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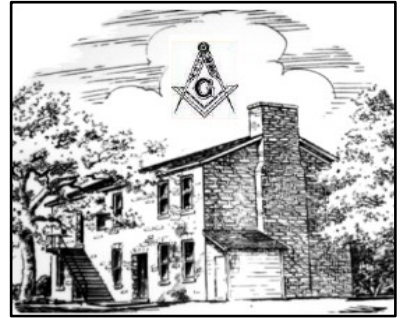
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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July 2016

Lodge Officers 2015 - 2016

WM: **Jeff J. Carroll**
 SW: **William L. Lewis**
 JW: **Chris R. Dawson**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**
 SD: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JD: **Orlando Perez**
 SS: **Ernest Owney**
 JS: **Johnny Contreras**
 Mar: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 MC: **Alan Karotkin, PM**
 Tiler: **Ken E. Loveless**

Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner	1998- John W. Turner
1970- Ralph L. Cearley	1999- James F. Keese
1974- Jimmy M. Hodges	2000- Walter E. Sanders
1977- Roy L. Hamor	2001- Jonathan D. Walker
1978- Bobby J. Doherty	2002- Robert L. Roda
1980- Ronald B. Norwood	2003- Ricky J. Tindell
1981- Howard D. Hall	2004- Elijio Arjona, Jr.
1982- Alan L. Karotkin	2005- Hamilton B. Carter
1984- Matias H. Ruiz	2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
1986- Jose V. Seguin	2007- Michael E. Sanders
1987- Elliott R. Wilson	2008- Daniel E. Barber
1988- Jerry T. Jarmon	2009- Dale L. Flatt
1989- Dennis C. Kestner	2010- Tony M. Ramirez
1991- Ronnie H. Lee	2011- Dennis J. Ross
1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff	2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
1994- Walter H. Argall	2013- Raul J. Scully
1995- Javier R. Gonzalez	2014- Ben B. Rauschke
1996- Kenneth P. Wood	2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
1997- William S. Lear	

Living Affiliated Past Masters

Jimmie L. Banks
 J. 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
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 Roni Zulu



July Birthdays

Steven R. Franklin, Billy R. Seguin, and Adrian W. Edmundson 01; James R. Jennings 02; George W. Henry 04; Roni Zulu 06; Richard W. Johnson 07; Christopher T. Bookout, Duncan K. Copeland 08; Ronald B. Fife, David W. Rosenbaum 09; James F. Keese, Omar Chavez-Trevino 10; David W. Hardt 11; Kenneth R. Smith 15; William E. Powell 17; Samuel M Gacesa 18; Alan L. Karotkin, William R. Harrison, Jonathon R. Nunez and Todd A. Reynolds 20; Charles A. Snoddy 22; James N. Davidson, James W. Fouts 23; Clifford Cody, John M. Guzman, Joe A. Pickering 25; Dale Flatt 26; John A. Contreras, Kendell Holcomb, Jose V. Seguin 27; John C. Wood and Bradley D. French 30.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in July (year)

Axel L. Schiller 51; James R. Jennings, O. Tripp Garza 53; Donald A. Villoni, Jack H. Broome 58; Gordon V. Powell, Jr. 61; Marvin H. Kelly 62; Glen R. Broddrick 63; Boyce V. Oakes 68; Robert Ray 69; Richard S. Schlueter 72; Ferril C. Smith 76; Barry P. Drake 77; Richard N. Benoit 80; Ronald B. Fife 88; Francisco Reyes, Sr., Peter Seguin 89; Michael S. Compton 93; Darin W. Isaacs 94; Charles P. Foreman, Jerry W. Wranischar, Hunter S. Arend 96; John C. Preece 98; William S. Haire 99; Juan A. Rivera, Jr., Charles E. Ruebbling 04; Terrence P. Murphy 05; Richard S. Currier 06; Jose M. Chirinos 09, and Chadwyck W. Preece 14.

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

*Happy Birthday Brothers!
 May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
July 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: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**

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, PM**

Finance: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**

Esoteric Instruction: **David "Tide" Williams**

Breakfast Socials: **Orlando Perez**

Greetings from the East,

The new Masonic year is upon us and the 2016-2017 Officers elected and appointed have now been installed. It is an honor to be given the privilege to serve as Worshipful Master of Onion Creek #220. I pray that it is a journey that will continue to transform me into a better leader, man, mason and servant to mankind in general. I look forward to being able to rely on our Past Masters and others to help guide me and Onion Creek through this ensuing year.

I would like to introduce to you the 2016-2017 Installed Officers of Onion Creek #220. Our officers are as follows: Sr Warden Bill Lewis; Jr Warden Chris Dawson; Treasurer Dennis Kestner, PM; Secretary Troy Shugart, PM; Chaplain Ben Rauschke, PM; Sr Deacon David "Tide" Williams; Jr Deacon Orlando Perez; Sr Steward Ernest Owney; Jr Steward Johnny Contreras; Master of Ceremonies Alan Karotkin, PM; Marshal Curtis Gilgan, PM; and Tiler Ken Loveless. Congratulations to each of you and thank you in advance for your service!

I would also like to thank our newest Past Master, PM Gilgan for successfully completing his year as Worshipful Master of Onion Creek during 2015-2016. You have continued to set the bar high as all previous Past Masters have done, and it has been a pleasure to serve under your leadership. Thank you for all you have to offer to this lodge and the fraternity as a whole.

Looking forward through July. It is customary for Onion Creek to open a Lodge of Sorrow for the ensuing year immediately following the Installation. That is planned to have occurred on Monday, June 27. Our July stated meeting will be on July 7th, come out and congratulate your newly installed Officers and enjoy a fine meal provided by our July Food Committee. On July 16th, starting at 7:30am, we are scheduled to begin our Cemetery cleanup. This is a great way to get involved with Onion Creek activities and get a little exercise at the same time. Our investment in lawn equipment is now paying off, and the lodge is starting to save money that had been previously spent to beautify the grounds. Our Stewards will provide a lunch as they have in the past. On July 30th, we have a tentative A.L.L. program scheduled to start at 8:30am. If you've never attended an A.L.L. program it too is a great way to be involved with your lodge. Mark your calendars and come on out!

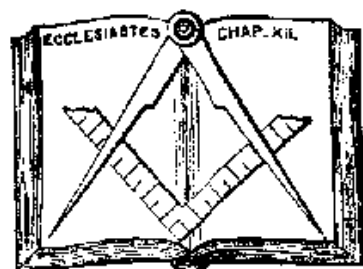
July 23rd, starting at 10am, Brother Jim Wells

will be installed as Worshipful Master of Texana Lodge #123. I'm sure Brother Wells would appreciate all of your support during this special occasion. Congratulations, Brother Wells!

Finally, the District #50 MWSA meeting will be held on July 26th and hosted by Hill City #456. A meal will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting following at 7:30pm.

Again, congratulations to the newly installed officers of Onion Creek #220!

Jeff Carroll, WM



Called to the Celestial Lodge

Ronald C. Godwin
June 7, 2016

Leroy Mann
June 13, 2016

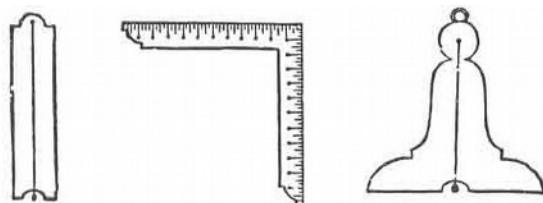
Wendell Edwin Koenig
June 24, 2016

July Food Committee and Menu

Chairman Sam Taylor informs me this month's menu will consist of Pulled Pork Sandwiches with all the trimmings along with a couple of undisclosed side dishes with pie for dessert. As usual there will be assorted hot and cold beverages for your enjoyment!

Other members of the July Food Committee who have helped to make this meal possible are: John Adams, John Byrd, Robert Carnes, Michael Compton, Tom Estes (Co-Chairman), William Haire, James Jennings, Alan Karotkin, Rodney Lay, Tony Ramirez, L.A. Wood, and Jim Wells.

Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!



From the Secretary's Desk

Welcome to the new Masonic year everyone! I have to say the past year was fun and exciting and I am looking forward to the same this year!

I would like to welcome our new line of officers to their elected and appointed positions and let you know I am truly excited about working with each and every one of you during this Masonic year.

You will notice on the first page of this publication we have a couple of changes other than the usual advancements. PM Alan Karotkin has been appointed to Master of Ceremonies replacing PM Ben Rauschke, who has been appointed Chaplain. PM Curtis Gilgan has been appointed Marshal replacing PM Dennis Ross and Brother Johnny Contreras is the newest addition to our line being appointed Junior Steward. I sure hope ole Johnny can cook!

I do believe the Lodge will be in good hands under the Leadership of WM Jeff Carroll and I am excited about assisting him in any way I can to insure he has a fun and productive year. I have to admit I will have to adjust to the new view of the North from my desk! Just kidding, Worshipful Master!

I encourage all of you to be as active in the Lodge as you can this year as we are now starting over and have many things to accomplish. The term "the more the merrier" comes to mind! When we pull together it seems to make things a little more fun, easier, and more rewarding. As in most lodges, we have a core group that tends to make things happen and if you're not a part of that, I promise you are missing out!

Lastly, one more great big heartfelt "CONGRATULATIONS" to all of the officers, elected and appointed, and as usual, I look forward to seeing you all at Lodge real soon!!

Troy Shugart, Secretary

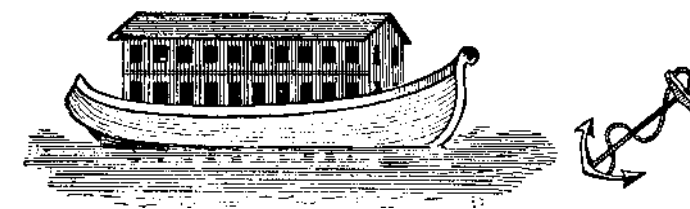
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Prayer List

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, Jim Carroll, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Charles Caudill, Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Glenn Dyess, Max Ehrlich, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke's aunt), Priscilla Jackson (Ernest Owney's sister), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's daughter-in-law), Bruce Jones, Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Dennis Mitchell, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Jane Ray (Robert's wife), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Suzanne Vera, and Wanda Stewart.

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Jeff Carroll or Chaplain Ben Rauschke, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of May, 12 Masons, wives and friends donated almost 122 hours of their time helping out our friends over at South Austin St. David's Medical Center.

Our good friend and dedicated volunteer, Bobby Tiner, was out front this month with over 29 hours. He was closely followed by Linda Boyd with right at 23 hours. Following in alphabetical order were Glen Broddrick and Douglas Cheape who helped out with over 3 hours each. Max fisher worked almost 3 and Norm Hayes almost 5 hours. Dwane Ideker put in over 3 and David Karhi right at 2 hours. Larry Korts gave up over 17 hours of his time to help out. Ben Rauschke was there for more than 5 hours as well. Carl and Jeanine Robinson were there to assist, giving up 14 hours each.

Thank you all for "A job well done!"