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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 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



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; 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, Jason S. Lyde 25; Ralph D. Morren, Richard Alonso 30.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

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; Clyde J. Medlock 78; 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.

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

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
September 7th, 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

Summer is just about over, schools are back in session and we are all ready for Austin to start cooling down.

At the August 6th stated meeting we read one petition to receive the degrees in Masonry. Curtis Gilgan, PM, in the beautiful "Yonder Book" ceremony, made the Bible presentations to our newest Master Mason, Patrick Franklin. The Lodge approved spending the money needed for the Raffle prizes as presented by Bro. David Hoke, Raffle Committee Chairman. The Lodge also approved sending our Wardens to the Leadership Training Program held in Corpus Christi, September 8th - 10th. Several other brothers are planning on attending the Leadership Training Program as well.

On August 12th Onion Creek held the Summer Breakfast Social with a New Orleans twist led by JD Ernest Owney. It was well attended and a great time was had by all.

On August 17th Onion Creek hosted an A. L. L. class led by Bro. Robert Eschenburg for our newly raised Master Masons. Thank you Bro. Eschenburg!

On August 19th we laid to rest our beloved brother, mentor and friend, Jose V. Seguin. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. His presence at Lodge and in our lives will be sorely missed.

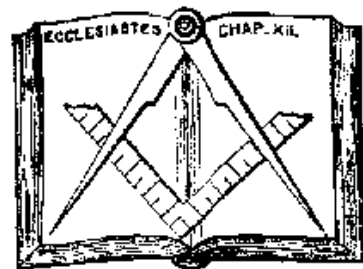
On August 26th we had a second work day (postponed from August 19th) at the Lodge again led by JW Tide Williams to complete some miscellaneous items and lay the black and white tiles in the lodge room.

Looking Forward

- The Stated Meeting will be on September 7th where we will continue our discussions to address the income shortfall as presented in the approved 2017 - 2018 budget.
- OCL will continue 4th Wednesday Floor Practice (6:30 p.m.) in order to improve our skills in Masonic Ritual.
- OCL will be hosting the Committee on Work Forum and Exams on September 30th.
- OCL is planning to have a presentation by RW Mike Gower, Past Grand Master, at our October Stated Meeting.
- 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



**Called to the
Celestial Lodge**

Jose Vidal Seguin
August 13, 2017

Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief

The Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA) has started disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey victims. The MSANA has a long history of providing relief in times of distress, dating all the way back to 1923.

When a disaster relief appeal is made, all of the monies received are sent, in their entirety, to the Grand Jurisdiction involved. No portion of donated funds is retained by the MSANA for any reason whatsoever. All costs connected with the appeal are absorbed through their regular operating budget. All donated funds are given to help the recovery within the Grand Jurisdiction for whom the appeal was made.

All contributions, donations, and bequests to MSANA are tax deductible and every gift is acknowledged by the MSANA.

If you would like to donate, you can do so by sending a check. Mark it "Texas Disaster Appeal", made payable to "MSA Disaster Relief Fund", and mail it to:

Masonic Service Association
3905 National Drive, Suite 280
Burtonsville, MD 20866

You can also donate online at:
<https://www.msana.com/msappeals.asp>

Equipment

Figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You've all that the greatest of men have had,
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,
And a brain to use if you would be wise.
With this equipment they all began,
So start for the top and say "I can."

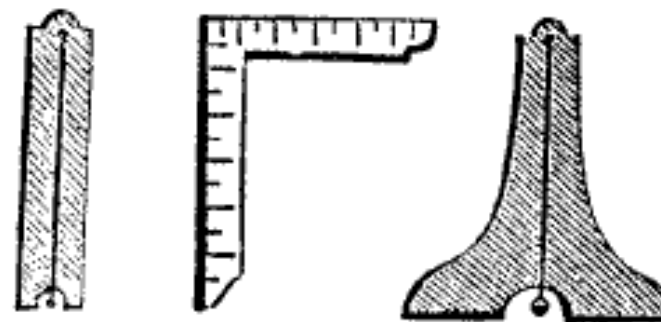
Look them over, the wise and great,
They take their food from a common plate
And similar knives and forks they use,
With similar laces they tie their shoes,
The world considers them brave and smart.
But you've all they had when they made their start.

You can triumph and come to skill,
You can be great if only you will,
You're well equipped for what fight you choose,
You have legs and arms and a brain to use,
And the man who has risen, great deeds to do
Began his life with no more than you.

You are the handicap you must face,
You are the one who must choose your place,
You must say where you want to go.
How much you will study the truth to know,
God has equipped you for life, but He
Lets you decide what you want to be.

Courage must come from the soul within,
The man must furnish the will to win,
So figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You were born with all that the great have had,
With your equipment they all began.
Get hold of yourself, and say: "I can."

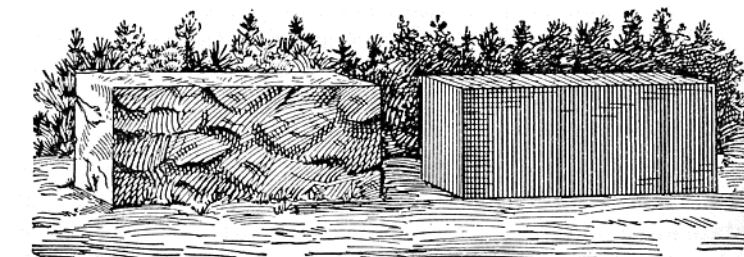
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Prayer List

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, 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, Sidney Strength, 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 July, 11 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 33 hours, Glen Broddrick with 3 hours, Max Fisher with 28 hours, Norman Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Ideker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Larry Korts with 17 hours, Carl Robinson with 22 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 14 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 23 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!