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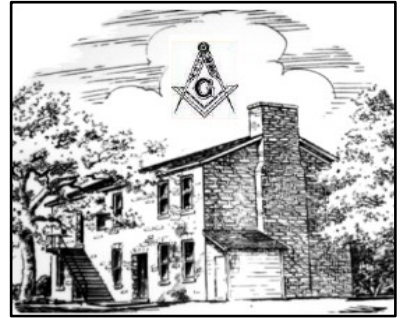
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Onion Creek No. 220  
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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May 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



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## May Birthdays

Sebastian A. C. Franklin, Matias H. Ruiz 1; Joseph E. Simpson, James C. Stewart IV 2; Connor R. Williams 3; James E. Greybeck, Richard P. Rayborn 5; Abram R. Wallace 8; Alfred R. Bell II, Harrell E. McCaslin, Sr. 12; Orlando Perez 13; Allen W. Deaver 15; Sherrell D. Cole 16; David S. Solverson 17; James L. Brown 18; Kenneth P. Wood, Terrence P. Murphy, Dennis J. Ross, Vernon W. Miears 19; Daniel V. Andrade, Raymond Gonzalez 23; Larry I. Korts, Robert Ray 25; Donnie F. Carter 26; Rodney W. Angell, Billy L. Penry 28; Johnny G. Camarillo 29; Ronald B. Norwood 30; Clyde J. Medlock, Norman L. Smith III 31.

## Masonic Birthdays; raised in May (year)

Larry I. Korts 54; John J. Brassil 64; Billy R. Capps 65; Tommy R. Teykl 66; Carl H. Robinson, Sr. 67; Ronald B. Norwood, Raymond M. Williams 73; David M. Prescott 74; Samuel T. Hill 78; Elliott R. Wilson 79; Albert A. Mehlhaff 83; Harrell E. McCaslin, Jr. 86; Daniel V. Andrade 88; John H. Schlueter II 94; James R. Robinson II 95; Robert N. Crawford 96; Eljio Arjona, Jr., Frank C. Hankins 98; Fransisco Reyes, Jr. 01; Troy J. Shugart 07; Daniel W. McCarter 10; James C. Wells 11; Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 12; Jacob A. Carroll, James C. Stewart IV, Raymond Gonzalez 13; Tyler G. Lane 16; Jeromy W. Odom 17.

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

## Stated Meeting

**May Stated Meeting  
 Cancelled**

## 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

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!*

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

### From the East

Happy May brethren! I was hoping that we'd all get to enjoy some of this beautiful weather together, but due to the current situation, that will have to wait. I pray you and your loved ones are safe and well, and learning to enjoy each other's company more.

While I had hope that we would be able to get back together for the May stated meeting, this coronavirus continues to wreak havoc upon the worldwide community. While we are seeing some loosening of restrictions (i.e., some stores reopening, medical facilities performing elective surgeries, etc.), there is still a dangerous threat out there, and our lodge must stay closed to protect the members and families. I hate that part, as I miss seeing all of you and spending time talking, laughing, and working with all of you. But this "Great Lockdown" won't last forever. My parents used the teachings and lessons of Dr. Seuss to help raise me, and I used it to help raise my son. As an adult, Dr. Seuss's writing and humor remains just as formative as always.

*"When something bad happens, you have three choices. You can let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you."*  
— Dr. Seuss.

It was true then, and it is true now. The Great Lockdown will not define us. The Great Lockdown will not will it destroy us. The Great Lockdown will strengthen us. I have already seen the power of that strength exhibited in a multitude of ways. From all the brethren that participate in operation outreach, to ensure we stay in touch with our members and provide help where needed. I see it in the teachers in our lodge who continue to work with their students. And I see it in the ingenuity of creating a "Lodge Store" to provide hard to find items like toilet paper, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, paper towels, and other items (just take what you need – no charge). Masonry has been around for a very long time, and has seen its share of hard times, yet it, and its members continue to strive... because we are strong!

Many thanks to Troy, Billy Capps, an EA, and one of Troy's friends for giving up part of their Saturday to work on our cemetery. The unfortunate side effect of all that much needed rain is it caused the grass to there to grow – with a vengeance. I spent almost 5 hours there Sunday trying to knock a big

piece of it down, but we still have all of the bottom piece needing to be cut. So if you're feeling energetic, or just want to get out of the house on a weekend (but still remain socially distant), we could use the help getting back ahead of all that grass. Give me or Dale Flatt a call and one of us will help set you up with the appropriate equipment.

For those of you still working on their esoteric work, and those teaching it, the inability to meet face to face proves to be a bit of a challenge. The Grand Master recognizes this, and has issued a 2<sup>nd</sup> decision:

Grand Masters Decision No. 2  
QUESTION: May the esoteric work of Masonry be studied by telephone between two brothers known to each other?  
ANSWER: Yes. The two brothers must know each other as Masons and must assure each other, as far as practical, that the telephonic "voice-only" conversation is secure and is between those two brothers only. No other electronic or digital video or audio platform, service or device is permitted.

Paul Underwood, Grand Master 2020

The curve hasn't flattened yet, but we're closer. Until it's safe, the lodge will remain dark. I wish each of you stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact (electronically). Please reach out to any of the officers if you need anything. Soon we will be together again.

*Tide Williams, Worshipful Master*

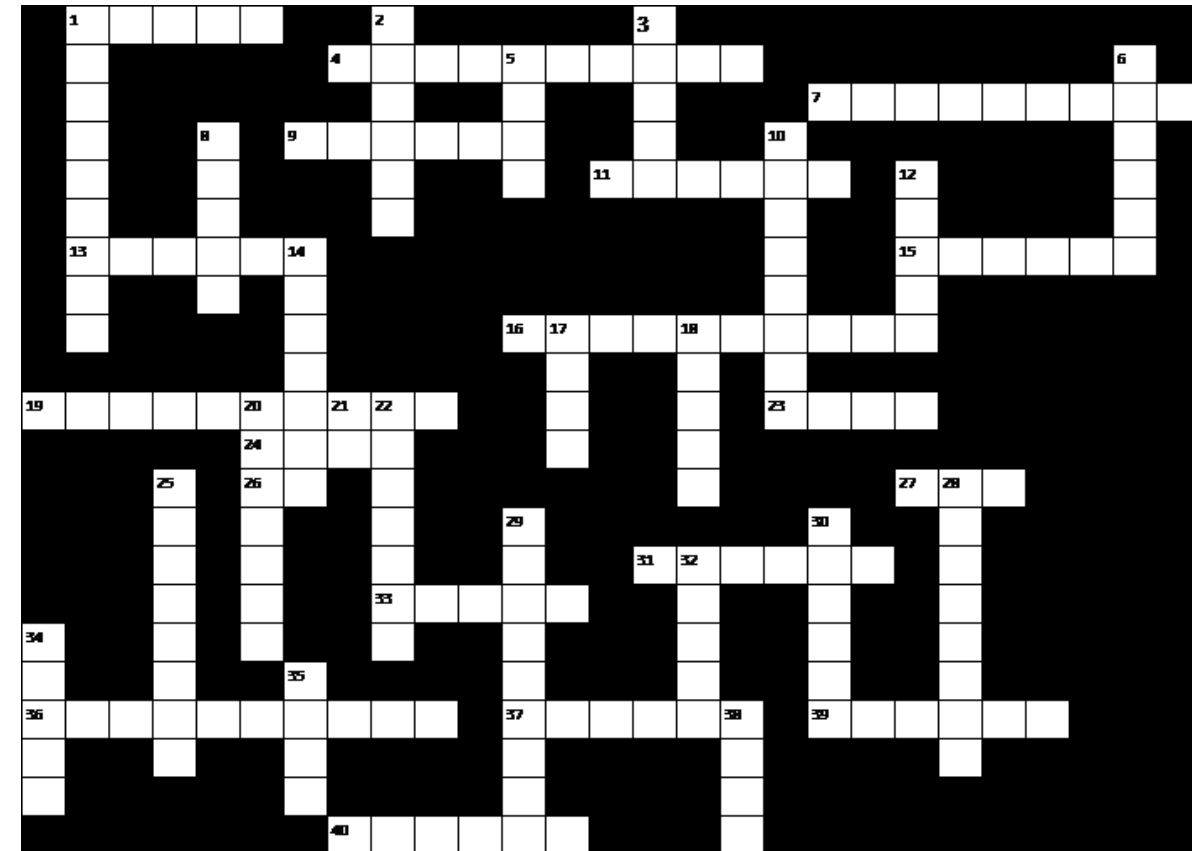
### Prayer List

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 (Anthony'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 & 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), PGM Orville L. O'Neill'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*



### Across

1. Fellow \_\_\_\_\_
4. A group of men
7. positioned in or relating to the sky
9. Adorned by the officers of a lodge
11. A squared building stone cut more or less true on all faces
13. We meet upon the level, and we part upon the \_\_\_\_\_
15. Senior officer that isn't the WM
16. You became a mason when this occurred
19. Chartered in 1858 (two words)
23. Sunsets and Senior Wardens
24. Where Hiram Abiff was struck
26. Anno Domini
27. The Senior Deacons jewel
31. The third degree
33. Grip used to confirm you're a mason
36. The governing body (two words)
37. There are three of these
39. What FC's aspire to be
40. What happens to footballs and new Fellowcrafts

### Down

1. Keeps our passions within due bounds
2. Primary tool of the Master Mason
3. Right Angles are an example of these
5. The Worshipful Master's station
6. A pillar of establishment
8. A widow's son
10. Used to measure the length of a mason's ability to serve
12. A worker in unmortared stone
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Apprentice
17. A pillar of strength
18. A symbol of getting rid of excesses and vices of life
20. A virtue with faith and hope
21. The first degree (abbr.)
22. What all instructors seek to do
25. Blindfold
28. Great architect's domain
29. A mason that works with stone
30. Making good men...
32. The center of the lodge
34. What all masons receive from the lodge
35. The Junior Deacon's jewel
38. Represents the placement of your feet for each degree