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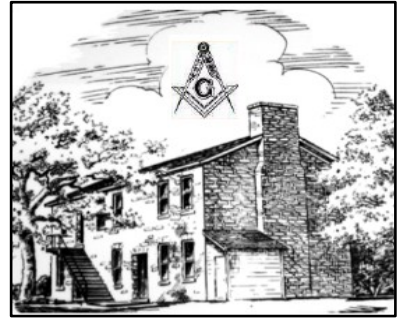
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Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas – June 16, 1858

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October 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

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



October Birthdays

Albert J. Stowell 1; Christopher R. Dawson, Robin B. Shannon 2; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 4; Wayne E. Moore 5; Gerald T. Dawson 6; Bobby J. Tiner, John H. Schlueter II 7; James T. Harris, Charles W. Pickering, Kenneth J. Polk 8; Richard K. Bledsoe 9; John M. Escalante, Harrell E. McCaslin, Jr. 10; Don R. Long, Matias S. Ruiz 11; Robert M. Mallett 12; Ronnie H. Lee, David M. Prescott, Robert F. Simo, Randy A. Martin 13; Maxie E. Brune 16; Ben E. Gray 18; Ladare V. Benoit 19; Donn E. Hile 22; Paul D. Pennybacker 23; Bobby J. Norris 25; Tyler G. Lane 26; Juan A. Rivera, Jr. 29; Donn C. Winner 30; Richard C. Smith 31.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in October (year)

Norman L. Smith III 49; Edward V. Hill 56; Tommie J. Conner 59; Bobby J. Norris 60; Glenn M. Groth, John W. Jackson II 61; Billy L. Penry 62; Roy L. Hamor, Jr., Ralph D. Morren 63; Duncan K. Copeland 65; William B. Farr, Don R. Long 68; Gary A. Crain, Kenneth E. Loveless, Tommy R. Peters 72; Kendell Holcomb 73; Jerry F. Trammell 82; Robert C. Cowan, James L. Younger 83; Michael L. Poe 85; James B. Harris, John N. McFarling 88; Scott A. Freng, William W. Winnie III 91; James K. Miller 93; Todd A. Reynolds 94; Jason P. Harrell, Joseph M. Hurtado 95; Jesus P. Velazquez 05; T. David Hoke 07; John M. Escalante 14.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
October 5th, 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

At the September 7th stated meeting, held in the old Lodge Room, we voted to increase our annual dues to \$155.00 and donate \$500.00 to the Grand Lodge of Texas for Hurricane Harvey relief. One new candidate was elected to receive the degrees in Masonry. Curtis Gilgan, PM, in the beautiful “Yonder Book” ceremony, made the Bible presentation to our newest Master Mason, Julius Abella.

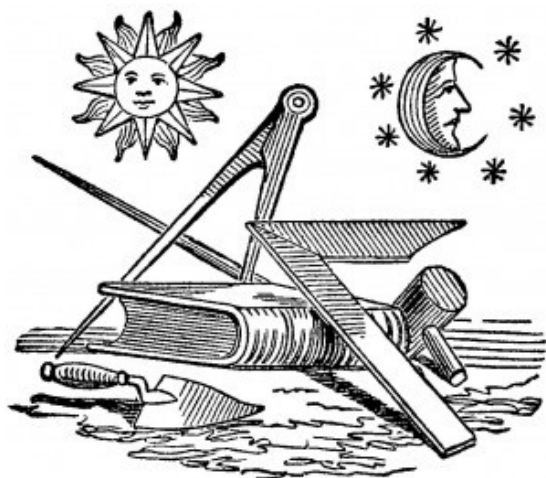
The Leadership Training Program that was to be held in Corpus Christi on September 8th - 10th was canceled due to Hurricane Harvey. The new Corpus Christi dates for the Leadership Training Program are November 10th – 12th. Several brothers are planning on attend along with our Bro. Wardens.

The Building Committee Chairman, Tide Williams, has successfully guided us through the laying of black and white tiles in the Lodge Room. It was through his tireless dedication and hard work that made this possible. The floor is absolutely beautiful. Special thanks to all the brothers who gave of their time to assist in bringing this project to completion.

Many of us visited other Masonic District 50 Lodges during the month of September. Of special note, on September 18th, Onion Creek Lodge #220 reacquired the traveling gavel from Austin Lodge #12. They are planning to try to get it back at our October stated meeting.

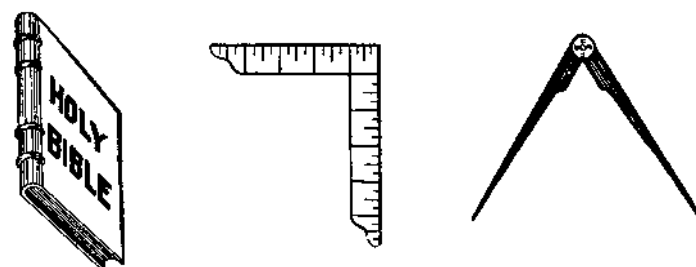
Looking Forward

- The stated meeting will be on October 5th where we will have a presentation by RW Mike Gower, Past Grand Master. We will also be presenting Grand Lodge Service Awards.



- OCL will be hosting the Committee on Work Forum and Exams on September 30th.
- OCL's Brethren are planning to attend the “Come and Take It” Observance in Gonzales on Saturday, October 7th.
 - Come and join us for the ceremony, the parade following, and the fellowship.
- The District 50 family picnic will be held on October 21st.
- OCL will be hosting the stated meeting of Tranquility Lodge #2000 on Saturday, January 13th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

William Lewis, Worshipful Master



From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings everyone. I hope this communication finds you all in good health and spirits. I have missed writing an article for the last couple of Beacons due to my work schedule. Things are looking up and slowing down, so now I can put a little more effort into my secretary duties.

I am sure I am not going to be the first to mention this, but if you haven't been to the Lodge lately you need to come and see the wonderful new addition to our Lodge room. We now have black and white checkered tile and it looks awesome! This was on WM Lewis' bucket list to do during his year and with a tremendous effort by himself and JW “Tide” Williams, it is DONE! Other brothers who helped out were, in no particular order: JD Ernest Owney; Julius Abella; Dennis Ross, PM; Raul Scully, PM; Jeff Carroll, PM; SW Christopher Dawson; Patrick Franklin; Robert Eschenburg, PM; J.R. Vera; Rick Alonso; one Entered Apprentice; Bobby Tiner; Max Fisher; Ken Loveless and myself. We may have opened a can of worms though! I am sure this will lead to several years of upgrades and improvements to our awesome Lodge building. One interesting note, this

only cost the Lodge \$250.00. The rest was paid by other brothers who donated the money exclusively for this project! A great big heartfelt “Thank you” to all who helped.

I would also like to congratulate the brothers who will be receiving their 50-60 year Masonic Service Awards at this month's stated meeting. RW Mike Gower, Past Grand Master will be there to present these prestigious awards. Please consider joining us as we celebrate this milestone in Masonry with these brothers.

I will close for now, and as usual, I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

Troy Shugart, Secretary

October Food Committee and Menu

This month's menu will consist of ham, potatoes, green beans, dessert and assorted beverages. This meal will be prepared by Past Masters Dennis Ross and Raul Scully. Other brothers responsible for this fine meal are, in alphabetical order: Eli Arjona; Glen Broddrick; Hamilton Carter, PM; Tom Estes; Curtis Gilgan, PM; Glen Groth; David Harnden; Dwane Ideker; Steve Murray; Tony Ramirez, PM; Carl Robinson; Charles Ruebbling; Henry Trevino; John Turner, PM and Jonathan Walker, PM

Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!

Scottish Rite in Texas 150th Anniversary

The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in Texas turns 150 years old this year, and there is a celebration planned in Galveston on October 7th. This is a public event, so all are welcome to join. There will be a reception and tour at the Scottish Rite Cathedral beginning at 3:00 p.m. followed by a black tie social hour and dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant. There will be several speakers, including Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction.

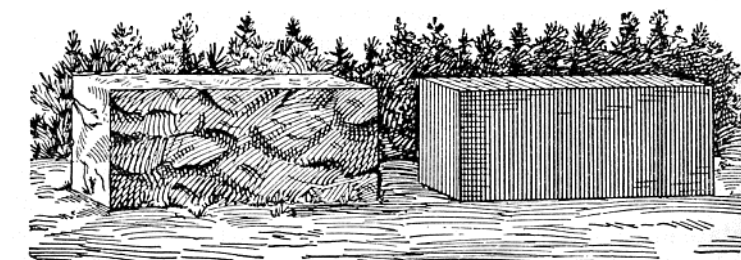
Dinner tickets are limited and the cost is \$100. For additional details or to purchase tickets, you can call 409-267-5251 or you can visit www.galvestonscottishrite.org.

We hope to see you there!

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, Shawon Carroll (Jeff's brother), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Charles Caudill, Izabella Dawson, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Harold Gilgan, Lauren Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, George Henry, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Bennie Hudson, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke's aunt), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Doris Karotkin, Marion Kerr, 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), Ray Tiner, and Suzanne Vera.

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 August, 10 Masons, wives, and friends contributed over 159 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 21 hours, Glen Broddrick with 3 hours, Max Fisher with 4 hours, Norman Hayes with 5 hours, Dwane Ideker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Larry Korts with 17 hours, Carl Robinson with 37 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 37 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 25 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!