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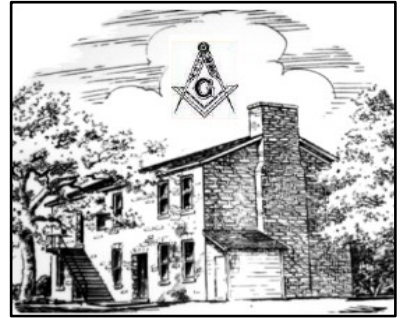
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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January 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 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



January Birthdays

Carl W. Winters, Jr. 1; Earnest C. Applegate 2; Elliott R. Wilson 6; Glenn M. Groth, Walter E. Sanders 9; William M. Bastas, James D. Hatton, Orlin G. Williams 10; Robert F. Park, Jr. 11; Ernest Owney 13; Charles E. Ruebbling 14; Robert C. Harris 15; Will A. Beatty, Lloyd M. Robertson 16; Mark B. Edwards, Aaron K. Robertson, Henry R. Tindell 18; Jason P. Harrell 19; Francisco Reyes, Jr., Carl H. Robinson, Sr. 22; Howard D. Hall, Reagan W. Hammett 24; Jason C. Shoumaker, Roberto Torres 26; James C. Morton, John W. Turner 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in January (year)

Lawrence F. Crooke Jr. 49; Bobby O. Brown 53; Leon D. Ross 53; Antonio F. Moreno 54; Darrell W. Boyd 55; Freddie F. Hite 56; Ben E. Gray 62; Kenneth R. Lind 63; Melvin D. Fulkerson 64; Sam M Piper Jr., Richard L. Pringle 65; James M. King 68; Hillery O. Davis, Kenneth J. Polk 69; James N. Porter 70; Maxie E. Brune 72; Matias H. Ruiz 78; Wendell E. Koenig, James E. Sterling 80; Bennie L. Hudson 83; William L. Hatten 84; Vernon W. Miears 85; Randy A. Martin 89; Michael M. Zombola 90; Charles R. Sosa 92; Richard P. Rayborn 96; Carl W. Winters 97; David C. Allen 98; James E. Greybeck 98; James A. Kruger 00; James N. Davidson 02; Adrian W. Edmundson 04; Steve T. Murray 12; David W. Hardt, Christopher A. Preece 13.

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
January 7th, 2016

Master 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,

I hope everyone took time to celebrate the Christmas and New Year's holidays with family and friends.

As is the custom, Onion Creek has been dark from the December to January stated meeting.

Our December stated meeting was a very interesting and full evening. Not only did we enjoy the holiday meal prepared by Bill Lear and his food committee, but also we held our raffle, entertained a group of brothers (Bros. Chris Bosshart, RW Paul Himmler, and W Ethan Seaberg) visiting our lodge from Minnesota, and reviewed the voting results from last month's Grand Annual Communication.

During the December "down time", a number of Onion Creek Brothers along with the visiting Minnesota brothers traveled to the Alamo #44 meeting in the Alamo chapel; we also dropped by Hill City #456 to attend Bro. Robert Eschenburg's well deserved Golden Trowel ceremony.

January's stated meeting will be on the 7th – the new DDGM of district #50, RW Keye E Perry Sr, will be making his official visit to Onion Creek; please join us in welcoming him to our lodge for this visit.

Looking forward, there are a few events to highlight in January.

All the rains over the past months have caused the grass to grow like crazy. In addition, there is still some storm damage from the October storms that needs to be cleaned up. Therefore, cemetery Chairman, Dennis Ross, asked to have our next cleanup day on January 9th – we need as many brothers as possible to assist with this substantial task – please contact Bro. Ross, our Secretary, or the WM if you would like to help out (or you can always just show up).

Our winter breakfast social will be the following weekend on Saturday January 16th beginning at 8 A.M. \$7.00 for all you can eat – kids under 12 eat for free (I have been informed that the omelet bar will be returning). These breakfast socials are a great opportunity way to come together as a lodge with friends, family and community. If you are interested in sponsoring food, or helping in any way, please contact Bro. Jr. Deacon, Tide Williams, or Bro. Secretary.

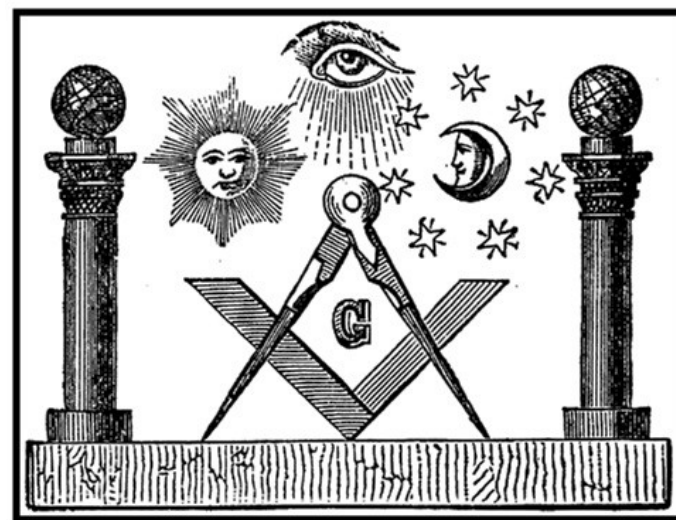
In addition, University Lodge #1190 will be holding their Festive Board on Thursday January 19th beginning at 6 P.M. at the Austin Club – if you would like to attend, there will likely be an Onion Creek

Brother or two helping with this excellent fundraiser.

Finally, last but certainly not least, we will be presenting a Golden Trowel to one of our own brethren at next month's stated meeting.

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

Curtis, WM



Masonic Song: Ye Sons of Old Killie

Ye sons of Auld Killie, assembled by Willie,
To follow the noble vocation;
Your thrifty old mother has scarce such another
To sit in that honoured station.
I've little to say, but only to pray,
As praying's the ton of your fashion;
A prayer from the muse you well may excuse,
'Tis seldom her favorite passion.

Ye powers who preside o'er the wind and the tide,
Who marked each element's border,
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim
Whose sovereign statute is order,
Within this dear mansion may wayward contention,
Or withered Envy ne'er enter,
May secrecy round be the mystical bound
And brotherly love be the center.

Bro. Robert Burns

From the Secretary's Desk

Happy new year y'all! I hope this finds you all well and in the best possible spirit! It appears we have another great year behind us and I am looking forward for 2016 to be just as awesome. We accomplished a lot this past year at Onion Creek and I am sure we will accomplish just as much if not more this year.

Well, we all know our annual dues are due, and if you haven't sent them in you are now in arrears. The Grand Lodge considers you delinquent and not in good standing if they not paid by December 31st of each year so please send them in at your earliest convenience. It makes my job as your Secretary much easier if I don't have to chase you down for them!! If you have paid, you should have received your card by now and you may flash it proudly!

That's about all I have so far this year, but am sure to have an earful next month! I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

Troy Shugart, Secretary

January Menu and Food Committee

Chairman Ernest Owey reports this month's menu will be a traditional New Year meal of Ham, cabbage, black eyed peas with assorted condiments and beverages.

Other brothers on the Food Committee helping to provide and prepare this meal for us are Anthony Bolding, Bill Lewis, Mike Owens, Freddie Park, Raul Scully, and Kenneth Smith and Buddy Wilson.

Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!

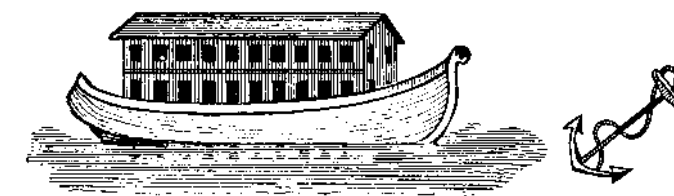
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Prayer List

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, Jeff Carroll, Jim Carroll, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's Dad), Charles Caudill, Taunya Dawson (wife of SD Chris Dawson), Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Max Ehrlich, Sidney Ellis, Max Fisher, Javier Gonzalez, Minnie Grace (Bro. Zulu's mother), George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Bro. Rauschke's aunt), Bruce Jones, Marion Kerr, Johnnie Long, 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 November 15 Masons, wives, and friends accumulated over 151 hours helping out over at South Austin St. David's Medical Center.

Linda Boyd almost put in a full work week with right at 38 hours and Bobby Tiner assisted with more than 30. Following in alphabetical order were Walter Boyd with almost 5 hours and Douglas Cheape worked over 10. Max Fisher and Norman Hayes both helped out with 5 hours each. David Karhi worked 2 and Larry Korts assisted with a little more than 4. Rebecca Moreau put in nearly 8 hours with Ronald Moreau stepping up nearly 4 hours. Ben Rauschke also helped out with almost 4 hours. Carl Robinson put in 19 hours and his wife Jeanine was there for over 16. Dennis Ross assisted with 3 hours.

Thank you all for a "job well done!"