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# THE TEMPLE TIMES

*The Official E-newsletter of The Roswell Masonic Bodies*



## FROM THE EAST - Roswell 18

Brethren,

This last year has shown to me how well we can work together to accomplish something. Even on things that seem out of reach. I am proud of everyone's efforts no matter how big or small, it all adds up in the end.

This year is quickly coming to a close and I am extremely confident in the line. This month we will be holding elections for the new officers. Just a few notes to these gentlemen.

1. Be confident. You got this.
2. Be patient. There is always a lot going on and patience can be a great virtue
3. Slow down. Going fast in what we do as Masons does not always end with the best results.

I am excited to see what the New Year brings us and am looking forward to helping and assisting where needed.

Fraternally,

Bryant Dunlap

Master Roswell #18



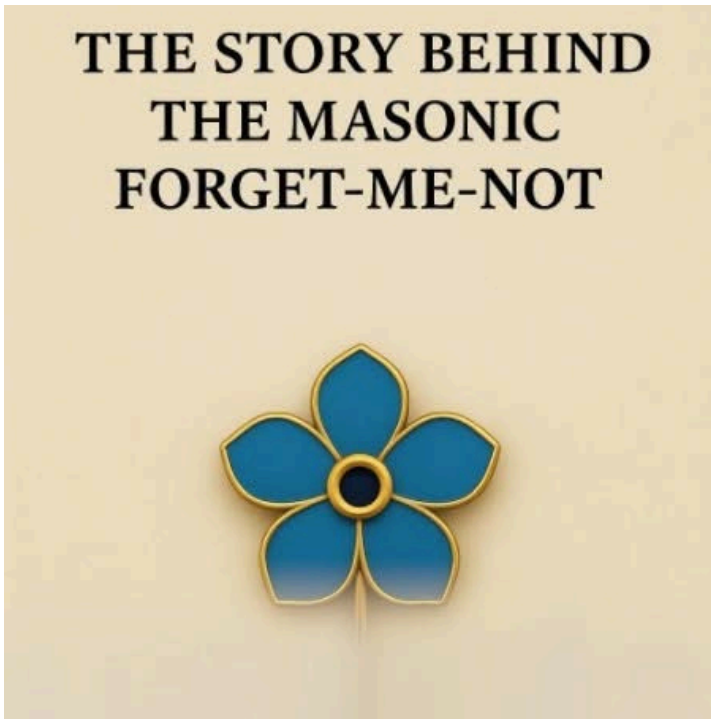
The ritual doesn't  
hit the same way  
every time.

Sometimes it feels  
hollow.

Other times, one line  
cuts straight through  
you.

That's the point.

## Further Light



Do you know why some Masons wear a forget me not pin?

Many Freemasons wear a lapel pin featuring a blue forget-me-not flower—a symbol with a poignant history rooted in pre-war Germany. When the Nazis rose to power, Freemasonry was declared an enemy of the state. In 1934, Wilhelm Frick Reich Minister of the Interior, threatened to eliminate Masonic Lodges entirely.

That same year, the German Grand Lodge of the Sun replaced its traditional Square and Compasses pin with one bearing a blue forget-me-not. Originally adopted in 1926 for its resemblance to Masonic regalia, the flower later served a deeper purpose. In 1938, the same pin design was used by the Nazi Party's welfare branch for a charity campaign, reportedly because it was Hitler's favorite flower. This coincidence allowed Freemasons to wear the symbol discreetly, avoiding persecution.

As Nazi control intensified, Masonic Lodges across Germany and occupied territories were forced to close. Freemasonry was suppressed not only in the Third Reich but also in Fascist Italy, Spain, and Soviet Russia. It's estimated that over 200,000 Freemasons died under Nazi rule, with many more persecuted in Stalinist Russia.

The threat Freemasonry posed to totalitarian regimes was best described by Reinhard Heydrich, head of the Nazi secret police, who wrote in 1938 that Freemasons represented a "supra-national spiritual movement" promoting unity across race, religion, and politics—values antithetical to fascist and communist ideologies. Despite these efforts to destroy it, Freemasonry endured. In 1947, the Grand Lodge of the Sun reopened in

Bayreuth, and the following year, the United Grand Lodges of Germany adopted the forget-me-not as their official emblem. Today, it stands as a symbol of resilience and remembrance for those who died defending their beliefs.



### Regular Communication Thursday November 6, 2025

**\*Dinner 6:30**

**\*Lodge Meeting 7:30**

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# *The Roswell Masonic Appendant Bodies*

## *Order of the Eastern Star*

Roswell Chapter #10

We have been very busy for the last few months. Mary Beth Yeager and Jim Yeager were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. They have a patriotic theme.

Mary Beth will be heading to Carnegie Hall soon. Her church choir was chosen for a special performance.

Grand Chapter was held in Hobbs. There were almost 200 in attendance. We had members visiting from California to Virginia including the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie Bradfield from Arizona and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron Sister Barbie Holmes from Nevada.

The new Worthy Grand Matron is Cavell Ann Miller and the Worthy Grand Patron is Jay Miller from Rio Rancho. Their theme is Rising to new heights and hot air balloons are their symbol.

Because the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is the week of Thanksgiving, our next meeting will be Tuesday November 18. Dinner will be at 6:00 with the meeting to follow at 7:00.

Debbie Davis-secretary

**Don't forget about the Cash Party  
benefitting the Scottish Learning  
Center**



**Saturday November 15 @ 5:30.  
Volunteers are needed to help out for  
a great cause!**

## **Roswell Masonic Heritage Trust October Donation List 2025**

### **Donations**

**WB and Mrs. Mark W. Daniels  
In honor of WB Richard Smith**



*The Alien Shrine Patrol loves to participate in parades to bring awareness to the many good things the Shrine does. This year they were in the ENMSF parade, and then traveled to Ruidoso to be in the annual AspenFest parade. All had a great time and represented Masonry well.*

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November 2025						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Practice 6:00 pm Roswell 18	6 Roswell 18 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	7	8 Pecos Valley #7 Meeting 1:00 PM
9	10	11	12 Practice 6:00 pm Roswell 18	13	14	15 SRLC Cash Party 5:30 PM
16	17	18 OES #10 Dinner 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	19 Practice 6:00 pm Roswell 18	20	21	22 Pecos Valley #7 Meeting 1:00 PM
23	24	25	26 Practice 6:00 pm Roswell 18	27	28	29
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