine measurement of human affairs

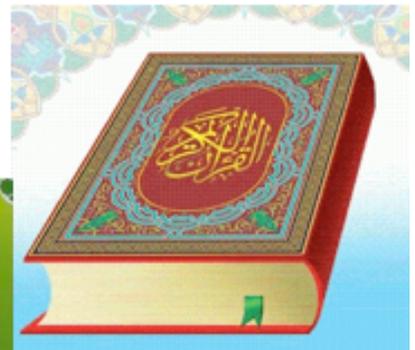
Belief in a life after death



Allah in Arabic

The Crescent

The Quran



Traditional Iftar end to fast...drink water and eat dates.

Terminology

Allah The Supreme Being. The name of God.

Islam (Iss Jaam) "submission to the will of Allah and attaining peace"

Qur'an (Koran) "Reading or Recital" the word of God given to Muhammad by the angel Gabriel.

Surahs chapters of the Qur'an

Muhammad Prophet and founder of Islam. Born around 570 A.D., died 632 A.D.

Muslim Followers of Muhammad. It literally means one who submits to the will of Allah.

Hadith The sacred sayings of Muhammad, handed down by oral tradition and finally written down.

Arkan al Islami Pillars of Islam (decaration of faith, prayer, fasting, charity, and pilgrimage.

Arabic language spoken by Arabic peoples. The Qur'an was revealed in that tongue.

Makkah (Mecca) The birthplace of Muhammad, and the holy city of Islam.

Ka'bah The cube shaped shrine in Mecca built originally by the Prophet Abraham.

Madeena (Medina) Holy city named for Muhammad after he fled there in 622 A.D.

Hajj Pilgrimage to Mecca. One of the five pillars of the Islamic faith.

Hijrah Muhammad's flight from Mecca to Medina in 622 A.D.

Masjid (Mosque) Islamic place of worship.

Muazzin Muslim caller who announces the hour of prayer from the minaret.

Jum'ah "Gathering" Friday, the day for the congregational prayer.

Assalamu Alaykum "Peace be upon you!" Muslim greeting of peace.

Peace Be Upon Him An expression of respect and reverence to all prophets of Allah.

Ramadan The ninth and one of the most sacred months of the Muslim year. It is the month in which Holy Quran was revealed to prophet Muhammad. It is now a month of fasting.

Salat Muslim daily prayer ritual. One of the five pillars of Islam.

Sunni Largest sect of Islam which claims to follow the example of Muhammad. Leaders may have the titles of Khalifa, Ayatollah, or Mullah.

Shi'ites Muslim sect which insists that Muhammad's son-in-law 'Ali was Muhammad's rightful successor (descendants are called Imams or leaders). Iran is the only Shi'a dominated country.

Sufi A Muslim mystic and/or ascetic with esoteric, spiritual emphasis in practice of Islam.

Nikah Islamic marriage ceremony. **Walima** wedding reception after the ceremony.



Does it Mean God?

The word "Allah" is the perfect description of the "One God" of monotheism for Jews, Christians and Muslims!

Is "Allah" only for Islam and Muslims?
[No! It is for All Three Abrahamic Faiths.]

"Allah" is the same word used by Christian Arabs and Jewish Arabs in their Bible, centuries before Islam came.

On page one [1] of Genesis in the Old Testament, we find the word "Allah" seventeen [17] times.

Every hotel and motel has a Bible. Next time you see one look in the introduction, you will find samples of the different languages they have translated. For Arabic they have translated the verse in the New Testament in Arabic from the famous verse in the Gospel John 3:16 -

"For God so loved the world..."

- and the word the translators used in Arabic for "God" is the very same word used by Muslims around the planet, "Allah." Where Does the word "Allah" Come From?

"Allah" comes from the Arabic word "elah" a god' or something worshiped. - (Arabic) means '

This word (elah) can be made plural (gods), as in "aleha" and it can be male or female just as the word in English can be "goddess."

"Allah" comes from "elaha" but it brings more clarification and understanding.

Allah = Has no gender (not male and not female)

★ "He" is used only out of respect and dignity - not for gender

Allah = Always singular - Never plural

★ "We" is used only as the "Royal WE" just as in English for royalty

Allah = Means "The Only One to be Worshipped"

Janazah Funeral rites in Islam.

Ottoman Muslim dynasty that ruled the Middle East and part of Europe until 1918.

Taliban "students" Muslim militants who arose in Afghanistan in the late 1990's.

Ahl al Kitab "People of the Book" Jews and Christians

Nasara Islamic name for a Christian. Derives from name Nazareth and related to word "helper".

Yahudi Arabic term for a Jew.

From the Minnesota State University website
<http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/cultural/religion/islam/islam.html> and

Understanding Islam by Yahiya Emerick
2002 Alpha Pub.

Collected by Lodge Historian H. Max Fisher

Religion of Islam



The word Islam means "submission to God". The Holy Quran describes Islam as an Arabic word *Deen* (way of life). The followers of Islam are called Muslims. The literal meaning of Muslim is "one who surrenders" or "submits" to the will of God. In order to understand Islam, the basic portrayal of belief in Quran must be considered. According to Quran, those who submit to one God are Muslims. Aisha Y. Musa writes in his article, *Jews in the Quran: An Introduction* that, "Islam is the religion of all the prophets from Adam to Noah to Abraham to Moses, Jesus and Mohammad. (10:71-72, 84; 2:128-133; 5:110-112)." Quran also declares that all the prophets who came before Mohammad and their followers were all Muslims.

It was the birth of Prophet Mohammad in 570 A.D in the city of Makkah which brought a revolution to the entire fate of the nomadic Arabs. He became famous among the people of Makkah at a very early age because of his allegiance and reliability. He was widely known as *Al-Ameen* (honest, trustworthy.) At the age of 40, when Mohammad was meditating at Mt. Hera, he received revelations from God. The angel Gabriel said to him, "*Iqra*" which means "to read". Mohammad replied "I cannot read". Gabriel embraced and released him. Then the first five verses of God was revealed to him which said, "Recite in the name of your Lord who created! He created man, out of a (mere) cloth of congealed blood. Recite; and thy Lord is most bountiful. He who had taught by the pen, taught man what he knew not." (96:1-5)

Mohammad started proclaiming the message of believing in one God. The people who once called him "Trustworthy" and "Honest" boycotted and plotted to kill him. In 622 A.D., due to worsening living conditions and social isolation, Prophet Mohammad migrated to Medina along with his followers. This flight was known as *Hijrah* and marks the beginning of the Muslims calendar. Mohammad's message spread rapidly and the number of followers increased in Medina. During the next few years, a series of battles were fought between various tribes of Makkah and the Muslims of Medina. In 628 A.D, the Treaty of Hudaibiyah was signed between the two parties. Truce was declared for 10 years. The treaty was broken in 629 A.D by the non-Muslims of the Makkans. Mohammad moved towards Makkah with 10,000 men and the battle was won without a single bloodshed.

Mohammad died in 632 A.D , at the age of 63 in the city of Medina. Mohammad's death brought a huge catastrophe among Muslims. People could not believe that Mohammad had left them forever. Many of the followers were perplexed and distraught, and claimed him to be still living. At that time Mohammad funeral, Abu Bakr, who was the most respected of all the followers affirmed that, "O people, those of you who worshipped Mohammad, Mohammad has died. And those of you who worshipped God, God is still living."

Abu Bakr was chosen as the first *Caliph* (leader). Before his death in 634 A.D., Umar ibn ul Khattab was appointed as his successor. During the ten years of his rule, Muslims conquered 22 hundreds thousands miles of area. Mesopotamia and parts of Persia were taken from the Sassanids Empire (Iranian Dynasty), and Egypt, Palestine, Syria, North Africa, and Armenia from the Byzantine Empire. Mahatma Gandhi, in his unique style, says "Some one has said that Europeans in South Africa dread the advent Islam - Islam that civilized Spain, Islam that took the torch light to Morocco and preached to the world the Gospel of brotherhood. The Europeans of South Africa dread the Advent of Islam. They may claim equality with the white races. They may well dread it, if brotherhood is a sin. If it is equality of colored races then their dread is well founded."

From the Minnesota State University websiste <http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/cultural/religion/islam/islam.html> *Understanding Islam*,Yahiya Emerick 2002 Alpha Pub. Collected and organized by Onion Creek Lodge Historian H. Max Fisher.

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is the eighth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of seven Gregorian months with a length of 31 days. This month was originally named *Sextilis* in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, when March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 45 BC giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC it was renamed in honor of Augustus Caesar.

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