

# Roswell Lodge No. 18 A.F. & A.M.

## Meeting Minutes

Communication: Regular

Date: 01/08/2026

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened at 7:30 PM with 8 past masters, 10members, and 2 visitors for a total of 20 in attendance.

WM : Art Houghtby

JD : Nick Mashburn

SW : Darren Davis

Chap : Levi Moody

JW: Aaron Myers

Mar : Roy Hayes

Trea : Roger Castillo

SS :

Sec : Richard glenn

JS :

SD : Jacob O'Neil

Tyl : Bryant Dunlap

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our nation, followed by a Moment of Silence for active and retired military, active and retired first responders.

Sickness and Distress: WB Glenn informed the Lodge that Bro. Brinson's wife, Gail, was recovering from pneumonia and was improving. He also provided an update on RWB Baker's condition following surgery earlier that day, reporting that the surgery was successful and that RWB Baker was recovering in El Paso.

Lodge Business: WB Houghtby called the Lodge to the altar for the purpose of reaffirming the Master Mason Obligation with the brethren. RWB Shoemaker was requested to confer the Obligation. Prior to administering the Obligation, RWB Shoemaker spoke on what the Master Mason Charge means to him personally and shared his thoughts on the current state of the Fraternity.

WB Roy Hayes then gave an informative presentation on Masonic Etiquette, emphasizing the importance of decorum and its purpose within the Lodge.

A brief discussion followed regarding the minutes from the December meeting and the corrections that were required. RWB Moody made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Bro. Myers. The motion passed.

WM Houghtby informed the brethren that he had printed copies of the *Temple Times* so that all might have a hard copy to review. He encouraged the brethren to log into the GrandView application and update their personal information.

WM Houghtby then installed RWB Moody and WB Hayes into the offices of Chaplain and Marshal, respectively.

WM Houghtby read a list of committees he would like to form during the year and requested volunteers from the brethren to serve on those committees.

The petition for affiliation was read, followed by a ballot for Bro. Nick Mashburn. The ballot was favorable, and Bro. Mashburn was elected to affiliate with Roswell Lodge No. 18.

Bro. Myers announced a fundraiser being held by All Saints Catholic School. After brief discussion, a vote was taken, and the Lodge elected not to sponsor a table this year.

RWB Shoemaker spoke about the Scottish Rite Learning Center and the board that oversees that committee. He reminded the Lodge of the urgency to begin preparations for the Fishing Clinic scheduled to take place in March. He also announced that the Shrine Club will meet at Backdraft BBQ on January 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Bro. Davis announced that WB Jim Herrell recently celebrated a birthday and was the oldest Mason present. Bro. Castillo further announced that it was also WB Glenn's birthday. At that time, WM Houghtby paused the labor of the Lodge so the brethren could acknowledge the birthdays with a spirited rendition of *Happy Birthday*, after which harmony was restored and business resumed.

Bro. Myers reported that he had conducted research on the jewels of the Lodge and found that they most likely date from the late 1800s to the early 1900s.

Bro. Castillo presented the Treasurer's Report. He remarked that he is following in the footsteps of Bro. Allison and stated that he would give his best effort in fulfilling the duties of the office. He invited the brethren to review the books at any time.

Lodge was closed in due form at 9:15 PM. Peace and Harmony prevailing.

Fraternally submitted

Richard L. Glenn Sec.

Approved: Worshipful Master

Secretary