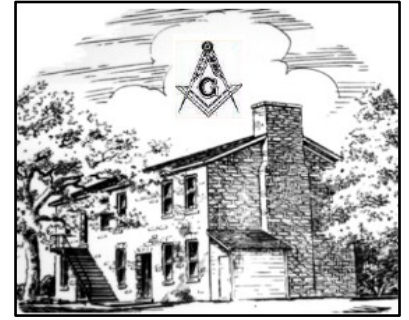


# THE BEACON

Onion Creek No. 220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858  
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## *Lodge Officers 2023- 2024*

WM: **Richard Alonso**  
 SW: **Abram R. Wallace**  
 JW: **Bobby D. Clakley**  
 Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**  
 Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**  
 SD: **Mike G. Barefield**  
 JD: **Jacob A. Carroll**  
 SS: **Isaac E. Carroll**  
 JS: **Robert D. Eschenburg, PM**  
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**  
 MC: **Jeff J. Carroll, PM**  
 Mus: **Ernest Owney, PM**  
 Tiler: **Ricardo Avila 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  
 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  
 2022- Ernest Owney

## *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**  
  
**First Thursday**  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
  
**Entered Apprentice**  
**Mason's Lodge**  
  
**Family Night**  
  
**Meal at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

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

### *From the East*

Greetings Brethren and welcome to August!

For a Mason, there is no greater honor than to be chosen by the brethren to sit in the chair of the Worshipful Master. I have been told during my journey that a good Worshipful Master is an intelligent and effective planner and communicator, and that he conducts his meetings with dispatch, dignity, and diligence. That journey could not have been accomplished without the help of the brethren and the careful and thoughtful tutelage of our Past Masters.

I have the greatest admiration and respect for the Past Masters of our Lodge, with their deep knowledge and understanding of Lodge principles and operations. The Worshipful Master sits in the East for one year, but the contributions of the Past Masters go on for many. They have effectively guided our Lodge in the past and it is my intent to continue to seek their excellent council during my time in the East. God willing, and with the assistance of the brethren, we will have a successful and productive year.

I'd like to thank and congratulate my officers for this year. I look forward to seeing each of them advance through the chairs. Learn each place and station: each chair will give you a unique insight into the Lodge. It will be an honor to continue to assist each one on their journey to the East.

Congratulations to Past Master Ernest Owney on becoming the Lodge's newest Junior Past Master. It is an honor to come up behind him and continue his good work, and I hope to make him proud.

This year, I will push to reach out to absent brothers and get them back to the Lodge, as well as for education and a strong esoteric program. I believe this effort will go a long way toward keeping our Lodge strong and vibrant. Masonry is only as strong as to what we are willing to put back into it. So, let's get to it!

*Worshipful Master Richard Alonso*

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### *Upcoming Events:*

**August 11 & 12** – 2023 OLT @ Al Amin Shrine Temple. 2001 Suntide Rd. Corpus Christi, Tx.

**August 12** – 7pm – 930pm - Onion Creek Movie Night

**August 21** – Pipe and Cigar Night

**September 4** – Lodge DARK for Labor Day weekend

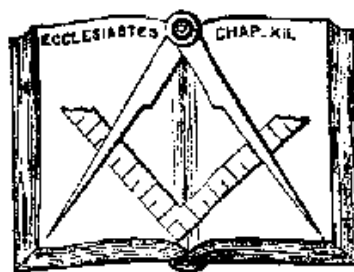
### *From the West*

Hello everyone and thank you for allowing me to serve another year as an Officer for our Beacon of Light in South Austin. There are many humbling things that have happened to me in my few short years as a Mason but I can't think of anything more humbling than being told that I'm allowed to serve in a capacity that so many great men have done in the past. Thank you for your faith in me and our line of this year's officers.

As the year presses on, we will be sure to inform you about the many things we have planned from work within the lodge, meetings throughout the state and of course visits to other lodges and Grand Lodge Functions. As we hit the ground running, we already have potential candidates asking "The Great Question", eager new officers wanting to press the envelope for more light and our ever-growing studies that take place on Monday and Thursday "Yes, every week." I know it has been said a few times in the past but.... When you have a moment, even if it's just to come and say hello, the doors of Onion Creek Lodge are always open.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve and I can't wait to shake your hand. Come see us...

*Abram Wallace, Senior Warden*



*Called to the  
Celestial Lodge*

**Walter E. "Gene"  
Sanders**  
July 24, 2023

### *From the South*

First, I would like to thank the brothers of Onion Creek Lodge No. 220 A.F. & A.M. for allowing me to serve as the Junior Warden. Secondly, I am honored to be a part of a Lodge that not only provides knowledge (Masonic and otherwise) to anyone willing to receive it, but also nurtures lasting friendships within our community and commits themselves to the craft selflessly. Thirdly, I am humbled to be following in the footsteps of some truly great Master Masons that have come this way before me.

A few lodge projects are in the works at this time: as you know, the lodge has purchased a computer and large T.V. for the lodgeroom. The computer is in use at this time and we are actively working on wall mounting for the T.V.

For the safety of the brothers and guests, several security lights have been added to the lodge parking area and an additional light is scheduled to be added to the far south east area as soon as it cools off enough to dig. All of these lights now have underground wiring.

The new Onion Creek Lodge street sign will soon be installed at the end of the drive. This will require several brothers and a few friends of the lodge to accomplish. Once in place I believe you will be proud to see it hanging nine feet above the ground.

It is my goal this year to provide you with the best service that I possibly can and keep you updated on projects that are in the works.

***Bobby Clakley, Junior Warden***

### ***From the Secretary's Desk***

Who left the oven open? Whew has it been hot!

Brethren if you have not been to Lodge in awhile, I hope you consider visiting on a Monday or Thursday night. We have several EAs working their turn-ins and several men looking to petition. Come on out and meet them! I know they would be interested to hear about your journey in Freemasonry as they get started in theirs.

A quick reminder, in case you may not have heard, our Stated Meeting Food Committee has been changed up to better support the effort. Unfortunately, the Monthly Food Committees have been suffering from lack of participation. They have all been dismissed and replaced with one food committee that will provide Stated Meeting meals throughout the Masonic year. The birds eye overview is that the committee will function with brethren that are able and willing to support the task. It will have a revolving chairman, from the pool of participants, for each month and the other members providing support. The kitty will also be placed out and it is expected that all members will make a \$10 donation, excluding family and guests.

If you would like to participate in the revised Food Committee, please let me know!

***Secretary Raul Scully, 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), Billy & Evelyn Capps, Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Odie Eschenburg (Robert's mom), Patricia Eschenburg (Robert's sister), 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), Will Mingua, Edna Missildine, Ernest Owney, Jr., Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Orlando Perez, Gene Sanders' family, 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 Richard Alonso or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM***

### ***SAMC Hospital Volunteers***

During the month of June, 6 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 142 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 15 hours, Barbara Guthridge with 15 hours, Richard Guthridge with 20 hours, David Karhi with 9 hours, Carl Robinson with 43 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 39 hours.

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

### ***August Menu***

August Food Committee Chairman Dale Flatt, PM reports they will be serving King Ranch chicken casserole with restaurant chips and salsa, garden salad, watermelon, and ice cream.

***Thank you for a fine meal!***

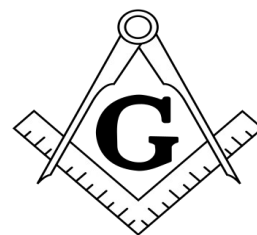
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***August Birthdays***

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; Julius M. Abella 10; David C. Allen 12; William S. Haire 13; 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; Luis M. Diaz 30; David H. Lewis 31.

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

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

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; 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; Byron G. Webster 14; Julius M. Abella 17; Richard A. Guthridge 21.

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