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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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December 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
 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

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



December Birthdays

Javier R. Gonzalez, Paul S. Hinchliffe 2; Christopher A. Preece 3; Sidney Q. Strength 5; Jerry T. Jarmon 6; Jacob A. Carroll, Wilfredo "J.R." Vera 8; John E. Waggoner, Jr., Ronald L. Angell, Thomas S. Estes 9; Tommie J. Conner, Marvin G. Gammage; Samuel T. Hill 14; Elijio Arjona, Jr., Gregory S. Self 15; Atlan J. Eschberger 16; John N. McFarling 17; Mack Gerald 18; Steven N. Moore 21; Michael M. Zombola 25; William H. Bargainer, Jr. 26; Sidney L. Ellis 28; Michael W. Carter 30; Harley M. Fisher, and Randall J. Storm 31.

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

Masonic Birthdays; raised in December (year)

Arnold J. Holden, Edward L. Weeren 57; Wayne V. Frye 60; Charles L. Ames 65; Felix R. Vickers 68; Gordon W. Kelso 69; Howard D. Hall 70; Bobby J. Doherty 72; William L. Weathers 79; Melvin E. Johnson 83; Robert F. Park, Jr. 85; Gerald T. Dawson, Dennis J. Ross 89; Terry L. Sharp 94; Charles E. Gray, Jr. 96; Howard K. Kimball 98; Hamilton B. Carter 01; William "Bill" Lewis, Charles W. Pickering 10; Gary P. Bernfeld 11; Jason C. Shoumaker 11; Ernest Owney 14.

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

Stated Meeting

**Second Thursday
 December 8th, 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,

Good day, Brethren. I hope this finds you in good spirits. This has been such a quick month with Thanksgiving and all.

First of all, I would like to thank Brother Max Fisher for attending the stated meeting at Parsons #222 with me on November 9th. We had a great time visiting with the Brethren of Parsons #222 and encourage them to come out to Onion Creek Lodge in the near future. My next scheduled lodge visit will be University Lodge #1190 on Thursday, December 1st. I hope to see you there. A carpool will be leaving the lodge at 5:45pm.

I would like to congratulate our newest EA, having been initiated on November 10th. Congratulations, Brother!

On Saturday, November 12th Dennis Ross, PM scheduled a cemetery clean up. It was a beautiful day to work the task, and we were able to get through most of the mowing and weeding. It does help to have a cleanup day when the grass is still at your ankles rather than at your waist. I want to thank Past Master Ross for doing a great job getting all the equipment to and from Past Master Shugart's house. I also want to thank Senior Steward Owney for the fine sausage wraps and hotdogs for lunch. Lastly, I would like to thank all the brethren that showed up to help work: Dennis Ross, PM; Jacob Carroll; Max Fisher; Billy Capps; Bobby Tiner; Curtis Gilgan; Tide Williams and Ernest Owney. You guys rock!

"Dinner with Brethren" on the 3rd Thursday of the month was shrimp gumbo! If you missed it...I'm sorry. Let me tell you, it was fantastic! Thank you, Senior Steward Ernest Owney, for the wonderful meal. We will be dark the 3rd week in December, and Grand Lodge will occur the 3rd week in January, so "Dinner with Brethren" will pick up on the 3rd Thursday in February, 2017.

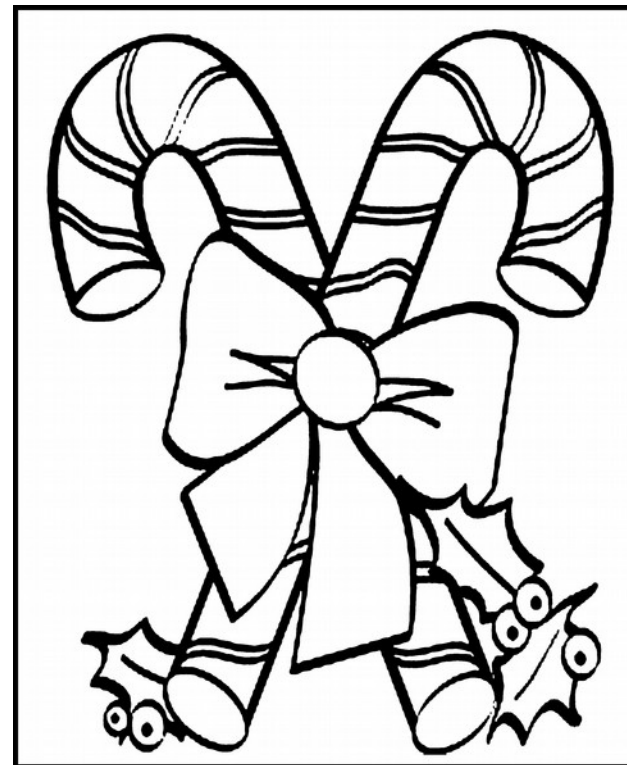
Raffle tickets have been on sale for our December raffle. This is one of our main fund raisers for the year, and many brethren are hoping to win that beautiful Freemason Tribute Edition .22 cal Henry Rifle. Others are hoping to capture the Galaxy Tab S2, the RTIC 45 Cooler, or the \$100 Visa gift card. Buy some tickets to increase your chances. \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.

Our Stated Meeting is Thursday, December 8th. Dinner will be at 6:30pm, provided by our December Food Committee, with the raffle drawing happening

sometime around 7. I plan to open the stated meeting in an EA lodge and expect to start by 7:30pm. This meeting, we will be discussing the 2017 Grand Lodge Resolutions. Come out and visit your brethren, enjoy the fellowship of the holidays, and possibly take home one of those awesome prizes. Then head upstairs to discuss how we should vote on these resolutions.

We will be dark following the December 8th stated meeting. The 2017 Grand Lodge Communication will happen in January, but we will meet for our January stated meeting before then. I hope each of you have a safe and memorable Christmas Holiday. May the Supreme Architect guide and direct each of you.

Jeff Carroll, WM



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The Lodge Where I Belong

Though my Lodge may lack the splendor
Of a temple or a shrine,
Or possess the gaudy fixtures
That are classed as superfine—
Yet the fellowship it offers
Is in price beyond compare
And I wouldn't trade it ever
For life's treasures—rich or rare!

The hand-clasp firm, the word of cheer,
Oh, such meanings they impart:
The mystic ties of brotherhood
That links us, heart to heart!
You'd really have to travel far,
For the friendships quite so strong
As those one always finds right here
In the Lodge where I belong.

When all my earthly travels end,
And at last I'm borne to rest
Where mortal hands no longer toil
And I cease life's endless quest
Why there's nothing I'd like better—
Should I join the heavenly throng—
Than to meet with all the brothers
Of the Lodge where I belong!

Arthur R. Herrman

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, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), 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, Julia Rayborn (Ricky Rayborn's mother), 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

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SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of October, 12 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 161 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

In alphabetical order, our volunteers were: Linda Boyd with 25 hours, Doug Cheape with 5 hours, Max Fisher contributed 6 hours, Norm Hayes also volunteered for 6 hours, Dwane Ideker put in 5 hours, David Karhi volunteered for 3 hours, Larry Korts contributed 17 hours, Ben Rauschke worked a total of 5 hours, Carl Robinson contributed 33 hours, Jeanine Robinson contributed 33 hours, Dennis Ross put in 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner volunteered for 22 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done

