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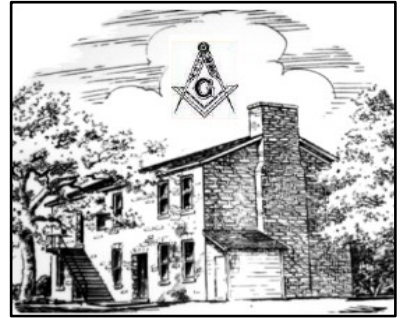
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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February 2016

## Lodge Officers 2015 - 2016

WM: **Curtis A. Gilgan**  
 SW: **Jeff J. Carroll**  
 JW: **William L. Lewis**  
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**  
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart**  
 Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
 SD: **Chris R. Dawson**  
 JD: **David "Tide" Williams**  
 SS: **Orlando Perez**  
 JS: **Ernest Owney**  
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**  
 MC: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**  
 Mus: **Bobby J. Norris, 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- 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

## Living Affiliated Past Masters

Jimmie L. Banks  
 Roland J. 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  
 Bill Weathers  
 Roni Zulu



## February Birthdays

Axel L. Schiller 1; Howard K. Kimball, Reagan L. Dunklin 2; Manuel A. Hernandez, Stephen M. Preece 3; Ralph L. Cearley, David H. Eicksbusch 4; Samuel N. Lanham, Jr. 5; David J. Faria 7; Freddie F. Hite 8; Kenneth W. Patton, Johnathan L. Ramirez 11; L.A. Westling 12; Robert C. Miller 13; Rodney E. Lay 14; David A. Karhi 15; Gary P. Bernfel, Larry G. Richter, Glenn R. Dyess 18; Donald W. Dickerson 19; Darin W. Isaacs 20; Kirk W. Reasoner 21; Jose M. Chirinos, Rockney B. Raby 25; Kevin D. Barber, Bradley J. Hardin, Chadwyck W. Preece 26; Kenath T. Carver 27; Robert L. Roda, and Michael C. Owens 28.

**Happy Birthday, Brothers!**

**May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!**

## Masonic Birthdays; raised in February (year)

Roland J. Brown 60; Harrell E. McCaslin, Sr. 61; Charles W. Hampton 62; Stanley A. Penner 63; Richard A. Anderson, Marion P. Kerr 65; Eugene W. Powell 66; David H. Eickbusch; Robert C. Miller 77; Stephen A. Barlow, Jose V. Seguin, H. Max Fisher 79; Stephen M. Preece 80; Marvin G. Gammage 82; Michael C. Owens 84; Gene C. Payne, Robert M. Mallett, Bobby J. Tiner 85; Sidney Q. Strength 87; Andrew W. James 88; Michael A. Lee 92; Michael E. Sanders 95; Johnathan D. Walker, David M. Harnden 98; James E. Meeks III, Samuel E. Taylor, Sr. 01; Russell M. Tidwell II 02; Donn E. Hile 03; Richard Alonso 07; Johnny G. Camarillo 08; Curtis Alan Gilgan 09; David A. Karhi 10; Orlando Perez 12.

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

## Stated Meeting

**First Thursday  
February 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: Curtis A. Gilgan**

**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**

**Finance: Curtis A. Gilgan**

**Esoteric Instruction: Chris R. Dawson**

**Breakfast Socials: David "Tide" Williams**

### ***Greetings from the East,***

At January's stated meeting, RW Keye E Perry Sr., DDGM for district #50 made his official visit to Onion Creek; he performed his required duties and reported that Onion Creek has set a high bar for the rest of the lodges in our district to follow.

In the past month, Onion Creek brothers got together not once but twice to tackle the cleanup made necessary by this winter's storms, enjoy fellowship, and, of course, some food.

On Saturday January 16th, many brothers, families, school and hospital representatives enjoyed food and fellowship at our winter breakfast social – If you missed it, the food, especially the omelet bar, was excellent – our next breakfast social is planned for Saturday April 16th.

On January 28th, Onion Creek hosted the district #50 MWSA meeting; it was a good to see brothers from across our district and to keep abreast of what each lodge has done since we last met.

This month's stated meeting will be on the 4th – prior to the stated meeting, we will be presenting a Golden Trowel award to Bro. Ken Loveless in an open meeting. All are invited to attend – Please join us in presenting this well deserved honor to our brother.

Looking forward, there are a few events to highlight for February.

On Saturday afternoon, February 13th, Onion Creek will be hosting our Sweethearts and Widows luncheon with an accompanying movie for all the lodge's special ladies (wives, widows, girlfriends, daughters, ...) – Please contact Bro. Dennis Ross or Bro. Secretary if you are interested in attending or assisting.

On Thursday February 18th, Onion Creek will be hosting the Fantastic Teeth Launch party for all the lodges in district 50 – come out to enjoy some fellowship and fun as we put together the dental care packets for this great charitable cause.

Since the grass continues to grow at the cemetery and we have focused the past two beautification days on storm cleanup, I imagine that cemetery Chairman Dennis Ross will ask for another work day late this month – please keep an eye out on your email / the lodge calendar if you would like to help out.

Finally, Texas Public Schools week this year is February 29th through March 4th – please join us in helping support our local schools during that time.

God bless America, God bless Texas, and God bless our gentle fraternity.

***Curtis, WM***

### ***Grand Master's Conference Schedule***

#### **Saturday, February 13, Houston**

Arabia Shrine Center  
10510 Harwin Dr. 832-465-6845  
Houston, Texas 77036  
713-664-3437

8:00 A.M. Registration  
9:00 A.M. Conference

Charles Murchison  
murchisonca@aol.com  
Tony Macias  
281-685-5929  
tonymaciassr@sbcglobal.net

#### **Saturday, February 27, Beaumont**

Wesley United Methodist Church  
3810 N. Major Dr.  
Beaumont, Texas 77713

8:00 A.M. Registration  
9:00 A.M. Conference

Duane Anthony  
409-988-4824  
duaneanthony67@gmail.com  
Chance Chapman  
409-201-5340  
tcchapman@ymail.com

#### **Saturday, February 27, Nacogdoches**

First Methodist Church  
210 East Hospital St.  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

2:00 P.M. Registration  
3:00 P.M. Conference

Raymond Wiggins  
936-552-6735  
raymondwiggins1954@yahoo.com

### ***From The Secretary's Desk***

Hello everyone and welcome to February 2016! This year is starting to pick up a little momentum now that all the holidays have passed. WM Gilgan filled you in on all the goings on in and about the Lodge so I will keep this communication short and Sweet!

I would like to send out a great big "Thank you" to all who have paid there dues. They are coming in faster this year more than any I have seen and I appreciate it. For some reason when they come in consistently it makes things much easier on this end. For those of you who haven't or don't know how much to send because I failed to indicate the amount on your notice, they are \$120.00. Thanks again for your promptness and I look forward to seeing the remainder soon. Remember, if you need assistance or are unable to pay for whatever reason, please let me know and I am sure we can work something out. Like Brother Roland used to say, "we can't help if we don't know you need it!"

I look forward to seeing you at Lodge real soon!

***Troy Shugart, Secretary***

### ***February Family Night Menu and Food Committee***

Chairman Bobby Tiner reports this month's menu will be the ever popular Chicken Fried Steak with mashed potatoes, a vegetable and dessert with assorted beverages.

Other folks who help to make this meal a success are Walter Argall, Gerald Carruth, Charles Caudill, Forrest Cruse, Sr., Max Fisher, Ronnie Lee, Edward Miller, James Morton, Boyce Oakes, Paul Pennybacker, Francisco Reyes, Sr., Allan Tolbert, Arthur Wagner, and Kenneth Wood.

***Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!***

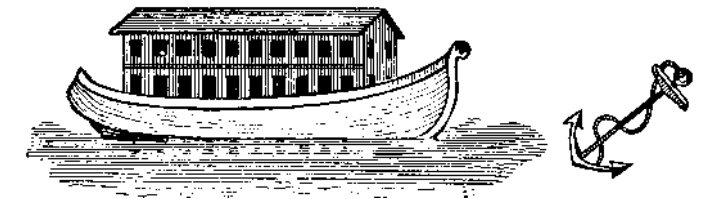
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### ***Prayer List***

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), Max Ehrlich, Sidney Ellis, Javier Gonzalez, George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Bro. Rauschke's aunt), Bruce Jones, Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Dennis Mitchell, Tom Peters, Tony Ramirez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), and Dennis Stewart.

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



### ***SAMC Hospital Volunteers***

During the month of December, 15 Masons, wives and friends volunteered over 157 hours assisting the folks over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

Linda Boyd was out front for two months in a row with another full work week of 38 hours, looks like she is going for the record! Following her in alphabetical order were Walter Boyd with nearly 6 hours and Glen Broddrick with over 3. Roland Brown came in with right at 7 hours and Douglas Cheape ended the month with more than 11 hours. Max Fisher assisted with 5. Dwane Ideker helped out with more than 3 hours and Larry Korts with more than 12. The Moreaus had a combined effort of over 18 hours with Rebecca slightly ahead of Ron! Ben Rauschke put in over 3 hours and Carl Robinson a bit past 12. Jeanine Robinson worked almost 11 hours. Dennis Ross helped with almost 3 hours and Bobby Tiner finished up this month with over 24 hours.

***Thank you folks for another "job well done!"***