

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

Communications: Regular

Date: 08/06/2026

A Lodge of Fellow Crafts was opened at 7:30PM with 4 Past Masters, 10 Members and 2 Visitors for a total of 16 in attendance.

WM: Darren Davis

JD: Dakota Avery

SW: Aaron Myers

Chap: Roy Hayes

JW: Dewey Davis

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.

Sickness and Distress: Brother Nick Mashburn had surgery on his knee this morning and is at home doing well and healing. Brother Donny Degray finally has an appointment with a neurologist from his fall at the Lodge in February, he goes to Albuquerque on August 24th.

Lodge Business:

The minutes of the meeting held on July 2, 2026, were distributed electronically. David Brown moved for approval as posted, Dewey Davis seconded the motion, and it passed.

Treasurer Roger Castillo gave a Treasurers Report; he has finally received the matching funds from Masonic Charities for our scholarships.

Standing Committee: RWB Roy Shoemaker reporting for the Scottish Rite Learning Center announced that the 1st planning meeting for the Cash Party Fund Raiser will be next Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the Lodge. Roger Castillo has tickets to sell and encouraged everyone to please help get them sold. WB Roy Hayes requested that the Brethren please start collecting items for the silent auction.

Special Committees: WB Gary Shubert reported that he has rented the booth for this year's ENMSF, \$500 with \$200 deposit. WB Roy Hayes moved that, the same as in previous years, we again raffle two guns from Zia Guns; RWB Roy Shoemaker seconded the motion, and it passed.

WB Shubert also reported that he had added more fishing poles to the collection in the conex, bringing the total to about 60, and that he will probably be adding more before next year's clinic.

Reports of Committees on Petitions and Balloting thereon: The petition for affiliation of Brother Reginaldo de Abreu was read for the 2nd time, the committee reported favorably; the ballot box was spread resulting in Brother de Abreu being elected for membership in Roswell Lodge #18.

The petition for the degrees from Mr. Gary Anderson was read for the 2nd time, the committee reported favorably; the ballot box was spread resulting in Mr. Anderson being elected to receive the Degrees of Freemasonry.

Communications & Bills: The Secretary reported that there was none to his knowledge.

Miscellaneous Business and Announcements: WB Aaron Myers reported that the Masonic Medical Research Institute gave a presentation at the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. They announced a fund-raising campaign called 3-5-7. They requested that Lodges donate \$375.00 to assist with their important medical research. Brother Myers made a motion to do so, the motion was seconded by Brother Roger Castillo and passed.

WB Aaron Myers was given the floor and gave an excellent presentation on the 25 Ancient Landmarks.

Announcements: 1st Degree for Gary Anderson is scheduled for August 19th; 3rd Degree for Aki Houghtby is scheduled for September 2nd. The Shrine Club meeting is on August 27th at Backdraft BBQ. RWB Vern Newlin announced that Saturday, August 8th Ft. Sumner Lodge was having a 1st degree. He also invited the Brethren to Portales on the 1st Monday, Clovis 1st and 3rd Tuesday and Tucumcari on the 1st Saturday.

Acting WM Darren Davis thanked WB Gary Shubert for the excellent meal before the meeting; the Brethren responded with hearty applause.

The Lodge was closed in form at 9:00 pm Peace and Harmony prevailing

Fraternally submitted:

Roy D. Shoemaker, Acting Secretary

Approved: Worshipful Master

Secretary