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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 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

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

## Living Affiliated Past Masters

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



## 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; Gerald C. Carruth, William L. Hatten, David "Tide" Williams 8; Bennie L. Hudson 9; Joe D. Beaver, Jerry F. Trammell 10; Hamilton B. Carter 11; James M. Collins, William W. Winnie III 13; Lawrence I. Falk 14; James K. Miller 15; Gerald L. Curry, Jesus P. Velazquez 16; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 17; Benjamin B. Rauschke 18; James W. Dobbs 20; Antonio F. Moreno 22; 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)

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; Christopher R. Dawson 10; 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!*

## Stated Meeting

**First Thursday  
 April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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,

Spring is in the air and grass was growing. I would like to express my gratitude for all the brethren, EAs and guests that attended the Cemetery Clean Up on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. I believe only one other time did we finish by 11:30am, and this was one of those times. I would like to thank Chairman Dennis Ross, PM; Troy Shugart, PM; Charlie Foreman; Billy Caps; Bill Lewis; Max Fisher; Ernest Owney; David Faria; two Entered Apprentices and two guests. If you get the opportunity to drive by the cemetery, let one of these guys know how it looks. I think they did a great job!

The Scholarship Committee met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and reviewed all scholarship applications submitted for the Onion Creek Masonic Lodge 2017 Scholarship Awards. I would like to congratulate our recipients and encourage the lodge to attend the May stated meeting at which time we will present these scholarships. I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for their service and continued support to the lodge. *Thank You* to Chariman Max Fisher; Dennis Ross, PM; Raul Scully, PM and Duncan Copland.

The Spring Breakfast Social is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th. Brother Orlando Perez will be soliciting help in many areas to make this Breakfast Social a success. Please consider helping with your time in pre/post clean up, with Friday night prep, financially and with serving. Your help is greatly appreciated in any area you can serve. I'm sure there will be a Facebook event reminder. If you use Facebook, *Share It!* Let's get the word out. Tell your friends and families and be sure to show up yourself. See you Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>!

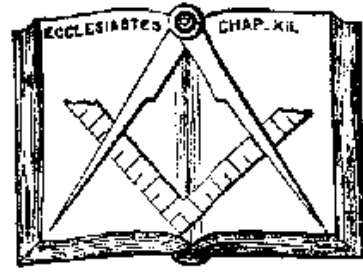
The Spring Family Gathering at Onion Creek Lodge is in the works. Brother Ernest Owney has agreed to be the chairman for the event. We are targeting a weekend in May. Stay tuned for more information. If you have any suggestions and or ideas, please let Brother Owney or myself know.

For those interested I am attending the Grand Master Conference on Saturday, April 8th in Waco, registration is at 8am and the conference begins at 9am. I can drive four additional people and will be leaving at 6:45am. Let me know if you plan on attending.

Come out and hear what's going on in District 50 at the MWSA meeting hosted by Austin #12 on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a carpool leaving Onion Creek Lodge at 5:45pm.

See you at the stated meeting.

**Jeff Carroll, Worshipful Master**



### *Called to the Celestial Lodge*

**Trollis Joe Morris**  
March 1, 2017

**Dennis James Mitchell**  
March 20, 2017

**Horace E. Puckett**  
March 22, 2017

### *April Food Committee and Menu*

Committee Chairman Ricky Rayborn informs me this month's menu will consist of "Uncle Bob's" barbeque with all the trimmings along with an assortment of desserts and beverages.

Other members of this committee who make this meal possible are, in alphabetical order: Billy Capps, Gerald Curry, Donald Dickerson, Omar Greene III, Freddie Hite, Harrell McCaslin, Stanley Mitchusson, and Patrick Williams.

*Thank you brethren for a fine meal!*



### *Want to save Onion Creek Lodge a few bucks?*

An email to [beacon@onioncreeklodge220.org](mailto: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*

Greetings everyone! I hope each and every one of you receive this note in good health and spirits. I really don't have a lot to talk about this month as I have been away from the Lodge quite a bit for business and personal reasons. It will be good to get back into the routine!

As I mentioned last month, this Masonic year is rapidly coming to a close and our incoming Master, Brother Bill Lewis, SW is still looking for a couple of brothers to fill the Stewards positions, so please consider throwing your name out there for an opportunity to be part of something special and spend some quality time with some really great Masons.

There are still 26 brothers out there who haven't paid their 2017 dues, so if you are one of them, please do so as soon as possible. If you need assistance for any reason, please don't hesitate to give me a shout out and we will find a way to help.

That's about all for now. I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

**Troy Shugart, Secretary**

### *2017 Officer Leadership Training*

Registration for the 2017 Officer Leadership Training Program is now ongoing. There are two courses (Officer Leadership 101 and Officer Leadership 201) that are open to all Master Masons. Graduating this program satisfies the requirement to complete a Grand Lodge approved course in Lodge Administration as outlined in Art., 276a No. 2.

The dates and locations for the sessions are as follows:

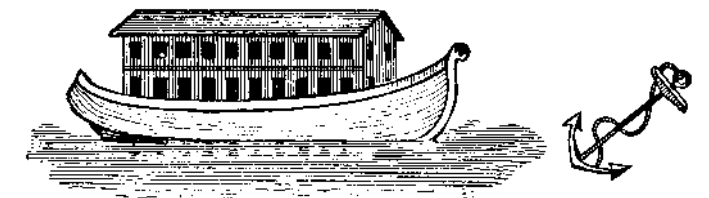
August 4-6:	Dallas
August 11-13:	Houston
August 18-20:	Waco
September 8-10:	Corpus
September 22-24:	Lubbock

The cost is \$200 per Master Mason and \$80 per Lady. That includes all program materials, supplies, and refreshments, but hotel accommodations are NOT included. If you're interested in attending, a registration form can be downloaded online at: <http://grandlodgeoftexas.org/assets/uploads/2017/03/2017-Officer-Leadership-Training-Registration.pdf>

## *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, Jim Carroll, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Gerald Curry, 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, Bertha Salinas, 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 February, 11 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 129 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 27 hours, Glen Broddrick with 3 hours, Max Fisher with 14 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Ideker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 5 hours, Larry Korts with 12 hours, Carl Robinson with 18 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 16 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 21 hours.

*Thank you folks for a job well done!*