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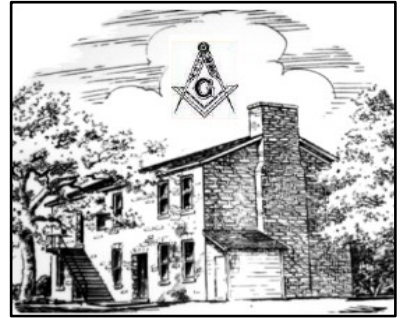
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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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January 2019

Lodge Officers 2018 - 2019

WM: **Christopher R. Dawson**
 SW: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JW: **Orlando Perez**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 SD: **Ernest Owney**
 JD: **Richard Alonso**
 SS: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 JS: **Abram Wallace**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Mus: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 Tiler: **Bobby Clakley**

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
 Allen W. Deaver
 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



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; 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 26; Robert L. Eschenburg, 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; Sam M. Piper Jr. 65; James M. King 68; 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; Wesley L. Mersiovsky, Michael M. Zombola 90; Richard P. Rayborn 96; Carl W. Winters, Jr. 97; David C. Allen 98; James E. Greybeck 98; James A. Kruger 00; 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 3rd, 2019**

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 Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Richard Alonso
Building: Jeromy Odom
Abram Wallace
Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
Communications: Troy Shugart, PM
Esoteric Instruction: Ernest Owney
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Funeral: Troy Shugart, PM
Historian: H. Max Fisher
Hospital: Carl Robinson
Ill and Visitation: Christopher Dawson
Vanguard: Orlando Perez

Greetings brethren and Happy New Year,

I hope you all had a happy holiday and enjoyed the time with loved ones.

The New Year is a time of renewal or recommitment, opening the way for change. Whether breaking dishes, eating grapes, or building bonfires, many cultures around the world celebrate the new year for like reasons.

For Onion Creek, we begin the new year reviewing possible changes to Grand Lodge Law (yay!). If you're interested in helping to determine how our lodge votes on these changes, please come out to our Stated Meeting on January 3rd.

We will also be initiating another man into our gentle fraternity in early January, but a date has not been settled on. Please look out for an email with details.

As mentioned, Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held from January 17th through January 20th. Several Onion Creek members will be in attendance and I expect it's going to be a fantastic time! Because so many of us will be in Waco, attendance will be light Thursday, 1/17. If you need instruction, I recommend you discuss with your instructor to ensure they will be available; arrange an alternative plan if they will be in Waco.

T. Neal Porter will be hosting a district 50 MWSA meeting on 1/22 @ 6:30pm. You can still come if you aren't a Master, Warden, or a Secretary — all Master Masons are welcome.

University Lodge will be hosting a Festive Board on 1/24. Please ask one of the Senior Officers for details.

Lastly, and looking ahead, JD Richard Alonso is planning our Winter Breakfast Social in early February. He will have more details soon.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year and I wish you all the same!

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson



James Anderson's Constitutions

In 1723 an important masonic writing was published: James Anderson's Constitutions.

Handwritten notes of the constitutions could already be found before this date, but now for the first time, these were easily accessible in a small printed book.

Anderson's Constitutions began with a short history of Freemasonry (which, however, is widely considered fictitious), followed by a set of general rules of conduct for a Freemason; i.e. the charges.

These were followed by Payne's Regulations which dictated rules on how lodges should be governed, which every Grand Master should follow.

The final section contains songs which would be used in rituals.

Anderson's Constitutions were reprinted by Benjamin Franklin in 1734, the same year in which he was elected Grand Master of the Lodge of Pennsylvania.

He was also responsible for the printing of the first article about Freemasonry in North America, which he had published in 'The Pennsylvania Gazette' four years earlier, in December 1730.

The Constitutions kept on being modified in the following years even until 1815, when the Grand Lodge of England changed slightly the part where Anderson wrote about a Freemason's religion.

While Anderson's original Constitutions said that "a stupid Atheist" and "an irreligious libertine" can never be Freemasons, the Grand Lodge of England modified this and wrote that it doesn't matter what religion one follows as long as "he believes in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practices the sacred duties of morality". This is still relevant to Freemasons today.

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The Beginning of the Enlightenment

The 1700's marked the beginning of the Enlightenment, and Freemasonry was one of the main organizations active in promoting its beliefs.

The Enlightenment was intent on freeing the human consciousness, thus it is not difficult to relate it to Freemasonry.

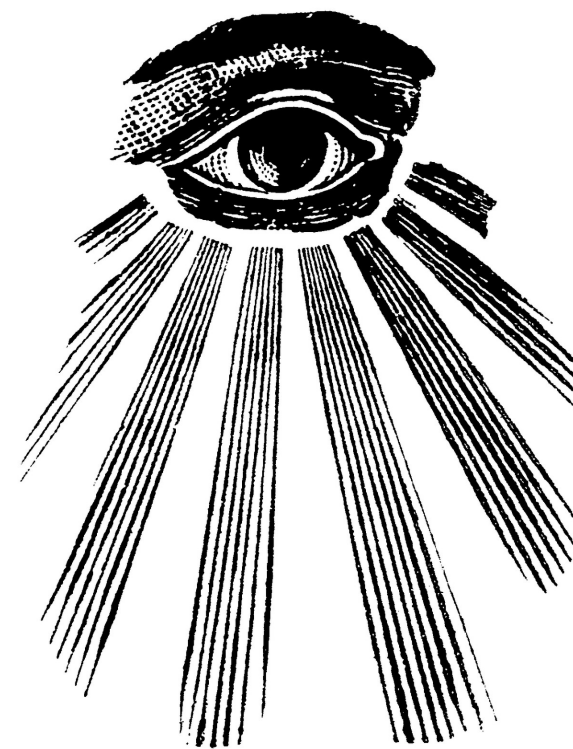
The Enlightenment wanted to put an emphasis

on reason as opposed to ignorance, believed in the freedom and dignity of the individual and promoted the sharing of one's thoughts and intelligence with others.

Freemasonry shared most of its ideals with the ideals of the Enlightenment, and was one of the organizations responsible for its start, while also playing an active part to lead it to its success.

Many of the philosophers of the Enlightenment were Freemasons, or became Freemasons at a later stage during their life, like for example Voltaire, who is one of the intellectuals credited with starting the Enlightenment.

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The Wages of a Mason

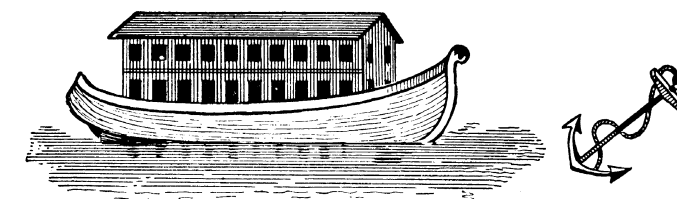
Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin

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), 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 November, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 136 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 16 hours, David Faria with 13 hours, Max Fisher with 4 hours, Norm Hayes with 3 hours, Dwane Idecker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with 29 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 27 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 32 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!