

March 2016 Newsletter

# Solomon Lodge #484

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Solomon #484 Officers 2015-2016

## Upcoming Events

### March 1

7 PM MM Practice

### March 8

7 PM EA Practice

### March 10

6:30 Meal

7:30 Stated Meeting

### March 15

7 PM FC Practice

### March 22

7 PM District Instructor Visit

### March 29

## **7 PM FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

*“Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.”*

*- Bro. George Washington*

Howdy Folks!

Some of the ongoing formatting issues should now be resolved. If you have something you would like to see in this newsletter or would like to have a part in the production let us know and we will find the perfect spot for you! We are looking for a person or two to help out.

### **Masonic Anniversaries for this month:**

Wm Schooley PM	Raised 3/11/52
Frank Hansen	Raised 3/19/60
Louis Weise PM	Raised 3/25/65
Bobby Bryan PM	Raised 3/14/68
Ronald Holton PM	Raised 3/20/69
Jessie Pospisil	Raised 3/23/84
Kenneth Cooper	Raised 3/30/90
Mark Winkelmann PM	Raised 3/25/03
Phillip Ray	Raised 3/31/03
Richardo Torres	Raised 3/3/14

### **Birthdays for this month:**

Doyle Hobbs Jr PM	3/7
Travis Scott	3/8
Fredrick Roose PM	3/21
Kenneth Cooper	3/30
John Prezas	3/31

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

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## From the East

Brethren,

This has been both the longest and shortest eight months of my life. I am proud and humbled to have been elected to my office in the East by you and I pray that I am living up to what you expected from me. I am proud to say we now have our technology up and running and it is making a difference in the way we operate some of the committees and offices. The small changes we are making will save us a tremendous amount of time in the future. By going digital the treasurer's and secretaries jobs will become much more efficient and we will be able to search the minutes quickly if there are questions.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month we will be having another family fun night. Every time we host one of these we get a few more people joining us. I understand that we all have busy schedules but if we can make time for a Tuesday night practice we can make time for a Tuesday night game night with friends and family. I expect to see all of the officers there along with as many Past Masters and family members as we can find. This is not a punishment it is something to help us bond on another level. It is something we can do as Brothers with our wives and children. This is something we can do to build memories.

***BEHOLD HOW SWIFTLY THE SAND RUNS AND HOW RAPIDLY OUR LIVES ARE DRAWING TO A CLOSE!***

Let's get out there and make the most of it. Stop putting off till tomorrow what you can do today. If you want to spend more time with your family do it. If you want to learn another language, do it. If you are unhappy with something in your life, change it. You are the only one that knows what you truly want and you are the only one that can make that a reality. The time is now. Get busy.



Fraternally,  
Hugh K. Tidwell  
Worshipful Master

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Worshipful Master Hugh Tidwell and his wife Kelley

## Local Stated Meetings

### **Austin Scottish Rite**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
Meal at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at 7:30 pm

### **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

### **Colorado Commandery-Austin**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
Meal at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at 7:30 pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 William (Bill) Brown. Brother Brown was installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge in 2002. While he is not always able to make it to Lodge due to his family life and hectic schedule these days it is easy to see the principle tenants of Freemasonry in Brother Brown's daily actions. Regardless of how busy he is PM Brown can be relied upon to make room in his schedule to pitch in and deliver moving lectures during Degrees.

Many of us look to PM Brown as an example of how to conduct ourselves as Masons, men, fathers, and members of the community. Never one to take himself too seriously, or to let a good zinger go untold, Brother Brown often reminds us not to take life so seriously that we miss out on the little things that make life worth living.

### **Why did you become a Freemason?**

Masonry was something that had piqued my interest for many years. I had read several articles pertaining to Masonry and its members. I worked with a few Masons, all of whom I had respect for and admired. Several years later a friend reintroduced me to the notion of joining, I did and it has been everything I hoped and more. And just to add to that, I thought the guys who drove the little "Tin Lizzy's" were cool.

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

My father-in-law told me, "Bill you will get out of Masonry what you put into it!" I do agree to a point. However, Masonry has given me more than I have, could ever give it. The friendships alone are a blessing too great to measure.

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

I would really like to come up with some eloquent story. It was a blur, it flew by. I was installed as Master and the next thing I knew I stepped down out of the East for the last time as master. Enjoy your time in the East, because all that is left is the GPM Club (Grumpy Past Masters Club). By the way, if anyone in an officer's line wants to really know how to do something, just come and ask us. We will be happy to tell you how each of us did it during our year! On a serious note we did establish a little golf tournament as a fundraiser for the lodge.



Past Master Bill Brown and wife Stormi 2002-2003

## Local Stated Meetings cont....

### **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 7:30pm

### **YR Chapter & Council (Austin)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Meal at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at 7:30 pm

### **Ben Hur Shrine**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Meal at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at 7:30pm

**ALL submissions for the upcoming newsletter are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month.**

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

Stay with it, and see it through to being raised to a Master Mason. Take time to learn the lessons taught by each degree, not just regurgitate the answers. And try to live by those lessons.

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

Not everyone who has joined our fraternity should be in it. Stay true to your obligations and you will be blessed beyond words.

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

This lodge is not and should not be treated as a personal business venture. If a WM takes the viewpoint of "my way or the highway", he can, in one short year, destroy a lodge. Nobody is a paid employee; we want to attend. However, if a group of officers decide they are going to make sweeping changes to a lodge, whatever those changes may be, you may start to find more and more empty seats at stated meetings. Take your time, introduce those changes over time and allow the brothers to buy into the concept. I have said countless times; I follow great but I don't push worth a damn.



The Stewards will be leading a deep cleaning, reorganizing, and a little painting at the lodge in April and May.

If you have any personal items in the building (this includes kitchen, storage areas, cabinets, attic, ante-room, and freezers) please remove it by March 31, 2016. This includes decorations, frames, books, pictures, paintings, glassware, furniture, canning supplies, building materials, and light fixtures.

If you have an opinion on what you would like to see hung on the wall in the dining area, please discuss this with the Stewards. If there are certain items that your organization (Solomon 484 or OES) has accumulated over the years that you know need to go (frames or candlestick holders for example) please talk with your respective leader before taking or disposing of these items.

This is not being done to ruffle feathers or change things for the sake of change. We want to clean things up and make the lodge a little more presentable for our upcoming open house in the fall.

Any items left in the building after March 31st will be considered property of the lodge and will be moved, organized, donated, or disposed of at the discretion of lodge and the team working on the clean-up. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Living Past Masters of  
Solomon Lodge #484**

2014	Tracy Brummett
2013	Jeff Pietsch
2012	Jimmie Graybill
2011	Ty Travers
2010	Mark Winkelmann
2009	Don Wheeler
2008	Rick Wheeler
2007	Mike Wheeler
2006	Doyle E. Hobbs Jr.
2005	Derek Shires
2004	Frank Hadden
2002	William Brown
2001	J. Noble Atkins
1999	Bob Schier
1998	Howell Williams
1993, '97	Michael Daffin
1992	Bob Bryan
1991	Harvey Cuzzort
1989, '95	Doyle Hobbs
1981, '94	Fred Roose
1977	Ronald Holton
1976, '83	Jerry D. Hawkins
1968, '72	Louis Weise
1961, '70, '82	William Schooley
1960	Joseph O. Mott

*If you should have been on this list but were missed, swing by a meeting and say hi or give us a call and we will fix it.*

## From the Senior Steward

Jesse Soliz

Several of us have been traveling the district with R.W. Schier as he makes his official visits; it has been interesting to see who has been tagging along. One of the Brothers we picked up along the way was Kervin Warnken. Not only is Brother Warnken an expert when it comes to floor and memory work, but he has also been known to give a decent haircut.

The photo to the right was taken at *Kervin's Barber Shop* on Northbound IH35 between 38 ½ street and Airport Boulevard. While Brother Warnken is known to many of us as the District Instructor (DI) from Round Rock, he started this DI career about ten years ago in District 33 before coming over to help us out in District 47.

Brother Warnken was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1978 in Austin at Hill City Lodge #456 where he was installed as Master in 1985. He also holds plural memberships at Round Rock Lodge #227 and Lyons Lodge #195 in Schulenburg, Texas. After eighteen years of service, in 1994, Brother Warnken was recognized for his dedication and received the title of District Deputy Grand Master in Masonic District 50. Being a glutton for punishment and never one to shy away from hard work, in 1996 he was called to serve again, this time he was installed as Worshipful Master of Lyons Lodge.

We are lucky to have DI Warnken as a fixture at Solomon Lodge. He comes out every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to help us with our ritual work. Thank you Brother Warnken, we are grateful for your expertise and fellowship.

The following are a few questions we had for DI Warnken:

**Q: What do you like the most about being a District Instructor?**

A: Visiting Solomon Lodge #484 in Taylor, Texas. Everyone here is so friendly and welcoming. I truly enjoy coming out to help Brothers that want to learn and practice.

**Q: As a DI, what would you recommend the average Mason or Lodge spend the most time working on?**

A: Learn the questions and answers. If you are not proficient in the questions and answers how can you expect to help the new guys learn their work?

**Q: What is your favorite Degree?**

A: I really like to confer the Master's Degree. My second favorite would have to be the lecture in the Master's Degree.



District Instructor Kervin Warnken cutting District Deputy Bob Schiers hair.

## Local Masonic Events



**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!**

*The Blue Slipper:  
Freemasonry from a Wife's Perspective*

**A MASON'S WIFE**

**by Robert Pinkerton**

From active Masons, resolute,  
Our wives and families we salute;  
We surely know the price you pay,  
Who sit alone while we're away.

No high degrees on you conferred,  
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;  
You serve our cause though out of sight,  
While sitting home alone tonight.

Masonic papers list our names,  
Awards are given, fit to frame;  
But yours is absent...you who strive,  
To keep our fortitude alive.

You're part of every helpful deed,  
On your encouragement we feed;  
Without your blessings, how could we,  
Continue acts of charity?

And so, this poem, we dedicate,  
To every Master Mason's mate;  
And offer our undying love,  
Rewards await in Heaven above.