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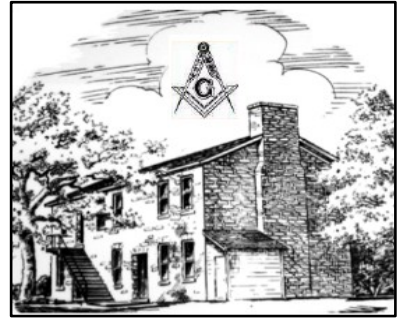
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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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February 2019

Lodge Officers 2018 - 2019

WM: **Christopher R. Dawson**
 SW: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JW: **Orlando Perez**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
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 Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 SD: **Ernest Owney**
 JD: **Richard Alonso**
 SS: **Jeromy W. Odom**
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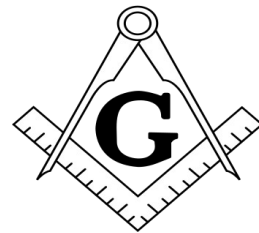
Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

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- Elijo 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
 Gerald T. Dawson
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 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



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; Robert C. Miller 13; Rodney E. Lay, Dennis W. Mingua 14; David A. Karhi 15; 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; Marion P. Kerr 65; William E. Powell, David S. Solverson 66; David H. Eickbusch 74; 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, Bobby J. Tiner 85; Sidney Q. Strength 87; Andrew W. James 88; Michael A. Lee 92; Robert M. Mallett, 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; Bobby D. Clakley, Dennis W. Mingua 18.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 February 7th, 2019**

**Entered Apprentice
 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**
Cemetery: **Abram Wallace**
Communications: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Esoteric Instruction: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Finance: **Ernest Owney**
Funeral: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Historian: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Hospital: **H. Max Fisher**
Ill and Visitation: **Carl Robinson**
Vanguard: **Christopher Dawson**
Orlando Perez

From the East...

Greetings Brethren and Happy February!

I hope the New Year has treated you well so far. January is always an exciting month for football, but it also is for Masonry!

During the third weekend of January, 14 Onion Creek members and Past Masters, including 9 Officers, attended the 2019 Grand Lodge Communication. It was a pleasure meeting Brethren from all over Texas and deliberate on our laws.

Congratulations to MW Terry W. Stogner, our new Grand Master of Texas. Also, I would like to congratulate RW Mark Dermit on being appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District 50. And last, but not least, please join me in congratulating Worshipful Raul J. Scully on being appointed Grand Junior Steward. It makes me proud to see the leaders of our lodge grow to become leaders of Masons across Texas. Congratulations to all of the newly elected and appointed officers and committee members!

At our Stated Meeting in February, we will be reviewing the voting results of the many resolutions we reviewed during Grand Lodge. I will also be installing the Committee on Arrears, which means we will be contacting brothers who haven't paid their dues by December 31st, 2018. If you haven't sent Secretary Shugart \$155.00 in lodge dues yet, please do it ASAP! As I have mentioned before, if you are an endowed member please consider sending in the \$27.50 per capita fee. Onion Creek pays this fee for each member, including those who are endowed — even if endowed members are not contributing their per capita fee!

In February, we held our Winter Breakfast Social. It was a fantastic event — we always love seeing our brethren and families come out to have breakfast and socialize. Thank you for continuing to support this social and always making it fun. Junior Deacon Rick Alonso should have a final report ready to deliver by our Stated Meeting in February.

Looking ahead in February, we will be hosting the first-ever Valentine's Bingo Brunch on Saturday, February 16th from 10am to 1pm. This will be an informal brunch hosted by the brethren of Onion Creek for the ladies of our lodge. We will have a nice breakfast and some bingo with fun prizes. The bingo game is ladies only, as are the prizes. Also, the brunch is free for the ladies. If the gents would like to hang out and eat, we're asking a \$7.00 donation. I'll have more details at the Stated Meeting and as we get closer to

Brunch Day.

We are hosting our monthly Cigar and Pipe Night on Feb. 18th. These evenings have been fun and relaxing, giving us all a chance to get to know each other better and take a small break from work — although anyone who would like to work on this day just needs to ask!

On February 19th, Onion Creek will be hosting the yearly District 50 Fantastic Teeth Party. If you're not familiar with this program, it's simple — we assemble tooth-care kits for schoolchildren in need. If you have questions about this, please ask PM Dennis Ross or SW Tide Williams.

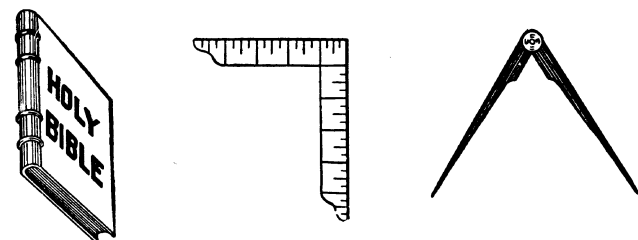
Lastly, Onion Creek No. 220 will be hosting a District Esoteric Forum, hosted by RW Mark Dermit, DDGM of District 50. This is a perfect opportunity to come and learn about our rituals and how to do them the right way. We hope you come out ready to ask questions and learn! If you have any questions about this event, please ask me or Secretary Shugart.

Aside from this, we don't have a lot of events on our calendar. It's a good opportunity to let many of the brethren attend the Grand Master's Conferences that are happening through May 2019. If you'd like to know about a conference coming up, visit the Grand Lodge of Texas website or ask an officer.

We have many EAs, FCs, and Masters diligently working through their degrees. With some of the down time, the Brethren of Onion Creek will be educating candidates and helping them grow through their degrees, as well as continue to work on our ritual proficiency. If you want to become an instructor in our lodge, or want to participate in more degrees, come out to lodge on Mondays and Thursdays. We'd love to have you!

Brethren, it's been a great year so far and I hope all of you and your families are happy and well. Let's make this a great February and remember all these cold nights we've had. Before too long, we're going to be sweating in the shade!

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson



From the West

Happy February, brothers! I hope you are enjoying the mild winter we've been having. I've spent quite a bit of time these past few months talking with the Principal and staff at Pleasant Hill Elementary. It all started when I came across a piece of information that said, "90.3% of the students at Pleasant Hill are from economically disadvantaged homes." Through further investigation, I learned that every year at least half of the children attending show up without any school supplies because their families couldn't afford them. AISD does not provide funding to the schools to cover for this, so the teachers reach into their own wallets to try and help. Teacher salaries being what they are, this help doesn't go very far. Knowing that early Texas Freemasonry was influential in building the school system in Texas, I decided that I needed to help.

At the February stated meeting, I will officially be kicking off my new endeavor...Project SOS (Supply Our Students). Project SOS hopes to make a difference on these children's lives by providing them with the essential supplies when they start the new school year. Just \$11.75 will supply a kindergartner or 1st grade child with the necessary supplies for the entire year. \$25 will buy the supplies needed for a 4th or 5th grader.

There will be several fundraising events this summer, and donations are always accepted gratefully. If we can raise \$2500 before August 15th, we can fully supply 150 kindergarten through 5th grade students.

With proper schooling, these children will be our future soldiers, politicians, bankers, lawyers, first responders, doctors, and civic leaders. Please consider donating, and help change their lives today, and the world tomorrow.

For information on donating, volunteering, or questions, please contact me at tidalwave@austin.rr.com. Thank you in advance!

Senior Warden David "Tide" Williams

February Menu

Creedmoor Chapter No. 607, Order of the Eastern Star will be providing the dinner for our February Stated Meeting. They report that the main entrée will be smothered pork chops.

Thank you 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, Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell, 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 December, 7 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 138 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 6 hours, Dave Faria with 14 hours, Max Fisher with 14 hours, Dwane Idecker with 5 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with 27 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 27 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 35 hours.

Norm Hayes has retired from volunteering. Our thanks to him for his many years of volunteer service in support of Onion Creek Lodge #220.

Thank you folks for a job well done!