

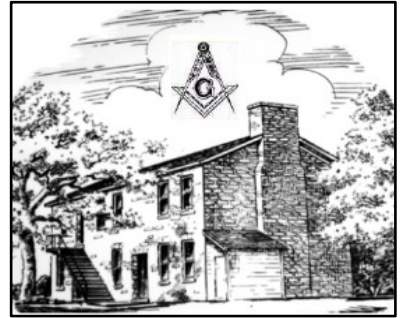
Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M.  
 Post Office Box 150727  
 Austin, TX. 78715-0727

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 Austin, Texas  
 Permit No. 1477

# THE BEACON

Onion Creek No. 220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858  
 Visit our website at <http://www.onioncreeklodge220.org>



March 2020

## Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

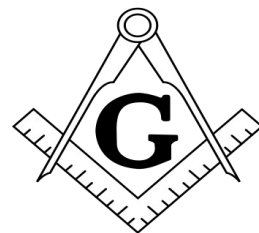
WM: **David "Tide" Williams**  
 SW: **Orlando Perez**  
 JW: **Raul J. Scully, PM**  
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**  
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**  
 Chap: **James C. Wells, PM**  
 SD: **Richard Alonso**  
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**  
 SS: **Abram Wallace**  
 JS: **Bobby Clakley**  
 Mar: **Dennis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

## Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

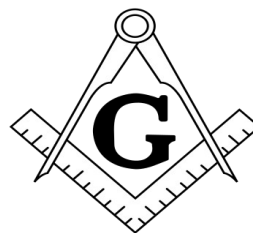
1969- Tommie J. Conner  
 1970- Ralph L. Cearley  
 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges  
 1977- Roy L. Hamor  
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty  
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood  
 1981- Howard D. Hall  
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin  
 1984- Matias H. Ruiz  
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson  
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon  
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee  
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



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



## March Birthdays

Michael E. Sanders 1; Ronnie W. Moreau 2; Charles R. Caudill, J. Roland Brown, L.J. Brister 3; Roy L. Hamor, Jr. 4; John E. Altis, Keith W. Caron 6; Glen R. Broddrick 7; Troy J. Shugart 11; Robert C. Cowan, Walter H. Argall, Ferril C. Smith, Jonathan D. Walker, James C. Wells 13; Willis C. Woods 14; Charles P. Foreman 17; Omar V. Greene III, Richard N. Benoit 18; James M. King 19; Johnny S. Turner 20; Gary A. Crain 21; Stanley A. Penner 24; James L. Younger 28; Robert E. Allen, Michael J. Brode 29; William B. Tamminga, James E. Sterling 30; Fransisco Reyes, Sr. 31.

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

## Masonic Birthdays; raised in March (year)

James T. Harris 54; Wilbert H. Else 60; Ronnie W. Moreau 63; L.J. Brister 65; Clifford C. Cody 66; Dennie J. Jackson 67; James L. Brown 71; Jeffrey L. Wilbur 74; Alan L. Karotkin 76; Armand C. Ablanado, John C. Wood 79; Joe D. Beaver 83; Charles A. Snoddy, Omar V. Green III, Jimmy L. Preece, Billy R. Seguin 86; Terry D. Phillips 87; Stanley A. Mitchusson 88; William R. Harrison 90; Paul D. Pennybacker 93; Walter E. Sanders, Randall J. Storm, Michael J. Brode, Michael W. Carter 94; Jeffrey L. Dotterer 95; Jason S. Lyde 97; Dale L. Flatt 02; Jonathan L. Ramirez 07; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 09; Wilfredo Vera 14.

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

## Stated Meeting

**First Thursday  
 March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

## 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:** 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 March, brethren. Spring is almost upon us, and hopefully we are on our way to something closer to “Texas” weather.

As usual, it’s been a busy month, starting with our Fantastic Teeth Launch Party. The brethren and families of District 50 gathered together on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and put together over 1900 teeth care kits for the first graders of Austin public schools. Shannon and Donya from Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas came down to supervise and let us know that Texas Masons had just recently topped 1 million dental kits assembled and delivered. That’s quite an impact for our Texas children. We had a lot of fun visiting with the other lodges while we made short work of gathering the kits together. We will be delivering the kits during Texas Schools week (March 4-8) and making presentations at Widen and Pleasant Hill Elementary schools. If you haven’t participated in watching past master Dennis Ross and “Bristles the dragon” teach a group of young kids the importance of brushing, well, you’re missing out on some fine entertainment. Please consider joining us at 10:45am on March 4<sup>th</sup> as we present to Widen Elementary.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, we were treated to a fine meal for Family Night, prepared and served by Creedmoor Chapter OES. As a show of our appreciation, the February food committee donated its proceeds to the Creedmoor Chapter. Additionally, a motion was made and passed to change our lodge usage policy, and we are now waiving the lodge usage fee for OES charity events. Hopefully we’re on a path to strengthen the ties between our lodge and our appendant chapters.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, we honored the ladies of the lodge with another Lady Luck Bingo Brunch. Junior Past Master Chris Dawson outdid himself again treating the ladies to a fantastic Charcuterie (pronounced “shahr-koo-tuh-ree” – full of meats, cheese, fruit and veggies that is generally served on a large wooden board), and made to order waffles. The ladies had a fantastic time visiting and playing bingo. I was very happy to see such a great turnout for the event, and even more so, to have back with us some of the ladies who have not been to see us in a while. My sincerest thanks to Brother Dawson and all those that helped him make this such a wonderful event.

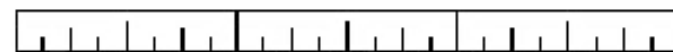
**Upcoming Events:**



- March
  - 4<sup>th</sup> –Fantastic Teeth presentation at Widen Elementary – 10:45am
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Family Night/Open Meeting/Stated Meeting – 6:30pm
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – Alamo Observance – 8am
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – San Antonio Grand Master’s Conference – Alzafar Shrine – 2-4pm
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – Pipe and Cigar Night
- April
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Family Night/Past Masters Night/Stated Meeting – 6:30pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Committee on Work Forums & Exams – University Lodge – 9am-4pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Austin Grand Master’s Conference – Ben Hur Shrine – 3-5pm
  - 18<sup>th</sup> – Tranquility Lodge - Kendall Lodge #897 (Boerne) – 10am

I hope to see all of you at the March stated meeting. There will be an open meeting before we do our business so we can honor one of our long time Masons in our lodge. Stay safe and stay healthy!

*Tide Williams, Worshipful Master*



**This Month in Masonic History**

- March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1753, George Washington received his Fellow Craft degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1792, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1775, several black men, including Prince Hall, were initiated into Freemasonry in Boston, beginning Prince Hall Masonry
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1822, a national masonic Congress was held in the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1856, the Grand Lodge of Kansas formed
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1848, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. was formed
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1902, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was incorporated in Trenton, New Jersey
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1882, the Grand Lodge of Arizona was formed
- March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1902, Sir Winston Churchill received his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London

*David Karhi, Editor*

**SAMC Hospital Volunteers**

During the month of January, 6 Masons and 1 wife contributed over 73 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 17 hours, Dave Faria with 7 hours, Max Fisher with 12 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 28 hours.

*Thank you folks for a job well done!*

**March Menu**

The worshipful master reports that March's meal will be prepared by Austin Chapter OES and will be Mexican food with enchiladas, sides, and desserts.

*Thank you for a fine meal!*

**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), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Linda Dyess & Glenn Dyess' family, 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), Elaine Kenna (Chris Dawson's mother-in-law), Eva Jean Kestner & Dennis Kestner's family, 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), Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), Jay Sharp, JT Shugart (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*

