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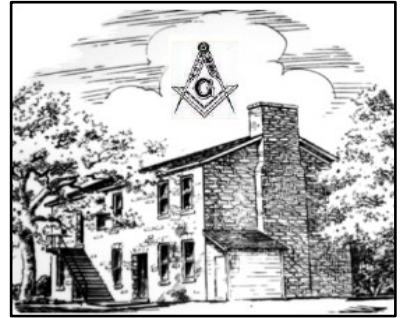
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Onion Creek No. 220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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June 2020

## 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

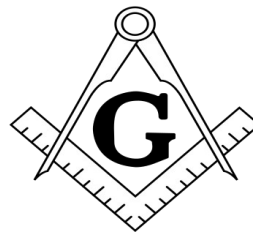
1969- Tommie J. Conner  
 1970- Ralph L. Cearley  
 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges  
 1977- Roy L. Hamor  
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty  
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood  
 1981- Howard D. Hall  
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin  
 1984- Matias H. Ruiz  
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson  
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon  
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee  
 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

## 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  
 Jorge A. Millan  
 Ernest Owey  
 Troy J. Shugart  
 Bill Weathers  
 James C. Wells  
 Roni Zulu



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



## June Birthdays

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; Donald A.  
 Villoni 16; Thomas D. Hoke 17; Nazario Cantu III, Stanley  
 A. Mitchusson 18; James R. Robinson II, Jeffrey L. Wilbur  
 20; Raymond D. Hannah 23; Elbert I. Franks 24; Tony M.  
 Ramirez, Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 26; Sam M. Piper, Jr. 27;  
 Hunter S. Arend 28; Anthony T. Farmer-Guerra 30.

## Masonic Birthdays; raised in June (year)

Gary E. Clark 64; Sherrel D. Cole, Ronald L. Angell 66;  
 James D. Hatton 71; Richard W. Johnson 73; Robert A.  
 Carnes, Walter E. Boyd 76; Nazario Cantu III 77; Mack  
 Gerald 80; Donnie F. Carter 81; Allan J. Tolbert III 89; Kirk  
 W. Reasoner, Robert E. Allen 90; Henry R. Tindell, Ricky J.  
 Tindell 98; James R. McMillan 99; Tony M. Ramirez 03;  
 Jorge A. Millan 06; Manuel A. Hernandez 13; Lawrence I.  
 Falk 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

**Second Thursday**  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

## Master Mason's Lodge

**No Meal**  
**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:** David Karhi  
**Ill and Visitation:** David "Tide" Williams  
**Vanguard:** Raul Scully, PM  
**Pleasant Hill Advisory:** H. Max Fisher  
**Special Events:** Chris Dawson, PM

**From the East**

Happy summer brethren! I pray you and your loved ones are safe and well. It looks like restrictions around this pandemic are relaxing a little, but please keep in mind, this thing isn't over, and we don't yet have a vaccine or a cure. So please continue to practice a level of safety and social distancing that enables you and those around you to be comfortable.

We're still looking for what the new normal is going to be, but some of our previous normal is starting to return. Restaurants and stores are starting to reopen, and so is Onion Creek. The Grand Lodge of Texas has declared that we can hold stated meetings, and called meetings for Lodge of Sorrow and Installation. So, we will have our regularly scheduled June meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and in addition to a shortened list of lodge business, we will hold elections for the upcoming Masonic year. Unfortunately, no food can be served at any of these events, and social distancing rules remain in effect. I have laid out the lodge room to allow for six feet of distance between everyone, and we can accommodate 34 members (14 officer stations/20 member seats). Please keep your loved ones at home for now. Hopefully we will all be able to get together again as an extended family in July or August. Please keep your safety and well-being at the front in your thoughts, when you are deciding to attend or not. If you are sick....stay home!

We will also be having our regularly scheduled July stated meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, so put that in your plans. Unfortunately, we are still banned from holding called meetings to conduct degrees, so those brothers who have been patiently waiting, please keep waiting. We'll get you there soon.

I want to personally thank the group of brothers who took it upon themselves to reach out to all of our brethren during these trying times. Their efforts were monumental in checking on the well being of our members and families, getting the word out about our assistance program, and just making sure that everyone knew they weren't alone during these trying times. Thank you Forest, Dale, Dennis, Troy, Ed, Max, and Curtis. You are all heroes!

Additionally, I want to send my heartfelt thanks to Brother Dawson for planning and organizing our In-need response team. As far as I know, we only had to deploy once. We take all of our members' health seriously, and especially those who are in high risk groups. As such, we have a number of "runners"

designated to pick up groceries, medicines, or any other needed items, and deliver them safely to you. We're happy to do it, so please don't hesitate to reach out to Brother Dawson or myself if you want some help staying away from highly congested areas. Better to be safe than sick!

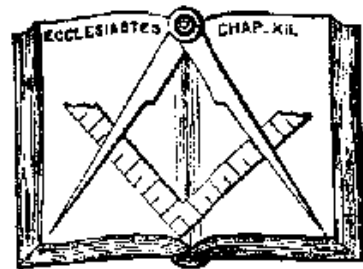
While I've got the gratitude wagon rolling, I'd be remiss if I didn't send my thanks to all those volunteers who showed up on the Saturday before Memorial Day to replace the flags at our veterans' graves. It always brings a lump to my throat when I see the large number of flags flying in our cemetery, honoring those who served in the armed forces. Those who protected our freedoms, our lives, and our way of life. God bless them all!

We missed being able to do a lot of the community items this year because of the lockdown. Things like honoring our scholarship recipients and presentation of Lamar medals, Community Builder award, and Service awards. While we have awarded the scholarship monies appropriately, the presentations will have to wait until we're allowed to congregate again. Additionally, as we were not able to do service awards in person, I had Brother Secretary mail the awards, certificates, and a note from me to all of the 25, 40, 50, and 60 year recipients. We can celebrate them as a group when allowed later. I will be reading their names at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting so we can get their accomplishment in the minutes.

I miss the company and comradery of all of you, but am confident that we will get to be together again soon. Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in touch!

*David "Tide" Williams, Worshipful Master*

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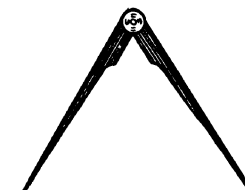
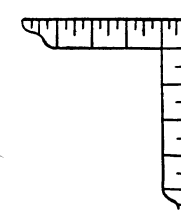
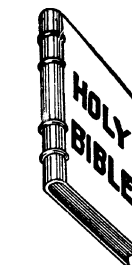


*Called to the  
Celestial Lodge*

**Gene C. Payne**  
April 18, 2020

**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 (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Billy Capps, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's father), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Brett Chandler-Finch, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthoney's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Fred Khoury (Jeff's father-in-law), Eva Jean Kestner, Larry Korts, Don & Johnnie Long, Glendene Marlow, Patricia McGinnis & Thurman McGinnis' family, Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), PGM



Orville L. O'Neill's family, Gene Payne's family, Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Steve Rye, Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), Jay Sharp, JT Shugart's family (Troy's father), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Willis Woods (Michael's father), and Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin).

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

**Masonic Terms (A to L) Word Search**

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- Allusion
- Apprentice
- Boaz
- Brethren
- Cabletow
- Circumambulation
- Charity
- Doric
- Duty
- Emblematical
- Esoteric
- Faith
- Fellowship
- Gavel
- God
- Hiram
- Hope
- Illuminate
- Ionic
- Initiation
- Jachin
- Justice
- Kneel
- Knowledge
- Laudable
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