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# THE BEACON

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

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May 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



## May Birthdays

Matias H. Ruiz 1; Joseph E. Simpson, Kenneth R. Wenrich, James C. Stewart IV 2; James E. Greybeck, Richard P. Rayborn 5; Felix R. Vickers 8; Alfred R. Bell II, Harrell E. McCaslin, Sr. 12; Orlando Perez 13; Allen W. Deaver 15; Richard S. Currier, Sherrell D. Cole 16; James L. Brown 18; Kenneth P. Wood, Terrence P. Murphy, Dennis J. Ross, Vernon W. Miers, Charles F. Thomas, Jr. 19; Robert D. Boddy 22; Daniel V. Andrade, Raymond Gonzalez 23; Christopher R. Gaines, Genaro H. Galarza, Jr. 24; Larry I. Korts, Robert Ray 25; Donnie F. Carter 26; Rodney W. Angell, Billy L. Penry 28; Johnny G. Camarillo, Kenneth E. Loveless 29; Ronald B. Norwood 30, and Norman L. Smith III 31.

**Happy Birthday, Brothers!**

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

## Masonic Birthdays; raised in May (year)

Larry I. Korts 54; Leroy Mann 56; James L. Sherrard 58; Genaro H. Galarza, Jr. 60; John J. Brassil 64; Billy R. Capps, Geraldine Bailey 64; Tommy R. Teykl 66; Carl H. Robinson, Sr. 67; Ronald B. Norwood, Raymond M. Williams 73; David M. Prescott 74; Arthur N. Wagner 76; Samuel T. Hill 78; Elliott R. Wilson 79; Albert A. Mehlhaff 83; William H. Barganier, Jr. 85; Harrell E. McCaslin, Jr. 86; Daniel V. Andrade 88; John H. Schlueter II 94; James R. Robinson II, Gregory S. Self 95; Robert N. Crawford 96; Eljio Arjona, Jr., Frank C. Hankins 98; Fransisco Reyes, Jr.; Troy J. Shugart 07; Chaz A. Grumbles 09; Daniel W. McCarter 10; James C. Wells 11; Samuel E. Taylor, Jr., William T. Ward 12; Jacob A. Carroll, James C. Stewart IV, and Raymond Gonzalez 13.

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

## Stated Meeting

**First Thursday  
May 5th, 2016**

**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:** **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,***

So much to do, so little time – the year in the east is flying by...

On April 2nd, the Crockett wrestling team held their annual end of year BBQ banquet at Onion Creek – Bro SW said that not only was the event an outstanding success, but that day there were numerous young men and their fathers who learned a part of what masonry is about as well.

Due to delivery issues with the esoteric certificates (they have been in Georgia since February – don't ask), I was unable to recognize those brothers who renewed their esoteric certifications (stay tuned for a future announcement). Prior to the stated meeting on April 7th, however, an open meeting was held in which honorable brothers Dennis Ross, PM and Jose Seguin, PM were recognized for their faithful and continuous service – Bro. Ross was presented with a DDGM certificate and Bro. Seguin with a jewel and collar and officially recognized as lodge instructor.

On April 16th, Onion Creek opened its doors to brothers, families, and friends for a very vibrant spring breakfast social, sharing in fellowship and honoring the local law enforcement. I would like to thank our Bro. JD, David "Tide" Williams and more especially Tracy and Connor for driving this year's breakfast socials. Whether you made it or missed it, plan on joining us for a future breakfast social.

This year, your Onion Creek brethren have been working to continue the tradition of Masonic education for our lodge and our area. On April 23rd, Onion Creek hosted a full day Committee on Work forum conducted by RW TK Anthony to hone our esoteric work.

On April 27th, Parsons Lodge #222 hosted the district #50 MWSA meeting; as always, it was good to see brothers from across our district and to keep abreast of what each lodge has done since we last met and to plan for greater fellowship amongst our district lodges in the coming year.

It is spring; with the beautiful weather and rains, the cemetery needs frequent attention -- we are planning on coming together for our next cemetery work day on April 30th.

Prior to the stated meeting on May 5th, Onion Creek will hold an open meeting to recognize four outstanding local high school students and award them scholarships for their continued education; and to recognize a number of Onion Creek brethren who have served Masonry for over 40 years.

On May 14th, a number of Onion Creek brethren will be attending the Grand Lodge special session to move the date of the 181st Grand Annual Communication – please contact Bro. Secretary if you are interesting in joining in this rare special session.

On May 21st, a number of Onion Creek brethren will be out at the cemetery to tidy up the cemetery and to replace the flags on the graves of our veterans.

Over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, the lodge will be in use – on Saturday May 28th, Mrs. Edna Missildine, a very faithful and special lady of our lodge, will be celebrating her 90th birthday with family and friends – Happy Birthday to a lady who is 90 years young.

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

***Curtis, WM***

### ***Officer Leadership Training Program***

The Grand Lodge of Texas is offering courses in officer leadership that are open to all Master Masons, as well as a program for the Ladies. There are two separate courses available: Officer Leadership 101 and Officer Leadership 201. The dates and locations where these courses will be offered are as follows:

August 5th to 7th in Houston – register by July 15th  
August 12th to 14th in Dallas – register by July 29th  
August 19th to 21st in Waco – register by August 5th  
September 9th to 11th in Corpus Christi – register by August 19th  
September 16th to 18th in Abilene – register by August 26<sup>th</sup>

Please note the registration cut-off dates listed alongside each event. Registration cut-off dates are absolute, so if you are interested in attending then make sure that the Grand Lodge receives your registration form and fees by the date indicated above. No walk-ins will be accepted.

For additional information and to download the registration form, visit:  
<http://grandlodgeoftexas.org/officers-leadership-training/>

### ***From The Secretary's Desk***

This month's note from me is going to be short and maybe not so sweet!

Brethren, the time is drawing very near for suspensions to be sent to the Grand Lodge for those of you who are in arrears with your membership dues. If you have not paid you have been a member in arrears and not in good standing since December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2015. Please send them in now so we can clear the books and hopefully end up with zero suspensions. Remember, if you need assistance for ANY reason, please let me know so we can work it out. If no one knows you need help, we can't help, so please let me know soon. The absolute toughest part of being your Secretary is having to suspend anyone; I really hate it. We are all brothers and took an obligation to help one another when in need so please, please contact me if any of us can help you in any way!

I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

***Troy J. Shugart, Secretary***

### ***May Food Committee and Menu***

Chairman of the May Food Committee, Brother Dale Flatt informs me this month's meal will be his ever popular "personal meat loaves" along with real mashed potatoes and another veggie or two along with a dessert and assorted beverages.

Other committee members who make this meal possible are Ralph Cearly, Bret Chandler-Finch, Allen Deaver, Adrian Edmundson, Joseph Hurtado, David Karhi, Todd Reynolds, Troy Shugart, and Ricky Tindell.

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

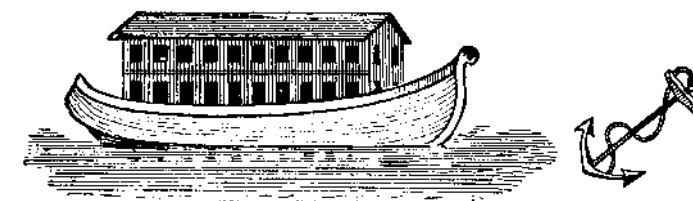
### ***Want to save Onion Creek Lodge a few bucks?***

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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), 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 March 14 Masons, wives, and friends volunteered 188 hours of their time helping out our friends at South Austin St. David's Medical center!

Leading the pack was Bobby Tiner with an impressive 38 hours plus! Carl and Jeanine Robinson followed closely with nearly 33 hours and 32 hours respectively. Following in alphabetical order were Linda Boyd with almost 27 hours. Glen Broddrick assisted with over 3 and Roland Brown with over 2 hours. Douglas Cheape was there for nearly 16 hours and Max Fisher for over 4 hours. Norm Hayes put in more than 4 and Dwane Ideker more than 3 as well as David Karhi with more than 2 hours. Larry Korts worked right at 17 hours while Ben Rauschke gave up more than 6 hours of his time to help out and Dennis Ross assisted with almost 3 hours.

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