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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 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

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

Living Affiliated Past Masters

J. Roland Brown
Don R. Cowley
Gerald T. Dawson
Allen W. Deaver
Carlton L. Edwards
Robert Eschenburg
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
James C. Wells
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, Jephthe Medois, Orlin G. Williams 10; Robert F. Park, Jr. 11; Ernest Owney 13; Charles E. Ruebbling 14; Robert C. Harris 15; 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; Robert L. Eschenburg, 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; Sam M. Piper Jr., Richard L. Pringle 65; James M. King 68; Hillery O. Davis, Kenneth J. Polk 69; Maxie E. Brune 72; Matias H. Ruiz 78; 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; John O. Adams 01; 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 4th, 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

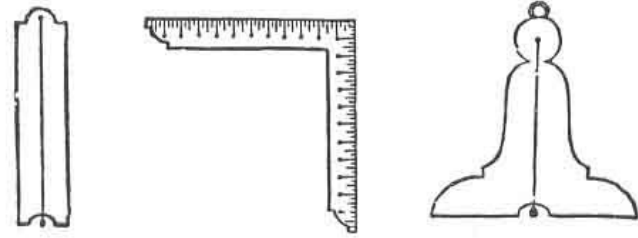
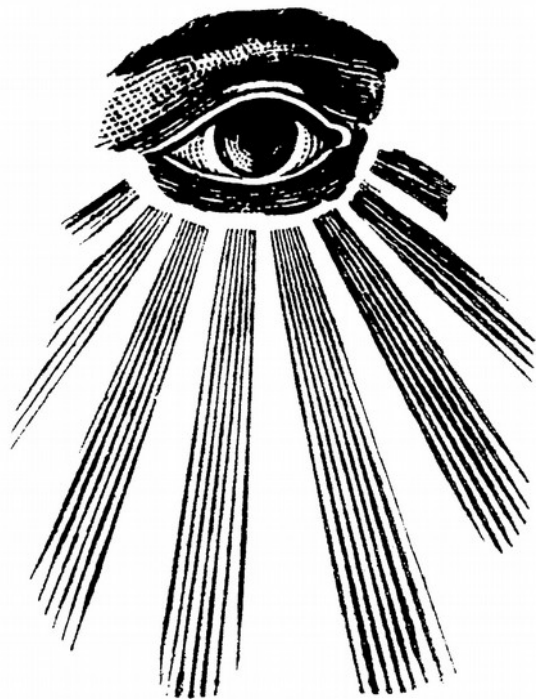
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

At the December stated meeting, the Lodge voted to increase the Lodge Usage Fee to \$40.00 per hour. We also discussed the notification by the City of Austin that we need to be in compliance with the Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO). The URO requires that the Lodge train all its members in OCL's implementation of recycling to meet the URO. Please read the article *Mixed Recycling Comes to Onion Creek Lodge No. 220* contained in this edition of the Beacon and soon to be posted on OCL's website.

Looking Forward

- The Stated Meeting will be on January 4th, 2018
- OCL will be hosting the Stated Meeting of Tranquility Lodge #2000 on Saturday, January 13th beginning at 10:00 AM.
- Grand Lodge Communication will be held January 19th - 21st in Waco
- 4th Wednesday floor practice will resume on Wednesday, January 24th
- Next MWSA meeting will be hosted by Onion Creek on Thursday, January 25th

William Lewis, Worshipful Master



Mixed Recycling Comes to Onion Creek Lodge No. 220

The Universal Recycling Ordinance went into effect on Oct. 1, 2012, requiring property owners of large multifamily apartment complexes and commercial office properties to ensure convenient recycling is available for tenants, and employees.

Austin is recovering more material than ever before in an effort to meet its Zero Waste goal of diverting 90 percent of waste from the landfill by 2040. Separating recyclables into different bins is a thing of the past. Thanks to new technologies, properties can place a variety of materials into a single recycling dumpster or bin with no sorting required. This advancement simplifies how Austin businesses and multifamily complexes collect recyclables and how private haulers transport them.

To support City of Austin's Zero Waste Goal, Onion Creek Lodge No. 220 is complying with the Universal Recycle Ordinance (URO). As of Feb 1st, 2018, recycling containers will be placed inside and outside of the lodge building. Signage will be posted to educate lodge members and tenants which materials are eligible to be recycled. Lastly, Onion Creek Lodge will be providing training once per year to existing members, and new members as they join. Educational information will be communicated via our monthly Beacon newsletter and the Onion Creek Lodge website.

The following five materials can now be recycled here:

- Mixed paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic containers
- Aluminum and tin cans

If you have any questions, please contact Bro. Curtis Gilgan or Bro. Christopher Dawson.

Christopher Dawson, Senior Warden

Grand Master Homecoming Banquet

The Grand Master Tommy F. Chapman Homecoming Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 10th at The Event Centre in Beaumont, Texas. Tickets for the event are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance. Seating is open but limited, and the theme is "Boots & Pearls" with the dress being "Texas Tux" and "After 5".

Mail your ticket request along with a check to:

Tommy Chapman
1313 Fannin St.
Nederland, TX 77627

Deadline for tickets is Friday, February 23rd. Tickets will not be mailed, you will just check in at The Event Centre.

For more information, please contact:

Tommy Chapman
Phone: (409) 201-2626
Email: tomkat6265@aol.com

182nd Grand Annual Communication

This is just a reminder that the 182nd Grand Annual Communication will be held from Thursday, January 18th through Saturday, January 20th at The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco. Events will start at 1:00 pm on Thursday and conclude with an event at 2:00 pm on Saturday.

If you've never been out to The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, the address is:

715 Columbus Avenue
Waco, TX 76701

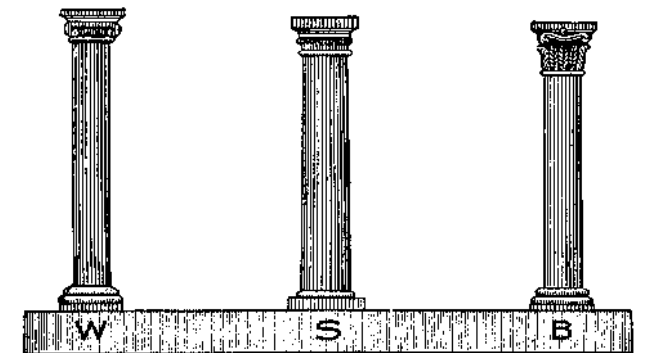
If you're planning on attending and want to carpool, contact the secretary as there may be carpool opportunities available.



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, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Izabella Dawson, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Harold Gilgan, Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Doris Karotkin, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), 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 November, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 131 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 12 hours, Glen Broddrick with 3 hours, Max Fisher with 8 hours, Norman Hayes with 5 hours, Dwane Ideker with 3 hours, Larry Korts with 13 hours, Carl Robinson with 31 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 31 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 22 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!