

A WORD FROM THE Grand Secretary



Brethren,

Each year, the Grand Lodge publishes a detailed schedule of events outlining everything from the Opening Ceremonies through the Installation of Officers and Closing. In recent years, however, many new social opportunities have sprung up for those attending our Grand Session. Unfortunately, many Brothers—especially those visiting from out of state—aren't always aware of these wonderful gatherings. To help everyone make the most of their time, I've compiled the following "Grand Secretary's UNOFFICIAL Grand Lodge Schedule."

Wednesday January 14th, 2026

- **Hospitality Room**
5:00 p.m., Hotel 1928
- **Welcome to Waco**
5:00 – 9:00 p.m., Columbus Avenue
(in front of Grand Lodge)
- **Lions Paw Social**
(in conjunction with Welcome to Waco)
- **Hospitality Room**
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Hotel 1928

Thursday January 15th, 2026

- **Newberry Hospitality Suite 5**
7:30 p.m., Hilton Brazos Rooms A & B
(please bring dues card)
- **10th annual Pub Crawl**
Leaves from Newberry Hospitality Suite

Friday January 16th, 2026

- **Operative Masonry in a Speculative World**
2:00 p.m., Grand Lodge Auditorium
(W.: Tyler Whittaker, Grand Marshal, Grand Lodge of Indiana)
- **Grand Lodge Paint Party!**
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Hosted by The First Lady of Texas Masons, Loretta Reader,
Instructor: Carly First
\$40 per person

Register online and the
password is "FUN"
<https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/houston-champion-forest/event/4173204/>
- **Austin 12 Hospitality Suite**
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Hilton Brazos Rooms A & B (please bring dues card)
- **Lion's Paw Social**
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Barnett's Restaurant
- **Waco 92 Concert**
8:00 – 12:00 pm, Backyard Stage and Grill

Saturday January 17th, 2026

- **Hospitality Room**
(From 30 minutes after installation to 6:00 p.m.), Hotel 1928

- **Grand Lodge Gala**
6:00 – 12:00 p.m., Hotel 1928
(bottom floor, ballroom, roof top)
Dress Code: Cowboy Tux (jeans and a jacket) and semi-formal for ladies

Sunday January 18th, 2026

- **All Masons Brunch**
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., The Olive Branch

Booths at Grand Lodge to check out:

- **Old Fashion Masonic Podcast**
Interviewing Texas Masons for future videos and content



- **The George Washington Masonic National Memorial**
First time at Grand Lodge in 20+ years

- **Amity**
New partnership with Grand Lodge of Texas

PLEASE NOTE

There are likely several other great events happening during the Session that I may not be aware of. These were simply the ones brought to my attention.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Grand Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Brad S. Billings
Grand Secretary

<https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/2026-ac>

