

Stated Meeting 7:30 pm every 2nd Thursday of the month with a meal at 6:30 pm

February 2016 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

February 2

7 PM MM Practice

February 9

7 PM EA Practice

February 11

6:30 Meal

7:30 Stated Meeting

February 16

7 PM FC Practice

February 23

7 PM District Instructor Visit

Howdy Folks!

This is the 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 January

Robert Pruitt	Raised 2/11/54
Howard Biar	Raised 2/24/66
Michael Daffin	Raised 2/27/90
Robert Schier III (RS3)	Raised 2/19/13
Robert Brauer	Raised 2/11/14
Jessie Soliz	Raised 2/22/14

January Birthdays

Lamar McCormick	2/3
Paul McAnear	2/4
Stanley Anderson	2/10
David Heap	2/15
William Behrens II	2/20
Howell Williams	2/23
Mark Winkelmann	2/24
Noble Atkins	2/25

All dates were compiled by our Senior Deacon Robert Schier III (RS3)

“Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.”

- Bro. Andrew Jackson

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From the East

Brethren,

Thank you for coming out to support Right Worshipful (RW) Schier on his visitations during this past month. It has been a pleasure to see everyone coming together and traveling as a group. This February's Stated Meeting we will have our Official Visit and I hope that each of you will come to this meeting. Let's have a great showing for RW Schier's official visit. We will be opening in a Masters Masons Lodge for his visitation so please invite any Master Masons you may know to come join us. Don't forget to invite your wives and families as well as our Brothers working on their Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees to join us for our meal beforehand. It is good to see our ladies and families at the meal.

We need to actively solicit sponsors and advertisers for this year's Golf Tournament. We need to be talking to businesses about the golf tournament and our charities in order to find sponsors. A business or individual can sponsor a tournament banner at the entrance, a hole, a team, donate prize items, or even volunteer. We should also talk to folks we know are golfers to see if we can sign them up to play in our tournament this year. We really need to have a great turnout this year. This is one of our Major fundraisers thought the year and it is extremely important we have a good turn out to support our charities for Masonic Year 2016 – 2017 and beyond. We have really been pushing the past few years to get to the point where we are fundraising for the next year's charitable activities to ensure we have a good budget process and are able to continue supporting our community. Thank you for your assistance with this.

We have submitted an application to the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation for matching funds to help with this year's scholarships. I want to give a special thank you to all who are serving on the different committees and making this year a success. This is a team effort, there is only so much any of us can do on our own. I am proud of the way everyone is working together and the way this year is shaping up. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,

Hugh K. Tidwell

Worshipful Master

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Worshipful Master Hugh Tidwell and his wife Kelley

Local Stated Meetings

Austin Scottish Rite

1st Wednesday
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Post Oak Island #181 (Beaukiss)

1st Thursday
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Thorndale #978

2nd Saturday
Meal at 8:00 am
Meeting at 9:00 am

Liberty Hill #432

2nd Saturday
Meal at 6:00 pm
Meeting at 7:00 pm

Elgin #328

2nd Monday
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Colorado Commandery - Austin

2nd Monday
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

San Gabriel #89 (Georgetown)

2nd Thursday
Meal at 7:00 pm
Meeting at 8:00 pm

Past Master Spotlight

Past Masters can be a valuable and often vocal source of information and knowledge. In an effort to shine some of that Light on the Brethren we will be asking PM's a standardized set of questions every month.

This month we will be visiting with Junior PM Tracy Brummett. Brother Brummett was installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge #484 in 2014. Always one to pitch in to get the work done he has even recently taken on a plural membership at a nearby lodge to help out with their declining membership. Last summer when I needed help on a weekday during business hours to load a big lateral filing cabinet PM Brummett rearranged his morning to help me out. Tracy is a man I really look up to; for lack of a better word he is sincere. PM Brummett may not be a man of many words, but he packs a lot of meaning into what he does say.

Why did you become a Freemason?

I grew up around Masonry and a lot of the men I looked up to were Masons, so when I could I asked.

What was the best advice you were given by a Freemason or about Freemasonry?

It's what you make it, the more you put in the more you will get out of it.

What was your most memorable event or occurrence from your time in the East?

Really the whole year and how all brothers supported me.

If you could give an EA or potential candidate one piece of advice what would it be?

Don't mess around just learn the work and you will be fulfilled.

What is one thing every newly raised Master Mason should know?

Jump in and start participating! You only get out of it, what you put in.

If you could give one piece of advice to a new WM or another office "in the line" what would it be?

I would tell all of them to work together. When everyone works together you can have more fun!



Past Master Tracy Brummett and wife Kim
2014-2015

Local Stated Meetings cont....

Norton Moses #336 (Leander)

3rd Monday
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Round Rock #227

3rd Tuesday
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30pm

YR Chapter & Council (Austin)

3rd Wednesday
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Ben Hur Shrine

3rd Thursday
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ALL submissions for the upcoming newsletter are due by the 15th of this month.

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From the West

Howdy All,

It has been a while since my words have made it to this page and for that I apologize. Things are going well this year especially with all of the updates and changes that have been made to the Lodge and to our fundraising efforts.

I must say it has been a pleasure traveling with RW DDGM Schier while he makes his official visits. I like to think of myself as a Traveling Man but I can't remember the last time I made it to so many different Lodges in so short a period of time. It has also been nice to see others come out to support Right Worshipful Schier. When we go out of our way like this to support another Brother in whatever it is he is doing it tends to bring us all closer together.

On a very basic level a Lodge can be defined as a group of men gathered together in a place to do something. Over time any group of people will change. They will grow older, wiser, forgetful, more educated, tired, reenergized, closer, bitter, further apart, and complacent. In any given population, change does not necessarily happen for all members at the same time. Therefore, it is important for us all to remember we are human, we are flawed, and we are great!

This Lodge, our organization, can't be its absolute best if we do not have input and participation from more than a handful of people. Everyone brings a unique perspective and background with them and we need all of these variations to make our organization the very best that it can be. Often times we talk about bringing in new members but we have to make sure that we have something to offer them if we do bring them in. We need to have experienced and knowledgeable Brothers on hand that can help the new folks with their memory work and answer some of the questions they may have. We need to work with these new Brothers and help them move through the degrees. There are few reasons we should have multiple EA's that have not moved on after nine months. We need to offer something for the married Brothers who do not want to leave their families to just to come up to the building and munch on a few cookies. We need to offer something to the widows who have devoted much of their time and picked up the slack when their husbands spent countless hours and nights at the lodge building.

Are you being the best Mason you can be? Then pick up your tools and

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Jonathan Krueger
Senior Warden



Senior Warden Jonathan Krueger and his wife Faye.

Local Masonic Events

THE DDGM WILL BE MAKING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOLOMON LODGE THIS MONTH. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND TO OUR STATED MEETING SO WE CAN WELCOME RW SCHIER HOME IN STYLE.



Mark your calendars for Saturday May 7th, 2016, for the Annual Solomon Lodge #484 Golf Tournament. Registration will begin at 7:00 am with a shotgun start at 8:00 am.

We still need to work on Sponsors and getting teams to sign up! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer contact PM Tracy Brummett.

If you know of an upcoming Masonic event in the area let us know!

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The Blue Slipper: Freemasonry from a Wife's Perspective

With all of the titles flying around since the Grand Lodge meeting I thought it might be a good idea to discuss some of them. I found the following on a website called The Masonic Trowel.

The words "worship" and "worshipful" as used in Freemasonry have no connection with their modern meaning of glorification, idolization, deification. In church the congregation worships God; in a lodge a brother is "Worshipful" when he is Master; in Grand Lodge a brother is "Most", "Right", or "Very Worshipful", the words being used in the old English sense.

The word "ship" as a suffix (hardship, horsemanship, lordship) is from scip and/or skap-Old Teutonic words indicating a rank or qualities that go with it. Anglo-Saxons used weorth to describe value. Hence "Your Worship", and also the Masonic "Worshipful". "Honor thy father and thy mother" in the King James Bible, was "Worship thi fadir and thi modir," in the Wycliffe Bible (Fourteenth Century).

Masonic usage of the word may be freely given as respected, or honored. The Most Worshipful Brother is he who is most greatly honored or respected. This is doubtless as much a descendant from ecclesiastical practice as from old English phraseology; an Episcopal marriage service used "with my body I thee worship" meaning honor or reverence.

It apparently was first used Masonically at the formation of the Mother Grand Lodge; Anderson's Constitutions has a "Postscript" titled "Here follows the Manner of constituting a New Lodge, as practis'd by his Grace the Duke of Wharton, the present Right Worfhipful Grand Master, according to the ancient Usages of Masons."

The word was used in other than ecclesiastical circles at a very early date; Samuel Pepys' "Diary" notes, a clergyman having addressed his congregation as "Right Worshipful and dearly beloved" in 1661. In the seventeenth century, guilds in London called themselves Worshipful, as "The Worshipful Company of Grocers".

The use of "Most", "Right" and "Very" in Masonic titles seems a direct descent from the Church of England. The heads of the Church are the Primates of Canterbury and of York. Their official title is The Most Reverend. Under them in the Hierarchy come the Right Reverend the Bishops. The next title of honor in the Church is that of Very Reverend applied to Deans or heads of Cathedral Chapters. In the English Parish is The Reverend Parish Priest who is assisted by two Wardens. There is a strong resemblance between the ceremony of the induction of the priest into the benefice of a Parish and that of the installation of a Master of a lodge. In the more formal appointment of a Canon the resemblance is more marked by the ecclesiastical use of the word "installation". The Bishop installs the new Canon with a ritual that comes with no novelty to one who has previously been installed as the Master of a Lodge. In the United States "Most Worshipful" is used in the official titles of some Grand Lodges, as well as for Grand Masters.