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# THE BEACON

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 2018

## Lodge Officers 2017 - 2018

WM: **William L. Lewis**  
SW: **Christopher R. Dawson**  
JW: **David "Tide" Williams**  
Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**  
Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**  
Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
SD: **Orlando Perez**  
JD: **Ernest Owney**  
SS: **Richard Alonso**  
JS: **Jeromy W. Odom**  
Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**  
MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**  
Mus: **Wilfredo "JR" Vera**  
Tiler: **Jeff J. Carroll, PM**

## 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  
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

## Living Affiliated Past Masters

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  
2016- Jeff J. Carroll

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  
James C. Wells  
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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## Master Mason's Lodge

## Family Night

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

## Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

**Beacon Editor:** **David A. Karhi**  
**Breakfast Socials:** **Ernest Owney**  
**Building:** **David "Tide" Williams**  
**Cemetery:** **Dennis J. Ross, PM**  
**Communications:** **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
**Esoteric Instruction:** **Orlando Perez**  
**Funeral:** **Troy J. Shugart, PM**  
**Golden Trowel:** **Jeff J. Carroll, PM**  
**Historian:** **H. Max Fisher**  
**Hospital:** **Carl H. Robinson**  
**Ill and Visitation:** **William L. Lewis**  
**Social Activities:** **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
**Vanguard:** **David "Tide" Williams**

### Greetings from the East

Brethren, Spring is here. Bertie Charles Forbes, a Scottish-born American financial journalist and author who founded Forbes magazine, states, "It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn." I think we can apply this to our fraternity. Let us then, as masons, faithfully go out into the community sowing the seeds of friendship and brotherly love so that we can reap the harvest of good men and add new brothers to the fraternity.

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1901, Theodore Roosevelt, the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States (1901 – 1909), was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason during his first year in office in Matinecock Lodge No. 806 located in Oyster Bay, NY. Roosevelt's interest in the fraternity was often expressed and he visited Lodges not only in this country, but also abroad. He is often quoted by many important and influential people due to his many memorable sparks of wisdom. During the Grand Master's conferences this year, Most Worshipful Tommy F. Chapman mentions three of his quotes and how he believes they can apply to our fraternity in the context of his theme for this year, "Freemasonry: A way of life":

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

I would like to share a couple of other quotes by Brother Roosevelt that were directly about masonry:

"I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men in all walks of life to meet on common ground, where all men are equal and have one common interest."

"Masonry teaches us in this direction, and makes us care for the brethren that stumble and

fall, and for the wives and little ones of those who are beaten down in the harsh battle of life."

"It is not possible to have the ideal that I would like to have; to have, as I said, all of the best of all classes and creeds represented in Masonry in every district; but it is possible for each of us to go out into the world trying to apply in his dealings with his fellows the lessons of Masonry as they are taught in the lodge, and as they are applied in the brotherhood."

### Looking Forward

- Stated Meeting, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing the security of the Lodge
- Grand Master's conference in Waco, Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Grand Lodge

### William Lewis, Worshipful Master

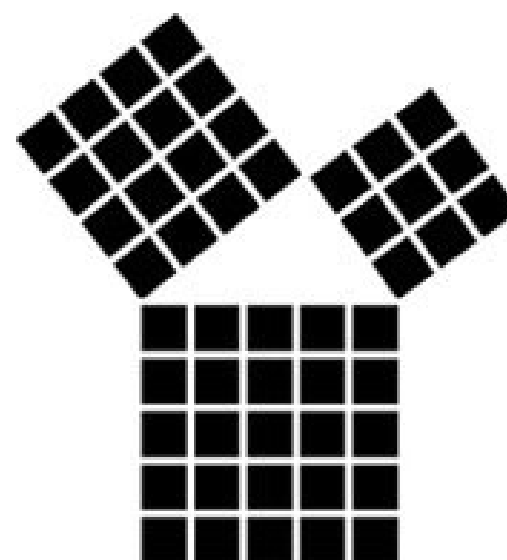


### Grand Master's Conference in Waco

The Grand Master's Conference in Waco will be held on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Grand Lodge. Registration opens at 9:00 am.

The Grand Master's Fish Fry, hosted by the Masters, Wardens & Secretaries Association of District 61, will follow after the conference. The Fish Fry will also be at the Grand Lodge and will begin at noon and run until about 2:00 pm.

Come on out and enjoy some fellowship with your brothers!



### Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote

During the month of April, the Scottish Rite Theater will be showing several performances of *Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote*, based on the original book by Duncan Tonatiuh and adapted for the stage by Susan Gayle Todd.

Pancho Rabbit meets danger at every stage of his journey to find his missing Papá, but the greatest danger of all is his untrustworthy guide. Kids will be inspired by this resonant and powerful story. Live music and imaginative scenes fill the Scottish Rite Theater stage (recommended for K-5th grade).

### Showtimes

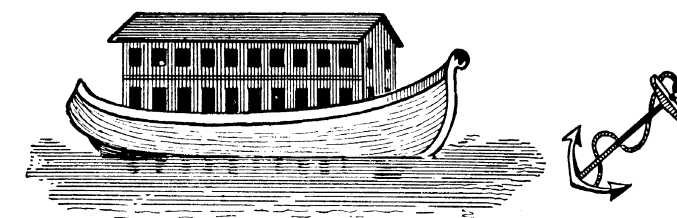
- Sat Apr 07 – 11:00 AM
- Sun Apr 08 – 11:00 AM
- Sat Apr 14 – 11:00 AM
- Sun Apr 15 – 11:00 AM
- Sat Apr 21 – 11:00 AM
- Sat Apr 21 – 12:30 PM
- Sun Apr 22 – 11:00 AM
- Sun Apr 22 – 12:30 PM
- Sat Apr 28 – 11:00 AM
- Sat Apr 28 – 12:30 PM
- Sun Apr 29 – 11:00 AM
- Sun Apr 29 – 12:30 PM

Tickets are \$8 for children under 12 and \$12 for adults and can be purchased online at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3342588>

### 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, Johnnie Camarillo, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Robert Flores (PM Blanco), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Barbara Gower (RW Mike Gower's wife), Reagan Hammett, Larry Haney, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin, Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Thurman McGinnis, Tony Moreno, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Ray Tiner and Tracy Williams (Tide's wife).

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



### SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of February, 9 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 151 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 19 hours, Max Fisher with 13 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, David Karhi with 2 hours, Larry Korts with 13 hours, Carl Robinson with 33 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 33 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 31 hours.

*Thank you folks for a job well done!*