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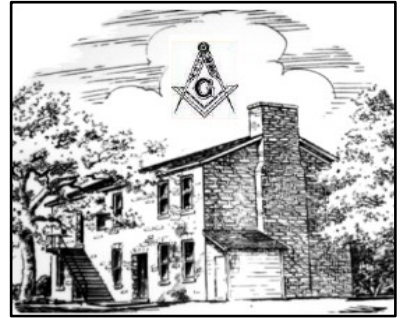
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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January 2017

Lodge Officers 2016 - 2017

WM: **Jeff J. Carroll**
 SW: **William L. Lewis**
 JW: **Chris R. Dawson**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**
 SD: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JD: **Orlando Perez**
 SS: **Ernest Owney**
 JS: **Johnny Contreras**
 Mar: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 MC: **Alan Karotkin, PM**
 Tiler: **Ken E. Loveless**

Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner
 1970- Ralph L. Cearley
 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges
 1977- Roy L. Hamor
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
 1981- Howard D. Hall
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin
 1984- Matias H. Ruiz
 1986- Jose V. Seguin
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
 1989- Dennis C. Kestner
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee
 1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
 1994- Walter H. Argall
 1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
 1996- Kenneth P. Wood
 1997- William S. Lear

Living Affiliated Past Masters

1998- John W. Turner
 1999- James F. Keese
 2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Elijio Arjona, Jr.
 2005- Hamilton B. Carter
 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



January Birthdays

Carl W. Winters, Jr. 1; Earnest C. Applegate 2; Elliott R. Wilson 6; Glenn M. Groth, Walter E. Sanders 9; William M. Bastas, James D. Hatton, Jephthe Medois, Orlin G. Williams 10; Robert F. Park, Jr. 11; Ernest Owney 13; Charles E. Ruebbling 14; Robert C. Harris 15; Lloyd M. Robertson 16; Mark B. Edwards, Aaron K. Robertson, Henry R. Tindell 18; Jason P. Harrell 19; Francisco Reyes, Jr., Carl H. Robinson, Sr. 22; Howard D. Hall, Reagan W. Hammett 24; Jason C. Shoumaker, Roberto Torres 26; Robert L. Eschenburg, James C. Morton, John W. Turner 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in January (year)

Lawrence F. Crooke Jr. 49; Bobby O. Brown 53; Leon D. Ross 53; Antonio F. Moreno 54; Darrell W. Boyd 55; Freddie F. Hite 56; Ben E. Gray 62; Kenneth R. Lind 63; Sam M. Piper Jr., Richard L. Pringle 65; James M. King 68; Hillery O. Davis, Kenneth J. Polk 69; Maxie E. Brune 72; Matias H. Ruiz 78; James E. Sterling 80; Bennie L. Hudson 83; William L. Hatten 84; Vernon W. Miears 85; Randy A. Martin 89; Michael M. Zombola 90; Charles R. Sosa 92; Richard P. Rayborn 96; Carl W. Winters 97; David C. Allen 98; James E. Greybeck 98; James A. Kruger 00; John O. Adams 01; James N. Davidson 02; Adrian W. Edmundson 04; Steve T. Murray 12; David W. Hardt, Christopher A. Preece 13.

**And God said "Let there be light,"
 and there was light!**

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 January 5th, 2017**

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

**Meal at 6:30 pm
 Meeting at 7:30 pm**

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Ill and Visitation: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**

Building: **Larry L. Haney**

Historian: **H. Max Fisher**

Beacon Editor: **David A. Karhi**

Hospital: **Carl H. Robinson**

Cemetery: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**

Funeral: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**

Finance: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**

Esoteric Instruction: **David "Tide" Williams**

Breakfast Socials: **Orlando Perez**

Greetings from the East,

Happy New Year, Brethren, families and friends!

The month of December has come and gone. I hope each of you were able to spend time with your families and enjoy the moments.

I will be visiting Hill City Lodge #456 on Tuesday, January 3rd during their stated meeting. There will be a carpool leaving Onion Creek Lodge at 5:45pm. I hope to have you attend.

Our stated meeting is Thursday, January 5th. Dinner will be at 6:30pm, provided by our January Food Committee. I plan to open the stated meeting in a Master Mason's lodge and expect to start by 7:30pm.

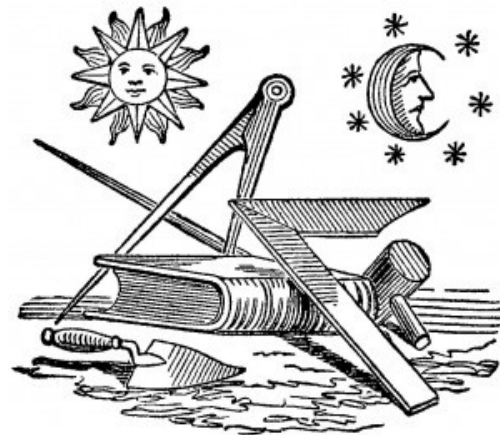
The 181st Grand Lodge Communication will be held on January 19-21 in Waco, Texas. Many Brethren will be attending along with your senior officers on behalf of Onion Creek Lodge. I look forward to voting on the resolutions as voted on by Onion Creek Lodge during our December stated meeting. As mentioned during that stated meeting, if you do plan on attending please ensure you've received your 2017 dues card.

For anyone interested in hearing what's going on in District 50, the MWSA meeting will be hosted by T. Neal Porter on Tuesday, January 24th. There will be a carpool leaving Onion Creek Lodge at 5:45pm.

Lastly, our Winter Breakfast Social has been scheduled for Saturday, January 28th. Junior Deacon Perez is soliciting help and financial support to put on our quarterly event. Please consider assisting Brother Perez if at all possible.

Happy New Year! See you at the stated meeting.

Jeff Carroll, WM



January Food Committee and Menu

This month the menu will consist of sautéed cabbage with corn beef and sausage, black eyed peas, and cornbread along with a dessert as well as assorted beverages. The folks responsible for this fine meal are: Chairman Ernest Owney, Buddy Wilson, Kenneth Smith, Mike Owens, Raul Scully, Robert Park and Bill Lewis.

Thank you Brothers for a fine meal!

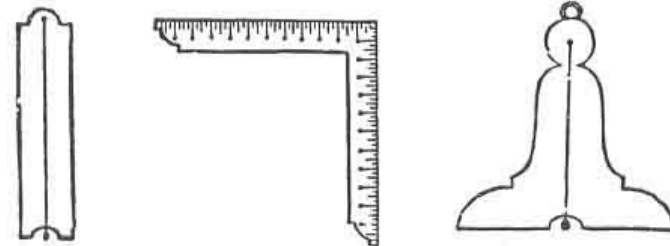
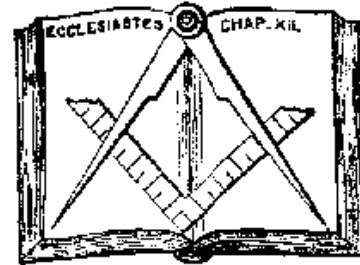
Called to the Celestial Lodge

James L. Sherrard
November 16, 2016

Jimmy L. Banks
November 29, 2016

Octavio Tripp Garza
December 05, 2016

Will A. Beatty
December 12, 2016



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From the Secretary's Desk

Happy New Year everyone! I trust you all had a merry Christmas with your families and the folks dearest to your heart. Christmas and the new year have always been my favorite times of the year because I am always with my family and the love just seems to fill the air.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to buckle down and get back to work. We will have a busy January as some of us will be attending the 181st Annual Communication in Waco on the 19th through the 21st of this month. This year we will be able to enjoy our visit in an air conditioned building!

As far as the Lodge goes, we will be voting on a couple of new petitioners. Hopefully the results will be favorable and we can get these gents started on their own Masonic journeys! We are currently working with a couple recently initiated Entered Apprentices that have proven to be quick learners, so I would say a couple of Fellowcraft degrees are in our near future as well.

I would not be fulfilling my duties as your Secretary if I didn't remind you that your 2017 dues are now past due. According to Grand Lodge Law, if you haven't paid by December 31st you are in arrears and not in good standing. Please remember that if you plan on attending Grand Lodge this year you must have a current dues card in order to gain admission. Speaking of dues, each year we have a handful of brothers who are going through financial hardships for whatever reason and could use our help in paying their dues. If you are able, please add a few dollars to your check so we may help these brothers out. Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter!

That's about all I have for now, so I will close with a very "Happy New Year" wish for all of you!

Troy Shugart, Secretary



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: RW T.K. Anthony, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Johnny Camarillo, Jim Carroll, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Charles Caudill, Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Lauren Gilgan, Reagan Hammett, George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke's aunt), Priscilla Jackson (Ernest Owney's sister), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's daughter-in-law), Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Dennis Mitchell, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Julia Rayborn (Ricky Rayborn's mother), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Douglas Vaughn Sr., PM (Chris Dawson's grandfather-in-law), and Suzanne Vera.

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Jeff Carroll or Chaplain Ben Rauschke, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of November, 11 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 134 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

The amazing folks who made this happen, in alphabetical order, are: Linda Boyd, who gave more than 16 hours of her time, Max Fisher, who volunteered for over 3 hours, Norm Hayes, who worked for more than 3 hours, Dwane Ideker, who put in about 3 hours, David Karhi, who contributed 2 hours, Larry Korts, who volunteered for 12 hours, Ben Rauschke, who gave 2 hours, Carl Robinson, who worked for 29 hours, Jeanine Robinson, who put in 27 hours, Dennis Ross, who contributed 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner, who volunteered for 29 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done