

June, 2010

Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220

Beacon

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas
16 June 1858



Happy 152nd Birthday, Onion Creek #220, June 16th, 1858

LODGE OFFICERS 2009-2010

- WM: Dale L. Flatt
- SW: Tony M. Ramirez
- JW: Dennis J. Ross
- Treas: Dennis C. Kestner, PM
- Sec: J. Roland Brown
- Chap: John W. Turner, PM
- SD: Adrian W. Edmundson
- JD: Raul J. Scully
- SS: Ben B. Rauschke
- JS: Curtis A. Gilgan
- Mar: Robert A. Clark, PM
- MC: Ricky J. Tindell, PM
- Tlr: Jephthe Medois

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Ill & Visitation

- Dale L Flatt
- John W Turner

Communications

- J Roland Brown

Building

- Curtis A Gilgan

Beacon & History

- H Max Fisher

Hospital Volunteers

- Ricky J Tindell
- Bart Tuthill

Funerals

- Don R Long
- Charles C Jennings

LIVING PAST MASTERS

- 1967- Webb Woodland
- 1969- Tommie J. Conner
- 1970- Ralph L. Cearley
- 1971- W. David Johnson
- 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges
- 1977- Roy L. Hamor
- 1978- Bobby J. Doherty
- 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
- 1981- Howard D. Hall
- 1982- Alan Karotkin
- 1984- Matias S. Ruiz
- 1985- Richard A. Frazer
- 1986- Jose V. Seguin
- 1987- Elliott R. Wilson
- 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
- 1989- Dennis 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
- 1998- John W. Turner
- 1999- James F. Keese
- 2000- Walter E. Sanders
- 2001- Jonathon D. Walker
- 2002- Robert L. Roda
- 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
- 2004- Eljijo Arjona Jr.
- 2005- Hamilton B. Carter
- 2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
- 2007- Michael E. Sanders
- 2008- Daniel E. Barber

Members Who Have Served Other Lodges as Past Masters

- Jesus Araiza
- Jimmie L. Banks
- Robert A. Clark
- Don R. Cowley
- Gerald T. Dawson
- Allen Deaver
- Carlton L. Edwards
- Elbert Franks
- O. Tripp Garza
- Cecil Goodwin
- Reagan W. Hammett
- Ronald Holton
- Bennie L. Hudson
- Gordon W. Kelso
- Jim King
- Don R. Long
- Bobby J. Norris
- Boyce V. Oakes
- Gene C. Payne
- Arthur D. Pederson
- L. Bruce Roberson
- Gene Sassman
- Otsie Stowell
- William W. Winnie III

Please note that Onion Creek Lodge brothers voted to move the June meeting date to the **2nd Thursday.**

Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday

June 10th, 2010
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm



Happy Father's Day June 20

Happy Flag Day June 14

Congratulations, Graduates



**A picture is only part of the story,
Let's plant some seeds!**

A few times this past year Brother Secretary, Roland Brown, and I have been approached via Email and phone, by descendants of our long past members who are doing genealogical research. The questions vary a bit, and sometimes they ask if we have a photo or personal information like where their great-grandfather lived, is his house still standing, or what kind of work did he do?

This got me thinking. We have photos of most of our Past Masters, but very little personal information about the general membership, other than what is on their Masonic applications. Brother Max Fisher has been diligent this year in taking photos when you visit the lodge. Until I sat in the East and started working with Roland on lodge business, I never thought about the fact we have a file on most of the brothers who have been members of our lodge.

Let's plant some seeds. I would encourage each of you reading this, and in some cases the widows of brothers already passed, to write a short story about yourself, your wife, what kind of work you did or do, and perhaps a photo of your home. Then pass it all along to Brother Roland to be placed in your file. Imagine your grandchildren or perhaps your great-grandchildren stumbling across a hand written note from you placed into a folder just for them to find long after you have gone. A little time capsule if you will... food for thought!

A traveler on the path.... Dale

Please note that Onion Creek Lodge brothers voted to move the June meeting date to the 2nd Thursday. This move was already done for December, so always remember June and December will be 2nd Thursday...all other months are 1st.

Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday

Why Father's Day?

When the idea of celebrating a day devoted to fathers first surfaced in the early 1900s, it was met with far less than exuberance, and in some cases, downright derision. Many called it a foolish or nonsensical idea, probably dreamed up to sell merchandise. The idea actually originated while a woman in Spokane, Washington was listening to a church sermon about Mother's Day in 1909. Her own father, a Civil War veteran whose wife had died in childbirth, selflessly devoted himself to raising his six children as a single parent. As an adult, she felt that fathers like hers were unappreciated and deserved some recognition for their efforts to keep their families together.

It has been felt that fathers were often figureheads (and sometimes knuckleheads), but there is also value and appreciation for the "father figure" who is generally regarded as a man who is patient, seasoned, and wise. The father figure has long been held in veneration, for example "Our Father, who art in Heaven..." In the Catholic Church, The Pope is "El Papa" in Spanish.

The idea of male bonding, whether in a fraternity like ours or as a big brother, favorite uncle, daddy, grandpop or many other names, is a desirable and usually necessary part of the human culture. Boys learn to be men from other men. Although many single-parent moms raise fine sons, the finer points of being what is generally accepted as a "man" are best learned from another man.

Being the larger of the genders, men have often been considered the protectors and defenders, although some men have used that size to abuse and brutalize women. Other men look down on such behavior and will often teach the abusers what it feels like to be abused by someone bigger. Let us all, in our various roles as sons, brothers, husbands, uncles, and fathers, be worthy of the day set aside to honor the "father figure" image of which all males should be capable.

From the Secretary's Desk - - - Roland





Onion Creek Masonic Lodge Beacon

June 2010



June Food Committee: Co-Chairmen Glenn Dyess 512-844-2842 & Bob Roda 210-679-0870
Members: Ronald Fife, Curtis Gilgan, Charles Gray, Jimmy Greybeck, Roy Hamor, Frank Hankins, Wm R Harrison, WM L Hatten, Clem Hofmann, Robert Mallett, Jorge Millan, Wayne Moore, Gene Payne, Sam Piper, Dennis Ross, Dale Rundell, Ralph Seibt, Clay Towery & Robert Williams **Menu:** Chicken Breast and Mushroom, Salad, Potatoes and a Dessert to be decided later.

If you are not a member of a food committee please join one of our groups in providing this valuable service to our brotherhood. Most of the month's groups cost about \$15 each and include big helpings of camaraderie and fellowship ...cheap at twice the price.

Onion Creek Masonic Volunteers worked 49 shifts for 174 hours in April at the South Austin Medical Center. Ron Moreau worked 5 shifts for 36 hours. Carl and Jeanine Robinson each worked 7 shifts with 21 hours each. Bart Tuthill worked 4 shifts for 17.5 hours and Daniel Andrade worked 5 shifts at 15 hours. Ken Loveless worked 12 hours while Walter Boyd, Roland Brown and Max Fisher each worked 9 hours. Others include Charlie Jennings 6.5, Bob Tiner 6, Dwayne Ideker 6, Norm Hayes 3, and Rick Tindell 3. These brothers were honored at a special dinner at Cannoli Joes for their hard work and dedication to the South Austin community.

Please contact **Bro Bart Tuthill** or **Bro Ricky Tindell** for information on becoming part of this great service group.

June Stated Meeting
2nd Thursday

Our Known Onion Creek Ill--

Please keep these brothers and their families in your prayers: Cecil Goodwin (successful knee replacement); Alan Karotkin (recovering from another shoulder surgery); Kenneth Patton (wheelchair at home); Max Ehrlich (triple bypass surgery, rehab), Jack Hurt (improving after transfusion); James Morton's wife Sue (chemo for cancer); Tom Richardson (recovering from stroke and heart attack); Dick Frazer (Lockhart home); Charles Ridenour (rest home improving); Webb Woodland (continues improving at home); better after surgery); Janet Lee (diagnosis pancreatitis); Johnnie Long (improving and using new ramp); Marvin Langley (Joe LaRocca's father-in-law; in rehab after liver tumor surgery.)

Chaplain John Turner

Special Thanks to Bill Bastas for his great photographs of missing Past Masters...Bill has been of great help in plugging the holes in the PM picture line.

We still need the following pictures: 2007 Russell Tidwell, 2005 Elijo Arjona, 2000 James Keese, 1997 Kenneth Wood, 1981 Ronald Norwood. For the Tiler's anteroom: incoming WM? Tony Ramirez and incoming JW? Adrian Edmundson



Salute to Outgoing Officers 2010



WM Dale Flatt **Onion Creek Masonic Lodge # 220 2010** **JW Dennis Ross**
SW Tony Ramirez



Onion Creek Officers 2010
WM Dale Flatt, JW Dennis Ross, Marshal Robert Clark PM, JS Curtis Gilgan
Chaplain John Turner PM, Treasurer Dennis Kestner PM, Master Ceremonies Rick Tindell PM
JD Raul Scully, SS Ben Rauschke, Tiler Jephthe Medois, Secretary Roland Brown

June Birthdays

6/1 S.D. Lawrence, Chaz Grumbles...6/2 Andres Tirado...6/3 Louis Martin, Jeffrey Dotterer...6/4 Scott Freng...6/7 Edward Weeren, John Jackson, Jeffrey Lester...6/10 Ismael Salinas Jr, Leo Morales...6/12 James Malone, Adriel Lopez...6/13 Jeff Carroll...6/14 Jorge Millan...6/15 Trollis Morris...6/16 Donald Villoni...6/17 Rodney Montfort, David Hoke...6/18 Tommy Peters, Nazario Cantu III, Stanley Mitchusson...6/19 Edgar Daugherty...6/20 James Robinson, Jeffrey Wilbur...6/21 Arthur Pedersen...6/23 Raymond Hannah...6/24 Wendell Koenig, Elbert Franks...6/26 Lonnie Logan, Tony Ramirez...6/27 Sam Piper Jr, Marvin Walters Jr...6/28 Hunter Arend...6/30 Richard Jordan Jr.

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

Masonic Birthdays --raised in June of (year)

Allen, Robert E (90) Angell, Ronald (66)
Boddy, Robert (97) Boyd, Walter (76) Cantu III,
Nazario (77) Carnes, Robert (76) Carter, Donnie
(81) Clark, Gary (64) Cole, Sherrell (66) Dyess,
Glenn (71) Ehrlich, Max (89) Forrester, Luther
(82) Gerald, Mack (80) Hargrove, James (86)
Hatton, James (71) Henderson, David (93)
Hodges, Jimmy (70) Johnson, Richard (73)
Keese, James (93) McMillan, James (99) Millan,
Jorge (06) Morton, J C (89) Mullen, Robert (89)
Nimrick, Van (92) Overall, Larry (83) Ramirez,
Tony (03) Reasoner, Kirk (90) Robbins,
Wallace (62) Robertson, Lloyd (69) Schultz,
William (55) Scott Jr, L B (63) Shaw, Carl (89)
Shoop, John (71) Tindell, Henry (98) Tindell,
Ricky (98) Tolbert, Allan (89) Zapata, Roberto
(08)

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

Saluting the Graduates for 2010

It is graduation time/commencement all over the U.S. Youngsters and adults are finishing courses of study and beginning careers and lifetimes. Congratulations to all our Onion Creek folks with graduates in house.

The University of Texas graduations come at the end of May and as always a part of Onion Creek Masonic Lodge leads the way at the beautiful ceremonies. The University uses a group of highly crafted wooden and brass staffs called maces to usher in the graduates of the various colleges. The original Texas Maces are called the Progenitors (to originate an intellectual movement) and they were carved of wood salvaged in 1932 from the Old Main Building on campus. In 1956 they first used in the graduations. According to the Cactus Yearbook for 1977, "A piece of red cedar was placed between the two to add needed depth. This piece of wood was over 100 years old and was a part of an original cedar beam in the old Onion Creek Masonic Lodge and Pleasant Hill School the oldest continuously used school in Travis County. On one face of this senior marshal mace appears a miniature of the Seal of The University of Texas while the opposite face is emblazoned with a five-pointed star." So when UT graduates are led in and out of the ceremony, Onion Creek continues to salute their educational accomplishments.

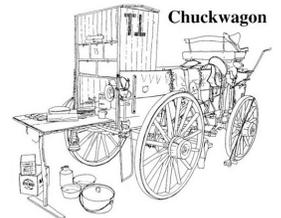


Onion Creek officers' election will be at the stated meeting on June 10th. Please attend and let the brothers who have been working and leading the lodge know they have your support.

The installation for this coming Masonic year will be at 10am July 17th, Saturday, and will include a meal served by the M bar S chuck wagon from Burton, Texas. The chuck wagon will be set up on the grounds of our lodge and will prepare the meal cooked over an open fire and authentic Dutch ovens. The chuck wagon is an original Studebaker from the 1800's. The M bar S chuck wagon and its crew are award winning cooks that compete at chuck wagon cook-offs around Texas. The crew will set up their chuck wagon bringing a little bit of old time Texas to our lodge. Bro Tony Ramirez selected a meal of chicken, beans, potato salad, and the chuck wagon crew's award winning peach cobbler for desert. Eastern Star, Austin 304 will provide drinks and a cake. Be sure and drop by. Our lodge was built in 1858; a chuck wagon set up and cooking on our grounds will take you back over a hundred years. Look over the chuck wagon, chat with the cooks, and imagine yourself at a lodge meeting in the 1800's.

Charles Goodnight invented the chuck wagon in 1866 when he and his partner Oliver Loving made preparations to take a herd of longhorn cattle from Texas to Colorado to sell. Goodnight bought an old government wagon and fitted it with a custom box that had one side sloping with shelves and drawers inside to hold food and utensils. The sloping part of the box was hinged and could be lowered to create a table or cook's work area. Cowboys called food "chuck". The box was soon called the chuck box and later the wagon itself became known as the chuck wagon. Goodnight's design was widely copied and changed little. There was usually was a cowhide stretched beneath the wagon and fastened at the corners to carry wood for cooking. A water barrel, axe, and other implements were stored in or on the chuck wagon. *Tony Ramirez SW*

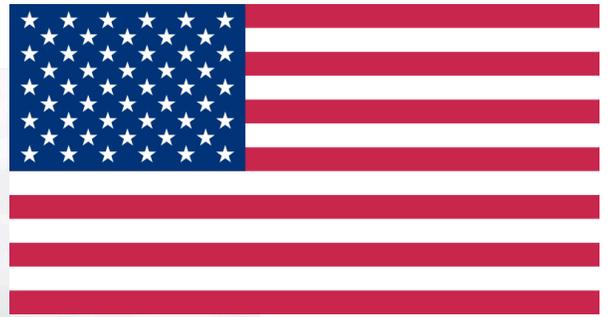
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#1864
STUDEBAKER CHUCK WAGON



Cattledrive Chuck Wagons

Happy Flag Day June 14 Onion Creek Salute

Flag Day for the United States is celebrated on June 14 in commemoration of the adoption of the flag of the United States of America which was done by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued the proclamation officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day and in August of 1949 it was established by an Act of Congress. Onion Creek Lodge has a flagpole proudly flying the U.S. and Masonic flags! Last year when H. Max Fisher learned of the possibility of a new flagpole for the Lodge, he volunteered that he and his sisters would finance the project in honor of their parents, Quentin and Irene Fisher, and would also dedicate it to the veterans of World War II. Bro Terry Russell picked the spot where the flagpole should be installed. With a location and financing arranged, former steelworker Dennis Ross worked with Onion Creek's resident builder, Jose Seguin, and developed a plan to gather the supplies and bring the project to reality. The formal raising and salute to the flags took place immediately prior to the August 6th Stated Meeting last summer, with hand salutes rendered by the veterans.



Onion Creek Lodge #220 South Austin, TX Flag Pole Project 2009
Raul Sculley, Ben Rauske, Jeff Jenkins, Roland Brown, Curtis Gilgan, David Hoke, Dale Flatt, Dennis Ross, Jose Seguin, Javier Gonzalez, Jose Chirinos, Bobby Tiner, Max Fisher...Charlie Jennings had left...
John Tolbert of San Marcos #342 took the picture.



Cake for Father's Day...

¡Gracias! Padre

Merci ! Père

Danke! Vater

Вы! Отец

谢谢! 父親

Σας ευχαριστούμε!
Πατέρας

Thank You! Father



this one matches the
Mom's Day picture
from last month



St. John's Day (Feast of St John the Baptist on June 24th)

Traditionally, people gathered in beautiful spots such as on hilltops or by rivers to feast and honor St. John the Baptist. A large bonfire and wheel hub on a post were set afire. This day is one of the most important Masonic events in the calendar year as it marks the beginning of the new Masonic Year. In ancient times, this day was an occasion to pay homage to water, fire and plants. It was also a time to cleanse one's soul as well as to celebrate the summer solstice.

Summer Solstice

is the longest day
of the year



Stonehenge

sunrise and sunset
on the Summer Solstice

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For mothers, wives and children, for home and country pride
Our flag will guard the freedom Of land and ocean wide.

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