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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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November 2017

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
 1999- James F. Keese
 2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Elijo 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

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
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



November Birthdays

Herbert M. Steiner, Van M. Nimrick 1; Jimmy L. Preece 3; Patrick L. Williams 6; Dwane R. Ideker 8; David C. Kestner 10; Russell M. Tidwell, II 11; James B. Harris 13; Walter E. Boyd 14; Robert G. Utter 15; Steve T. Murray 17; Dennis C. Kestner 20; Daniel E. Barber 21; Leslie A. Wood 22; Gary E. Clark 25; William L. Lewis, Jr. 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in November (year)

Samuel N. Lanham, Jr. 52; Kenneth W. Patton 59; Gerald L. Curry 62; John E. Altis 65; Thurman R. McGinnis 72; Reagan W. Hammett 72; Alfred R. Bell, II 73; Robert G. Utter 73; Charles R. Caudill 86; Dale A. Rundell 86; Mark B. Edwards 89; Steven R. Franklin 93; Keith W. Caron, Herbert M. Steiner 96; James W. Dobbs 97; Robert L. Eschenburg 00; William B. Tamminga 02; Luis M. Ramirez 09.

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
November 2nd, 2017

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

With Thanksgiving fast approaching, let us all, as Masons, take a moment to remember our history and our heritage. In October of 1789, Brother George Washington (raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the Lodge at Fredericksburg on August 4, 1753), took the time to remember and acknowledge the debt we as Americans all owe to the Divine in the first Thanksgiving Proclamation:

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to “recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our

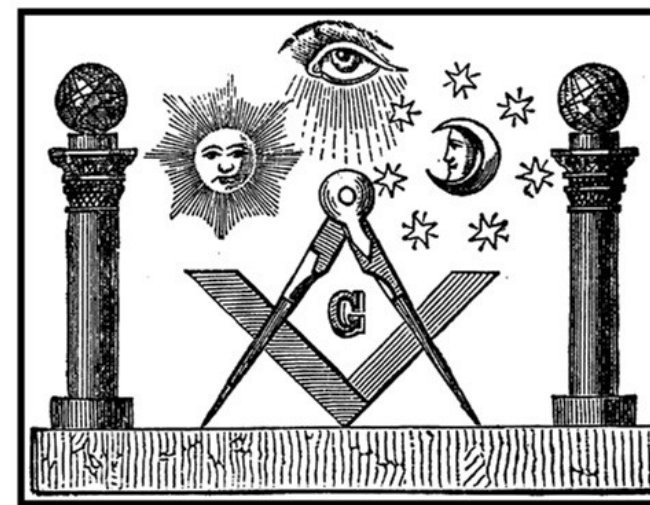
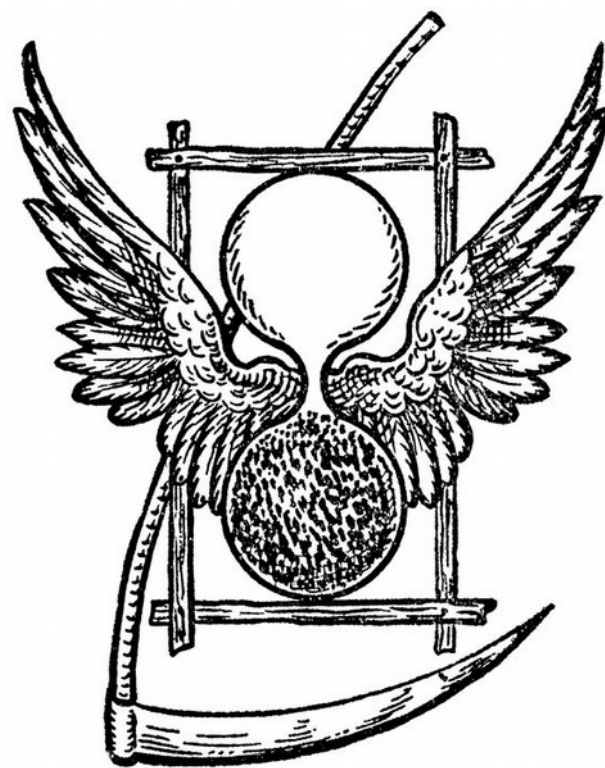
several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.”

Looking Forward

- The stated meeting will be on November 2nd.
- Fall Breakfast Social will be on Saturday, November 18th.
- OCL will be hosting the stated meeting of Tranquility Lodge #2000 on Saturday, January 13th beginning at 10:00 AM.

William Lewis, Worshipful Master



2018 Texas Grand Lodge Preregistration

Preregistration for the 2018 Texas Grand Lodge is currently open. The deadline for preregistration is December 28, 2017. This date is set in order to give ample time for volunteers to prepare packets and materials. The preregistration form must be in the Grand Secretary's Office by that date. Additionally, a \$25 registration fee is required to attend an annual or called meeting of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The \$25 registration fee must be submitted with the preregistration form as either a check or a money order. Forms without the fee will not be processed.

Being preregistered, you may pick up your packet at the preregistration tables on Wednesday, January 17th, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during normal Grand Lodge hours. Just show your Blue Lodge dues card and a picture I.D. To one of the registration workers and they will give you your packet.

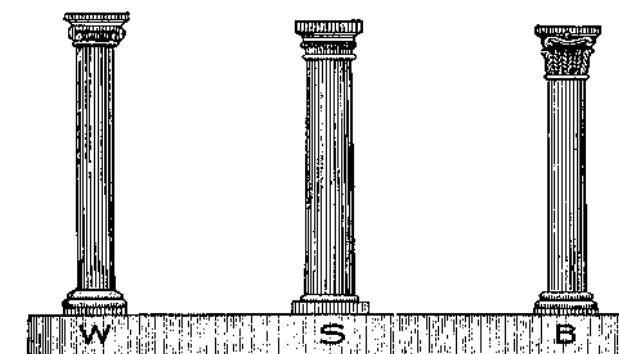
You may only register under one Lodge. If you are a Past Master of a Texas Lodge and are a member of more than one Lodge, you do not have to register under the Lodge that you are a Past Master of in order to get your Past Master's ballot. However, if you are voting (Proxy, WM, SW, JW) for your Lodge, you must register under that Lodge to be able to receive the ballot for that Lodge. Worshipful Masters or Wardens do not need a proxy to pick up the Lodge ballot. All other must have a proxy voted by their Lodge.

The preregistration form can be downloaded at: http://grandlodgeoftexas.org/assets/uploads/2017/08/2018_pre-registration_form1.pdf.

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, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Izabella Dawson, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Harold Gilgan, Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Doris Karotkin, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Wanda Stewart, April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), and Ray Tiner.

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 September, 11 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 152 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, Glen Broddrick with 3 hours, Max Fisher with 13 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Ideker with 5 hours, David Karhi with 5 hours, Larry Korts with 12 hours, Carl Robinson with 33 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 26 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 30 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!