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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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April 2016

## Lodge Officers 2015 - 2016

WM: **Curtis A. Gilgan**  
 SW: **Jeff J. Carroll**  
 JW: **William L. Lewis**  
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**  
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart**  
 Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
 SD: **Chris R. Dawson**  
 JD: **David "Tide" Williams**  
 SS: **Orlando Perez**  
 JS: **Ernest Owney**  
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**  
 MC: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**  
 Mus: **Bobby J. Norris, 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  
 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- Eljio 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

## Living Affiliated Past Masters

Jimmie L. Banks  
 J. Roland Brown  
 Don R. Cowley  
 Gerald T. Dawson  
 Allen W. Deaver  
 Carlton L. Edwards  
 Elbert I. Franks  
 O. Tripp Garza  
 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  
 Bill Weathers  
 Roni Zulu



## April Birthdays

Jack H. Broome, Luis M. Ramirez 1; John C. Preece, Andrew W. James 2; Horace E. Puckett, Thurman R. McGinnis, Wilbert H. Else, Marion P. Kerr 4; Octavio T. Garza 5; Gerald C. Carruth, William L. Hatten, David "Tide" Williams 8; Bennie L. Hudson 9; Joe D. Beaver, Jerry F. Trammell, Earl E. Hamilton 10; Hamilton B. Carter, William D. Alman 11; John W. Byrd, James M. Collins, William W. Winnie III 13; James K. Miller 15; Gerald L. Curry, Jesus P. Velazquez 16; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 17; Benjamin B. Rauschke 18; James W. Dobbs, Joe S. Park 20; Antonio F. Moreno 22; John W. Lewis, James E. Meeks III 24; Frank C. Hankins, Thomas R. Mayfield 26; Charles L. Allen, and Carl R. Drost 27.

## Masonic Birthdays; raised in April (year)

Dewey F. Savell 43; L.A. Westling, Donald W. Dickerson 57; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 59; Raymond D. Hannah, Ladare V. Benoit 62; Ernest C. Applegate 64; Rodney H. Lewis, Donn C. Winner 65; Wayne E. Moore 66; James W. Durr 68; Atlan J. Eschberger, George W. Henry 71, David J. Faria 78; Daniel P. Vasquez 80; Dennis C. Kestner 81; James W. Fouts 86; David C. Kestner 87; Richard C. Smith, Javier R. Gonzalez, Robert F. Simo 88; Robert L. Roda 98; William S. Lear, Orlin G. Williams 92; Joe A. Pickering 96; Thomas S. Estes 03; Omar Chavez, David W. Rosenbaum, 07; Jephthe Medois 09, Christopher R. Dawson 10, Anthony G. Bolding 11; Larry L. Haney 12, Patrick L. Williams 12.

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

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

## Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

**Ill and Visitation:** **Curtis A. Gilgan**  
**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**  
**Finance:** **Curtis A. Gilgan**  
**Esoteric Instruction:** **Chris R. Dawson**  
**Breakfast Socials:** **David "Tide" Williams**

## Stated Meeting

**First Thursday**  
**April 7th, 2016**

## Master Mason's Lodge

## Family Night

**Meal at 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting at 7:30 pm**

## ***Greetings from the East,***

First of all, I apologize but there were some logistic issues that prevented a timely March Beacon; therefore, rather than wasting time and money putting out a Beacon well after our meeting, I made the decision to combine the March and April issues.

On February 13th, Onion Creek hosted a luncheon and movie for the Sweethearts and Widows of the lodge. There were roughly 20 ladies (and a dozen brothers) who enjoyed the meal, movie, and conversation.

In honor of Texas Independence day, at the March stated meeting, Max Fisher presented a program on the importance of Masonry toward Texas Independence and of its leaders who were members of our fraternity, including Stephen F. Austin, David Crockett, Juan Sequin, James Bowie, William Barrett Travis, Lorenzo De Zavala, and many others.

For Texas Independence Day 2015, the state of Texas recognized the Masons of Texas for the contributions to Texas, most especially being a key contributor to the founding of public schools in Texas. Not the least of the masons who worked towards this goal was Bro. Mirabeau Bonaparte Lamar, the 2nd president of the republic of Texas and a mason (Harmony #6), who is widely recognized by historians as the Father of Texas Education – During his administration, he convinced the legislature to set aside 3 leagues of land for each county, for the benefit of the public schools in that county. An additional 50 leagues of land were set aside for the support of two universities. The founding of the Texas State Library and the land set aside for public schools and universities laid the foundation for a Texas-wide public school system. In the last two months, Onion Creek has continued to add to that support by first hosting a very successful Fantastic Teeth Launch party for the district 50 lodges – On February 18th, a majority of the lodges and a large number of families were in attendance and had fun putting together some 35 cases of dental care kits for numerous first grade classes in our district. On behalf of the lodge, I presented and distributed the kits to our schools with the assistance of Bros. Max Fisher, Ricky Rayborn, and Dennis Ross. In addition, Dennis Ross and I presented a US Capitol flown flag to Pleasant Hill during Texas public schools week.

This month's stated meeting will be on April 7th – at the meeting, I plan on recognizing those brothers who renewed their esoteric certifications.

Looking forward, there are a few upcoming events that I would like to highlight.

By the time this newsletter is received we will likely have come together for our next cemetery work day (March 19th).

We will be working to continue the tradition of Masonic education for our lodge and our area. On March 31st, we will be hosting a LIFE program (6:30p) and on April 23rd, a full day forum (9:00a) – i.e. no exams – conducted by RW TK Anthony.

Our spring breakfast social, honoring our local law enforcement as well as our schools, will be on Saturday April 16th beginning at 8:00a – \$7 for all you can eat; kids under 12 eat for free. These breakfast socials are a great opportunity to come together as a lodge with friends, family and community. If you are interested in sponsoring food, or helping in any way, please contact Bro. Jr. Deacon, Tide Williams, or Bro. Secretary.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Edna Missildine, a faithful and special lady of our lodge, on her upcoming 90th birthday – she will be celebrating this special day with her family at the lodge on May 28th.

God bless America, God bless Texas, and God bless our gentle fraternity.

***Curtis, WM***



## ***April Food Committee and "Family Night" Menu***

Brother Ricky Rayborn is the Chairman of this month's Food Committee and he informs me will be enjoying "Uncle Bob's B-B-Q" along with all the trimmings that make Texas BBQ so good! We will also be having selected deserts and ice cream as well as assorted beverages.

The other brothers responsible for this fine meal are Billy Capps, Gerald Curry, Donald Dickerson, Omar Greene, Freddie Hite, Richard Smith, and Patrick Williams

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

## ***From The Secretary's Desk***

Hello everyone and welcome to the forth quarter of the 2015-16 Masonic Year! Has this year not flown by or what?

As we approach the end of the year and begin preparing for the installation of our next line of officers, I would encourage you to try and make it by Lodge and give these fine brothers a little pat on the back for their awesome leadership and support during this year. We have accomplished quite a bit around the Lodge this past year and if you haven't been by to see the positive changes and upgrades, well, consider this your personal invitation!

We only have three Stated Meetings left during this year and I encourage your attendance as I know they will prove to be fun and informing. These nights, with the assistance of the Food Committees, who contribute their time and money, are a huge part in making our "Family Night" a tremendous success. By having visitors and friends stop by and enjoy a nice meal with us, it adds visibility to the Lodge in and around our community and is a great way to introduce our gentle fraternity to anyone who may be interested in joining. So, if you know some one who might be interested, bring 'em on down!

Speaking of Food Committees, we are in need of volunteers in almost every month so if you are not on one please contact me and we will get you set up! Being on a Food Committee is personally rewarding and they are a vital part of our Family Night's success so please consider joining one!

I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't remind you to send in your 2016 Dues if you have not done so. We are rapidly approaching the deadline to get them in so please do so as soon as you are able. Remember, if you need assistance for any reason, contact me and we can surely work something out with the Lodge.

That is all for now and I really hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

***Troy J. 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: Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Roland Brown, Johnny Camarillo, Jim Carroll, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's Dad), Charles Caudill, Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Glenn Dyess, Max Ehrlich, Sidney Ellis, George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Bro. Rauschke's aunt), Priscilla Jackson (Ernest Owey's sister), Bruce Jones, Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Dennis Mitchell, Tom Peters, Tony Ramirez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), and Dennis Stewart.

***If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Curtis Gilgan or Chaplain Raul Scully, PM***

## ***SAMC Hospital Volunteers***

During the month of February, 14 Masons, wives, and friends contributed almost 194 hours assisting our neighbors over at ST. David's South Austin Medical Center. It appears Linda Boyd moved in for the week racking up a whopping 42 plus hours! Carl Robinson also put in nearly a whole work week with 34 hours. He was followed by Bobby Tiner and Jeanine Robinson with 30 and 27 hours respectively. Following in alphabetical order were Walter Boyd and Glen Broddrick with almost 4 hours each. Roland Brown assisted with more than 2 hours and Max Fisher helped out with over 15. Dwane Ideker volunteered over 3 hours and David Karhi almost 2. Larry Korts worked over 17 hours and Ben Rauschke almost 3.

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

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