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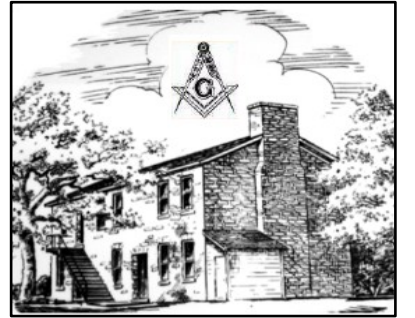
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THE BEACON

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 2018

Lodge Officers 2017 - 2018

WM: **William L. Lewis**
SW: **Christopher R. Dawson**
JW: **David "Tide" Williams**
Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
SD: **Orlando Perez**
JD: **Ernest Owney**
SS: **Richard Alonso**
JS: **Jeromy W. Odom**
Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
Mus: **Wilfredo "JR" Vera**
Tiler: **Jeff J. Carroll, PM**

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
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

Living Affiliated Past Masters

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
2016- Jeff J. Carroll

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
James C. Wells
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 3rd, 2018**

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 A. Karhi**
Breakfast Socials: **Ernest Owney**
Building: **David "Tide" Williams**
Cemetery: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
Communications: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
Esoteric Instruction: **Orlando Perez**
Funeral: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
Golden Trowel: **Jeff J. Carroll, PM**
Historian: **H. Max Fisher**
Hospital: **Carl H. Robinson**
Ill and Visitation: **William L. Lewis**
Social Activities: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
Vanguard: **David "Tide" Williams**

Greetings from the East

What are the dates we find on a Masonic Cornerstone?

There are typically 2 dates preceded by A. L. and A. D. They stand for Anno Lucis and Anno Domini, respectively.

The term anno Domini is Medieval Latin and means "in the year of the Lord", but is often presented using "our Lord" instead of "the Lord", taken from the full original phrase "anno Domini nostri Jesu Christi", which translates to, "in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ". This calendar era is based on the traditionally reckoned year of the conception or birth of Jesus of Nazareth, with A.D. counting years from the start of this epoch, and B.C. denoting years before the start of the era. There is no year zero in this scheme, so the year AD 1 immediately follows the year 1 BC. This dating system was devised in 525 by Dionysius Exiguus of Scythia Minor, but was not widely used until after AD 800. Traditionally, English followed Latin usage by placing the "AD" abbreviation before the year number and the "BC" abbreviation after the number.

The term Anno Lucis is Latin and means "in the Year of Light". The Year of Light signifies the date of the creation of the world (approximately 4000 years before the Common Era), as we read in the third verse from the Book of Genesis in the King James version of the Bible as well as in the Torah:

1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

1:2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1:3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 - And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Ancient Craft Freemasons in the York and French Rites, residing in Scotland, England, Ireland, France, Germany, and in America, use the words, Anno Lucis.

Anno Lucis is found by adding 4000 years from the creation of the world to the present date (example 4000 B.C.E. + 2018 A.D. = 6018 A.L.).

The Masonic calendar (utilizing the designation A. L.) celebrates the creation of the world,

approximately 4000 years B.C.E. (before the Common Era) or 6018 years ago. These dates are used upon official Freemason documents.

Symbolically, they connect the creation of physical light in the universe with the birth of Masonic spiritual and intellectual light in the candidate. The only idea intended to be conveyed is that the principles of Freemasonry are as old as the existence of the world. It is the spirit of the institution of Freemasonry which brings a candidate from intellectual darkness to intellectual light.

Looking Forward

- The stated meeting on May 3rd will be preceded by an open meeting with the presentation of the Golden Trowel Award.

William Lewis, Worshipful Master

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings Brethren! It has been a while since I have written an article for the Beacon and I would like to apologize for that. I know that some of you are tired of my apologies of late as there has been a lot! I have fallen way behind in my secretarial duties these last few months mainly due to my job. We are taught that Masonry should not interfere with our necessary vocations, and my performance lately shows that I am adhering to that lesson! That being said, there are a couple of important items I need to address.

First, I would like to address the "Dues" issue; there are still quite a few of you who haven't paid your dues, this year more than normal. As you all know, according to Grand Lodge Law, Dues are due on December 31st of each year and you are considered delinquent on January 1st. The time is rapidly approaching when I must start suspensions for "Non-Payment of Dues", and I really hate doing that so please send your dues in as soon as you possibly can. If you need assistance please let me, WM Lewis or any of the committee on "Members in Arrears" know so we can come up with a solution. The MIA Committee members are the Senior Warden, Senior Deacon, and Senior Steward. All their numbers are on the first page of this publication.

Secondly, I have had a lot of mail returned to me marked as undeliverable or not at this address. One of the exciting things the Grand Lodge has done this

year is revamp the Grand Lodge Secretary's Data Base. Now YOU can log on and update all your contact information as well as access your personal Masonic History. You also have access to the Grand Secretary's Monthly Communication. Everything that you access may also be printed. So please give it a try and take a minute to update your own information so we can do a better job of keeping you informed! All you have to do is google the Grand Lodge of Texas and in the upper right corner of the home page you will find the "Members Portal," just click on it and punch in you GL ID number (on your dues card) and your record will pop up and you can see everything that concerns you!

Now that the business is taken care of I would like to say to all of you that I hope you are all well and in good spirits! This has been a fun but very busy year so far and the end of the "Masonic Year" is just around the corner. I hope you plan on attending Officer Installation in June so you can assist me in giving the incoming Master, Chris Dawson, more trouble than he can handle!

That's about all I have for now and I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge real soon!

Troy J. Shugart, Secretary

Raffle Winner

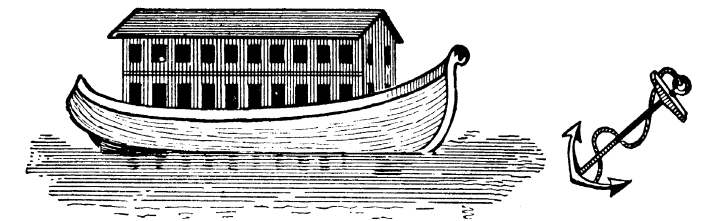
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Prayer List

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: RW T.K. Anthony, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Johnnie Camarillo, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Robert Flores (PM Blanco), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Barbara Gower (RW Mike Gower's wife), Reagan Hammett, Alba Haney (Larry's wife), Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Thurman McGinnis, Tony Moreno, Bob Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Ray Tiner and Tracy Williams (Tide's wife).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM William Lewis or Chaplain Raul Scully, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of March, 9 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 156 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 13 hours, Max Fisher with 17 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Idecker with 4 hours, Larry Korts with 5 hours, Carl Robinson with 39 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 39 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 33 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!