

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

September 2015 Newsletter

Solomon Lodge #484

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2015 Solomon #484 Officers

Upcoming Events

September 1

7 PM MM Practice

September 8

7 PM FC Practice

September 10

6:30 PM Meal

7:30 PM Stated Meeting

September 15

7 PM EA Practice

September 22

7 PM District Instructor
Practice

September 29

7 PM **FUN NIGHT**

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 September

Sam Brueno	Raised	9/26/1946
Noble Atkins PM	Raised	9/30/1952
Glenn Lee	Raised	9/21/1972
Aaron Wheeler	Raised	9/5/2000
Paul Pennington	Raised	9/9/2014

September Birthdays

Doyle Hobbs Sr.	9/8
Gary Bopp	9/19
Ty Travers	9/24
Alvin Faykus Jr.	9/28



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

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Quote of the Month:

**“THE REAL SECRET OF
SUCCESS IS ENTHUSIASM”**

-Brother Walter P. Chrysler

From the East

Brethren,

This is our second newsletter and hopefully it will bring good information to you. If your wife would like to be added to our newsletter please send us her email address and name. While these newsletters are geared towards our brothers they hopefully will be a great asset to helping our ladies understand a bit more and know when things are happening. Always remember your priorities of God, Work, Family, and Masonry. Masonry should not interfere with your duties to God, Family, and work.

Years ago we tried a fun night. This was held every month, some of our brothers have missed it, some have been grateful that it is no more, and others have no opinion. On the 5th Tuesday we will be bringing fun night back, however there will be a change. I would like to see a night when we have wives and families playing games and hopefully bringing friends and family who are interested in joining. The officers for the past few years have all found time to go to dinner, and have nights of relaxation together. This has been wonderful for our wives and they have developed relationships with each other. If our kids build relationships with each other and are around lodge then they are more apt to grow up and have fond memories of Masonry. Our building should, as it was in historical times, be a cornerstone of the community.

The only way for this to occur is to raise visibility, both internally and externally, of our craft and building. We do great things for the communities of Hutto, Taylor, and Granger. And while Masonry is not a charity the tenants of freemasonry makes our members more charitable.

The first fun night is scheduled for September 29, 2013. Bring friends, family, wives, girlfriends, kids and others who might be interested. There are only four months with five Tuesdays. This is going to be a limited event that I hope each of you will support and try to make very successful.

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 talking with PM Rick Wheeler. Brother Rick Wheeler was installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge #484 in 2008.

Why did you become a Mason? A teacher that I had in high school was a member of the lodge in Burnet. He was the first person that I remember meeting that was a Mason. After I had a conversation with my father, who was thinking about joining, I did some research and decided that it was something that I would be interested in joining myself and if my teacher was a good example of the type of men that were part of what Masonry was about, then it was something that I defiantly wanted to be a part of.

What was the best advice you were given by a Mason or about Masonry? That Masonry is about men coming together as equals and were also there to support one another to make themselves better in their family, social and work lives. Also that Masonry is all about what you as an individual make of it; the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

What was your most memorable event or occurrence from your time in the East? My entire year in the East was one big blur. I felt like it was over as soon as it started but I can't really say that any one particular moment stands out, my whole year was one great memory.

If you could only give an EA or potential candidate one piece of advice, what would it be? When you join, be ready to dedicate as much time as possible to being as active as you can be. By no means to the point of it interfering in your daily life at home and work but enough to enjoy what you are doing and learning. You will learn more and appreciate what you are working on more.

What is the one thing every newly Raised Master Mason should know? Once you are raised as a Master, should you choose to wear anything or display anything on your vehicle showing that you are a Mason, be aware that you are representing the Craft and that your actions will be noticed by those that are Non-Masons and that you there represent what Masonry is supposed to be about, so you should always act accordingly.

If you could give one piece of advice to a new WM or another officer "in the line" what would it be? As Master, pay attention to your brothers, you may have many that only show up for stated meetings, but most have been around for a long time and have lots of wisdom that can be useful. As an officer in line, pay attention to what is going on in the Lodge. Know your station and learn the station ahead of you, memory work for your station is just as important as your degree memory work once you start through the chairs.



Past Master Rick Wheeler

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

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From the South

Brethren,

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.



RICHARD MCNABB MEMORIAL RAFFLE

Presented by Solomon Lodge #484

Taylor, Texas



Signed George Strait Gibson guitar valued at over \$3500



783 Remington .243 with scope valued at \$687



Yeti Cooler valued at \$400



Parrot Bebop Drone with camera valued at \$500



Remington 1187 12 gauge semi automatic valued at \$920



Pampering Package at Spa Reveil valued at \$250



All proceeds to benefit Masonic Charities

Michael Hollingsworth ~ Junior Warden ~ Cell - 512-569-1461



Junior Warden Michael Hollingsworth and his wife Melissa.

Local Masonic Events

The Ben Hur Shrine has a few events coming up this month if you have any questions ask a Shriner or contact Ben Hur.

Saturday 9/5
Parade in Bertram

Saturday 9/19
Clown BBQ Cook off

Saturday 9/26
Fall Ceremonial

What would you like to see in the newsletter? Is there a topic or question you would like covered? If so, send us an email and we will see what we can do!

If you know of an upcoming Masonic event in the area let us know and if we have room we will include it in our newsletter.

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

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The Blue Slipper: Freemasonry from a Wife's Perspective

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter and they will be helpful keeping you in “the know”. As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter family game night planning is underway. Family game night will occur the 5th Tuesday of every month that has a five Tuesdays (this only occurs about 5 times a year). This means our first family game night will be September 29th. Family game night will be at Solomon Lodge and all family members are welcome. The following games will be available: Playing cards, Dominoes, Checkers, Cranium, Scattergories, Skip-Bo, Uno, Jenga, Ultimate Outburst, and Trivial Pursuit Totally 80’s. Please feel free to bring any other games from your home that are family friendly.

In addition to playing games, we will have a birthday cake to celebrate all the lodge member’s birthdays in this quarter. For this quarter, we will celebrate all August, September, October and November birthdays. I plan to post a bulletin board with all the member’s birthdays in the dining room of Solomon Lodge.

I also wanted to take the time to remind everyone about the dinner before the stated meeting at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of every month. For September, the stated meeting will be September 10th. To be honest, we did not have many families at the August meeting and I would love to see more families come out.

For this month’s education I wanted to talk out the saying, “So mote it be”. We have all heard our men say this at the end of a prayer, but what does it mean? It is Old English and translates to “so may it be”. The person leading the prayer will say amen and all other brothers will agree with the prayer by saying “so mote it be”. This ritual has been used by freemasons as early as 1390. They continue to use this saying to guide their trade, moral conduct, and keep a 600 year tradition alive.

Kelley Tidwell



Author of The Blue Slipper Kelley Tidwell and her husband Hugh