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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 2018

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
 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

Living Affiliated Past Masters

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
 2016- Jeff J. Carroll



February Birthdays

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; Eric J. Hoffman, 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 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, David S. Solverson 66; David H. Eicksbusch; Robert C. Miller 77; Stephen A. Barlow, 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 1st, 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 A. Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Ernest Owney
Building: David "Tide" Williams
Cemetery: Dennis J. Ross, PM
Communications: Raul J. Scully, PM
Esoteric Instruction: Orlando Perez
Funeral: Troy J. Shugart, PM
Golden Trowel: Jeff J. Carroll, PM
Historian: H. Max Fisher
Hospital: Carl H. Robinson
Ill and Visitation: William L. Lewis
Social Activities: Raul J. Scully, PM
Vanguard: David "Tide" Williams

Greetings from the East

At the January stated meeting, the Lodge conducted its first annual recycling training as required by the City of Austin's Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO). We successfully hosted the January stated meeting of Tranquility Lodge #2000 on Saturday, January 13th.

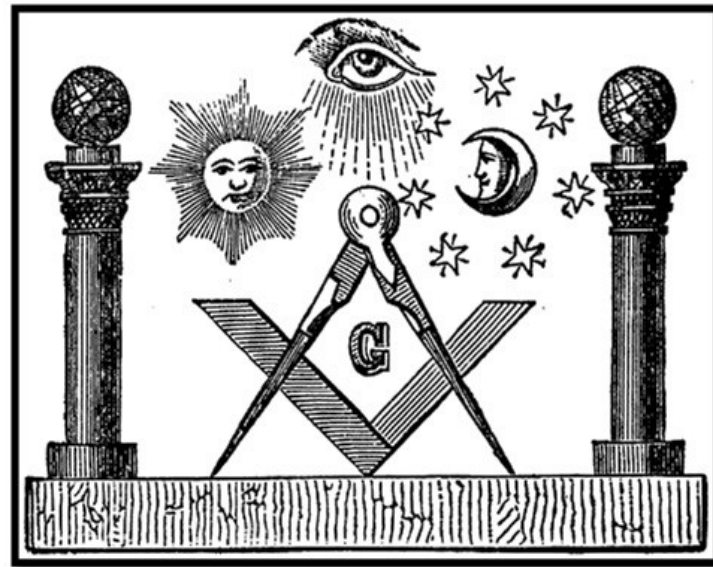
February is the birth month of George Washington. He was born on February 22nd, 1732 at Popes Creek Plantation located in Westmoreland County, Virginia. Brother Washington entered the Freemasons in October 1752 at the age of 20 at Masonic Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason there at the age of 21. In 1788, shortly before becoming the first president of the United States, he was elected the first Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22. When he took the presidential oath of office, Washington used the Bible of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 1 of New York. Robert Livingston, the Chancellor of New York and a prominent mason, administered the oath.

In 1794, Washington agreed to sit for a portrait commissioned by his home lodge, Alexandria Lodge No. 22, for specific use by his fellow Freemasons. Joseph Williams painted the portrait of Washington dressed in full Masonic regalia. In 1805, the lodge renamed itself the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in honor of the late president. The Lodge bought a plot of land in Alexandria in 1909 for the purpose of creating a memorial to Washington as a Freemason. In recognition of Freemasonry's connection to the architectural professions, the lodge chose a design similar to the Lighthouse at Alexandria, Egypt, one of the original Seven Wonders of the World. The George Washington Masonic Memorial houses the Masonic painting of George Washington and now holds its meetings at the memorial.

Looking Forward

- The February stated meeting will be on February 1st, 2018.
- The Sweethearts Luncheon is scheduled on February 10th.
- The Winter Breakfast Social is scheduled on February 17th.

William Lewis, Worshipful Master



The Rite Change Collection

Celebrating the Craft is an evening of entertainment and learning that showcases Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, and the talents and accomplishments of Brothers throughout the Southern Jurisdiction. Celebrating the Craft is a live show, streamed online, at www.scottishrite.org that features performances by Scottish Rite Brothers and interviews with families and clinicians from our RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program across the Southern Jurisdiction. Valleys have the ability to call in via Skype to chat with us or simply to donate. Also, we feature some of the Scottish Rite's most heartwarming RiteCare success stories. Celebrating the Craft raises money for your local Scottish Rite 501(c)(3) charity and the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.

For this year's Celebrating the Craft, we would like your help starting a spare change collection drive called, "The Rite Change."

The Development Office already has sent out a "Rite Change" sticker to all Scottish Rite Valley secretaries in the hopes that each Valley and those brethren with businesses will place a labeled jar in a prominent location to collect donations. All contributions will go towards Scottish Rite 501(c)(3) charities in the Southern Jurisdiction, such as the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program!

Please return all jars and donations to your Valley Secretary by May 1, 2018.

Do you have questions or would you like to request a sticker for your business? Please contact Jess Blossfeld, Development Manager, at jblossfeld@scottishrite.org or 202-777-3187.

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation with helping make "The Rite Change!"

Remember, Celebrating the Craft is:

Saturday, May 19, 2018,
6:30-11:30 PM ET

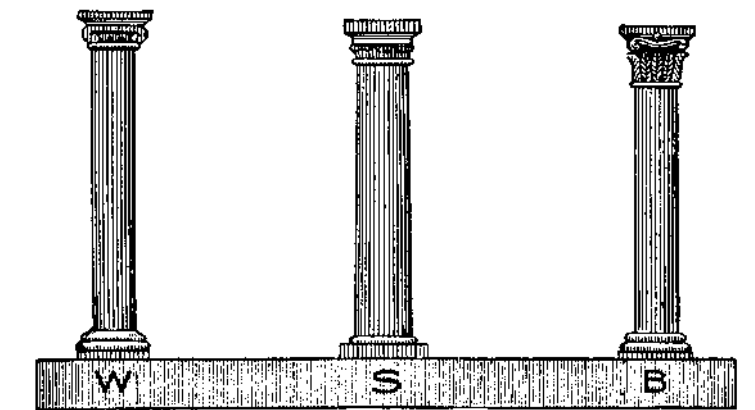
You can join in on the excitement and watch live via scottishrite.org. You also can join the Twitter conversation that night on @TheScottishRite using the hashtag #SRCTC2018.



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, Johnnie Camarillo, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), and Ray Tiner.

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 December, 9 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 149 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 13 hours, Max Fisher with 18 hours, Norman Hayes with 5 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Larry Korts with 21 hours, Carl Robinson with 30 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 30 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 23 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!