

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

November 2015 Newsletter

Solomon Lodge #484

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Upcoming Events

November 3

7 PM MM Practice

November 10

7 PM FC Practice

November 12

6:30 PM Meal

7:30 PM Stated Meeting

November 17

7 PM EA Practice

November 23

7 PM District Instructor
Practice

Quote of the Month:

**“A SLIP OF THE FOOT YOU
MAY SOON RECOVER, BUT
A SLIP OF THE TONGUE
YOU MAY NEVER GET
OVER.”**

— BRO. BEN FRANKLIN

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

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| Jeffrey Bertison | Raised 11/8/05 |
| Scott Vernon | Raised 11/11/82 |
| Darren Lewis | Raised 11/13/93 |
| Fredrick Roose PM | Raised 11/15/55 |
| John Prezas | Raised 11/24/09 |
| Gary Bopp | Raised 11/25/08 |

September Birthdays

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| Edward Wentrcek | 11/1 |
| Steven Stiles | 11/2 |
| Jeffrey Bartison | 11/3 |
| Tracy Brummett PM | 11/7 |
| Frank Hansen Sr | 11/7 |
| Nelly Bingham | 11/11 |
| James Lindsey | 11/11 |
| Aaron Wheeler | 11/25 |
| Gary Adams | 11/30 |

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

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From the East

Brethren,

Thank you for all the hard work in making our raffle a success. It currently looks like our net for the raffle was right around \$5700. This was a lodge wide effort that started in PM Tracy Brummett's year and concluded on October 20, 2015. The effort put forth by Michael Hollingsworth to keep the push on for selling tickets, and keeping everything organized is truly what made this a success. I also want to give a special thank you to both Tracy Brummett and Jesse Soliz for their special efforts in selling tickets. Job well done by everyone involved. Below is a list of the winners.

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| Shotgun | Jim Brimberry |
| Rifle | Judy Hobbs |
| Spa Pkg | Doyle Hobbs |
| Drone | Bob McDilda |
| Guitar | Jimmie Graybill |
| Yeti | AJ Complete Gear |

Masonic Santa is coming up. The Ben Hur Shrine has always been supportive of our lodge and has been a huge part of our success with Masonic Santa. Again this year they will be holding a Toy dance for us. Please come out to the Shrine on November 28, 2015 from 7 P.M. till 11 P.M. for the toy dance, admission is one unwrapped toy per person. Hopefully we will have clowns, ponies, the motorcycle club, and possibly the fire and police department. We have also been blessed the past couple of years with Brushy Creek Baptist providing a substantial donation. They are again going to support this endeavor. We have also made contact with the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation and will be submitting an application for assistance with the food and consumables. Brother Robert Schier the III is heading up Masonic Santa this year and has tub sponsorship forms at lodge. If you have questions or would like to assist please contact him at robert.schier3@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your assistance

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 Bob Bryan. Brother Bob Bryan was installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge #484 in 1992. Brother Bryan has become a fixture in the South East corner and has managed to hold Solomon #484 together through his work as Secretary for the last two decades. There is not a single aspect of the Lodge that Brother Secretary has not left his imprint on. There is no way to adequately sum up his contributions over the years. Thank you Brother Bryan for everything you have done and continue to do for Solomon Lodge!



Past Master Bob Bryan

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 had several good friends that were always doing for others who were pillars of the community. I thought Masonry may have been a factor in their personality. I wanted to be a part of that.

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

If you remain active and live by what Masonry teaches you will be a better person.

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

We began to confer our own degrees and did not have to depend on Brethren from other lodges.

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

You are entering upon a tremendous journey. You will get out of Masonry what you dedicate to it.

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

You are now a member of the greatest fraternity in the world, conduct your life accordingly.

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

You are now in charge of the Lodge. Always be prepared.

From the North

Howdy All,

As Christmas is quickly approaching it is time to get ready for Masonic Santa. This year we will have Santa at the lodge on Saturday December 12th from 10am to 2pm but there is a lot to be done before then. For those who are not familiar with the program we will invite around 30 families to the lodge to take picture with Santa, receive individually wrapped gifts from their Christmas list, and each family will receive a 30 gallon tote box containing a holiday meal and dry goods for their house.

The last several years Ben Hur Shrine has hosted a Toy Dance which has been a huge support and greatly appreciated. This year Ben Hur Shrine is hosting the toy dance on Saturday November 28th starting at 8pm. The cost for the admission is a new unwrapped toy or donation of \$10 or more. Another date to remember is Sunday December 6th. On the 6th at 10AM we will begin buying and wrapping gifts. Anyone who knows how to wrap gifts or would like to be part of buying the gifts is welcome to come out.

We will also be selling tub sponsorships again this year for \$50. For more information or to request a sponsorship from please contact our Senior Deacon Robert Schier III (RS3). Please consider sponsoring a tub or reaching out to others you think may be willing. This year I would like to get the tub sponsorship up. If we could sign up just 40 sponsors it would go a LONG way in funding this event. Remember, the money for all of this has to come from somewhere.

Dates to remember

- 11/28 – Toy Dance at Ben Hur Shrine
- 12/6 – Wrapping gifts
- 12/12 – Masonic Santa

I am looking forward to a GREAT Masonic Santa program this year,

Fraternally,

RS3

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

Local Masonic Events

The annual Ben Hur Shrine Toy Dance is scheduled for Saturday November 28th from 7-11pm!

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!

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

Many of us know that for a person to be successful there is usually a team behind them. This newsletter is a perfect example of that. There are several people that contribute something each month to this project. Some people write, some edit, some organize, some people gather information, and some people support all of the people I just listed at home while they are trying to make this little project turn out well.

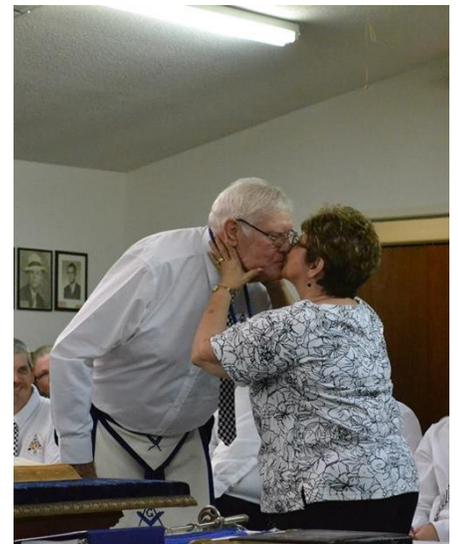
This month as I was working on the PM Spotlight I started thinking about those who support us. It is a fact, not all of our wives and families are as supportive as others. We are all different people and we all have different interests and obligations in life and that is ok; how boring would the world be if we were all exactly the same?

One woman that has stood by and supported her man as he has been extremely active at Solomon Lodge for over 20 years is Marlene Bryan. Mrs. Bryan is a face you will find in the background at most events and a name associated with everything from Masonic Santa, Eastern Star, and Scholarships to lodge clean up days. I thought it would be interesting to get a glimpse of what Freemasonry was from her perspective:

When I was asked if I had any advice or insight for young Masons or their ladies. My first thought was Loretta Lynn's song "Stand by Your Man". If he's starting his journey to become a Mason, encourage him to complete the works necessary to becoming a Master Mason. After he's received his degree, help him in whatever way you can. If you see a new lady at the meeting night supper, always make her feel comfortable and cared for.

To the young Masons I would say you are now part of one of the greatest families ever. Enjoy the camaraderie you will share with your brothers.

Marlene Bryan



Bob and Marlene Bryan at
Instillation July 2015