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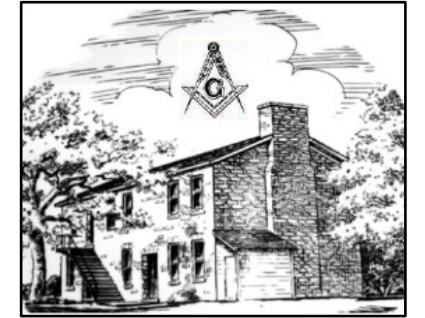
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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August 2016

Lodge Officers 2015 - 2016

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	1998- John W. Turner
1970- Ralph L. Cearley	1999- James F. Keese
1974- Jimmy M. Hodges	2000- Walter E. Sanders
1977- Roy L. Hamor	2001- Jonathan D. Walker
1978- Bobby J. Doherty	2002- Robert L. Roda
1980- Ronald B. Norwood	2003- Ricky J. Tindell
1981- Howard D. Hall	2004- Elijio Arjona, Jr.
1982- Alan L. Karotkin	2005- Hamilton B. Carter
1984- Matias H. Ruiz	2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
1986- Jose V. Seguin	2007- Michael E. Sanders
1987- Elliott R. Wilson	2008- Daniel E. Barber
1988- Jerry T. Jarmon	2009- Dale L. Flatt
1989- Dennis C. Kestner	2010- Tony M. Ramirez
1991- Ronnie H. Lee	2011- Dennis J. Ross
1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff	2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
1994- Walter H. Argall	2013- Raul J. Scully
1995- Javier R. Gonzalez	2014- Ben B. Rauschke
1996- Kenneth P. Wood	2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
1997- William S. Lear	

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
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 Roni Zulu



August Birthdays

Charles W. Hampton, Michael L. Poe 01; Marvin H. Kelly, Henry Treveno 02; Robert A. Carnes 03; Joseph M. Hurtado 04; Raymond M. Williams 05; Richard S. Schlueter, David M. Harnden, Seth R. Snyder 07; Darrell W. Boyd, Gordon V. Powell 08; Lawrence F. Crook, Jr., John O. Adams 09; Wayne V. Frye, David C. Allen 12; Arthur N. Wagner, William S. Haire 13; Leon D. Ross; Albert A. Mehlhaff 17; George G. Watkins 18; Larry L. Haney, Terry L. Sharp, Jerry W. Wranischar 20; Boyce V. Oakes, Dennie J. Jackson 21; Bobby O. Brown 22; John J. Brassil, Charles E. Gray, Jr., Melvin E. Johnson, David S. Shackelford 24; William B. Farr 25; Stephen C. Dowell, Raul J. Scully 27; Samuel E. Taylor, Sr. 29; David H. Lewis 31.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in August (year)

Will A. Beatty 55; Sidney L. Ellis 59; Trollis J. Morris 65; Robert C. Williams 66; Joseph E. Simpson 67; Louis C. Martin 69; Willis C. Woods 70; Rodney W. Angell 70; John W. Turner 73; Leslie A. Wood, Jr. 77; Jerry T. Jarmon 79; Walter H. Argall 81; Ronnie H. Lee 82; Eddie E. Daffern 82; Elbert I. Franks 86; David H. Lewis 86; Robin B. Shannon 87; Kenneth R. Smith 87; Kenneth P. Wood 90; Bradley J. Hardin 92; James M. Collins 93; Rodney E. Lay 97; Reagan L. Dunklin 99; Henry Trevino 99; Albert J. Stowell 01; Daniel E. Barber 02; Raul J. Scully 08; Seth R. Snyder 11; Jonathan R. Nunez 12; David "Tide" Williams 13; Kevin D. Barber 13.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 August 4th, 2016**

**Entered Apprentice
 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,

I would like to congratulate Onion Creek member Brother Jim Wells in his installation as Worshipful Master of Texana #123. I would also like that thank all Onion Creek Brethren that attended his installation. It was a fantastic representation of brotherly love and affection. Congratulations, Brother Wells! I pray your year is all you hope it to be.

This last month we had one EA proficiency exam and two degrees in masonry put on by our brothers of the lodge: an EA and a FC degree. Both candidates received a fantastic degree, and I would like to thank the degree teams for their dedication and service to the craft.

We had a very successful cemetery clean up on Saturday July 16th. I would like to thank Chairman PM Dennis Ross for facilitating the cemetery clean up and encouraging participation from the brethren. I would also like to thank the following Brethren for volunteering their time and energy: Brethren Bill Lewis; Chris Dawson; Troy Shugart, PM; Max Fisher; David Karhi; Billy Capps; Dennis Ross, PM; and one of our EA's. In addition, Brother David Allen provided 5 men from his crew and Brother Shugart had three of his employees show up to help. There may be other non-Masons...thank you all! I would also like that thank brother Senior Stewart Ernest Owney for having all the food ready to be cooked and delivered for lunch that day. It is a joy to see brethren and community come together to beautify the cemetery and show our respects to our fallen brethren, their widows and orphans.

Looking forward through August. There are a few breakfast socials happening; OES will have their breakfast on August 6th and Onion Creek will hold our own Summer Breakfast Social on August 20th. There are very few fundraisers that we hold and our Summer Breakfast Social is one of the few. Brother Chairman Orlando Perez has begun soliciting support. Please reach out to Brother Perez if you can assist in any way. I ask that you come out and support your lodge; breakfast will start to be served at 8am.

Our Stated Meeting will be Thursday August 4th. Dinner of course will be served at 6:30pm by our August Food Committee with the meeting following at 7:30pm. I hope to see some familiar faces and some new faces as well. Come out and see your lodge. Come out and visit your brethren. I look forward to your time and attendance.

Jeff Carroll, WM

From the Secretary's Desk

Hello everyone! We are now well into our second month under the leadership of WM Carroll and it appears we are in store for another amazing Masonic year here at Onion Creek!

Things are relatively busy at the Lodge; we recently conferred an EA Degree and a Fellowcraft Degree and will soon be conferring a Master Mason Degree. We are also helping out an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge in our district with his memory work. The camaraderie in and about the lodge never ceases to amaze me. If you're not there, you are missing out. Our Stewards are spoiling us with a meal nearly every time the doors are open so if you're hungry, come on in on any Monday or Thursday! We would love to see you!

As we progress through this Masonic year we essentially start over and there is much to be done. The WM has appointed most committee members for the various committees and progress is well underway, however, we are in dire need of volunteers for the various food committees. As a Food Committee Member, you have the privilege of coming together to feed our members and guest at the Stated Meeting and in return get to eat free at the other eleven meetings. Not a bad deal! Please consider volunteering for a Food Committee and contact me if you are interested and I will "hook you up!"

I reckon that's about it for now and as usual, I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

Troy J. Shugart, Secretary



Want to save Onion Creek Lodge a few bucks?

An email to 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!

Upcoming GLT Cornerstone Levelings

Date: August 17th. Activities @ 7:30AM, leveling @ 10AM

Lodge: Lexington #138

Location: Lexington High School 8783 N. Hwy. 77 Lexington, TX

GLT Rep: RW Walt Rogers, PGM

Date: August 18th. Activities @ 6:45AM, leveling @ 9AM

Lodge: Dayton #825

Location: Stephen F. Austin K-5 School 702 S. Cleveland St. Dayton, TX

GLT Rep: RW Tommy Chapman, GSW

Date: August 18th. Activities @ 6:45AM, leveling @ 10:30AM

Lodge: Dayton #825

Location: Richter K-5 School 2400 N. Winfree St. Dayton, TX

GLT Rep: RW Tommy Chapman, GSW

Date: August 22nd. Activities @ 7AM, leveling @ 9AM

Lodge: Milano #605

Location: Milano Jr. HS 600 N. 6th St. Milano, TX

GLT Rep: RW Walt Rogers, PGM

Date: August 30th. Activities @ 7:30AM, leveling @ 10AM

Lodge: W.J. Nixon #421

Location: Bastrop County Annex 1624 NE Loop 230 Smithville, TX

GLT Rep: MW Wendell Miller

Family Night Menu and Food Committee

Co-Chairman Dale Flatt informs me we will be having a Spaghetti dinner with meat sauce and a non meat sauce for you vegetarians out there! We will also have a garden salad as well as fruit cups for dessert along with assorted beverages.

Other members of our Lodge that have made this meal possible are Roland Brown, Keith Caron, Paul Hinchliffe, Terry Phillips, David Rosenbaum, Ricky Tindell, and Greg Watkins.

"Thank you" Brethren for a fine meal!

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, Johnny Camarillo, Jim Carroll, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Charles Caudill, Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Glenn Dyess, Max Ehrlich, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), 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), Bruce Jones, Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Dennis Mitchell, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Jane Ray (Robert's wife), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Suzanne Vera, and Wanda Stewart.

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 June, 13 Masons, wives, and friends contributed more than 143 hours of their time to assist our friends over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. It looks like our friend and brother Bobby Tiner put in nearly 30 hours with Rebecca Moreau right there with him with almost 27! Following in alphabetical order were Glen Broddrick with nearly 3 hours and Roland Brown with almost 2. Max Fisher worked nearly 4 hours and Norm Hays put in right at 6 hours. Dwane Ideker offered up nearly 4 hours of his time. David Karhi assisted our friends putting in right at 8 hours! Larry Korts gave up pert near 17 hours of his time to help out. Ben Rauschke was there for more than 2 hours and Carl Robinson for almost 23 hours. Jeanine Robinson worked 18 hours, by the way Jeanine, you look really cute in your hospital uniform! Dennis Ross gave up more than 2 hours of his time to assist.

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