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# THE BEACON

Onion Creek No. 220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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August 2021

### Lodge Officers 2021 - 2022

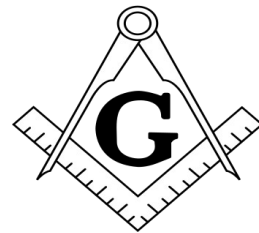
WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**  
 SW: **Ernest Owney, PM**  
 JW: **Richard Alonso**  
 Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**  
 Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**  
 SD: **Abram R. Wallace**  
 JD: **Bobby D. Clakley**  
 SS: **Mike Barefield**  
 JS: **Mike Aufdencamp**  
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**  
 MC: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**  
 Mus: **Wilfredo "JR" Vera**  
 Tiler: **Anthony T. Farmer-Guerra**

### Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner  
 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  
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson  
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon  
 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  
 2000- Walter E. Sanders  
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker

### Living Affiliated Past Masters

J. Roland Brown  
 Gerald T. Dawson  
 Allen W. Deaver  
 Carlton L. Edwards  
 Robert Eschenburg  
 Reagan W. Hammett  
 Bennie L. Hudson  
 Howard Kimball  
 James M. King  
 Don R. Long  
 Wes Mersiovsky  
 Jorge A. Millan  
 Ernest Owney  
 Troy J. Shugart  
 James C. Wells



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



### August Birthdays

Michael L. Poe 01; Marvin H. Kelly, Henry Trevino 02; Robert A. Carnes 03; Raymond M. Williams 05; David M. Harnden 07; Darrell W. Boyd, Gordon V. Powell, Jr. 08; John O. Adams, Lawrence F. Crook, Jr. 09; Julius M. Abella 10; Wayne V. Frye, David C. Allen 12; William S. Haire 13; Leon D. Ross 14; Albert A. Mehlhaff 17; George G. Watkins 18; Larry L. Haney, Terry L. Sharp, Jerry W. Wranischar 20; Dennie J. Jackson 21; Bobby O. Brown, Bobby D. Clakley 22; Charles E. Gray, Jr. 24; William B. Farr 25; Stephen C. Dowell, Raul J. Scully 27; Samuel E. Taylor, Sr. 29; David H. Lewis 31.

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!*

*May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

### Masonic Birthdays; raised in August (year)

Sidney L. Ellis 59; Robert C. Williams 66; Joseph E. Simpson 67; Louis C. Martin 69; Rodney W. Angell, Willis C. Woods 70; John W. Turner 73; Jerry T. Jarmon 79; Walter H. Argall 81; Eddie E. Daffern, Ronnie H. Lee 82; David H. Lewis 86; Kenneth R. Smith 87; Kenneth P. Wood 90; Bradley J. Hardin 92; Reagan L. Dunklin, Henry Trevino, Johnny S. Turner 99; Albert J. Stowell 01; Daniel E. Barber 02; Raul J. Scully 08; David "Tide" Williams 13; Julius M. Abella 17.

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

### Stated Meeting

**First Thursday  
 August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### Entered Apprentice Mason's Lodge

### Family Night

**Meal at 6:30 p.m.  
 Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

### Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

**Activities:** Bobby Clakley  
**Arbitration:** Ernest Owney, PM  
**Audit:** Richard Alonso  
**Beacon Editor:** David Karhi  
**Breakfast Socials:** Bobby Clakley  
**Building:** Abram Wallace  
**Cemetery:** Dale Flatt, PM  
**Communications:** Raul Scully, PM  
**Community Builder:** H. Max Fisher  
**Fantastic Teeth:** Dennis Ross, PM  
**Finance:** Curtis Gilgan, PM  
**Fraternal Assistance:** Troy Shugart, PM  
**Funeral:** Troy Shugart, PM  
**Golden Trowel:** Tide Williams, PM  
**Grand Lodge Business:** Curtis Gilgan, PM  
**Historian:** H. Max Fisher  
**Hospital:** David Karhi  
**Lodge Education:** Abram Wallace  
**Members in Arrears:** Ernest Owney, PM  
**Past Masters' Night:** Dennis Ross, PM  
**Pleasant Hill Advisory:** H. Max Fisher  
**Raffle:** David Hoke  
**Scholarship:** H. Max Fisher  
**Sick and Distressed:** Troy Shugart, PM  
**Vanguard:** Richard Alonso

## From the East

Greetings everyone. I come to you today as your new Worshipful Master for 2021-2022! I am looking forward to a fun and productive year without the burden of COVID. Because of COVID, we decided to have most of the officers hold over; due to this, I became the first back-to-back Master of the Lodge since 1902, which is kind of cool!

If you missed the Officer Installation on July 24<sup>th</sup>, you missed out. We had a great installation ceremony and a fine meal followed. I want to congratulate all the officers elected and appointed and let you all know we will be working hard together to have a successful year that will benefit our Lodge and our community.

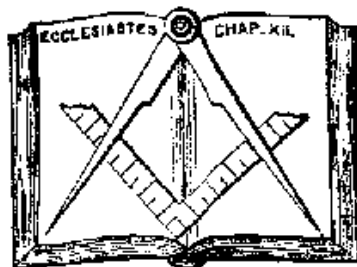
I have a lot of folks to thank for their help in making the installation successful. I will start with RW Tommy F. Chapman, PGM for being my Installing Officer, Brother George Moxley, PM of T. Neal Porter Lodge for being my Installing Officer, and Tide Williams, PM for opening the meeting and introductions.

Leading up to the meeting we had a couple of Saturdays where we worked very hard to clean up the Lodge building and grounds. Following in no particular order are all the brothers and friends who gave up their day on July 10<sup>th</sup> to manicure the grounds and building: Billy Capps, Bill Lewis, PM, Robert Eschenburg, PM, Dennis Ross, PM, Tide Williams, PM, Max Fisher, Howard Kimball, PM, Anthony Farmer, Ernest Owney, PM, Charlie Foreman, Mike Barefield, Mike Aufdenkamp, Rick Alonso, myself, one Entered Apprentice and our friend Luis Vasquez who provided a dump trailer and truck to haul off all the chippings. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, we had the following to haul off all the brush we accumulated while trimming the trees and to put the final touches in and around the Lodge building: Mike Barefield, Howard Kimball, PM, Robert Eschenburg, PM, myself, our friend Luis Vasquez and two of his nephews, Jose, and Cesar. Luis also provided his truck and trailer again as well as his equipment to mow the lawn. On Friday night before the Installation, I would like to thank the folks who set things up and prepared the dining hall and lodge room for Installation. Bill Lewis, PM, Peggy Lewis, Mike Barefield, Howard Kimball, PM, and myself. I would also like to thank our newest EA for assisting in the installation by removing all the chairs as needed. He has been doing this for installations since he was

around 14 years old! Lastly, all the folks who made the food happen! Robert Eschenburg, PM stayed up the night before smoking all the briskets and sausage, Lauren and Curtis Gilgan provided the awesome potato salad and the tablecloths, Peggy Lewis prepared the cole slaw, sliced all the onions, prepared the banana pudding, and provided the flowers for the tables, Molly Barefield provided the beautifully decorated Masonic Cake, Tracy Williams prepared the brownies and Angela Ross made the Texas cheesecake. The servers were Robert Eschenburg, PM, Max Fisher, Charlie Foreman, and one Entered Apprentice. Suzann Vera provided the guest book, Bill Lewis, PM provided the awesome engraved picture frame and the programs. I cannot thank you all enough, this wonderful celebration would not have been possible without your help. You all made this an AWESOME day for me!

I will close by saying I can't wait to get this year going. I look forward to seeing you all real soon and I love you all!

**Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master**



**Called to the  
Celestial Lodge**

**Ernest Clifford Applegate**  
July 1, 2021



## SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of June, 3 Masons contributed over 12 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

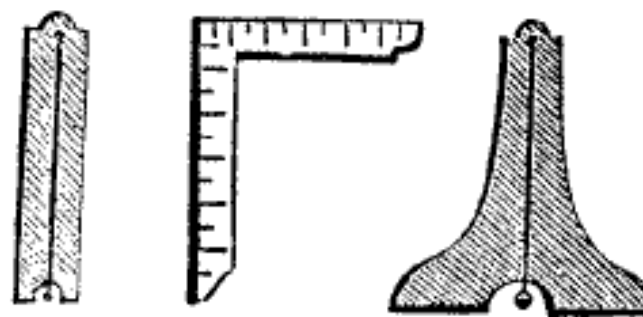
The outstanding volunteers who made this possible are (in alphabetical order): Bobby Tiner with 3 hours, Max Fisher with 3 hours, and David Karhi with 6 hours.

**Thank you folks for a job well done!**

## This Month in Masonic History

- August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1861, the Grand Lodge of Colorado was formed.
- August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1753, George Washington received his Master Mason degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.
- August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1877, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was formed.
- August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1826, William Morgan obtained a copyright for *Illustrations of Masonry, By One of the Fraternity Who Has Devoted Thirty Years to the Subject*, a book that publicly exposed the secrets of Masonic ritual. Although many similar books had been published before, this caused great excitement, and led to the "Morgan affair" and the Antimasonic Party of the 1820s and 1830s.
- August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1851, the Grand Lodge of Oregon was founded.
- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1993, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and thousands of Freemasons dedicated the Friend to Friend Masonic Monument in the cemetery in Gettysburg, commemorating acts of kindness between Freemasons who fought on opposite sides in the American Civil War.
- August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1920, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree in Marion Lodge #70 in Ohio.

**David Karhi, Editor**



## August Menu

August Food Committee Chairman Dale Flatt reports they will be serving King Ranch chicken casserole with green beans, a garden salad, watermelon, and a fruit cocktail.

**Thank you for a fine meal!**

## 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: Lina Avila (Doce's sister), Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Roland Brown, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Billy Capps, Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Ralph Cearley's family, Narayana Chandler-Finch (Brett's daughter), Sandy Combs & Ray Combs' family, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Boyce Freitag, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Jimmy Gower (RW Mike Gower's son), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Dorothy Hill & Sam Hill's family, Arnold Holden, Bennie Hudson, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Murphy Kidder (Freddie's daughter's husband), Don & Johnnie Long, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Edna Missildine, Orlando Perez, William Phillip (Bobby Clakley's sister-in-law's father), Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Angela Ross (Dennis' wife), Linda Russel, Carl & Jeanine Robinson, Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Hope Smith (John's wife), Kenneth Smith, Mike Smith (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law's husband), David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), RW Paul Underwood, Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin), Buddy Wilson, PM, and Willis Woods (Michael's father).

**If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Troy Shugart, PM or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM**

## Looking Ahead

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday we will be running through the esoteric work for all the degrees. Come join us as we help each other become more proficient in our work.

**Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master**