

**Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220  
AF&AM  
Post Office Box 150727  
Austin, TX. 78715-0727**

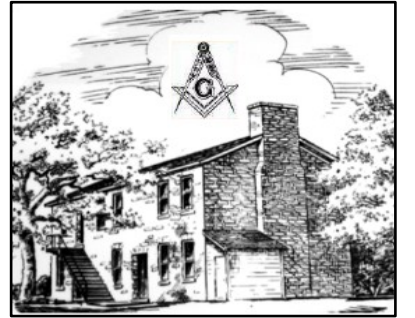
**Address Service Requested**

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Austin, Texas  
Permit No. 1477

# THE BEACON

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

Visit our website at <http://www.onioncreeklodge220.org>



August 2017

## *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	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- Elijo 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	2016- Jeff J. Carroll

## *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  
James C. Wells  
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; David M. Harnden 07; Darrell W. Boyd, Gordon V. Powell, Jr. 08; Lawrence F. Crook, Jr., John O. Adams 09; Wayne V. Frye, David C. Allen 12; Arthur N. Wagner, William S. Haire 13; Dennis L. Warner 14; 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 24; William B. Farr 25; Stephen C. Dowell, Jeromy W. Odom, 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)*

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

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

## **Stated Meeting**

**First Thursday  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

## **Master Mason's Lodge**

## **Family Night**

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

## *Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:*

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

## Greetings from the East

Hoping you and your family are having a good summer so far.

At the Open Meeting, before our July 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, OCL's brethren honored our Bro. Carl Robinson with his "50 year Grand Lodge Service Award." Right Worshipful James R. W. Medina, our DDGM, presented the award to Carl on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Congratulations, Bro. Robinson!

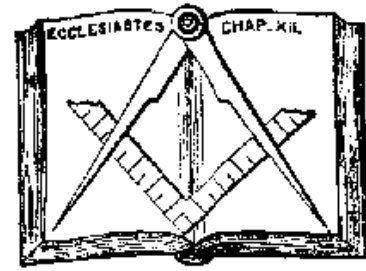
At the July 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, we received Right Worshipful James R. W. Medina for his second official visit. Bro. Curtis Gilgan, PM, in the beautiful "Yonder Book" ceremony, made the Bible presentations to our two newest Master Masons, Jeromy Odom and Eric Hoffman. PM Gilgan, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the budget for OCL's 2017 – 2018 Masonic year which was approved by the Lodge.

## Looking Forward

- OCL has completed the requirements to qualify for the 2016 – 2017 Vanguard Award. SW Chris Dawson is finalizing the Report to submit to the DDGM. Congratulations to the team that made this happen!
- OCL will begin having 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Floor Practice (6:30 p.m.) in order to improve our skills in Masonic Ritual.
- OCL's Summer Breakfast Social will be held on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
  - JD Ernest Owey is adding a New Orleans flair to the breakfast.
  - Laissez les bons temps rouler!
  - Bring your friends and family and enjoy the food and fellowship.
- OCL's Building Committee is seeking volunteers to help with Lodge repairs and improvements starting on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Contact JW Tide Williams and let him know your availability.
- OCL is planning to have a presentation by RW Mike Gower, Past Grand Master, at our October Stated Meeting.
- OCL's Brethren are planning to attend the "Come and Take It" Observance in Gonzales on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Come and join us for the ceremony, the parade following, and the fellowship.

- OCL will be hosting the stated meeting of Tranquility Lodge #2000 on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m.

*William Lewis, Worshipful Master*



*Called to the  
Celestial Lodge*

**Hillery O. Davis**  
July 18, 2017

## From the Secretary's Desk

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

The camaraderie in and about the Lodge never ceases to amaze me. If you're not joining us 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!

The WM has appointed all of the 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 guests at the Stated Meeting and in return get to eat for free at the other eleven meetings. Not a bad deal! Please consider volunteering for a Food Committee; contact me if you are interested and we will get you cooking right away!

We will also be laying black and white checkered tiles in the Lodge room on August 19<sup>th</sup>. If all goes well, we will have a bright new look for the September stated meeting! Thanks to Bro. Larry Haney and his crew we have all new hardy board and gable vents on both ends of the Lodge. Thank you to Bro. Robert Eschenberger for donating the new vents. This should eliminate our reoccurring guests (raccoons) in the attic. JW Tide Williams, Chairman of the Building Committee, has a lot planned for this year so watch your emails for the dates and times and come on out to

lend a hand in preserving and beautifying our Lodge building.

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

*Troy Shugart, Secretary*

## 2017 Briscoe Workshop Schedule

As mentioned in last month's Beacon, dates for the Briscoe Workshops are starting to be released. Currently, there are no dates scheduled for District 50, but I'm keeping my eye on the scheduled dates and I'll let you know if any are planned in District 50.

If you're willing to travel a bit, there are a few workshops planned nearby:

**Lodge:** Valley Lodge #175

**City:** Burnet

**Date:** November 11, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Lodge:** Blanco Lodge #216

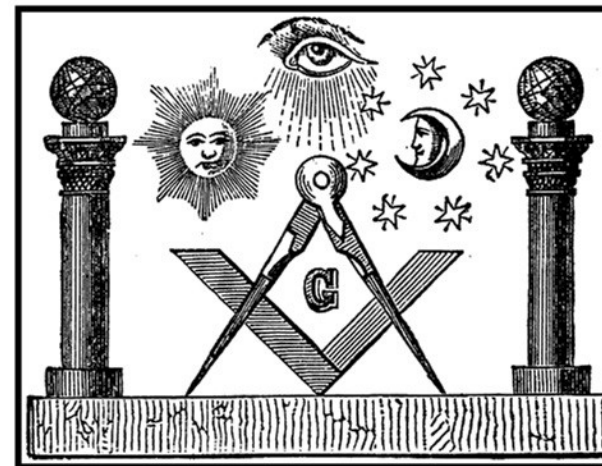
**City:** Blanco

**Date:** TBD

**Time:** TBD

The updated schedule can be found online at: [http://grandlodgeoftexas.org/blue\\_lodge/2017-briscoe-workshop-schedule/](http://grandlodgeoftexas.org/blue_lodge/2017-briscoe-workshop-schedule/). I'll try to post updates as they are made available.

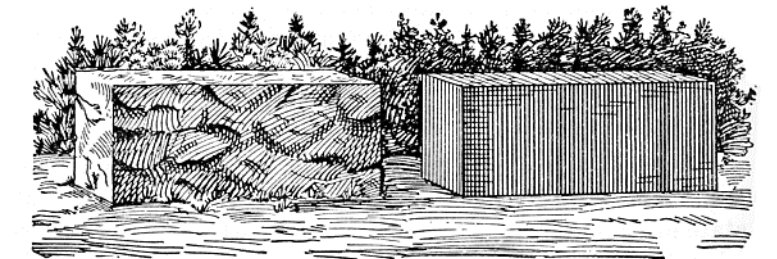
*David Karhi, Editor*



## 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, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Charles Caudill, Izabella Dawson, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Harold Gilgan, Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, George Henry, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Bennie Hudson, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke's aunt), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Doris Karotkin, Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Wanda Stewart, Sidney Strength, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Ray Tiner, and Suzanne Vera.

*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 June, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 141 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 22 hours, Max Fisher with 8 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Ideker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Larry Korts with 21 hours, Carl Robinson with 32 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 32 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 10 hours.

*Thank you folks for a job well done!*