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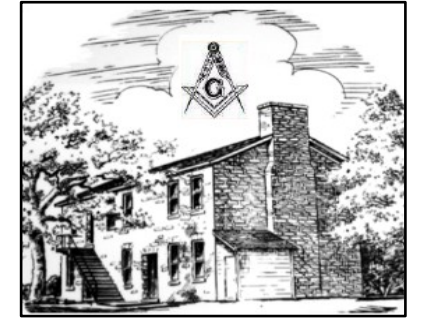
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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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December 2018

Lodge Officers 2018 - 2019

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

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

1999- James F. Keese
 2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Eljio 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
 2017- William L. Lewis

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
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Bobby J. Norris
 Boyce Oakes
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



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; Ronald B. Norwood, Jr. 11; Tommie J. Conner, Marvin G. Gammage; Samuel T. Hill 14; Eljio Arjona, Jr. 15; John N. McFarling 17; Mack Gerald 18; Michael M. Zombola 25; Sidney L. Ellis 28; Michael W. Carter 30; Harley M. Fisher, and Randall J. Storm 31.

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; Matias S. Ruiz 77; 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, Jr., Charles W. Pickering 10; Jason C. Shoumaker 11; Ernest Owney 14.

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

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

Stated Meeting

**Second Thursday
 December 13th, 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 Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Richard Alonso
Building: Jeromy Odom
Abram Wallace
Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
Communications: Troy Shugart, PM
Esoteric Instruction: Ernest Owney
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Funeral: Troy Shugart, PM
Historian: H. Max Fisher
Hospital: Carl Robinson
Ill and Visitation: Christopher Dawson
Vanguard: Orlando Perez

From the East...

Happy December, brethren! We are finally at the beginning of Winter 2018 and it oddly feels like both spring and fall as I type this. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and were able to enjoy family, friends and good food.

During the month of November, we had a few things going on:

At our Stated Meeting, JW Orlando Perez read from the 2017 Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas and reminded us of the required business conducted during our Stated Meetings: "Art. 234. Stated Meetings: Business Required At".

On November 5th, we received a satisfactory proficiency examination from an FC, paving the way for his raising on November 29th.

On November 8th, we raised Bro. Rhys Williams to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The degree team did a terrific job and the evening was both solemn and celebratory.

On November 10th, a few OCL Masons gathered at the Masonic Cemetery on Circle S road to place American flags at the gravesites of our interred Veterans. Shortly after, we held our Fall Breakfast Social and Open House. While we didn't receive any visitors interested in Masonry, we did have a good visit with many brethren, friends, and family. Our JD Richard Alonso and the Stewards are continuing to host fine breakfasts for us.

On November 11th, Masons from Austin and surrounding areas marched in the City of Austin Veteran's Day Parade. Bro. Jason Castleberry is the brother who coordinates Masonic involvement, so if you see Bro. Jason around town please be sure to thank him and extend your appreciation!

On November 15th, we initiated a good man into the mysteries of the Craft. Again, the degree team executed a fine degree and welcomed our newest brother in Masonry into our gentle fraternity.

On November 19th, we received a satisfactory proficiency examination from an EA. His FC degree is being scheduled as I type this, but most likely early December. We will send out notifications via email when the date has been set.

On November 29th, we held a degree to raise our newest Master Mason.

Lastly, we have a third 'stained glass' window display up in our mess hall. If you haven't been by Lodge lately, you should come! The artwork is of

Hiram Abiff, King Solomon, and King Hiram of Tyre. SW Tide Williams, SS Jeromy Odom, and JS Abram Wallace have done an amazing job bringing this idea to fruition. Thank you so much, brethren!

Looking ahead, we may have a FC Degree scheduled. Please stay tuned to our "This Week" emails for more information.

Our December Stated Meeting will be on December 13th. This is the SECOND THURSDAY of December, so please remember that the 6th is a normal study night! On December 13th, we will be hosting our Christmas Raffle. You don't have to be present to win, but you should come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

After our Stated Meeting in December, the Lodge will be dark until our Stated Meeting in January 2019.

Lastly, please remember that your Lodge Dues for 2019 are due on 12/31/2018. If you haven't already sent your dues in or met with RW Secretary, please do so ASAP. Remember that lodge dues are how we pay our expenses as a lodge. **Also, if you are an Endowed Member of Onion Creek, please consider sending in a payment of \$27.50.** This is a 'per capita' fee that Onion Creek must send to the Grand Lodge of Texas every year, for every member. Please remember that Onion Creek is paying the per capita fees for Endowed members, even if these fees aren't sent to us.

Brethren, I am excited for the second-half of this Masonic year. We get to kick it off with the Annual Communication in Waco and we have a host of charitable events coming up. This first-half has gone by fast and I'm looking forward to the challenges and celebrations to come.

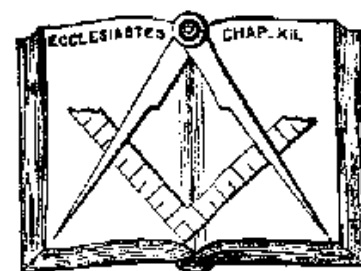
We are entering the most joyous time of the year — of chestnuts, sugarplums, Grinches, and egg-nog (I love egg-nog!). There are numerous holidays of the winter solstice and season, celebrated by numerous faiths: Ashura, Bohdi Day, the Feast of St. Nicolas, Hanukkah, Yalda, Yule, Kwanzaa, or the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to name a few.

Remember that we **all** share this time of family, spirituality, generosity, and goodwill towards all Humankind. All deities, angels, and protectors are watching us. Let us exhibit through our thoughts, words, and deeds the behavior that exemplifies the principle tenets of our Order and our faiths — and let's enjoy each other!

From my family to yours: Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Festivus (for the rest of us!) — Happy and Joyous Holidays to each and every one

of you, your families, and your friends! ...And a **Happy New Year!**

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Duke Mack Glenn
November 14, 2018

From the West

Just a reminder, it is raffle time again, so please consider purchasing tickets to support our Masonic Charities fund. The money we raise from the raffle is used to provide scholarships to some worthy young men and women.

The raffle will be held before our stated meeting on December 13th. Raffle tickets are one for \$5, five for \$20, or 15 for \$50. Prizes are:

- DPMS AR-15 Oracle semi auto .223/5.56 cal rifle
- Rock Island Armory 1911 .45 cal pistol w/masonic grips
- Henry Goldenboy .22 cal lever action rifle
- \$200 James Avery gift card
- Zen Spa treatment
- License to carry class
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- RTIC 45 cooler

Please contact Brother Hoke, Brother Cruse, Brother Clakley, or myself to purchase tickets. Happy Holidays!

Senior Warden Tide Williams

December Menu

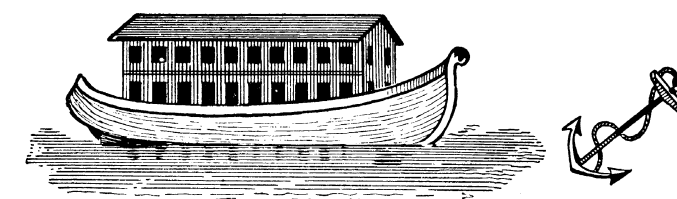
December Food Committee Chair Dan McCarter reports that they will be serving turkey and ham with green beans, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dressing, and assorted pies and sweets.

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: RW T.K. Anthony, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Johnnie Camarillo, RW Gene Carnes, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Charlie Hampton, Larry & Alba Haney, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Bettie Loveless, Thurman McGinnis, Wes Mersiovsky, Tony Moreno, Boyce Oakes, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Sidney Strength, Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), and The Wawak Family.

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



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of October, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 157 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 26 hours, David Faria with 21 hours, Max Fisher with 9 hours, Norm Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Idecker with 4 hours, David Karhi with 5 hours, Carl Robinson with 23 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 21 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 38 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!