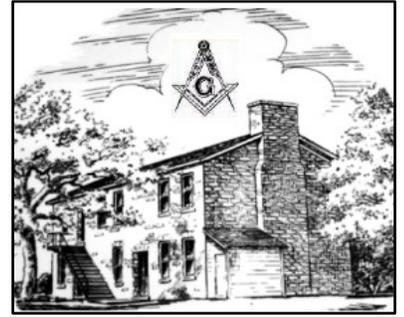


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June 2023

Onion Creek No. 220
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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Lodge Officers 2022- 2023

WM: **Ernest Owney, PM**
SW: **Richard Alonso**
JW: **Abram R. Wallace**
Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
SD: **Bobby D. Clakley**
JD: **Mike G. Barefield**
SS: **Jacob A. Carroll**
JS: **Isaac E. Carroll**
Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
MC: **Jeff J. Carroll, PM**
Mus: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
Tiler: **Dennis W. Mingua, Jr.**

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
1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
1991- Ronnie H. Lee
1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
1994- Walter H. Argall
1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
1997- William S. Lear
1998- John W. Turner
2000- Walter E. Sanders
2001- Jonathan D. Walker
2003- Ricky J. Tindell

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
2016- Jeff J. Carroll
2017- William L. Lewis
2018- Christopher R. Dawson
2019- David "Tide" Williams
2020- Troy J. Shugart
2021- Troy J. Shugart

Living Affiliated Past Masters

J. Roland Brown
J. Robert Darrell
Gerald T. Dawson
Allen W. Deaver
Robert Eschenburg
Larry Faulk
Brad French
Reagan W. Hammett
Howard Kimball
James M. King
Don R. Long
Randy Martin
Wes Mersiovsky
Jorge A. Millan
Ernest Owney
Byron Webster
James C. Wells

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Stated Meeting

Second Thursday
June 8th, 2023

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

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

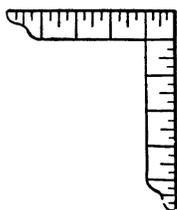
Activities: **Bobby Clakley**
Arbitration: **Richard Alonso**
Audit: **Abram Wallace**
Beacon Editor: **David Karhi**
Breakfast Socials: **Michael Barefield**
Building: **Bobby Clakley**
By-Laws, Policies: **Robert Darrell, PM**
Cemetery: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Communications: **Raul Scully, PM**
Fantastic Teeth: **Dennis Ross, PM**
Finance: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Fraternal Assistance: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Funeral: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Golden Trowel: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Grand Lodge Business: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Hospital: **David Karhi**
Library: **Christopher Dawson, PM**
Lodge Education: **Bobby Clakley**
Members in Arrears: **Richard Alonso**
Photography: **Ricardo Avila**
Past Masters' Night: **Robert Eschenburg, PM**
Raffle: **David Hoke**
Scholarship: **Charles Foreman**
Sick and Distressed: **Ernest Owney, PM**
Vanguard: **Abram Wallace**

From the East

Greetings from the East. Brethren, I hope all is well with you and your families. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Worshipful Master of Onion Creek Lodge No. 220 A.F. & A. M. for the 2022-2023 Year. I would like to take the time out to thank each of you for your support through this year. As this is my last Greeting as Worshipful Master, please join me at the June Stated Meeting as we elect the new Worshipful Master and his Officers for the 2023-2024 Year. Installation is scheduled for July 8, 2023.

Once again thanks for allowing me to serve as Worshipful Master of the best Blue Lodge any where in the world.

Ernest Owey, PM, Worshipful Master



Food Committees – Changing our Process

Happy June Brethren! Starting this next Masonic Year, we are changing how our Food Committees will operate. For those of you unaware, the Food Committees prepare the meal every month for our Stated Meetings – and have been for several years. However, as the times and membership have changed, we've seen our Monthly Committee Chairs laboring more. They have had to cover more of the food expenses, and/or have been short-handed when serving the meal. We appreciate our Food Committees, and don't want anyone to feel unnecessary pressure when caring for the Lodge.

To ensure that our Chairs don't experience undue fatigue when they prepare great meals for us, and our guests, we are creating one, yearlong Food Committee. The purpose is to have a functioning food committee made of members who can assist every month.

This new Food Committee will be populated by at least 12 members, with one member acting as the chair during the month of their choice. The chair for each month will create the menu and the rest of the members who are able will assist in meal prep and

service.

Each month's Committee Chair will pull funds from the Steward's Kitty to cover the expense of the meal. This means that **existing Committee Members should no longer send money to help with the purchase of food**. If existing members would like to continue supporting monetarily, we would happily accept donations to the lodge for our scholarships! After the Stated Meal, the Chair will reconcile the budget with the Senior Steward.

This also means that, going forward, lodge members – including Food Committee Members - who would like to enjoy the Stated Meeting Meal will contribute \$10.00 to help cover the meal's cost. Families, children, and guests will continue to enjoy a free meal. Over time, the Food Committee will be able to forecast how much money they can expect to both spend and recoup based on historical headcount. This is necessary for the Lodge, as having tighter cost control will help with the budget every year. We are also investigating how to facilitate digital transactions for the meal (Square, QR Scans, etc...), as well as cash.

Existing Committee Members & Chairs, Past Masters, and Master Masons are welcome to join and chair a month. EAs & FCs are welcome to join – as well as lodge wives! Lodge Officers may join the committee, too, but are not eligible to be the chair for any month. It's necessary for them to focus on their respective roles in the Stated Meetings. The Stewards will not be part of the Food Committee, as they will retain their traditional role by supporting the Food Committee at service, if necessary, and ensuring the kitchen is prepared for the meal.

Our New Food Committee will provide their first meal at the July 2023 Stated Meeting, to begin the new Masonic Year. If you are interested in joining the new Food Committee, please reach out to our Secretary, Raul Scully, PM. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me!

Christopher Dawson, PM

Lodge Library Update

Greetings Brethren! As of May 1, all of the remaining books gifted by Max Fisher have been moved to the Lodge. We are no longer paying for the storage unit, and have a small number of boxes to sort through before we are completely finished. The Library itself has been deep cleaned & gotten a facelift, and we

are close to begin the process of consolidating all of the books in the lodge there. If you haven't had a chance to see the progress, you should come by! As time allows, I will be adding some simple creature comforts: softer lighting, pictures, and historical mementos. If you have books that you would like to donate, the Library is accepting books pertaining to Freemasonry, historical books of Texas, the US, and World, as well as literature that is educational as much as it is entertaining. Please reach out to me if you would like to offer a donation! Likewise, if you would like to take some (I mean many) hardcover books home for your personal library, just ask!

I would like to offer a friendly reminder that the Lodge Library is not a storeroom, way station, closet, hoarder's nook, or final resting place of objects that no one wants. The Library, or Heritage Room, is a repository of knowledge, and a place for work and study. Like all areas of our beautiful lodge, we should remember to take care with it – and keep it free of unnecessary clutter.

Also, I am extending appreciations to Treas. Curtis Gilgan, PM, WM Ernest Owney, PM, SW Rick Alonso, Tide Williams, PM, Sec. Raul Scully, PM, JD Bobby Clakley, Charlie Foreman, Dave Faria, Richard Guthridge, Brett Finch, Nick Carter, and an EA, for all their help over the recent months. Each of them offered their help and helped make the burden of ten tons of books easier to manage. As with all things, anything insurmountable can be accomplished with the help and guidance of friends.

Christopher Dawson, PM

Movie Night at Onion Creek Lodge

June 10th @ 7pm

Avatar: The Way of Water

PG-13 - 2022 · Sci-fi/Action

Director: James Cameron

Staring: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver

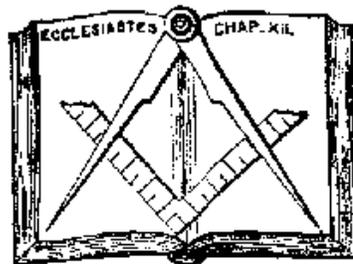
Jake Sully lives with his newfound family formed on the extrasolar moon Pandora. Once a familiar threat returns to finish what was previously started, Jake must work with Neytiri and the army of the Na'vi race to protect their home.

David "Tide" Williams, PM

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: Scott Brown (Roland's son), Carol Camarillo (John's step mom), John Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (John's father), the Camarillo-Ramos family, Billy & Evelyn Capps, Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Odie Eschenburg (Robert's mom), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan & Betty Hammett, Dorothy Hill (Sam's wife), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Don & Johnnie Long, Randy Martin, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Ernest Owney, Jr., Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Orlando Perez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), and John Waggoner.

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



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Matias H. Ruiz
April 22, 2023

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of April, 7 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 107 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): Charlie Foreman with 11 hours, Barbara Guthridge with 10 hours, Richard Guthridge with 17 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with 34 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 30 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

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June Birthdays

Todd Lewis 01; Louis C. Martin, Jeffrey L. Dotterer 03; Scott A. Freng 04; John W. Jackson II, Edward L. Weeren, Jeffrey T. Lester 07; Daniel P. Vasquez 11; Jeff J. Carroll 13; Jorge A. Millan 14; Thomas D. Hoke 17; Nazario Cantu III, Stanley A. Mitchusson 18; James R. Robinson II, Jeffrey L. Wilbur 20; Michael G. Barefield 22; Raymond D. Hannah 23; Tony M. Ramirez, Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 26; Hunter S. Arend 28.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in June (year)

Gary E. Clark 64; Sherrel D. Cole, Ronald L. Angell 66; Robert A. Carnes, Walter E. Boyd 76; Nazario Cantu III 77; Mack Gerald 80; Donnie F. Carter 81; Allan J. Tolbert III 89; Kirk W. Reasoner, Robert E. Allen 90; Henry R. Tindell, Ricky J. Tindell 98; James R. McMillan 99; Tony M. Ramirez 03; Jorge A. Millan 06; Manuel A. Hernandez 13; Lawrence I. Falk 14; John A. Contreras 15; Robert M. Mullen; Christopher T. Allgeier.

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

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