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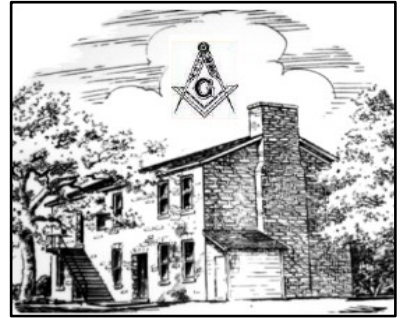
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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March 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

Jimmie L. Banks
J. Roland Brown
Don R. Cowley
Gerald T. Dawson
Allen W. Deaver
Carlton L. Edwards
Robert Eschenburg
Elbert I. Franks
Reagan W. Hammett
Bennie L. Hudson
Gordon W. Kelso
Howard Kimball
James M. King
Don R. Long
Bobby J. Norris
Boyce Oakes
Gene C. Payne
Troy J. Shugart
Bill Weathers
Roni Zulu



March Birthdays

Michael E. Sanders 1; Ronnie W. Moreau 2; Charles R. Caudill, Gregory A. Tarpley, Carlton L. Edwards, J. Roland Brown, L.J. Brister 3; Roy L. Hamor, Jr. 4; John E. Altis, Keith W. Caron 6; Glen R. Broddrick. Gene C. Payne 7; Troy J. Shugart 11; Robert C. Cowan, Walter H. Argall, Ferril C. Smith, Jonathan D. Walker, James C. Wells 13; Willis C. Woods 14; Geraldine Bailey 16; Charles P. Foreman 17; Omar V. Greene III, Richard N. Benoit 18; James M. King 19; Kenneth R. Lind 20; Gary A. Crain 21; John T. Compton, Stanley A. Penner 24; Edward A. Miller 27; James L. Younger 28; Robert E. Allen, Michael J. Brode 29; William B. Tamminga, James E. Sterling 30; Fransisco Reyes, Sr. 31.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in March (year)

James T. Harris 54; Wilbert H. Else 60; Carl R. Drost, Ronnie W. Moreau 63; L.J. Brister 65; Clifford C. Cody 66; Dennie J. Jackson 67; James L. Brown 71; Jeffrey L. Wilbur; Alan L. Karotkin 76; Armand C. Ablanado, John C. Wood 79; Joe D. Beaver 83; Charles A. Snoddy, Omar V. Green III, Jimmy L. Preece, Billy R. Seguin 86; Terry D. Phillips 87; Stanley A. Mitchusson 88; William R. Harrison 90; Paul D. Pennybacker 93; Walter E. Sanders, Randall J. Storm, Michael J. Brode, Michael W. Carter 94; Jeffrey L. Dotterer 95; Jason S. Lyde 97; Steven N. Moore, Dale L. Flatt 02; Jonathan L. Ramirez 07; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 09; Wilfredo Vera 14.

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

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
March 2nd, 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,

The Sweethearts Luncheon was held on Saturday, February 11th. We had a total of 16 beautiful ladies attend this annual event. I hope each of these ladies felt special and received a little bit of gratitude from Onion Creek brethren and myself. I hope the winners of the door prizes each enjoy spending their gift cards. I believe the movie was just background noise and Yahtzee was a hit. I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank our Senior Steward for providing such a wonderful meal and festive dining hall.

Our EA education night was scheduled on Monday, February 20th. I know some of our brethren didn't make it because they were down south helping out another lodge with their degree. Brother Junior Warden will report on the night at the March stated meeting.

I hope to report that the District #50 Fantastic Teeth Launch party was a success. As previously mentioned, this was scheduled on Thursday, February 23rd. I know all the material had arrived and Brother Secretary had sent out notices to all the lodges.

We have been notified by Right Worshipful James R. W. Medina, DDGM of Masonic District #50 that he will be visiting our lodge, and it will be our pleasure to receive him for his first official visit to Onion Creek Lodge at the March stated meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 2nd. I will be opening a Master Mason's Lodge and plan on starting by 7:30pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

The Spring Breakfast Social will be scheduled in April. Look forward to hearing from Brother Junior Deacon Perez with details.

It has been suggested that we have a Spring Family Gathering at Onion Creek Lodge with hamburgers & hotdogs, video games, and outdoor activities like horseshoes and washers. Stay tuned for more information. If you have any suggestions and or ideas, please let your officers know.

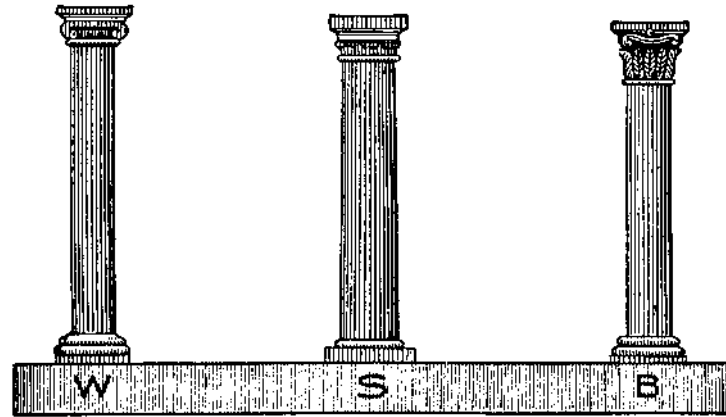
I am almost certain, with all this lovely weather, we'll be scheduling a cemetery cleanup day soon. I suspect Brother Chairman Past Master Ross will report his tentative date soon for some time in March.

Many brethren are planning on attending the Grand Master's Conference at the Alzafar Shrine in San Antonio on Saturday, March 4th. If you plan on attending, please let Brother Junior Warden know so he

can count the number of members for the lodge. This can be one of the items used to help achieve our Vanguard award. I'm sure there will be a carpool leaving that morning. Please reach out to the officers if you would like to ride along.

See you at the stated meeting.

Jeff Carroll, Worshipful Master



Food Committee and Menu

Co-chair Raul Scully informs me this month's meal will consist of barbecue chicken, sausage, potato salad and beans along with dessert as well as assorted beverages.

Other members of the March Food Committee responsible for this fine meal are, in alphabetical order: John Brassil, Chris Dawson, Howard Hall, Larry Haney, James Miller, Richard Peters, Michael Poe, David Prescott, Ben Rauschke, Raul Scully, Raymond Williams, and Jeffery Wilbur.

"Thank you" Brethren for a fine meal!

Want to save Onion Creek Lodge a few bucks?

An email to beacon@onioncreeklodge220.org will do the trick. Each "E-Beacon only" request saves the lodge about \$4.00 annually. In the subject line of the email, please put: E-BEACON. In the body of the email, please state your full name and the words "E-BEACON ONLY, PLEASE". Once we match your name to our spreadsheet, we will take your name off the print mail list!

From The Secretary's Desk

Hello everyone. As always, I hope this communication finds you in good health and spirits. This Masonic year is rapidly coming to a close and it astounds me how fast this year has passed; only 3 more months and the 2016-2017 year will be history.

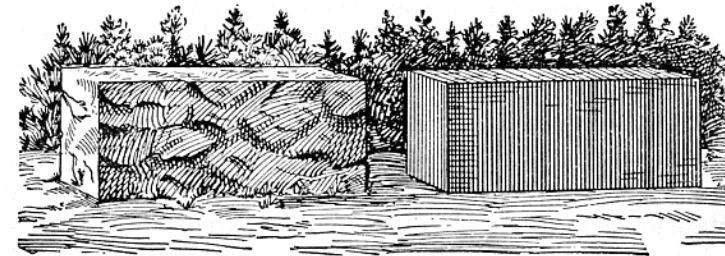
Our incoming Worshipful Master is looking for Stewards for the 2017-2018 year, so, if you are interested, please contact me and we will make it happen! The Stewards are an essential part of our lodge, and anyone should feel honored to fill either of those positions. Of course they come with a certain amount of responsibility, which helps to prepare you should you elect to continue in the line of officers.

Our Members in Arrears list is smaller this year than in previous years, but there are still around 30 brothers out there who have yet to pay their dues. Please send them as soon as you are able. If your name is on the list, you should be expecting a call from one of the committee members soon. If you receive(d) a call because I had you on the list by mistake, please accept my sincerest apology. Remember, if you need assistance for whatever reason, please contact me or discuss it with the committee member who calls you and we can work something out.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Work schedule has been distributed, so watch the weekly announcements for an opportunity to join us as we attend a few of these fun and rewarding events. It is always nice to brush up on our skills so we can continue to do things correctly. By teaching our new members and exemplifying the work correctly, it will ensure that our work will continue to be done as it has since time immemorial. Plus, it's just fun, so plan on coming along!

That's all for now, and as usual, I hope to see you in lodge real soon!

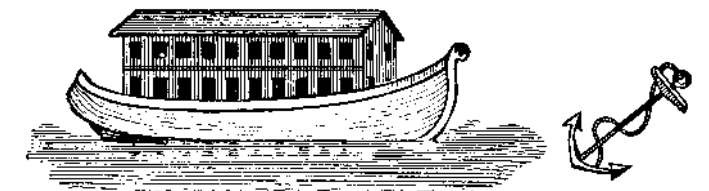
Troy Shugart, Secretary



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, Isaac Carroll, 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 January, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 144 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): Linda Boyd with 26 hours, Max Fisher with 8 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Ideker with 4 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, Larry Korts with 12 hours, Carl Robinson with 29 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 29 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 25 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!