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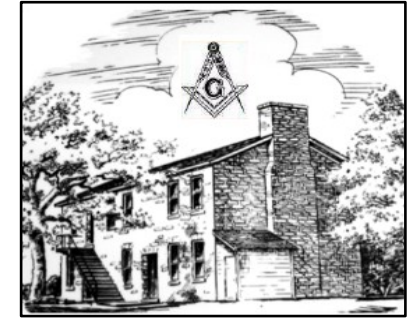
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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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September 2018

Lodge Officers 2018 - 2019

WM: **Christopher R. Dawson**
 SW: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JW: **Orlando Perez**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 SD: **Ernest Owney**
 JD: **Richard Alonso**
 SS: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 JS: **Abram Wallace**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Mus: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 Tiler: **Bobby Clakley**

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
 2017- William L. Lewis

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
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Bobby J. Norris
 Boyce Oakes
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



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, 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 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 6th, 2018**

**Entered Apprentice
 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 Karhi**
Breakfast Socials: **Richard Alonso**
Building: **Jeromy Odom**
Cemetery: **Abram Wallace**
Communications: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Esoteric Instruction: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Finance: **Ernest Owney**
Funeral: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Historian: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Hospital: **H. Max Fisher**
Ill and Visitation: **Carl Robinson**
Vanguard: **Christopher Dawson**
Orlando Perez

From the East...

Happy September, brethren!

It looks like we're going to survive another summer; August is wrapping up and we'll soon be unpacking our jackets. I can't wait!

For those unable to attend the August Stated Meeting, I brought up the issue of our lodge's long-term financial plans. During the meeting, after a presentation by PM Curtis Gilgan, I asked the brethren present to assist in developing a long-term plan to ensure our financial health. Onion Creek is not in any dire circumstance, but the Officers and I are concerned. Our membership has declined over the years and some mandatory expenses have continued to go up. We, like many institutions, need to take a good look at who we are and how we operate. I don't believe raising dues is the answer. However, I do believe we can come up with reasonable long-term solutions that will ensure Onion Creek will remain a Beacon in South Austin for future generations.

Building committee co-Chairs Jeremy Odom and Abram Wallace, assisted by SW Tide Williams, provided air conditioning to the parlor room – a long-standing project that was great to see finished! You also may have noticed some different chairs in the parlor room, as well. SW Williams also donated several chairs and love seats to update and increase our seating arrangement. Thanks to our building committee Chairs and Senior Warden!

We also held a 'Cigar and Pipe Night' on the lodge back porch, where many Masters, EAs, and possible candidates hung out and enjoyed fellowship for an evening. Aside from the usual conversation, we discussed why we wanted to be Masons, as well as if what we do as a lodge gives us an opportunity to reach our respective Masonic goals. It was an engaging conversation and a nice evening to get to know each other better.

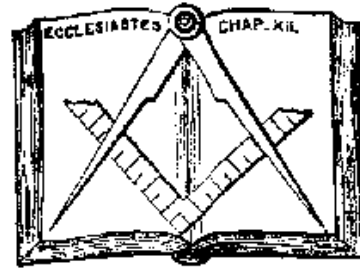
Looking ahead, we will be performing a Master Degree on September 13th. It's our first Master during this Masonic Year, so if you're able, please come and support our brother! September 21-23rd, Bros. Orlando Perez and Richard Alonso will be attending the Leadership Training workshop in Corpus Christi. It's not only a privilege that we can send our upcoming officers to be educated in lodge administration, but it's one of our better investments in the future of our lodge.

At our October Stated Meeting, we will be presenting Masonic service awards for 50-year Masons

and up. Past Grand Master Mike Wiggins will be present for the ceremony, and RW Raul J. Scully will be making his 2nd official visit. It's going to be a very special evening, so please be sure to make it!

I hope you and your families have a great September and hope to see you at lodge soon!

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson



Called to the Celestial Lodge

Tommy Randolph Peters
August 13, 2018

Fall Breakfast Social Report

The Fall Breakfast Social was held Saturday, August 11th, facilitated by Jr. Deacon Richard Alonso, and was a great success. There was a total of 65 adults and 13 children in attendance. I would like to thank brothers Jeff Carroll, PM; Dennis Kestner, PM; Curtis Gilgan, PM; SW David Williams; Dennis Ross, PM; Gerald Carruth; RW Troy Shugart; and John Turner, PM for their generous money and food donations. I would also like to thank SS Jeromy Odom, SD Ernest Owey, JD Abram Wallace, Eric Hoffman, Patrick Franklin, Billy Capps, and an Entered Apprentice for their assistance in food preparation and on the serving line. Special thanks to Worshipful Master Chris Dawson, Right Worshipful Raul Scully, Miss Lexi Bruner, and Bro Odom's fiancé, Miss Melinda Kerl.

Richard Alonso, Junior Deacon

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September Menu

September Food Committee Chairman Joe Beaver reports that they will be serving lasagna (or maybe spaghetti), salad, bread, ice cream, and cookies.

Thank you Brethren for a fine meal!

The Square

The Holy Bible lies open upon the Altar of Masonry, and upon the Bible lie the Square and Compasses. They are the three Great Lights of the Lodge, at once Divine warrant and its chief working tools. They are symbols of Revelation, Righteousness and Redemption, Teaching us that by walking in the light of Truth, and obeying the Law of Right, the Divine in man wins victory over the earthly. How to live is the one important matter and he will seek far without finding a wiser way than that shown us by the Great Lights of the Lodge.

The Square and Compasses are the oldest, the simplest and the most universal symbols of Masonry. All the world over, whether as a sign on a building, or a badge worn by a Brother, even profane know them to be emblems of our ancient Craft. Some years ago, when a business firm tried to adopt the Square and Compasses as a Trade-Mark, the patent Office refused permission on the ground, as the decision said, that, "There can be no doubt that this device, so commonly worn and employed by Masons, universally recognized as existing; whether comprehended by all or not, is not material to this use." They belong to us, alike by associations of history and the tongue of common report.

Let us separate the Square from the Compasses and study it alone, the better to see its further meaning and use. There is no need to say that the Square we have in mind is not a Cube, which has four equal sides and angles, deemed by Greeks a figure of perfection. Nor is it the square of the carpenter, one leg of which is longer than the other, with inches marked for measuring. It is a small plan Square, unmarked and with legs equal length, a simple try-square use for testing the accuracy of angles, and the precision with stones are cut. Since the try-square was used to prove that angles were right, it naturally became an emblem of accuracy, integrity and rightness. As stones are cut to fit into a building, so our acts and thoughts are built together into a structure of Character, badly or firmly, and must be tested by moral standard of which the simple try-square is a symbol.

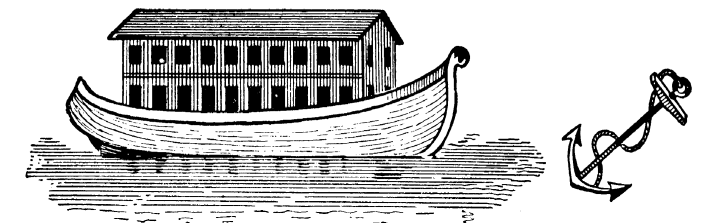
Ernest Owey, Senior Deacon



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, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Johnnie Camarillo, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Charlie Hampton, Larry & Alba Haney, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Don & Johnnie Long, Ken Loveless, Thurman McGinnis, Wes Mersiovsky, Tony Moreno, Boyce Oakes, Joe Pickering, Tony Ramirez, Bertha Salinas, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Sidney Strength, Wanda Stewart, and April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Chris Dawson or Chaplain Raul Scully, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of July, 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 24 hours, Dave Faria with 17 hours, Max Fisher with 10 hours, Norm Hayes with 4 hours, Dwane Idecker with 3 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with 29 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 27 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 34 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!