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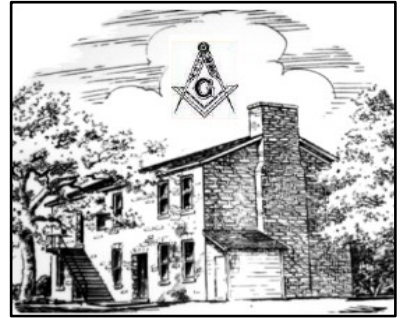
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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June 2017

## Lodge Officers 2016 - 2017

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  
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- Elijio 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

## 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



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Entered Apprentice**  
**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**

### *From the Secretary's Desk*

Hello everyone! It seems now we find ourselves in the last month of this Masonic Year. My how time flies. Each year seems to disappear faster than the last; I think that may be an indication of my age!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Worshipful Master Carroll and the rest of the officers for the privilege of serving our wonderful Lodge with them; it has been a great year! I am sure next year will prove to be just as fun and exciting as this one. I look forward to the upcoming year, and hopefully I will still be your Secretary!

Speaking of the end of the year, there are still several of you who have not paid their dues and the time is rapidly drawing near when I have no other option except to suspend you for non-payment of dues. If you are in this category, please send in your dues! Dues are \$120.00. Please let me or Worshipful Master Carroll know and I am sure we can work something out.

I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

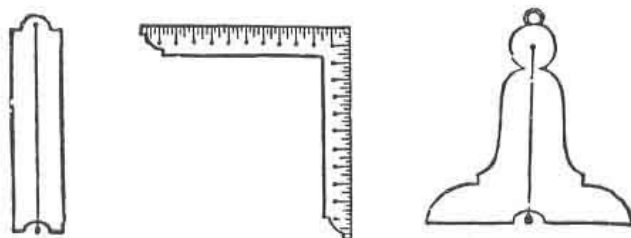
**Troy Shugart, Secretary**

### *June Food Committee and Menu*

Chairman Charles Pickering informed me this month's menu will be Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad and dessert along with assorted beverages.

Other members of this committee who helped make this meal available to us are Richard Dyess, Ronald Fife, Curtis Gilgan, Edward Gray, James Greybeck, Roy Hamor, Frank Hankins, William Harrison, Leo Hatten, Michael Mallett, Earl Moore, Gene Payne, Joe Pickering, Sam Piper, Louis Roda, James Ross, Allen Rundell, and Robert Williams.

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



### *Texas Lodge of Research Study Clubs*

The Texas Lodge of Research has embarked on having Study Clubs in the larger metropolitan areas. This is a project to bring back what was popular 25 years ago. These local groups will meet periodically to help members decide on topics for papers, to help new members get more involved in TLR, to present papers of interest, and finally to promote fellowship among the members.

There is one active Club meeting presently in Richardson Lodge on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. For more information on that Club, please contact Chris Livingston, Senior Warden of TLR, at 214-755-2583.

If you are interested in forming a group in your area, please contact Brian R. Dodson, Junior Warden, at 281-844-5747. Your Club could meet monthly, quarterly or as frequent as it makes sense in your area.

**Brian R. Dodson**



### *Want to save Onion Creek Lodge a few bucks?*

An email to [beacon@onioncreeklodge220.org](mailto:beacon@onioncreeklodge220.org) will do the trick. Each "E-Beacon only" request saves the lodge about \$4.00 annually. In the subject line of the email, please put: E-BEACON. In the body of the email, please state your full name and the words "E-BEACON ONLY, PLEASE". Once we match your name to our spreadsheet, we will take your name off the print mail list!

### *I Sat In Lodge With You*

There is a saying filled with cheer,  
Which calls a man to fellowship.  
It means as much for him to hear  
As lies within the brother-grip.  
Nay, more! It opens wide the way  
To friendliness sincere and true;  
There are no strangers when you say  
To me: "I sat in lodge with you."

When that is said, then I am known;  
There is no questioning or doubt;  
I need not walk my path alone  
Nor from my fellows be shut out.  
These words hold all of brotherhood  
And help me face the world anew —  
There's something deep and rich and good  
In this: "I sat in lodge with you."

Though in far lands one needs must roam,  
By sea and shore and hill and plain,  
Those words bring him a touch of home  
And lighten tasks that seem in vain.  
Men's faces are no longer strange  
But seem as those he always knew  
When some one brings the joyous change  
With his: "I sat in lodge with you."

So you, my brother, now and then  
Have often put me in your debt  
By showing forth to other men  
That you your friends do not forget.  
When all the world seems gray and cold  
And I am weary, worn and blue,  
Then comes this golden thought I hold —  
You said: "I sat in lodge with you."

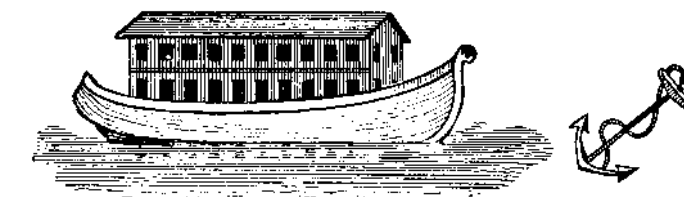
When to the last great Lodge you fare  
My prayer is that I may be  
One of your friends who wait you there,  
Intent on your smiling face to see.  
We, with the warder at the gate,  
Will have a pleasant task to do;  
We'll call, though you come soon or late:  
"Come in! We sat in lodge with you!"

**Wilbur D. Nesbit**

### *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, Jim Carroll, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Charles Caudill, Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Lauren Gilgan, Reagan Hammett, George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke's aunt), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Julia, Bertha Salinas, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Douglas Vaughn Sr., PM (Chris Dawson's grandfather-in-law), and Suzanne Vera.

**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 April, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 160 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 3 hours, Max Fisher with 12 hours, Dwane Ideker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Larry Korts with 18 hours, Carl Robinson with 27 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 27 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 41 hours.

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