

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

Communications: Regular

Date: 04/02/2026

A Lodge of Fellow Crafts was opened at 7:30PM with 7 Past Masters, 13 Members and 0 Visitors for a total of 20 in attendance.

WM: Art Houghtby

JD: Nick Mashburn

SW: Darren Davis

Chap: Roy Shoemaker

JW: Aaron Myers

Mar:

Trea: Roger Castillo

SS:

Sec: Roy Shoemaker

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.

Introduction: RWB Richard Glenn, DDGM District #8 was presented at the altar, conducted to the East, introduced and attended with Grand Honors and a hearty welcome.

Sickness and Distress: RWB David Baker is now in Mission Arch. Donny DeGray is still recovering from his fall.

Lodge Business:

The minutes of the meeting held on March 5, 2026, were distributed electronically. Roy Shoemaker moved for approval as posted, Darren Davis seconded the motion, and it passed.

Treasured Roger Castillo gave a Treasurers Report.

WB Aaron Myers was conducted to the altar and presented with his Master Mason Proficiency Card.

The Secretary read the names of Brothers Robert Scott Herring and Drew Alexander Ferraro, who have not paid their 2026 dues so far.

Standing Committee: RWB Roy Shoemaker reporting for the Scottish Rite Learning Center announced that the Cash Party Fund Raiser has been booked at the Fair Grounds for November 7, 2026.

Special Committees: Roger Castillo reported for the Scholarship Committee. They have received 30 applications and have narrowed them down to 15 individuals who they would like to present with scholarships. Their goal is to give each \$1,000.00 for a total of \$15,000.00. He made a

motion to request an additional \$5,000.00 from the Lodge to make a total of \$10,000.00. A request of \$5,000.00 would be made from New Mexico Masonic Charities for matching funds to bring the Lodge's total contribution to \$5,000.00. Aaron Myers seconded the motion, and it passed. The committee will request an additional \$5,000.00 from Roswell Masonic Charities to fund the full amount.

David Brown reported on the Fishing Clinic. There were 85 registered children, 15 Masons and 3 spouses present. There were participants from as far away as El Paso this year. They served 200 hot dogs and the weather was beautiful. He thanked everyone who helped make this year's event so great. He additionally thanked WB Dewey Davis for making a new banner for the Clinic.

Proficiency: Brother Dakota Avery assisted by his Coach, Aaron Myers, presented his 2nd Degree Proficiency to the Lodge in excellent form. A motion to accept the Proficiency was made by RWB Roy Shoemaker, seconded by Jacob O'Neil and passed unanimously.

Communications & Bills: RWB Roy Shoemaker reported that the Lodge had not voted to fund the Fishing Clinic this year and that there were Brothers who should be reimbursed for the expenses. He moved that the Lodge reimburse the expenses, the motion was seconded by RWB Kim Talbott and passed.

Miscellaneous Business and Announcements: Next month's Program will be given by WB Jim Herrell on the Holy Saints John and their connection to Masonry. WM Houghtby requested that the June Program be given by the Shrine Club. They will also be providing the June meal before Lodge. Additionally, the Shrine Club will be meeting at the Lodge building for their regular communication on April 23rd.

A Master Mason's Degree will be conducted for Dakota Avery on April 22nd at 6:00 pm. Practices will be held every Monday and Wednesday until that day.

The WM invited the brethren to accompany him on a visit to Lovington Lodge on April 16th.

WB Aaron Myers announced that the coffee and breakfast at the Lodge will be on April 18th at 8:00 am this month.

RWB Richard Glenn was given the floor and addressed the brethren and gave fraternal greetings from the Grand Master, Kevin Fitzwater. He reported that all 3 delegates from Roswell 18 had attended and participated in the Grand Lodge Annual Communication held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Santa Fe. He then presented a report on the Grand Lodge proceedings.

RWB Glenn assumed the East and closed the Lodge at 8:45 pm Peace and Harmony prevailing

Fraternally submitted:
Roy D. Shoemaker, Acting Secretary

Approved: Worshipful Master

Secretary