

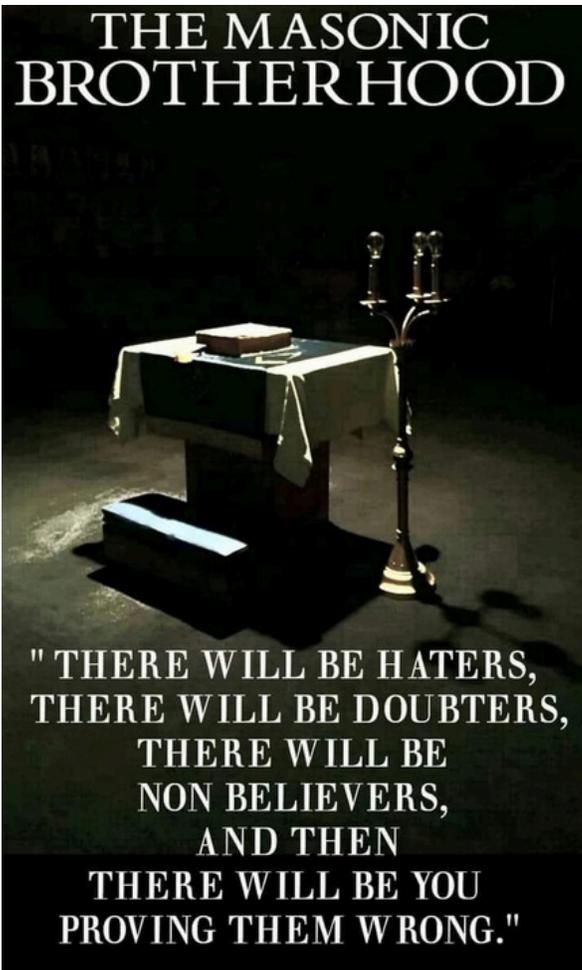
MARCH-2026

# THE TEMPLE TIMES

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



## THE MASONIC BROTHERHOOD



" THERE WILL BE HATERS,  
THERE WILL BE DOUBTERS,  
THERE WILL BE  
NON BELIEVERS,  
AND THEN  
THERE WILL BE YOU  
PROVING THEM WRONG."



## FROM THE EAST - *Roswell* 18

Brethren of Roswell Lodge No. 18,

February was a strong and productive month for our Lodge, marked by fellowship, visitation, and meaningful Masonic work. On February 12th, several of our Brothers traveled to Eddy Lodge No. 21 in Carlsbad, where we participated in an Entered Apprentice Degree. It was a great example of inter-lodge cooperation and the strength of our Fraternity.

I would like to recognize Brother Aaron Myers, who stepped in as a proxy coach, enabling an Eddy Lodge Brother to deliver his Entered Apprentice proficiency in open Lodge. During our visit, we also presented the Trowel as an invitation for Eddy Lodge to visit Roswell Lodge No. 18. The following week, we were honored to receive visitors and return that Trowel as we conducted the Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Dakota Avery.

# Further Light

Brother Dakota Avery is now working on his Fellow Craft proficiency, and we anticipate scheduling his raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in April. Brother Aki Houghtby is also progressing well in his Fellow Craft proficiency and will soon be preparing for his own advancement. Brethren, these degrees require participation—if you are willing to take a role or assist in degree work, now is the time to step forward.

A reminder that Masonic Scholarship applications are due prior to our first meeting in March, preferably no later than March 1st. Please ensure these applications are placed into the hands of deserving students.

We still have a continued need for volunteers to provide Lodge dinners and to serve on committees. Fellowship and the success of our Lodge depend on your involvement—please consider how you can contribute.

An important opportunity for service this month is our Fishing Clinic for local youth on Saturday, March 14th at Lake Van. This is one of our key outreach efforts, and we are expecting a strong turnout. We will need Brothers present to help support, mentor, and represent the Lodge in the community. Your participation will make a meaningful difference.

This month, we look forward to Grand Lodge in Santa Fe, March 19–21. I encourage all who are able to attend and represent our Lodge.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our Table Lodge on April 11th. This will be an important event for fellowship and tradition, and we will need Brothers willing to assist in planning and execution.

Brethren, our momentum is strong—but it is sustained only through your participation. Let us continue to labor together, support one another, and take pride in the work we are building.

Fraternally,

Art Houghtby

Worshipful Master

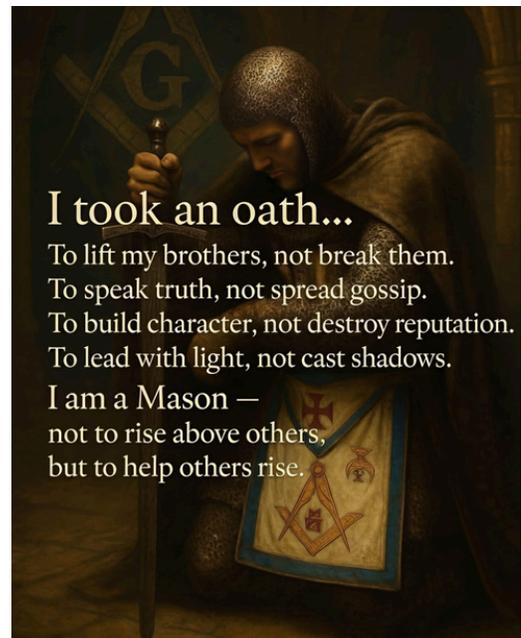
Roswell Lodge No. 18 A.F. & A.M.



## Regular Communication Thursday March 5, 2026

**\*Dinner 6:30**

**\*Lodge Meeting 7:30**



### I took an oath...

To lift my brothers, not break them.  
To speak truth, not spread gossip.  
To build character, not destroy reputation.  
To lead with light, not cast shadows.

I am a Mason —  
not to rise above others,  
but to help others rise.

# Further Light



Brother Dakota received his Fellow Craft degree. We were honored to have brethren from across Masonic District 8 come and honor him.



Worshipful Brother A. Dominic Longoria from Eddy lodge was on hand to help celebrate Bro. Dakota Avery's passing to a Fellow Craft Degree.

During the President's State of the Union address, we experienced a historic and meaningful moment when Speaker of the House Mike Johnson became the first House Speaker in history to display George Washington's Gavel during the State of the Union address to Congress. Washington's Gavel was first used in 1793 to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol Building the physical manifestation of our democracy. Since the 1793 ceremony, the Gavel has been in the care of Freemason Potomac Lodge No. 5, the oldest Masonic Lodge in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Capitol Historical Society worked diligently with the Speaker's Office and Potomac Lodge No. 5, to display the Gavel on the rostrum during this year's State of the Union Address.

With deep gratitude, thank you Speaker Mike Johnson, Staff of the Speaker of the House, and Freemason Potomac Lodge No. 5 for helping make this historic moment possible.



# The Roswell Masonic Appendant Bodies

## Order of the Eastern Star

Roswell Chapter #10  
Order of the Eastern Star

March 7 will be a full day. We will be hosting the Worthy Grand Matron, Cavell Ann Miller and Worthy Grand Patron Jay D. Miller for their Official Visit. We will also be initiating a new member, Arlie Cates. His wife joined a few months ago on a demit from another chapter. Registration will start at 10:30. Opening and initiation will be at 11:00. We will break for lunch then continue the meeting after lunch.

We did not have a meeting in January because of snow and our Worthy Matron Mary Beth Yeager missed our February meeting because she was scheduled to have surgery on Monday but it was rescheduled for Tuesday at noon and it was supposed to take about 5 hours. Of Course the surgery didn't start on time and she finally went to recovery about 10:00 pm. She is sore but doing okay and says she is glad it is over.

The Worthy Matron's project this year is collecting stuffed animals for first responders to give to children in stress. We will accept any and all donations.

Don't forget your dues of \$30.00 for the year 2026.

Debbie Davis-secretary

## Roswell Masonic Heritage Trust February Donation List

2025

### Donations

Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Daniels

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Daniels

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Turley

Mr. David Parsons

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glenn



<span>◀ February</span> <span style="float: right;">March 2026</span> <span style="float: right;">April ▶</span>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Roswell 18 Practice 6:00 PM	5 Roswell 18 Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	6	7 OES #10 Official visit
8	9	10	11 Roswell 18 Practice 6:00 PM	12	13	14 Pecos Valley #7 Meeting 1:00 PM
15	16	17	18 Roswell 18 Practice 6:00 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24 OES #10 Dinner 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM	25 Roswell 18 Practice 6:00 PM	26 Roswell Shrine 6:30 BackDraft BBQ	27	28 Pecos Valley #7 Meeting 1:00 PM
29	30	31				

Stay better informed and up to date at our Facebook page  
 Roswell Masonic Lodge # 18-Making good men better since 1889.