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October 2015 Newsletter

Solomon Lodge #484

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2015 Solomon #484 Officers

Upcoming Events

October 5

7 PM MM Practice

October 8

6:30 PM Meal

7:30 PM Stated Meeting

October 12

7 PM MM Practice

October 19

7 PM EA Practice

October 26

7 PM District Instructor
Practice

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

Christopher Isenberg	Raised 10/10/09
Frank Hadden PM	Raised 10/11/61
Howell William PM	Raised 10/15/92
Charles Hamsa	Raised 10/26/04
Donald Wheeler PM	Raised 10/27/01
Richard Wheeler PM	Raised 10/27/01
Charles Brunken	Raised 10/31/06

September Birthdays

Homer Kelly PM	10/10
Bobby Bryan PM	10/11
Wm. Brown PM	10/15
Tommy Barnes	10/16
Richard Smith	10/19
Orby Hollowell	10/29
Alvin Zidell	10/30

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

Quote of the Month:

**"I HAVE BUT ONE MAXIM;
DO RIGHT AND RISK THE
CONSEQUENCES."**

— BRO. SAM HOUSTON

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From the East

Good Day Brethren,

First, please come join us for our stated meeting on Thursday October 8, 2015. We would love to have each and every one of you. We understand life is extremely busy and we each must remember our duties, God, Work, Family, and then Masonry.

Second, we have the Richard McNabb Memorial Raffle drawing on Tuesday October 20, 2015. If you know of anybody needing tickets please go speak with them. We need a good showing for the raffle to assist the lodge in this and coming years. A special thanks to Brother Jesse Soliz for his work on selling tickets, Brother Soliz, job well done!

Third, technology has been ordered for the lodge. So far we have received the printer, router, and some of the other items ordered. By the end of this month we should have all the equipment at lodge and installed. Stay tuned for updates.

Last but not least I would like to congratulate the Past Masters who have come before and our current officers for a job well done. Our District Deputy Grand Master Eric Sims visited last month and had nothing but praise for our lodge and the fellowship offered to him and other visiting Brethren. We have had a long line of Past Masters who have left the lodge in better shape than that in which they had received it. We would not be in this position without the hard work each and every one of you put in.

We have many brothers this year learning new things and stepping up to continue the tradition of making lodge better. It is a great thing to see brothers participating, educating, and seeking additional light. Come visit lodge and see it in action!

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

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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 Bob Schier. Brother Bob Schier was installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge #484 in 1999. Brother Schier is a staple at Solomon Lodge and an Ambassador for not only our Lodge but Freemasonry in general. You would be hard pressed to find a more positive, knowledgeable, or cheerful representative of our Craft. Brother Schier has a natural ability to welcome and include newcomers as well as old friends. Thank you for your service and dedication Brother Bob Schier, you are an inspiration to us all.



Past Master Bob Schier

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

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!

Why did you become a Freemason?

I became familiar with people who I thought to be fine men and they we Masons. Upon realizing they were Masons I decided I wanted to be associated with them and join the great fraternity of Freemasons.

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

Remember your obligation as well as the rule and regulations of the Bible.

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

During my time in the east a large number of brothers who had not be attending meeting began to attend again.

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

Don't embarrass your God, your county, yourself or family.

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

Although we all have different talent we are all equal in the eyes of God.

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

No one has all the correct answers to a problem.

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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 HUGE 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 annual Ben Hur Shrine Toy Dance is scheduled for Saturday November 28th!

For those of you who don't know the cost of admission to this dance is one new unwrapped toy per person. It is a great time for the whole family and Ben Hur donates **ALL** of the toys to Solomon Lodge for our Masonic Santa program! This is a family friendly event for Mason and non-Mason alike. This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving so bring the whole family and any guests from out of town for some live music and a great time to support our community!

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the newsletters and sharing the news with their family members. Now that we have established the weekly practice schedule and monthly stated meetings, I wanted to review some important upcoming dates. Things are really happening at Solomon Lodge 484 and I am so proud of our men and the impact they make on our community. First, I wanted to discuss the raffle that has been ongoing and final sales are to end October 20th, 2015. Ladies, our men even thought of us on this one! One of the prizes is for \$250 worth of pampering at Spa Reveil in The Domain. All proceeds for the raffle will go to Masonic charities which is money well spent. So, talk to your man about getting raffles tickets for you and selling some to your friends.

Speaking of Masonic charities, Masonic Santa is right around the corner. Masonic Santa is an annual event where Solomon Lodge 484 helps local families that are struggling to provide a Christmas for their children. Families are given a tote full of food and presents for the children at the lodge. There is a lot of prep work that goes into making this day special for the families. We spend time putting together food totes for each family, sorting donated toys, reviewing the children's wish list, shopping for specific toys on their wish list, wrapping all the toys, and making the day of toy giving special with pony rides, arts & crafts, and pictures with Santa. If you have never participated in preparing for Masonic Santa or the actual event please reach out to me or one of the officers for more information.

For this month's education I wanted to talk about the title of Worshipful Master. Why is the leader of the lodge called a Worshipful Master? It actually has nothing to do with "worshiping", it is derived from Old English and means honorable. So it is essentially that simple, the Worshipful Master is elected into the position of "leader" for a one year term and therefore his community, members of the lodge, honor him by addressing him with a traditional term that means honorable.

Kelley Tidwell



Author of The Blue Slipper Kelley Tidwell and her husband Hugh