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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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July 2018

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
 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
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Bobby J. Norris
 Boyce Oakes
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 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.

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!*

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 July 5th, 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 Karhi**
Breakfast Socials: **Richard Alonso**
Building: **Abram Wallace**
Cemetery: **Jeromy Odom**
Communications: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Esoteric Instruction: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Finance: **Ernest Owney**
Funeral: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Historian: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Hospital: **H. Max Fisher**
Ill and Visitation: **Carl Robinson**
Vanguard: **Raul Scully, PM**
Orlando Perez

From the East

Happy July and New Masonic Year! Congratulations to the newly installed 2018-2019 Officers of Onion Creek, as well as the committee Chairs. Also, congratulations to our Brothers and Sisters in the Eastern Star.

Today is Sunday, a traditional day of rest and reflection for many people around the world. Like many of you, I had a list of things I had to do before I could actually rest, though! On this Sunday, I've reflected on some of the conversations I've had with our Onion Creek family. Specifically, a few questions that have been asked.

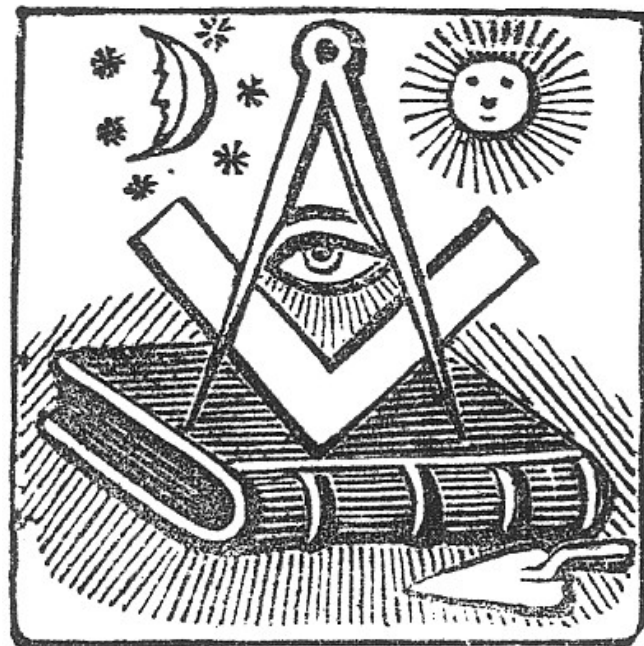
"Are you excited?"
"Are you nervous?"
"Are you ready?"

I've answered plainly, and threw in a self-depreciating joke where I could, but the real answer is "I'm humbled". There are many Brothers of Onion Creek that I look up to. To have their support and trust, as I assume the leadership of our lodge, means so much. It's my goal to lead our lodge wisely and earnestly. I am blessed to have the finest team anyone could wish for.

I'm feeling great about this year. I'm hopeful to see a few but significant changes in the community of our lodge: pride of ownership, engaging education, and continuing fellowship. I hope to be a faithful gardener and plant good seeds. As the years move forward, we will use our metaphorical tools to nurture the budding plants. If all goes well, future generations of our lodge will reap good fruit that would both nourish and sustain. I want to end my year as Master with Onion Creek a little better than when I started.

Families, Friendships, and Community: these are the most valuable things a man can have. Thank you again for your confidence and trust. Let's have a great year!

Chris Dawson, Worshipful Master



EAs Initiated in June

Congratulations to our two newest Entered Apprentices! Both gentlemen had terrific degrees and look forward to receiving the Light they desire.

Lodge Cleanup For Installation

On Saturday, June 23rd, several Onion Creek and OES Chapter Members gathered to make our Lodge pretty prior to installation. Together, we scrubbed clean the floors of the hallway, parlor, and kitchen. We gave the Square and Compasses on our front door, as well as our dinner bell, a brand new shine. We gave every room a healthy clean with brooms, mops, rags, and sponges. Our OES friends also came out to clean their closet space, but also gave us a hand!

I'd like to thank Bobby Clakley; Robert Eschenburg, PM; Ernest Owney; Tide Williams; Curtis Gilgan, PM; Abram Wallace; Jeromy Odom and Rick Alonso. Extra special thanks to Rick for preparing breakfast for everyone. I'd also like to appreciate these members of the Austin and Creedmoor OES Chapters: Jane Hudson, Vickie Matthews, Brenda & Hunt Armistead, and Polly & Elbert Franks. Thanks to everyone for helping to beautify our lodge!

Chris Dawson, Worshipful Master

Community Builder Award

Onion Creek No. 220 is very proud to have presented the Community Builder Award to Suzanne Faight on June 14th, 2018.

After graduation from Southwest Texas State University, Suzanne taught for 14 years at Lampasas High School. She afterward moved to Austin and wrote curriculum materials at The University of Texas, then went back into teaching for 9 years in Round Rock ISD. Suzanne then moved to South Austin in 2006, while doing teacher training at Region 13, and retired after 30 years in education in 2008.

After retirement, Suzanne became a volunteer at South Austin Medical Center and will celebrate her 10th anniversary there in April, having accumulated almost 8,000 hours of service. She has served three terms as President of the Auxiliary and worked with the high school Summer Junior Program for nine years. She has served as Team Captain of the Friday afternoon team for more than seven years, and works with the Membership Committee to select and orient new volunteers.

As a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, Suzanne works with the Disaster Response Ministry. She spent more than 40 hours managing ADRN's South Austin donation center during Hurricane Harvey. She plans quarterly programs and training with sessions on Austin flooding, wildfires, hands-only CPR, and SkyWarn training.

Suzanne became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2004 and is currently serving as First Vice-Regent of Thankful Hubbard Chapter and starts a two-year term as Regent this May. Through her involvement in DAR, Suzanne has attended and participated in annual Memorial Day Ceremonies at the State Cemetery. Suzanne serves as a DAR volunteer representative with the Veterans Administration Hospital System headquartered in Temple.

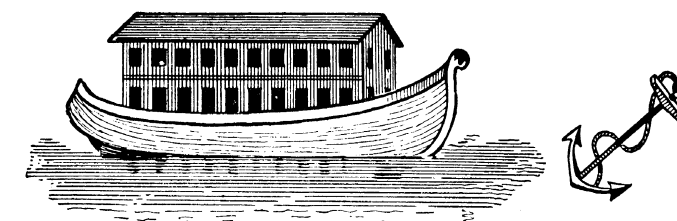
Suzanne was the main driving force to get the Onion Creek Masons to be a regular part of the bigger hospital volunteer group, which we greatly appreciate. Without her, Onion Creek brothers would still be the step-children of the hospital auxiliary. Suzanne also attends almost every Onion Creek Breakfast Social and makes sure they are advertised in the hospital newsletters.

Congratulations, Suzanne, and thank you for all that you've done for South Austin!

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, Johnnie Camarillo, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Robert Flores (PM Blanco), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Barbara Gower (RW Mike Gower's wife), Reagan Hammett, Alba Haney (Larry's wife), Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Thurman McGinnis, Tony Moreno, Bob Oakes, Tom Peters, 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 Tracy Williams (Tide's wife).

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 May, 9 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 121 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 14 hours, Max Fisher with 9 hours, Norman Hayes with 5 hours, Dwane Idecker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 5 hours, Carl Robinson with 27 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 16 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 37 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!