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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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September 2016

Lodge Officers 2015 - 2016

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

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- 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

Living Affiliated Past Masters

Jimmie L. Banks
J. Roland Brown
Don R. Cowley
Gerald T. Dawson
Allen W. Deaver
Carlton L. Edwards
Elbert I. Franks
O. Tripp Garza
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



September Birthdays

Allan J. Tolbert III, Charles R. Sosa 2; Arnold J. Holden, James A. Kruger, Stephen A. Barlow, Armand C. Ablanado 3; Billy R. Capps, Tommy R. Teykl 6; Charles L. Ames, Edward V. Hill, Bobby J. Doherty 7; Barry P. Drake 11; Dale A. Rundell 12; Dennis M. Stewart 14; Ricky J. Tindell 16; Eddie E. Daffern, Peter Seguin, Michael S. Compton 17; Jacob R. Caudle, Daniel W. McCarter 19; James R. McMillan, Gordon W. Kelso, Terry D. Phillips 20; Michael A. Lee 22; William S. Lear, Curtis A. Gilgan 23; Robert C. Williams 24; Allyn R. Anderson, Rodney H. Lewis, Joe A. Brown, Jason S. Lyde 25; Ralph D. Morren, Richard Alonso 30.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in September (year)

John E. Waggoner, Jr. 61; Ralph L. Cearley 62; Gerald C. Carruth 63; Dennis M. Stewart 67; Stephen C. Dowell 69; Joe A. Brown 70; Rockney B. Raby 76; Larry G. Richter 80; Thomas R. Mayfield 83; Charles L. Allen, Paul S. Hinchcliffe, George G. Watkins 86; Edward A. Miller, Samuel M. Gacesa, William M. Bastas 89; Carlton L. Edwards 95; Allen W. Deaver 00; Dwane R. Ideker 03; Jeffrey T. Lester, Roni Zulu 04; Richard K. Bledsoe 05; Bradley D. French 06; Aaron K. Robertson, Roberto Torres 07; Benjamin B. Rauschke, Christopher R. Gaines 08; Jeff J. Carroll, John T. Compton 10; Christopher T. Bookout, John M. Guzman, Todd Lewis 13; Kenath T. Carver 14.

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!
May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
September 1st, 2016**

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,

This last month, we had one MM degree put on by the brothers of the lodge. Brother Jacob Carroll took pride in performing as the Senior Deacon and 1st Fellowcraft for Brother Kevin Ruiz. I would like to thank the degree teams for their dedication and service to the craft. Congratulation Brother Ruiz on being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

We had a very successful A.L.L. class Saturday August 13th. I would like to thank Brother David "Tide" Williams for facilitating the A.L.L. class for our newest Master Mason and other masons here in District 50. I would also like to thank Brother Manny Hernandez for providing a fabulous lunch. Lastly, I would like to thank all the brethren that attended and contributed to the success of the class: Brothers Dawson, Lewis, Gilgan, Ruiz and Evert.

On August 15th, eight Master Masons, an EA, and myself attended Austin #12's Stated Meeting. It was a pleasure to break bread and fellowship with the brethren of Austin 12 and hear what's going on in their lodge. I have extended an invitation to Austin #12 to visit Onion Creek and hope to see them in the near future.

"Dinner with Brethren" on the 3rd Thursday of the month was a great turn out. Brother Senior Steward Ernest Owney provided a very tasty meal. We enjoyed the time in fellowship, ate a fantastic meal and called it a night. I hope to see more Brethren at "Dinner with Brethren" next month.

The Summer Breakfast Social on Saturday, August 20th was a huge success. I would like to thank EVERYONE that attended. I hope each of you enjoyed yourself and left satisfied. I believe this breakfast served the most members, friends and guest at OCL220 as of yet. I would like to thank Brother Orlando Perez for facilitating the breakfast and introducing those delicious migas. I look forward to our Fall Breakfast Social and will keep you posted on the up and coming date.

Looking forward through September. Our Stated Meeting is Thursday, September 1st. Dinner will be at 6:30pm provided by our September Food Committee with the meeting starting by 7:30pm. I plan to open a Master Mason's lodge. Come out and support your lodge. Come out and visit your brethren.

"Dinner with Brethren" will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, September 15th. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm by our Brother Senior Steward.

Come out to have a meal with your lodge brethren and then call it an evening. This is a great time for the brethren of the lodge to share a laugh or two.

Weather permitting, Past Master Dennis Ross has tentatively scheduled the Cemetery Cleanup on Saturday September 17th. This is an opportunity to serve the lodge and our community by beautifying the grounds. Your help is requested and truly appreciated.

Lastly, on Monday, September 19th I will be visiting Colorado #96 during their Stated Meeting. It is my desire to visit all the lodges in the district and plan on scheduling one visit per month. I look forward to visiting the other lodges and invite Onion Creek Brethren to attend with me.

Jeff Carroll, WM

Master Mason's Degree Aboard the U.S.S. Lexington

You are invited to witness the Third Degree in Masonry aboard the U.S.S. Lexington. This degree is held in conjunction with one of the last Officer Leadership Training Programs of the year.

When: Saturday, September 10, 2016. Lodge opens onboard at 8:00pm – Degree begins at 8:15pm

Where: The U.S.S. Lexington rests in Corpus Christi Bay, just across the ship channel from Downtown Corpus.

Please bring your current dues card. You are welcome to wear your personal apron. Aprons will also be provided.

For more information, call District Instructor Mike King at (361) 696-1585.

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!

From The Secretary's Desk

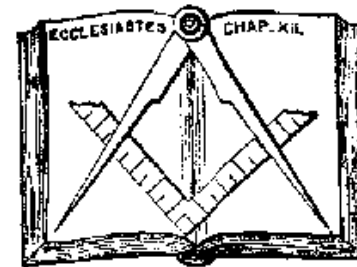
Greetings everyone! Just a short note this month to reiterate my feelings about the importance of coming to Lodge. We continue to experience great camaraderie and fellowship each time the doors are open and I am just saying "you are missing out" if you're not there! There is room for us all as we continue to help our candidates with their memory work and come together to improve ourselves in Masonry. We have a newly raised Master Mason as well as an EA who are working hard to advance, and I am sure they could use your support as well!

A couple of weeks ago several of us visited T. Neal Porter Lodge No. 1354 to join in and assist in an EA and a Fellowcraft degree. The night proved to be fun and exciting and I look forward to these two young men advancing as well. Perhaps we can join them again when the time comes!

We have some exciting things happening in and about the Lodge before the holidays creep up on us (at lightning speed), so watch your email for Lodge announcements and make plans to join us if you can!

I hope to see you at Lodge real soon!

Troy J. Shugart, Secretary



***Called to the
Celestial Lodge***

James Nathan Porter
August 2, 2016

September Family Night Menu and Food Committee

This month's Food Committee Chairman, Joe Beaver informs me we will be dining on a fine meal of lasagna with all the customary sides such as a salad and a dessert. There will also be plenty of liquid refreshments for your enjoyment!

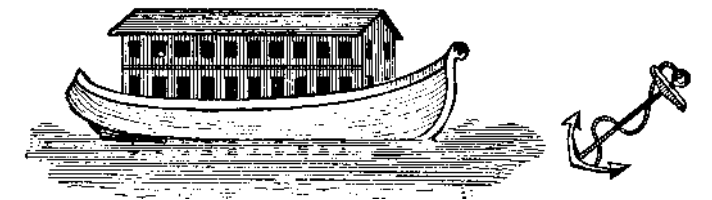
Other members of who have made this meal possible are Bill Bastas, Mike Brode, Donnie Carter, Charles Hampton, Sam Hill, Dennis Kestner, Don Long, Louis Martin, Jose Seguin, and James Sherrard.

Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!

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, Johnny Camarillo, Jim Carroll, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Charles Caudill, Damara Diaz (daughter of Dan Barber, PM), Glenn Dyess, Max Ehrlich, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), George Henry, Sam Hill, Barbra & Freddie Hite, Kristen Huhner (Ben Rauschke's aunt), Priscilla Jackson (Ernest Owney's sister), Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's daughter-in-law), Marion Kerr, David Korts, Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Dennis Mitchell, Bob & Milly Oakes, Tom Peters, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Suzanne Vera, and Wanda Stewart.

***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 July, 11 Masons, wives, and friends raked up 140 hours assisting our friends over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. Carl and Jeanine Robinson were there for a whopping 33 hours each! Following in alphabetical order were Linda Boyd with right at 19 hours. Glen Broddrick helped out for a little more than 3. Max Fisher showed up for more than 13 hours to assist. Norm Hayes, Dwane Ideker, and David Karhi all lended a hand for more than 3 hours each. Larry Korts was on hand to help out for nearly 21 hours and Ben Rauschke was there for over 5 hours. Dennis Ross gave up more than 2 hours of his time to help out.

"Thank you folks" for a job well done