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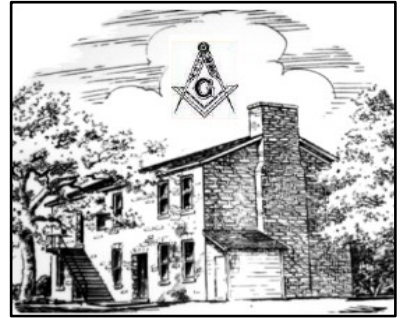
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Onion Creek No. 220
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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September 2019

Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

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

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

2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Eljio 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
 2018- Christopher R. Dawson

Living Affiliated Past Masters

J. Roland Brown
 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
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



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September Birthdays

Allan J. Tolbert III 2; Arnold J. Holden, James A. Kruger, Stephen A. Barlow, Armand C. Ablanado 3; Billy R. Capps, Tommy R. Teykl 6; Edward V. Hill, Bobby J. Doherty 7; Dale A. Rundell 12; Dennis M. Stewart 14; Ricky J. Tindell 16; 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; Samuel M. Gacesa, William M. Bastas 89; 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 07; Benjamin B. Rauschke 08; Jeff J. Carroll 10; Christopher T. Bookout, Todd Lewis 13; Kenath T. Carver 14; Franklin E. Merica III 18.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 September 5th, 2019**

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 Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Jeromy Odom
Building: Jeromy Odom
Abram Wallace
Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
Communications: Troy Shugart, PM
Esoteric Instruction: Richard Alonso
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Funeral: Troy Shugart, PM
Historian: H. Max Fisher
Hospital: Carl Robinson
Ill and Visitation: David "Tide" Williams
Vanguard: Raul Scully, PM
Pleasant Hill Advisory: H. Max Fisher
Special Events: Chris Dawson, PM

From the East

Happy September, brethren. I hope everyone had a great summer and survived the Texas heat that graced us with many weeks of 100+ weather.

We've had a good month at the lodge, instructing our EA's, an FC, and courtesy work with a Master Mason from a lodge in Temple. For those who haven't been to the lodge in a while, we'd love to have you drop in more often. The stewards are always ready with a fantastic meal on Mondays and Thursdays, and there's always some lively conversation.

On August 10th, with the help of quite a few members and their wives, Brother Odom made it through his first Breakfast Social of this Masonic year, and it was a rousing success. We had more than 80 visitors come and enjoy a fine breakfast and fellowship, and ended up with a net profit of \$400+ dollars. Brother Odom added French Toast to the menu this year, and the "made-to-order" Omelet bar was back for an encore appearance. Many thanks to all those who donated their time and/or money to make this event happen. The next Breakfast Social event will be in November, so watch for more details coming soon.

This year's Project SOS (Supply Our Students) is now completed and was a great accomplishment by many. In late July, a group of members and wives got together to put together the school supplies into kits. On August 16th, those kits were delivered to the school, just ahead of the new school year starting. Principal Cisneros called for the teachers to assemble in the library where we unveiled the fruits of our efforts. The teachers were overwhelmed at the amount of supplies



Building out the kits

and expressed their sincere gratitude toward the members of Onion Creek.

August 19th brought us another Pipe and Cigar Night on the porch. The event was well attended, and we even had a brother visit us from Round Rock. This event, started by Junior Past Master Chris Dawson, has launched some great discussions on Masonry, the Lodge, and just life in general. This month's theme question was about Masonic legacies. Everyone there got a chance to express what it means to them, and what they hope to leave behind. The discussion was so engaging, everyone lost track of time, and we were there past 10pm. If you've not yet attended one of these events, please come. You don't have to be a smoker to enjoy the fellowship and discussion. The misting system we installed last year keeps us quite cool. The next Pipe and Cigar night will be September 16th. Hope to see you there.

Beginning August 22nd, we've started practicing for the upcoming Committee on Work Forum & Exams. We'll be holding this practice every Thursday evening (except stated meeting nights) in preparation for becoming certified in our work on October 26th. This is a great opportunity to prepare for both those who are recertifying, and those who have never certified.

In the early morning hours of August 24th, we conducted a lodge workday to clean up the fallen parts of the tree in our parking lot that got hit by lightning. Thanks to all those who showed up with chainsaws to make quick work of this before it got too hot outside.

Coming Events:

- Sep 5th — September Stated Meeting
- Sep 6th-8th — Grand Lodge Leadership Training (Corpus)
- Sep 12th, 19th, 26th — CoW Forum & Exams practice
- Oct 3rd — October Stated Meeting
- Oct 5th — "Come and Take It" observance — Gonzales
- Oct 10th, 17th, 24th — CoW Forum & Exams practice
- Oct 12th — Lady Luck Bingo Brunch (Tentative)
- Oct 26th — CoW Forums & Exams
- Oct 28th — MWSA meeting @Texana 123

All calendar events can be viewed on the OCL website (<http://onioncreeklodge220.org/>).

My sincerest thanks to all of you for your

continued efforts in making Onion Creek the great lodge that it is. Stay safe and I hope to see you soon at one of our many events.

Worshipful Master Tide Williams



School supplies delivered

Lady Luck Bingo Brunch

Greetings, brethren! This is a notice that the Bingo Brunch that was originally scheduled on September 28th has been moved to October 12th. Also, this date is still considered tentative.

I am presently in the process of applying for a Bingo license that will give the lodge a bit more freedom to have fellowship and fun over the next few months. Due to the paperwork needing to be mailed to a couple of third parties, I wanted to ensure we had plenty of time to get everything submitted before our game this Fall. I'll be providing updates at our September Stated Meeting. Thank you!

Christopher Dawson, PM

September Menu

September Food Committee Chairman Joe Beaver reports they will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, bread sticks, and salad.

Thank you 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, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Billy Brown (Roland's son), Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's father), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Molly Clakley (Bobby's wife), Forest & Doris Cruse, Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, Jacqueline Goodman (Ernest Owney's sister-in-law), RW Mike Gower and family, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite's family, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long (Don's wife), Thurman McGinnis, Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Will Mingua, Newell "Red" Rauschke (Ben's father), Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), JT Shugart (Troy's father), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Willis Woods (Michael's father), and Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Tide Williams or Chaplain Jim Wells, PM

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SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of July, 5 Masons and 1 wife contributed over 61 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 23 hours, Dave Faria with 5 hours, Max Fisher with 8 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 25 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!