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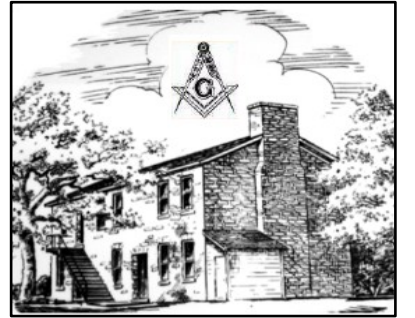
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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June 2016

## Lodge Officers 2015 - 2016

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

## 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- 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

## 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  
 Bill Weathers  
 Roni Zulu



## June Birthdays

Chaz A. Grumbles, Todd Lewis 01; Louis C. Martin, Jeffrey L. Dotterer 03; Scott A. Freng 04; John W. Jackson II, Edward L. Weeren, Jeffrey T. Lester 07; Daniel P. Vasquez 11; Jeff J. Carroll, William L. Weathers 13; Jorge A. Millan 14; Trollis J. Morris 15; Donald A. Villoni 16; Thomas D. Hoke 17; Tommy R. Peters, Nazario Cantu III, Stanley A. Mitchusson 18; James R. Robinson II, Jeffrey L. Wilbur 20; Raymond D. Hannah 23; Wendell E. Koenig, Elbert I. Franks 24; Tony M. Ramirez, Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 26; Sam M. Piper, Jr. 27, and Hunter S. Arend 28.

**Happy Birthday, Brothers!**

**May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!**

## Masonic Birthdays; raised in June (year)

Gary E. Clark 64; Sherrel D. Cole, Ronald L. Angell 66; Lloyd M. Robertson 69; James D. Hatton, Glenn R. Dyess 71; Richard W. Johnson 73; Robert A. Carnes, Walter E. Boyd 76; Nazario Cantu III 77; Mack Gerald 80; Donnie F. Carter 81; James C. Morton, Max F. Ehrlich, Allan J. Tolbert III 89; Kirk W. Reasoner, Robert E. Allen 90; Van M. Nimrick 92; James F. Keese 93; Robert D. Boddy 97; Henry R. Tindell, Ricky J. Tindell 98; James R. McMillan 99; Tony M. Ramirez 03; Jorge A. Millan 06; David S. Shackelford, Manuel A. Hernandez, Jacob R. Caudle 13; Lawrence I. Falk 14, and John A. Contreras 15.

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

## Stated Meeting

**Second Thursday**  
**June 9th, 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:** **Curtis A. Gilgan**

**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**

**Finance:** **Curtis A. Gilgan**

**Esoteric Instruction:** **Chris R. Dawson**

**Breakfast Socials:** **David "Tide" Williams**

### ***Greetings from the East,***

My time in the east is near its end – I would like to thank the lodge for allowing me to serve Onion Creek Lodge as its Worshipful Master. While there are too many brothers who have helped me in my journey to and thru this past year, I would like to thank you all; more especially, I would like to thank Bro. Wes Mersiovsky thru whom I started on this path and Bros. Dennis Ross, Terry Russell, and Jose Seguin who were my first teachers in the lodge.

There have been a number of items on which Onion Creek brethren having been laboring this month.

At the May Stated meeting, 40 year service awards were presented to Onion Creek brothers; in addition, awards were sent to brothers who were unable to attend. Please join me in congratulating Bros. Walter Boyd, James Brown, Robert Carnes, Bobbie Doherty, James Durr, Alan Karotkin, Thurman McGinnis, Boyce Oakes, Kenneth Polk, Rockney Raby, Robert Ray, John Waggoner, Raymond Williams, and Willis Woods. Also at the May meeting, we presented a Cornerstone volunteer award to Bro. Boyd who is retiring as a SAMC volunteer after over 30 years – an outstanding example of Masonic faithfulness and charity.

On May 14th, several Onion Creek brethren attended a rare called session of Grand Lodge. In this meeting, it was decided that business for the Grand Annual Communications should start on the third Friday in January (Note, however, that an amendment was proposed and passed that the Grand Lodge trustees can move this date if the need arises).

On May 21st, brothers of Onion Creek worked hard to cleanup our cemetery and replace the flags for Memorial Day – due to the growth and delay caused by the recurrent spring rains, this was no small task. We were able to finish about two-thirds of our seven acres; since we were unable to cleanup the entire cemetery, we will need to find time to wrap this up as soon as time and nature allows – please stay tuned. Thank you to the following brothers who worked with this cleanup: Chris Dawson, Max Fisher, Charlie Foreman, WM Curtis Gilgan, Raymond Gonzalez, Howard Kimble, Bill Lewis, Ernest Owney, Orlando Perez, Carl Robinson, Dennis Ross PM, W Troy Shugart, and Bobby Tiner.

While the lodge is dark each Memorial Day to honor those men and women who have died while serving our great country, the lodge and grounds were

put to good use over the holiday weekend for two events including the 90th birthday celebration for Mrs. Edna Missildine, a very faithful and special lady of our lodge – Happy Birthday to a lady who is 90 years young.

Remember, this month's stated meeting will be on the second Thursday of the month, June 9th. Plan to attend and congratulate Onion Creek's newest Master Mason, Tyler Lane.

We should have a rich agenda for this month's meeting. First, it will be Past Master's night. There will be an open meeting prior to the stated meeting to all the Past Masters and to present a community builder award for this Masonic year; secondly, there will be several presentations in the stated meeting including the esoteric certificates which have been missing in action since February; and thirdly, we will be holding the elections for next year.

At last month's stated meeting, we announced that the date and place for the district #50 picnic is set – June 11th at 815 Cat Hollow Club Drive, Briarcliff, TX 78669; starting at 11a – Masons, bring out your family and friends.

Finally, on June 25th, Onion Creek is planning on holding its annual installation for the then WM-elect; starting at 10a. All masons, family, friends, and anyone interested in masonry are welcome to attend – lunch will be served after the installation.

God bless America, God bless Texas, and God bless our gentle fraternity.

***Curtis, WM***

### ***Family Night Menu and Food Committee***

This month's Food Committee Chairman Charles Pickering tells me the menu will consist of Pulled Pork Sandwiches, beans, and potato salad along with dessert and assorted beverages.

Other members of this committee who have made this meal possible are, in alphabetical order: Glenn Dyess, Ronald Fife, Curtis Gilgan, Charlie Gray, Jimmy Greybeck, Roy Hamor, Frank Hankins, Richard Harrison, William Hatten, Robert Mallet, Wayne Moore, Gene Payne, Joe Pickering, Sam Piper, Bob Roda, Dennis Ross, Dale Rundell, and Robert Williams.

***Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!***

### ***From the Secretary's Desk***

Well, here we are with another Masonic year coming to an end! I have to say this year has proven to be as fun and eventful as the last. This month, instead of asking you to pay your dues, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be your Secretary!! I consider Onion Creek to be the best Lodge of them all and it is truly an honor to be a part of such a great team of men and Masons!

As we approach the beginning of a new year I look forward to accomplishing a new goal or two. I would lay them out for you, but then, you might hold me to them! As your Secretary, I continue to learn something new about this job with each passing day and I promise (if I don't get fired!) to try just a little bit harder to improve on things like getting the weekly email out correctly, the first time, get the minutes right the first time, and to try to be the best ever at this job! That is a pretty tall order when you consider my predecessors!

I would like to thank WM Gilgan for his leadership this year and welcome each of the Officers to their upcoming elected and appointed offices. The new Masonic year should prove to be as fun and exciting as the last and I am looking forward to every minute of it!

There are always things to be done at Lodge as well as in and around our community so I encourage each of you to come out and join us. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, you are missing out. If we are not teaching, we are practicing to improve ourselves in Masonry, or maybe polishing up our wonderful historic building in some form or fashion, and... we are always eating! So come join us!

I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

***Troy Shugart, Secretary***

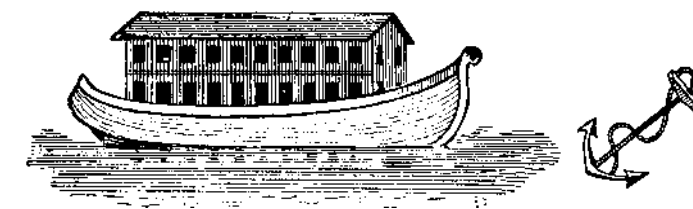
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### ***Prayer List***

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 Oats, 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 Curtis Gilgan or Chaplain Raul Scully, PM***



### ***SAMC Hospital Volunteers***

During the month of April, 13 Masons, wives, and friends put in nearly 184 hours helping out our friends over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. Carl and Jeanine Robinson were there for over 33 and 31 hours respectively. Following in alphabetical order were Linda Boyd with right at 23 hours. Glen Broddrick was there for nearly 7 hours and Roland Brown for a little over 4. Douglas Cheape worked over 14 hours. Max Fisher put in a bit more than 5 hours and Norm Hays nearly 2. Dwane Ideker worked right at 4 hours and David Karhi worked 2 hours. Larry Korts gave up over 23 hours of his time to lend a hand and Ben Rauschke helped out with nearly 6 hours. Dennis Ross put in nearly 6 hours as well and Bobby Tiner rounded out the month with over 23 hours.

***Thank you folks for a "job well done!"***