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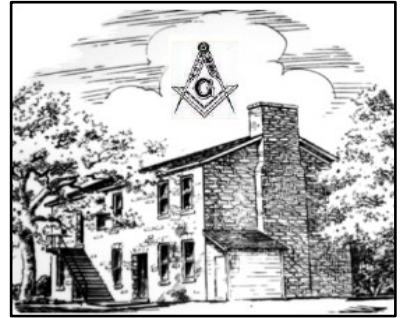
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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July 2017

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
 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- 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
 Roni Zulu



July Birthdays

Steven R. Franklin, Billy R. Seguin, 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 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, 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; Kendell Holcomb, Jose V. Seguin 27; John C. Wood and Bradley D. French 30.

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

Masonic Birthdays; raised in July (year)

Axel L. Schiller 51; James R. Jennings; 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; Ferril C. Smith 76; Barry P. Drake 77; 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!*

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 July 6th, 2017**

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

**Meal at 6:30 pm
 Meeting at 7:30 pm**

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

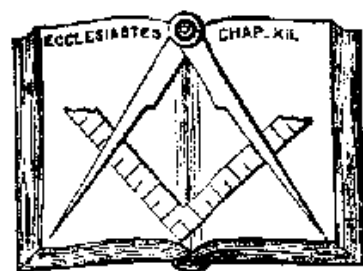
Welcome to the start of a new Masonic year at Onion Creek. Masonry is a unique organization that has existed for centuries and provides men of good character a place to meet and improve themselves.

Since becoming a Mason, I have discovered the rich life Masonry affords to its members. The old adage “you only get out of it what you put into it” is especially apropos. The more time I spent at Lodge the stronger the ties of friendship became.

If you haven’t been to Lodge for a while, come join us for the stated meetings. It is a great time to share a meal and have fellowship with your brothers and their families. Re-acquaint yourself with the reason you became a Mason in the first place. When you ponder the effort and “work” you put into becoming a Master Mason you will re-discover the richness that our fraternity offers to those who participate.

If for some reason you think that you do not belong because you cannot remember the “work”, fear not. Come and sit with your brothers as they teach the next generation of Masons. Come see old friends and make new ones. As you sit and listen during training, you will discover that it all sounds familiar and low and behold, the words will come alive again.

William Lewis, Worshipful Master



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Geraldine Bailey
June 20, 2017

July Food Committee and Menu

Committee Chairman Sam Taylor, Sr. informs me this month’s meal will be chili with corn bread, salad, and dessert as well as assorted beverages.

Other members that assisted in making this meal possible are, in no particular order: Jim Wells, Jeromy Odom, Eric Hoffman and J.R. Vera.

Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!

From the Secretary’s Desk

Well it is here, another Masonic year has come and gone in a flash! On Saturday, June 24th we had a wonderful installation ceremony and a mighty fine meal followed. If you weren’t there, I have to say you missed out.

I would like to congratulate the new line of officers, both elected and appointed. I look forward to serving with each of you during the coming year.

I do believe Worshipful Master Lewis has a lot in store for us, so come on out end enjoy some really good camaraderie, do a little teaching or a little learning, and most likely have a fine meal! I know there is going to be quite a bit of work done to our beautiful Lodge building over the next year and I believe you will be pleased with the work both inside and out. So... if within length of your cable tow, consider joining us and lending a hand.

Just so you know, there were seventeen of our brothers who were suspended for non payment of dues. If you are one of them, please consider reinstatement. In order to be reinstated you will need to pay the dues for the year you were suspended and for the current year. If you need assistance, I am sure there is something we can do to help, but only if we know you need it.

That’s all for now and as usual, I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

Troy Shugart, Secretary



Randall E. Briscoe Workshop Program

The members of your Masonic Education and Service Committee are pleased to offer the Randall E. Briscoe Workshop Program designed to assist Lodge Officers in the day-to-day operation of their Lodges. The program is an adaptation of the format used by the Committee during the era of the 1960s when its effect upon Lodge leadership was evinced by well-informed and capable leadership in Texas Lodges. Based upon the results of the program since 2011, we believe the Masons of Texas are supportive of the theory that well informed and prepared leadership of our Lodges has a definite impact upon the quality of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction.

The first half of the program focuses on Grand Lodge Law, as well as how to deal with difficult and unexpected situations which may occur during the course of one’s tenure as an officer of his Lodge. It is the difficult and unexpected situations that challenge leadership in any organization. Many leaders are “blindsided” by such occurrences. The likelihood is that most Wardens of our Lodges will eventually progress to the East, and that progression “through the chairs” will doubtless lead to several opportunities to deal with tough situations requiring their prompt attention and careful consideration.

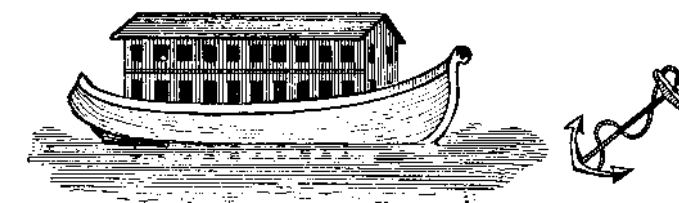
The second half of the program is designed to enhance our understanding and prompt discussion related to the symbolism and more esoteric aspects of Freemasonry. Unlike many of the situations outlined in the first section where there is an obvious right or wrong answer, symbolism may have multiple levels of interpretation, and will likely require ongoing study and discussion to fully comprehend the true and intended meaning. An additional purpose of the Briscoe Workshop series is to compliment the weekend Officer Leadership Training Programs, which have proven very popular among Lodges throughout Texas. While the Workshop series primarily concentrates on Grand Lodge Law, dealing with difficult situations while presiding in the East, and Masonic Symbolism, the Officer Leadership Training Program focuses on Lodge administration and leadership skills. Together these programs seek to prepare officers to effectively manage and steer their Lodges toward a bright and prosperous future.

The Briscoe Workshops are open to all Master Masons. Summer 2017 Briscoe Workshop Schedule & Registration will be coming soon.

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, Johnny Camarillo, Shawon Carroll (Jeff’s brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff’s dad), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Charles Caudill, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart’s niece), Curtis Gilgan, Lauren Gilgan, Reagan Hammett, George Henry, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Bennie Hudson, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke’s aunt), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown’s stepdaughter), Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, 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 Suzanne Vera.

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 May, 11 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 117 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 22 hours, Glen Broddrick with 4 hours, Max Fisher with 3 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Ideker with 4 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Larry Korts with 12 hours, Carl Robinson with 23 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 23 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 14 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!