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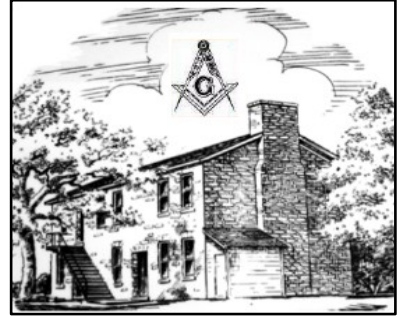
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Onion Creek No. 220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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July 2019

## Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

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

## 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

2000- Walter E. Sanders  
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker  
 2002- Robert L. Roda  
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell  
 2004- Eljio 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  
 2018- Christopher R. Dawson

## 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  
 Gene C. Payne  
 Troy J. Shugart  
 Bill Weathers  
 James C. Wells  
 Roni Zulu



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



### 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 08; Ronald B. Fife 09; 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 W. Fouts 23; Clifford C. Cody, Joe A. Pickering 25; Dale L. Flatt 26; Kendell Holcomb 27; John C. Wood and Bradley D. French 30.

### Masonic Birthdays; raised in July (year)

James R. Jennings 53; Donald A. Villoni, Jack H. Broome 58; Gordon V. Powell, Jr. 61; Marvin H. Kelly 62; Glen R. Broddrick 63; Robert Ray 69; Ferril C. Smith 76; 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; Jose M. Chirinos 09; Chadwyck W. Preece 14; Patrick N. Franklin 17.

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

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

### Stated Meeting

**Second Thursday  
 July 11<sup>th</sup>, 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:*** Jeromy Odom  
***Building:*** Jeromy Odom  
Abram Wallace  
***Cemetery:*** Dale Flatt, PM  
***Communications:*** Troy Shugart, PM  
***Esoteric Instruction:*** Richard Alonso  
***Finance:*** Curtis Gilgan, PM  
***Funeral:*** Troy Shugart, PM  
***Historian:*** H. Max Fisher  
***Hospital:*** Carl Robinson  
***Ill and Visitation:*** Jim Wells, PM  
***Vanguard:*** Raul Scully, PM  
***Pleasant Hill Advisory:*** H. Max Fisher  
***Special Events:*** Chris Dawson, PM

**From the East**

Happy July and congratulations to the 2019-2020 officers of Onion Creek. And congratulations to the brothers and sisters in the Eastern Star on their recent installation.

I want to thank all of you for the trust and confidence you've shown in me, in letting me take over the wheel of this ship for a while. There are so many people who have helped me along this path, and I am awed and humbled at the guidance, support, and trust you've shown. Also, I would be remiss if I didn't extend my heartfelt thanks to JPM Chris Dawson for his leadership of the lodge last year. His focus on building our internal bonds allowed us to learn more about each other and grow together as brothers.

I am looking forward to a great year of continued fellowship, and pride in what we build, both internally and externally, together. As I mentioned during installation, there are several initiatives I'd like us to take on, and enable us to build on our lodge family, build on our community, and build within ourselves.

We will continue having family nights at every stated meeting, but I'd like to add to our growth together as a family. When the weather gets a bit more cooperative, we will hold some cookouts at the lodge. There's a huge smoker out back that is ready to cook brisket, ribs, burgers, and hot dogs. Add to that some fun rounds of bean bag toss, horseshoes, washers, and fellowship. Also, due to popular demand and a fantastic inaugural launch, JPM Dawson has agreed to conduct a couple of extra Bingo Brunches this year.

This year, we will also be taking on continued beautification of our lodge. A little over a year ago, we upgraded the flooring in the lodge room. Now it's time to upgrade the appearance of our walls. This project too will start after the summer heat starts to dissipate, so we'll use the summer to finalize plans and get everything prepared.

We've had a relationship with Pleasant Hill Elementary for over 160 years. But in recent years, that relationship has dwindled somewhat. I've created a new Pleasant Hill Advisory committee to work with the Principal and staff, to identify ways we can help the school and the children. If you'd like to help with this project, please come see me or talk to Max Fisher or Dennis Ross.

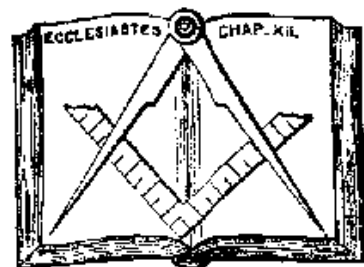
Our next stated meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup> and we will be opening a Master Masons lodge. Additional

events scheduled for the near future are:

- 7/10 @ 11:30am — Central Texas High 12 Club @ El Mercado on Lavaca.
- 7/18 @ 7:30pm — Assemble school kits for Project SOS @ OCL 220.
- 7/22 @ 6:30pm — MWSA Meeting @ Colorado Lodge No. 96.
- 8/1 @ 6:30pm — Stated Meeting @ OCL 220

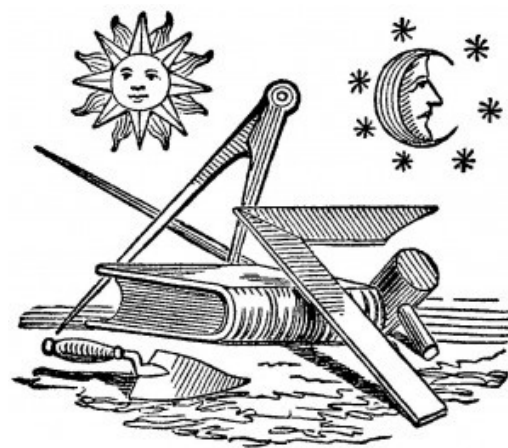
There's an old African proverb that says, "If you keep your head and heart going in the right direction, you don't have to worry about your feet." I am confident in the direction the head and heart of this lodge is going. I am excited as we move forward, and believe that together we can accomplish anything.

*Tide Williams, Worshipful Master*



*Called to the Celestial Lodge*

**James Foster "Jim" Keese**  
June 11, 2019



**July Menu**

July Food Committee Chairman Samuel Taylor, Sr. reports they will be serving hot dogs with chili and cheese, and apple pie for dessert.

*Thank you for a fine meal!*

**Grand Lodge of Texas Seat Program**

In 1996 a resolution was passed for a "seat honoring" program that would help bolster the financial health of the Grand Lodge Temple maintenance endowment. For a donation of \$100, a brass plate would be affixed to a seat of one's choosing with the following selection of inscriptions:

1. In Name of \_\_\_\_\_
2. In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_
3. In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

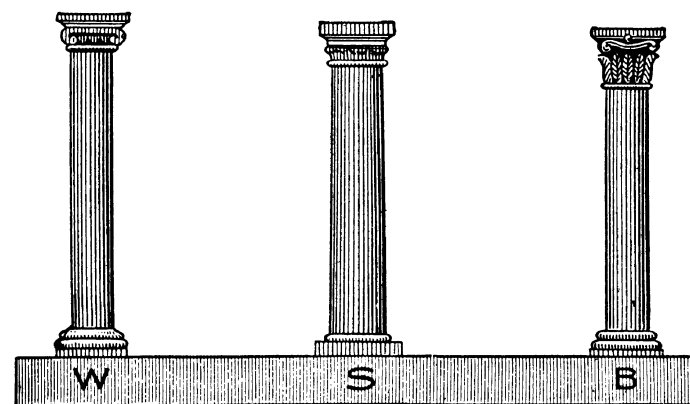
The Seat Program is on-going, generating the funds as originally intended and giving the opportunity for Lodges to honor past officers, Grand Masters to honor their DDGMs, wives to honor their husbands, and Brethren to honor wives, fathers, brothers, sons and friends. With the auditorium having 3,740 seats, the optimum goal is to gain a total of \$374,000 to add to the Temple maintenance endowment fund.

Please join with your Brethren to help in this effort, which was originally proposed by the late Brother Tom B. Johnson of Houston, who was known as one who lived the Masonic ideals to the fullest. Every goal met is an opportunity to have our beautiful Temple remain as a self-sustaining Center for Masonic Education and Fellowship for Texas Masons.

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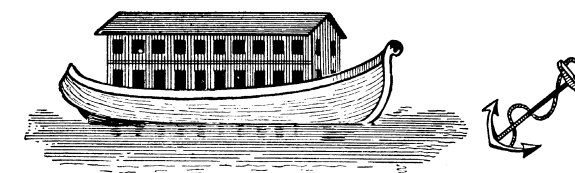
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**Prayer List**

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, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Scott Brown, Johnnie Camarillo, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Molly Clakley, Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, Jacqueline Goodman (Ernest Owney's sister-in-law), RW Mike Gower and family, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite's family, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Newell "Red" Rauschke (Ben's dad), Jeanine Robinson (wife of Carl Robinson), JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell, and Louis Ugarte (cousin of SW Orlando Perez).

*If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Tide Williams or Chaplain Jim Wells, PM*



**SAMC Hospital Volunteers**

During the month of May, 6 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 135 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 13 hours, Dave Faria with over 9 hours, Max Fisher with over 11 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with over 28 hours, Jeanine Robinson with over 27 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with over 36 hours.

*Thank you folks for a job well done!*