

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

January 2016 Newsletter

Solomon Lodge #484

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Upcoming Events

January 5

7 PM MM Practice

January 12

7 PM EA Practice

January 14

7 PM Meal **IN GEORGETOWN**

8 PM Stated Meeting

January 19

6:30 Meal **IN ROUND ROCK**

7:30 Meeting

January 26

7 PM District Instructor Visit

Quote of the Month:

“Remember that it is the actions, and not the commission, that make the officer, and that there is more expected from him, than the title.”

**Bro. George Washington,
Jan. 8, 1756**

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

David Wortham	Raised 1/1/63
James Miller	Raised 1/4/54
Richard Pfiel	Raised 1/6/76
Travis Scott	Raised 1/20/14
Jonathan Krueger	Raised 1/22/04
Paul Mcanear	Raised 1/23/10
Allan Zidell	Raised 1/23/51
Doyle Hobbs Sr. PM	Raised 1/26/82
Gary Anders	Raised 1/28/88

January Birthdays

David Brooks	1/2
David Shelton	1/3
Hugh Tidwell	1/14
Michael Hollingsworth	1/31

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

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From the East

Brethren,

I hope each of you had a chance to spend time with family over the holidays. It is a time when we should gather with family and friends to reflect upon what means the most to us. Brother Robert Schier III did a wonderful job with Masonic Santa and also with getting our lodge ready for Family fun night. Thank you to those who came out on December 29, 2015 for our family fun night. We had a full house and most of our officers attended!

January will be very busy and I'm pleased to say we will try our best to travel with RW Bob Schier on his visitation across our district. If you are available please join us in helping him with his visits. It is a good way to show our support for RW Schier and his duties to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. We will kick off our traveling as follows:

1. Post Oak Island – January 7th
2. Liberty Hill – January 9th
3. San Gabriel – Georgetown – January 14th
4. Norton Moses – Leander – January 18
5. Round Rock – January 19th
6. Robert Burns – Round Rock – January 23rd
7. Solomon Lodge - Taylor – February 11th
8. Florence – February 27th

Two of these fall on nights when we should have a meeting or a practice, January 14th and January 19th. At our December Stated Meeting we voted to not have a Stated Meeting in January so we could visit San Gabriel Lodge. Their Stated Meeting is held on the same night as our Stated Meeting. The last time a large group of Brothers visited San Gabriel #89 was in PM Dee Hobbs year when we called off for the visit. Please take time to travel with us if at all possible. It was a pleasure to see each of you.

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 PM Frank Hadden. Bro. Hadden was installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge #484 in 2004. Many of us know Bro. Hadden in his current role as Treasurer, a role he has held since 2005. What many may not know is Brother Frank had not been active in Freemasonry for some time after several moves across the country and internationally for work. "After returning to the states I was not active until Si Bingham invited me to Solomon Lodge. Bob Schier was the Master at this time. I then applied for a dual membership." Had it not been for these two Brothers welcoming Bro. Frank it is hard to imagine what we would have missed.

Why did you become a Freemason? When I was 5 or 6 my Mother was the Worthy Matron of Southern Star Chapter of the Eastern Star in Louisville Kentucky. At that time she was the youngest to ever hold that office in Southern Star. Suburban Lodge had a fish fry every weekend from March to November. Our family would walk to the Lodge and get fish at least once a month. They still have the fish fry every weekend. People from all over Louisville come to get their fix.

What was the best advice you were given by a Freemason or about Freemasonry? I had a very good friend who was a Mason and I asked him what I needed to do to become a Mason. He told me I asked the wrong question and that I should have said I wanted to be a Mason, so I did.

What was your most memorable event or occurrence from your time in the East? I started having Brothers be the Master of a Degree. They did not have to be part of the team but were responsible to get the degree team together and that is still being done today.

If you could give an EA or potential candidate one piece of advice what would it be? There are three levels or degrees and he will have to do memory work in each to advance to the next degree. The Entered Apprentice degree is the hardest, Masonry is not a religious or political group; we are a Fraternal Origination. We never discuss religion or politics in our meetings.

What is one thing every newly raised Master Mason should know? I believe every new Mason should be told that Family comes before Masonry.

If you could give one piece of advice to a new WM or another office "in the line" what would it be? I believe new WM's need to realize that they need to delegate tasks to others and that they are not alone function. He needs to delegate a group to work on specific solutions to make sure the situation is resolved.



Past Master Frank Hadden 2004

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
Meal at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30pm

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

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From the North

Howdy All,

I am both extremely proud and humbled by how well the Masonic Santa Program operated this year. I am grateful for all of the support I received during my first year chairing this event. The Masonic Santa Program takes a lot of preparation and dedication and once again Solomon Lodge #484 in Taylor Texas, with our supporters, stepped up to the plate and knocked it out of the park.

First, I would like to thank all of the Brethren and their wives who helped out over the last few months. We put together a strong plan and executed it like professionals! With that being said we also had a lot of support from the Taylor Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. OES made sure we had plenty of cookies to eat and something to wash them down with. Besides that, they are always willing to step in and lend a hand whenever and wherever needed.

There was quite the crowd from Ben Hur that showed up again too! This year we had three clowns, a dozen bikers, and several officers and their wives that came out to continue to show their support. Ben Hur is one of our major financial supporters for this event and we can't thank them enough. This year we also added a magician and a handful of new "Elves". Friends and family that come in and volunteer their precious time just because we do are truly gems.

With all of that said there are a few places I think we can improve this project and I will work diligently to make sure we make positive changes that will improve our processes and smooth out a few of the rough spots we have identified. If you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our program I would love to hear them! Ideally we would like to increase the number of children we serve through this project and do so effectively and efficiently.

I can't put into words how thankful I am for all of the support and encouragement I have received while I working on the Masonic Santa Program this year. Let's continue to nurture and grow this program as those have done, who have gone this way before us.

Fraternally,

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Senior Deacon Robert Schier III (RS3) and his Grandfather RW Bob Schier.

Local Masonic Events

The Ben Hur Shrine Circus will be in town at the Cedar Park Center Jan 15th- 18th! See below for show times. If you are available to volunteer to work please contact the Secretary at Ben Hur 512-480-0812 or by email at secretary@benhurshrine.org

Friday, 7:30 P.M.

Saturday 11:00 A.M.

Saturday 3:00 P.M.

Saturday 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, 11:00 A.M.

Sunday, 3:00 P.M.

Sunday, 7:30 P.M.

Monday, 11:00 A.M.

Monday, 3:00 P.M.

Monday, 7:30 P.M.

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

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By Staff Writers-

The nice part of trying to wrangle this newsletter every month is the ability add in whatever I want! This month I thought it would be nice to highlight a recent achievement one of our esteemed Brothers has had bestowed upon him. It is with great pride and admiration I share with our readers a snapshot of Rite Worshipful Robert Ray Schier.

Bob Schier was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason at University Lodge #1190 on May 14th 1953. In August of that year he was Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft then on October 29th he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Records show that three years later in October 1956 Brother Bob's father was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Solomon Lodge. While Brother Bob would visit Solomon Lodge it was not until September of 1984 that he officially became a plural member at Solomon #484.

Since his time at Solomon Lodge Rite Worshipful Brother Bob has contributed to both our Lodge and our Fraternity as a whole. While I can't swear to this, to the best of my knowledge RW Bob has never met a stranger. You would be hard pressed to find a friendlier or more welcoming man. In addition to being an all-around awesome guy, Bob has accumulated a laundry list of Masonic awards and recognitions over the past 62 years. Aside from filling many roles as a line officer RW Bob served two terms as the District 47 Education Officer from 2001 – 2003. In the middle of his terms as District Education Officer he was awarded The Golden Trowel Award which is the highest award a Master Mason can be awarded from his Lodge.

While Rite Worshipful Bob Schier's accolades are impressive and have led to his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the 47th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Texas for the 2016 Masonic Year, the thing that impresses me most is his positivity. When I joined the Lodge my wife was cautiously supportive. She had no idea what I was getting into but she knew for some reason it was important to me. Every time she came to a Lodge function or a meal before a stated meeting Bob acted like it was his JOB to welcome her and help her feel comfortable. He had a huge impact in my ability to spend time at the Lodge and on Masonic activities. Don't get me wrong my wife is one of the most supportive women out there but just by being himself I believe he taught my wife what a Mason really is.

Rite Worshipful Brother Robert R. Schier, Solomon Lodge is extremely proud of your accomplishments and we will support you in any way we can over the next year and beyond.

