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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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May 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

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



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. Mears, 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; Elijio 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 4th, 2017**

Master 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**

Greetings from the East,

Just before our May stated meeting on Thursday, May 4th, we will be honoring the recipients of the Onion Creek Lodge 2017 Scholarship Awards. Please plan on attending and congratulating these young adults on their achievements. Dinner will be served by the May Food Committee at 6:30pm and an open meeting will be held shortly thereafter up in the lodge room. Together, let's show these young men, and lady, our support in their future endeavors. Again, I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee chairman, Brother Max Fisher, and the Scholarship Committee members: Dennis Ross, PM; Raul Scully, PM and Duncan Copland for their service and making this day possible.

The Spring Breakfast Social this past Saturday, April 15th was a success! Brother Orlando Perez facilitated a fantastic breakfast along with the assistance of many Onion Creek brethren. I would like to thank all the brethren that assisted Brother Perez, yet I know many will escape me. I truly appreciate each of your support.

Brother Ernest Owney has begun planning the Spring Family Gathering at Onion Creek Lodge. It is scheduled to be Saturday, May 22nd from 12pm-5pm. We would like to invite all of the Onion Creek Lodge brethren and families out to this Spring Family Gathering. Our expectation is to have a beautiful sunny day with horseshoes and washers outside, dominoes, cards, Yahtzee (and possibly other board games), and even PS3. We will be serving hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings while listening to some tunes in the background. We look forward to a memorable afternoon of fellowship, laughs and just being together. We hope to see you there!

We have many Brethren working on their esoteric work; some nights all arrive and work is in plenty, other nights little to none show up and many brethren spend the time in camaraderie or going upstairs to work on degree work. We are here most Mondays and Thursdays from 6pm-9pm (or thereabout). Come on out and refresh your memory work while supporting these newly initiated and passed masons.

For those of you who may not have seen our calendar of events, please go to the following website: <http://www.onioncreeklodge220.org/index.php/calendar>

See you at the stated meeting.

Jeff Carroll, Worshipful Master

From the Secretary's Desk

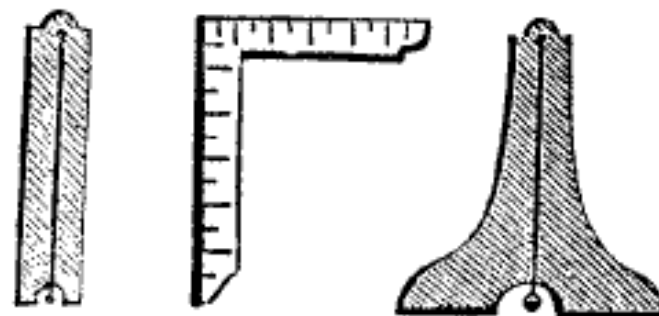
Hello everyone! As usual, I hope this finds you in good health and spirits. As we begin to wind down for this Masonic year, it seems there is much to do. The next couple of stated meetings should prove to be fun and exciting with some special presentations to some well deserving people, so please make plans to attend. It's always more fun with more folks!

Our incoming Worshipful Master is still looking for Stewards, so if you or someone you know might be interested in filling these positions, please contact Senior Warden Bill Lewis or myself. The contact numbers are on the front page of this publication.

Now for the serious stuff. There are still 20 plus brothers that have not paid their dues and the time is rapidly approaching when I will be forced to suspend them. If you are one of these folks, please send your dues as soon as possible. There is a lot of paperwork required, and frankly, I really do not want to endure it! Please pay your dues now.

That's about all for now. I hope to see you at lodge real soon!

Troy Shugart, Secretary



May Food Committee and Menu

Chairman Dale Flatt, PM has informed me this month's meal will be meatloaf, real mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert along with assorted beverages.

The other brothers responsible for this fine meal are: Ralph Cearly, Brett Michael Chandler-Finch, Allen Deaver, Adrian Edmundson, David Karhi, Todd Reynolds, Ricky Tindell, and Troy Shugart.

Thank you brethren for a fine meal!

Upcoming Cornerstone Leveling Ceremonies

Date: May 19, 2017

Time: Activities start at 4:30pm with the ceremony at 6:00pm

Location: Miami ISD School 800 Warrior Way Miami, TX

Grand Lodge Representative: RW Wendell P. Miller, PGM

Date: June 13, 2017

Time: Activities start at 8:00am with the ceremony at 10:00am

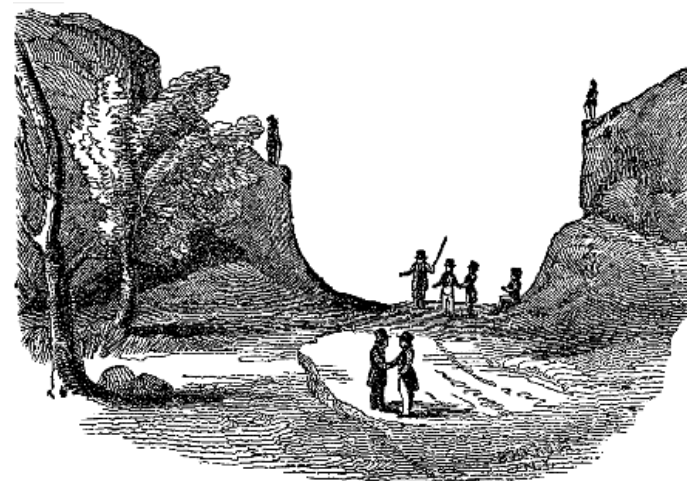
Location: Kruse Center 209 Blinn Blve. Brenham, TX

Grand Lodge Representative: MW Jerry N. Kirby

If you have any questions about these or any other upcoming cornerstone leveling ceremonies, you can contact Coordinator Jim Moore at 214-460-8399 (JimMoore@jammva.com) or Assistant Coordinator Tim Simmons at 903-268-5940 (Tps9939@gmail.com).

Want to save Onion Creek Lodge a few bucks?

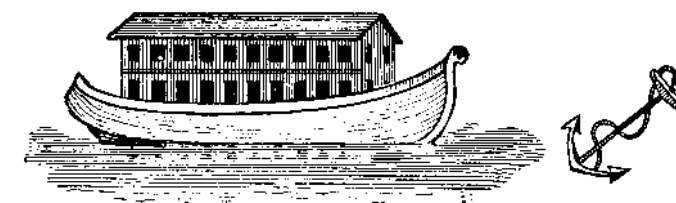
An email to beacon@onioncreeklodge220.org will do the trick. Each "E-Beacon only" request saves the lodge about \$4.00 annually. In the subject line of the email, please put: E-BEACON. In the body of the email, please state your full name and the words "E-BEACON ONLY, PLEASE". Once we match your name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



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 daughter-in-law), 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 March, 12 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 148 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 18 hours, Glen Broddrick with 3 hours, Max Fisher with 9 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Ideker with 5 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, Larry Korts with 21 hours, Ben Rauschke with 3 hours, Carl Robinson with 29 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 29 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 22 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!