

*Stated Meeting 7:30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month with a meal at 6:30 pm*

August 2015 Newsletter

# Solomon Lodge #484

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## Upcoming Events

### August 4

7 PM MM Practice

### August 11

7 PM FC Practice

### August 13

6:30 PM Meal

7:30 PM Stated Meeting

### August 18

7 PM EA Practice

### August 25

7 PM District Instructor  
Practice

Howdy Folks!

This is the first in what we hope will be a monthly newsletter detailing the happenings at and around Solomon Lodge #484 in Taylor Texas. We will be adjusting format and content as we go so if there is something you would like to see or something you would like to contribute please contact us and we will see what we can do.

## Masonic Anniversaries in August

Joseph Savage PM	Raised 8/15/83
Lamar McCormick PM	Raised 8/16/66
David Heap	Raised 8/17/92
Mathew Hankins	Raised 8/21/14
Andrew Adams PM	Raised 8/23/83
James Lindsey PM	Raised 8/29/79
John Kollman	Raised 8/29/06

## August Birthdays

Vernon Scott	8/1
Michael Daffin PM	8/2
Benjamin Montanez	8/3
Robert Schier III	8/7
Darren Lewis	8/8
John Peleath	8/12
Ray Phillip	8/17
William Panick	8/18
Bill Miller	8/20
Paul Pennington	8/23

**All dates were compiled by our Senior Deacon Robert Schier III**

## Quote of the Month:

**“EXAMPLE, WHETHER IT  
BE GOOD OR BAD, HAS A  
POWERFUL INFLUENCE.”**

-Brother George Washington  
Letter to Lord Stirling  
March 5, 1780

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## From the East

Brethren,

We have been sending out messages when there are meetings coming up and now we are now going to start sending out a once a month newsletter. This will contain information about what is going on with Solomon Lodge and upcoming events. This is the first of these newsletters and we look forward to seeing each of you at our meeting and practice nights.

Our District Instructor has been very gracious to accept an offer to attend our lodge every 4th Tuesday. It is my hope that in the future we will have brothers who are both capable and motivated to hold A, B, and C certificates. This will be helpful and informative to those who may not regularly attend lodge but it also helps keep all brethren well informed.

I hope to see each and every one of you this year at lodge and encourage you to reach out to brothers who are interested in Traveling to join us at our wonderful lodge. Let's make Solomon Lodge a beacon within Taylor and Eastern Williamson County known to the entire community. This starts with each of us always remembering to support, empower, and spread light to our brethren.

I would also like to thank all my officers and all those who are helping to make this a successful year. There are many little things that have to happen to make any project a success and I am thankful for all of those who have continued to support our mission. If you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter that you are willing to help out with please let us know!

Fraternally,

Hugh K. Tidwell  
Worshipful Master  
Solomon Masonic Lodge #484



## Local Stated Meetings

### **Post Oak Island #181 (Beaukiss)**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

Meal at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

### **Thorndale #978**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

Meal at 8:00 am

Meeting at 9:00 am

### **Liberty Hill #432**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

Meal at 6:00 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

### **Elgin #328**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Meal at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

## From the West

Brethren,

I wanted to thank each one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you again this year, now as your Senior Warden. I don't want our current traditions to be lost, but I do know that for our brotherhood to continue to grow we need to do a better job of teaching the new members what Freemasonry is all about.

This year our Grand Masters edict to incorporate education into our meetings was done because he believes educated Masons make better Masons. This edict will expire at the end of his year in December. Although many of us know and live these lessons, we need to continue to enlighten the new members. The memory and floor work will only go so far, we need to go beyond that in order to pique the interest of our new members and keep them returning. The Masonic slogan, "We take good men and make them better," illustrates this the best.

I believe the tenants of Freemasonry do help good men improve themselves and we can support this Laudable Undertaking through education. My question is this: Is education something Brethren would like to participate in once the Grand Master's edict ends? We can do this in lodge or on practice nights. It's up to us to share it whenever and wherever we can.

The tenants of Freemasonry are what make this fraternity the greatest organization in the world. When we stop educating our new members, we will begin to die, withering away until there is nothing left.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Jonathan F. Kruger  
Senior Warden  
Solomon Masonic Lodge #484



## Local Stated Meetings cont....

### **San Gabriel #89 (Georgetown)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Meal at 7:00 pm

Meeting at 8:00 pm

### **Norton Moses #336 (Leander)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

Meal at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

### **Round Rock #227**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Meal at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

## From the South

Brethren,

I would like to take a minute of your time to speak with you about fundraisers. We have some really good charities we take part in throughout the year. Masonic Santa, Scholarships, and Distressed Worthy Brethren to name a few. This is all made possible through fundraisers held throughout the year. Historically those fundraisers have included: Golf Tournament, Tamale sales, Yard sales and donations and support from good people like you. This year we were unable to procure any tamales for a sale, and nobody has brought up a garage sale as of yet.

This year we decided to have a raffle to raise funds for our charities. With prizes including an autographed George Strait Guitar, Remington 1187 12GA semiauto shotgun, 783 Remington .243, Parrot Bebop drone, a spa package at Spa Revie, and a Yeti cooler. These are some really awesome prizes. Tickets priced at \$20 apiece or six for \$100. Just think, it is possible to win all six prizes with \$100. This money goes 100% to charity and none to the lodge operations.

This raffle could go a long way toward helping Solomon lodge and our charities. I would appreciate everybody attempting to sell at least one book of tickets. That is all it would take to make this raffle a success. Thank you all for making Solomon lodge 484 one of my favorite places in central Texas.

Michael Hollingsworth  
Junior Warden  
Solomon Masonic Lodge #484  
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## From the Editor ~

If you have any questions about what happens at Lodge or any of our events please don't hesitate to ask. We know there are family members that have questions but are not sure how or where to ask, this is the place!

Here are a few abbreviations you are likely to hear us use or see on our calendar:

EA – Entered Apprentice. A man who has been initiated into the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in Freemasonry.

FC – Fellow Craft. A man who has been initiated into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in Freemasonry.

MM – Master Mason. A man who has been initiated into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Freemasonry.

DI – District Instructor. A Freemason who has been appointed to insure proper instruction across the Masonic District.

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## *The Blue Slipper:*

### *Freemasonry from a Wife's Perspective*

Ladies, welcome to the first Solomon Lodge 484 newsletter. I wanted to start by introducing myself and this column. My name is Kelley Tidwell and I am the wife of Worshipful Master, Hugh Tidwell. Hugh and I have two beautiful children, Addison (7 years old) and King (4 months old). When the idea developed to have a newsletter we wanted to include a "Ladies Corner" so that all the women could stay up to date with what our men are up to. Since this is our first attempt at a column of such nature, I am open to suggestions and recommendations. We want this be helpful and valuable to the ladies of the Solomon Lodge 484.

To begin, I wanted to ensure that all families are aware of the regularly scheduled meetings and explain how we, as families, can be involved. Masons meet every Tuesday at lodge for practice or degrees at 7:00pm. There are many families that meet at Sirloin Stockade in Taylor before the practice at 6:00 pm for dinner, a good time, and fellowship. We usually meet in the dining room on the back left hand side of the restaurant. Tuesday night at Sirloin Stockade is kids night (kids eat free and there is usually a kid friendly activity) so bring the whole family. In addition to Tuesday's meetings, stated meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 7:30. Before the meeting begins, a home cooked meal is graciously provided by Eastern Star at 6:30pm. The meal is a fundraiser for Eastern Star that has a suggested donation of five dollars per person. All family members are welcomed for the meal. Outside of the regularly scheduled meetings Masons have been discussing having a game night for the entire family. Stay tuned, more information coming soon for the family game nights.

On the lodge website, [www.solomon484.com](http://www.solomon484.com), there is a calendar under the events tab. The Tuesday day practices/degrees are currently posted at 7:00pm, however don't forget the dinner beforehand at Sirloin Stockade at 6:00pm. The calendar event for the stated meetings includes the dinner time...I know confusing for us families.

For this month's education I wanted to talk about the significance of the blue slipper. If a lady carries this blue slipper it indicates that she is a relative of a Mason. The symbol originated from the book of Ruth when Boaz agreed to care for Elimelech's widow and children by removing his shoe to offer it as a bargain to show he would care for them. Elimelech's next of kin refused to step up and look after his widow and children so Boaz offered to do so. If a Mason sees a lady with a blue slipper, whether it be a lapel pin, brooch, bumper sticker, or necklace, he immediately knows that this is a Brother's loved one and he will care for them as his own.

Kelley Tidwell

