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

Meeting Minutes

Communication: Regular **Date:** 10/01/2026

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened at 7:30 PM with 9 past masters, 9 members and 1 visitor for a total of 19 in attendance.

WM : Art Houghtby	JD : Dakota Avery
SW : Darren Davis	Chap :
JW: Aaron Myers	Mar :
Trea : Roger Castillo	SS :
Sec : Richard Glenn	JS :
SD : Jacob O'Neil	Tyl : Roy Shoemaker

Minutes of the October Stated Communication

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our nation, followed by a moment of silence in honor of active-duty and retired military personnel, as well as active and retired first responders.

Sickness and Distress

It was reported that MWB Bell and WB Dunlap were both feeling unwell. Bro. Anderson's wife, Carol, was in Albuquerque undergoing a medical procedure.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

RWB James Bungard, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, was formally introduced at the altar and welcomed by the Brethren.

Presentation of Certificate of Proficiency

Bro. Dakota Avery was conducted to the altar, where he was presented with his Master Mason Certificate of Proficiency. The Brethren congratulated Bro. Avery on his accomplishment with a warm round of applause.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

WB Houghtby called for discussion regarding the minutes of the September Stated Communication.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bro. D. Davis and seconded by WB Shubert. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

WB Castillo presented the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports and Announcements

Scottish Rite Cash Party

WB Castillo provided an update on the upcoming Scottish Rite Cash Party, reporting that five books of tickets remained available for sale.

A Cash Party committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. All ticket sales and accompanying information were to be turned in by Friday, October 23, to allow sufficient time for entry into the computer system.

Eastern New Mexico State Fair

WB Shubert reported on preparations for the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. He stated that setup of the Lodge's booth would begin the following day and requested additional volunteers to assist with staffing the booth throughout the fair.

Upcoming Master Mason Degree

WB Houghtby announced that a Master Mason Degree would be conferred upon Bro. Aki Houghtby on October 21. All Master Masons were cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Military Appreciation Month

WB Houghtby announced that November would be recognized as Military Appreciation Month. He encouraged all Brethren who have served in the armed forces to wear an item identifying their respective branch of military service at the next Stated Communication.

Roswell Shrine Club

RWB Shoemaker reported that the Roswell Shrine Club would participate in the Ruidoso parade on Saturday, with activities beginning at 8:00 a.m.

He further announced that the Shrine Club would hold its meeting at the Lodge on Thursday, October 22.

York Rite Fundraiser

RWB Bungard announced that key fobs were available for purchase as a fundraiser benefiting the York Rite. He described the fobs as being of excellent quality and stated that they were available for $60 each.

Masonic Education

Bro. O'Neil delivered a well-researched and thoughtful presentation on Psalm 133, offering insight into its meaning and significance.

Good of the Order

RWB Glenn provided information regarding the importance of vitamins D and A in supporting immune health during the upcoming flu season.

Bro. Avery reported that Bro. Reginaldo de Abreu had been detained in El Paso while meeting with his immigration attorney. He further reported that Bro. de Abreu had since been released and was returning home.

Bro. Avery expressed his sincere appreciation to the Lodge and its members for the encouragement, guidance, and fraternal support he had received throughout his Masonic journey, which began one year ago.

The Brethren extended their appreciation to Bro. Avery for preparing the evening's meal.

Remarks from the Senior Grand Warden

RWB James Bungard, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, addressed the Lodge and extended fraternal greetings on behalf of MWB Kevin Fitzwater, Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico.

RWB Bungard delivered a thought-provoking presentation concerning the meaning and importance of words, emphasizing their significance and the impact they can have upon others.

During his remarks, he also reported that the Grand Lodge of New Mexico currently has approximately 2,240 Masons.

Lodge was closed in due form at 8:45 PM. Peace and Harmony prevailing.

Fraternally submitted

RWB Richard L. Glenn Sec.

Approved: Worshipful Master Secretary