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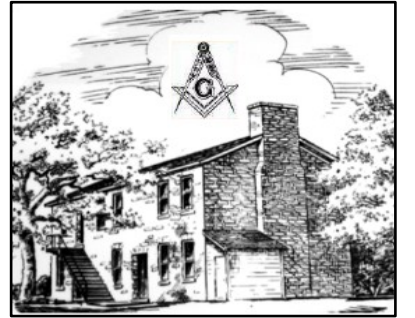
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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February 2017

Lodge Officers 2016 - 2017

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

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
 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



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; 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; Allyn R. Anderson, Marion P. Kerr 65; William E. 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 2nd, 2017**

Master 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,

The 181st Grand Lodge Communication was closed with peace and harmony! Many Onion Creek brethren attended Grand Lodge Communication this year. It was a great time of fellowship and building relationships. I enjoyed seeing many familiar faces from brethren all around our beautiful state while beginning to foster new friendships. I hope to see you at future Grand Lodge Communications.

I presume by now many of you have heard about some of the adopted resolutions. We'll discuss them in the near future.

I want to express my gratitude to our members that continue to participate in our EA, FC and MM degrees and Q&A sessions. These members have taken the time to learn the floor and memory work and continue to represent Onion Creek Lodge and the Grand Lodge in a respectable manner. Your service to the lodge is unmatched and it is a pleasure to work with each of you while helping our EAs, FCs and MMs advance in their work. Keep up the great work!

Onion Creek Winter Breakfast Social has been scheduled for Saturday, January 28th. I hope you find the time to come out and enjoy a Saturday morning breakfast. As you know, we rely on these fundraisers to help with the spreading of brotherly love and affection. Please consider inviting your friends and attending the breakfast socials. It's always a pleasure to see such friendly faces.

Our February Stated Meeting is Thursday, February 2nd. Dinner will be at 6:30pm provided by our February Food Committee. I plan to open the stated meeting in an MM lodge and expect to start by 7:30pm.

Sweetheart's Luncheon is scheduled for February 11th. Plan to bring your ladies out to the lodge for a great lunch, possible movie (we'll start it at least), and I'm sure many laughs.

An EA Masonic Education Night has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 20th. This is a great opportunity for our EAs (and other brethren as well) to come out and get a basic understanding of masonic terms and customs seen around Onion Creek Lodge. I'm sure Brother Junior Warden will do a fantastic job educating each of us.

Mark your calendars, The District #50 Fantastic Teeth launch party is scheduled for February 23rd at 6:30pm at Onion Creek Lodge. This is a great opportunity to help out the community by putting

together the packets that will be delivered to the elementary schools. Come support your lodge, your community, and the Fantastic Teeth program.

See you at the stated meeting!

Jeff Carroll, Worshipful Master

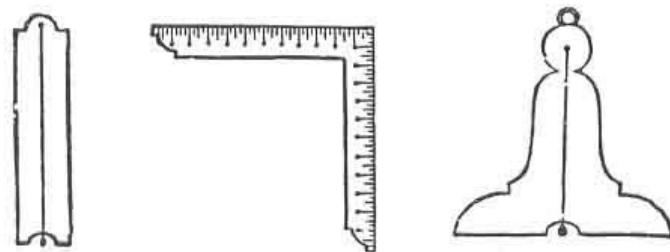


Food Committee and Menu

Chairman Tide Williams informs me this month's meal will be stuffed pork tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, and green beans with a salad and rolls and a dessert along with assorted beverages.

Other members of the February Food Committee responsible for this fine meal are, in alphabetical order: Walter Argall, Gerald Carruth, Charles Caudill, Forrest Cruse, Robert Eshenburg Max Fisher, Ronnie Lee, James Morton, Boyce Oakes, Paul Pennybacker, Francisco Reyes, Sr., Allan Tolbert, Bobby Tiner, Arthur Wagner, and Kenneth Wood.

Thank you, Brethren, for a fine meal!



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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!

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings everyone! It looks as though the new year is off to a good start. Being back at Lodge during January proved to be fun and exciting. We had a couple of EA degrees as well the Winter Breakfast Social which was successful as usual, and a lot of fun as well. It is always nice to visit with all the folks that show up for these functions! Several of our members also attended Grand Lodge for the 2017 Annual Communication which, as always, was a tremendous amount of fun. It always amazes me to be able to rub shoulders with so many fine Masons from around our great state. If you have never been, you should consider attending Grand Lodge in the future. Our historic and award winning Grand Lodge building is quite a feat in itself. You need to see it to really appreciate it, so I hope to see some of you there next year!

I am sure February will be as much fun and just as exciting as this past month was, so if you haven't been in a while, please consider joining us. We have plenty of teaching to do with our new Entered Apprentices and it never hurts to brush up on our esoteric work so we can stay sharp for upcoming degrees.

The last item I need to touch on is dues. They are now past due and according to Grand Lodge law, if you haven't paid you are NOT in good standing. Please send them in as soon as you are able. If you need assistance for any reason, please give me a call and we can work something out. As you all know, we have many brothers who give more than their share just to help out our brothers who may be experiencing hardship for whatever reason. If we don't know, we can't help.

That's about all for now. I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

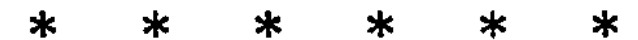
Troy Shugart, Secretary



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, Isaac Carroll, 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



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of December, 11 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 119 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

Leading our volunteers with 23 hours each are Carl and Jeanine Robinson. Larry Korts volunteered for a whopping 16 hours, and Bobby Tiner is right up there with 15 hours. Linda Boyd worked an impressive 12 hours. Max Fisher helped out for 9 hours. Douglas Cheape volunteered for 4 hours, and Norm Hayes and Dwane Ideker both volunteered for 3 hours each. Finally, Dennis Ross worked for 2 hours, and David Karhi worked for 2 hours as well.

Thank you folks for a job well done!