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**MEETS ON THE 2ND & 4TH
MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
LODGE OPENS AT 7:00 PM
FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00PM
(\$10 CASH OR \$11 CARD)**

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A NEWLY RAISED MASTER MASON

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRO. BOB TYLER FOR HAVING ACHIEVED THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON THIS MONTH! HIS RAISING MARKS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE NOT ONLY IN HIS OWN MASONIC JOURNEY, BUT ALSO IN THE LIFE OF OUR LODGE.

THE BLUE LODGE EXISTS FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE—TO MAKE MEN MASONS, AND ULTIMATELY, MASTER MASONS. THE JOURNEY THROUGH THE DEGREES IS MORE THAN RITUAL; IT IS AN ALLEGORICAL PASSAGE OF GROWTH, REFLECTION, AND TRANSFORMATION. BEGINNING AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE, A MAN TAKES HIS FIRST STEP INTO THE CRAFT, SYMBOLICALLY LEARNING TO SHAPE HIS OWN ROUGH ASHLAR INTO SOMETHING BETTER. AS A FELLOW CRAFT, HE CONTINUES BUILDING UPON THIS FOUNDATION, GAINING KNOWLEDGE AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING. AND AT LAST, THROUGH THE PROFOUND LESSONS OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE, HE IS RAISED TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE CONFERRED IN BLUE LODGE MASONRY.

BY ATTAINING THIS DEGREE, BRO. TYLER IS NOW ENTITLED TO ALL THE RIGHTS, LIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES OF A MASTER MASON. HE HAS BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF THE FRATERNITY AND IS RECOGNIZED AS SUCH WHEREVER FREEMASONRY IS PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE. THIS ACHIEVEMENT BINDS HIM TO A WORLDWIDE BROTHERHOOD—MEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, CULTURES, AND NATIONS WHO SHARE THE SAME LANDMARKS AND OBLIGATIONS.

THE RAISING OF A BROTHER SERVES AS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF WHY WE GATHER, WHY WE PRESERVE OUR TRADITIONS, AND WHY WE CONTINUE THE WORK OF TEACHING AND EXEMPLIFYING OUR RITUALS. EACH TIME A NEW MASTER MASON IS CREATED, THE CHAIN OF BROTHERHOOD IS STRENGTHENED, ENSURING THAT THE CRAFT REMAINS VIBRANT AND ALIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

LET US CELEBRATE BRO. BOB TYLER'S ACCOMPLISHMENT AND WELCOME HIM INTO FULL FELLOWSHIP AS A MASTER MASON. MAY HIS JOURNEY AHEAD BE FILLED WITH LIGHT, WISDOM, AND BROTHERLY LOVE /G\

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FROM THE EAST - W.:M.: BURX NORROD



BRETHREN,

AS WE REACH THIS POINT IN THE YEAR, I CANNOT HELP BUT REFLECT ON THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER AS A LODGE. EACH MILESTONE REMINDS US OF WHY WE EXIST AS A BLUE LODGE—TO MAKE MEN MASONS, AND ULTIMATELY TO GUIDE THEM TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE CELEBRATED SEVERAL RAISINGS, EACH ONE ADDING TO THE STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF OUR BROTHERHOOD. FOR THOSE WHO WITNESSED THESE CEREMONIES, YOU KNOW THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE PERFORM THE RITUAL, THE RAISING OF A BROTHER ALWAYS BRINGS RENEWED ENERGY AND INSPIRATION. IT IS A REMINDER THAT OUR WORK IS SACRED, THAT OUR TRADITIONS MATTER, AND THAT WE ARE PRESERVING SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN OURSELVES. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN BRETHREN COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE DEEPER WORK OF MEMORIZATION, AND SEVERAL HAVE EARNED THEIR MASTER MASON CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY. SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS ARE NO SMALL FEAT—THEY DEMAND COUNTLESS HOURS OF STUDY AND PRACTICE. THOSE WHO

REACH THIS LEVEL NOT ONLY ENRICH THEIR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT BUT ALSO STRENGTHEN OUR LODGE AS A WHOLE, ENSURING THAT WE ARE EQUIPPED TO PASS ALONG THE RITUAL WITH ACCURACY AND DIGNITY.

BEYOND THE WALLS OF OUR LODGE, WE CONTINUE TO LIVE OUT OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS SUMMER WE PROUDLY PARTICIPATED ONCE AGAIN IN RIO RANCHO'S ANNUAL SUNDAY IS FUNDAY EVENT. FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, SANDOVAL LODGE HAS MAINTAINED A PRESENCE AT THIS GATHERING, OFFERING HOSPITALITY, SHARING CONVERSATION, AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. THIS YEAR WAS NO DIFFERENT. OUR BOOTH WAS ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY, AND WE WERE ABLE TO REPRESENT FREEMASONRY IN A POSITIVE, ENGAGING WAY. EVENTS LIKE THESE ARE VITAL, FOR THEY REMIND OUR NEIGHBORS THAT FREEMASONRY IS NOT A HIDDEN SOCIETY, BUT A COMMUNITY OF MEN STRIVING TO LIVE WITH INTEGRITY AND SERVICE.

NONE OF THESE SUCCESSES HAPPEN ON THEIR OWN. THEY ARE THE RESULT OF YOUR DEDICATION AS MEMBERS OF THIS LODGE. WHETHER THROUGH PREPARING RITUAL, VOLUNTEERING AT PUBLIC EVENTS, OR QUIETLY WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO KEEP OUR OPERATIONS SMOOTH, EACH OF YOU PLAYS A PART IN KEEPING SANDOVAL LODGE VIBRANT. I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE RITUAL PILLARS OF NEW MEXICO—RWB DANNY LUCERO AND WB BERT DALTON. THEIR STEADY GUIDANCE IN RITUAL WORK, THEIR WILLINGNESS TO FILL IN WHEN NEEDED, AND THEIR SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TRUE RITUALIST HAVE MADE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON US ALL. THEY EMBODY THE TRUTH THAT RITUAL IS NOT MERE WORDS, BUT THE VERY FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE MAKE MEN MASONS.

BRETHREN, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE BLUE LODGE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR MASONIC EXPERIENCE. HERE IS WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGINS, WHERE THE MOST PROFOUND LESSONS ARE TAUGHT, AND WHERE THE CRAFT FULFILLS ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE. YET BEYOND THE BLUE LODGE, THERE EXISTS A WIDE ARRAY OF APPENDANT AND CONCORDANT BODIES THAT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, AND LEARNING. SOME MAY BE DRAWN TO THE SHRINERS, WHOSE MISSION TO SUPPORT THE 22 SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS HAS TOUCHED COUNTLESS FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD. OTHERS MAY FIND PURPOSE CLOSER TO HOME, IN OUR OWN HOMEGROWN CHARITY, THE MASONIC SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ([WWW.MSCLD.ORG](http://www.MSCLD.ORG)), A SCHOOL THAT STANDS AS A LIVING SYMBOL OF THE HEART OF FREEMASONRY HERE IN NEW MEXICO.

EACH OF US CAME TO FREEMASONRY FOR A REASON. PERHAPS IT WAS CURIOSITY, A SEARCH FOR DEEPER MEANING, THE DESIRE FOR BROTHERHOOD, OR THE CALL TO SERVE. WHATEVER IT MAY HAVE BEEN, FREEMASONRY OFFERS COUNTLESS WAYS TO FULFILL THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF WONDERING WHAT MORE THERE IS TO EXPERIENCE, OR IF THERE IS A PART OF MASONRY YOU HAVE YET TO EXPLORE, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO ME DIRECTLY. IT WOULD BE MY HONOR TO HELP GUIDE YOU TO THE LIGHT YOU SEEK, FOR THE CRAFT IS VAST AND FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP.

BRETHREN, LET US CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR. LET US KEEP OUR RITUAL STRONG, OUR BROTHERHOOD UNITED, AND OUR PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY VISIBLE. MOST OF ALL, LET US NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE TRUE AIM OF FREEMASONRY: TO TAKE GOOD MEN AND MAKE THEM BETTER. TOGETHER, WE WILL ENSURE THAT SANDOVAL LODGE REMAINS A BEACON OF LIGHT IN RIO RANCHO AND THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO /G\

"BUILDING THE INNER TEMPLE"

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SUNDAY IS FUNDAY A SUCCESS!!!

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO WB RICHARD CULLEN FOR ONCE AGAIN LEADING SANDOVAL LODGE IN THE SUNDAY IS FUNDAY ANNUAL EVENT IN RIO RANCHO. FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, WB RICHARD HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ENSURE OUR LODGE'S CONTINUED PRESENCE AT THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY GATHERING, SHOWCASING FREEMASONRY IN NEW MEXICO AND PROMOTING SANDOVAL LODGE IN PARTICULAR. HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION HAVE ALLOWED THIS EVENT TO BECOME A CORNERSTONE OF OUR LODGE'S OUTREACH, GIVING THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FREEMASONRY IN ACTION.

THIS YEAR WAS ESPECIALLY MEMORABLE THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF BRO. ROBERT "ANCHORS THE CLOWN" FIKE OF AZTEC LODGE No. 3, WHO TRAVELED FROM LAS CRUCES TO BRING SMILES AND LAUGHTER TO COUNTLESS CHILDREN WITH BALLOON ART AND MAGIC TRICKS, WHILE MASONS ENGAGED PARENTS IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE CRAFT. SPECIAL THANKS ALSO GO TO JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL AND THE METRO CHAPTER OF DeMOLAY FOR THEIR SPIRITED ASSISTANCE IN HANDING OUT LEMONADE AND PICKLES—A TRADITION THAT HAS ENDURED FOR MANY YEARS. TO ALL MASONS AND SUPPORTERS WHO CAME OUT TO REPRESENT THE CRAFT AND MAKE THE DAY A TRUE SUCCESS, WE SAY THANK YOU! NUMEROUS PICTURES AND VIDEOS FROM THE EVENT CAN BE FOUND ON OUR LODGE FACEBOOK PAGE AT [FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE76](https://facebook.com/sandovalldodge76)



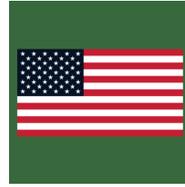
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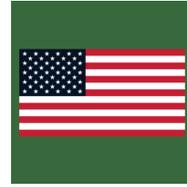
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***NEW MEXICO'S MOST ACTIVE
MASONIC FAMILY***

WHEN IT COMES TO DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CRAFT, FEW FAMILIES EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW MEXICO AS MUCH AS THE CORIZ FAMILY. WORSHIPFUL MASTER NIC CORIZ, THE SITTING MASTER OF UNION LODGE No. 4 IN WAGON MOUND, LEADS NOT ONLY IN LODGE BUT ALSO BY EXAMPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. AT HIS SIDE IS HIS WIFE, DENISE CORIZ, WHO SERVES AS THE GUARDIAN OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL No. 4, WHICH MEETS AT SANDOVAL LODGE. TOGETHER, THEY HAVE RAISED A FAMILY DEEPLY ENGAGED IN MASONIC YOUTH PROGRAMS—THEIR DAUGHTERS ARE ACTIVE JOBIES, AND THEIR SON PROUDLY REPRESENTS THE ORDER OF DEMOLAY.

THIS PAST SUNDAY, THE CORIZ FAMILY ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITMENT BY JOINING US AT SUNDAY IS FUNDAY IN RIO RANCHO. WITH CHEERFUL ENERGY AND TEAMWORK, THEY HELPED PROMOTE FREEMASONRY AND OUR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS TO THE PUBLIC. THEY ALSO ENSURED THAT VISITORS TO OUR BOOTH WERE WARMLY RECEIVED AND REFRESHED, HANDING

OUT ICE-COLD LEMONADE AND PICKLES—A TRADITION THAT HAS BECOME A HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT. THEIR PRESENCE NOT ONLY SUPPORTED THE LODGE BUT ALSO REFLECTED THE FAMILY'S DEVOTION TO STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FELLOWSHIP ACROSS OUR MASONIC COMMUNITY.

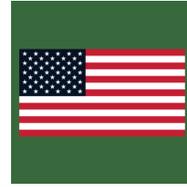
THANK YOU, CORIZ FAMILY, FOR BEING THERE AND FOR SHOWING ALL OF US WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE THE VALUES OF FREEMASONRY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY!

***MASONIC YOUTH = FREEMASONRY'S FUTURE
THANK YOU TO THE CORIZ FAMILY!***

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ANNUAL CODE TALKERS RUN IN WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA

BY BURX NORROD

THIS MONTH I HAD THE HONOR OF RUNNING IN THE BRUTAL CODE TALKER TRAIL RUN AND LEADING IT CARRYING THE MARINE CORPS FLAG – AN EVENT THAT COMMEMORATES THE EXTRAORDINARY NAVAJO CODE TALKERS WHOSE UNBREAKABLE CODE PLAYED A DECISIVE ROLE IN SECURING VICTORY DURING WWII.

FOR ME, THIS WASN'T JUST A RUN. IT WAS A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE CORE VALUES WE HOLD DEAR IN FREEMASONRY – BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH. THE CODE TALKERS EMBODIED ALL THREE. THEY WORKED TOGETHER AS BROTHERS, ENDURED GREAT HARDSHIP FOR THE RELIEF AND PROTECTION OF OTHERS, AND CARRIED OUT THEIR MISSION WITH UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO TRUTH AND DUTY.

FREEMASONRY TEACHES US TO STUDY HISTORY, TO HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US, AND TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ALL THAT WE DO. TODAY'S RUN WAS A REMINDER THAT COURAGE, INTEGRITY, AND SERVICE TO A GREATER CAUSE ARE TIMELESS VIRTUES – AND THAT OUR OWN MASONIC JOURNEY SHOULD REFLECT THE SAME STEADFASTNESS SHOWN BY THESE HEROES.

TO THE CODE TALKERS – AND TO ALL WHO SERVE WITH HONOR – WE SALUTE YOU!



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***THANK YOU TO OUR FESTIVEBOARD TEAM –
BRO. KENNETH FREEMAN & BRO. BENJAMIN COTE***

ONE OF THE TRUE JOYS OF OUR GATHERINGS AT SANDOVAL LODGE IS THE FELLOWSHIP WE SHARE AROUND THE DINNER TABLE. THIS IMPORTANT PART OF OUR FESTIVEBOARD DOES NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT—IT IS THE RESULT OF THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF BRETHREN WHO GIVE FREELY OF THEIR TIME TO SERVE THE LODGE.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE IS EXTENDED TO BRO. KENNETH FREEMAN, WHO CONSISTENTLY SHOWS UP EARLY, OFTEN AS EARLY AS 2:00 P.M., TO PREPARE FULL MEALS FOR THE LODGE. HIS EFFORTS ENSURE THAT EVERY STATED COMMUNICATION AND DEGREE NIGHT IS NOT ONLY MEANINGFUL IN RITUAL, BUT ALSO ENJOYABLE IN FELLOWSHIP. IN CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE WITH HIM IS OUR JUNIOR STEWARD, BRO. BENJAMIN COTE, WHO DILIGENTLY ASSISTS IN MEAL PREPARATION AND THEN ROLLS UP HIS SLEEVES TO HELP CLEAN UP AFTERWARD—NEVER HESITATING TO TAKE ON THE LESS GLAMOROUS TASKS, EVEN DOWN TO WASHING DISHES.

TOGETHER, THESE TWO BROTHERS EXEMPLIFY THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND BROTHERHOOD THAT MAKES OUR LODGE STRONG. THEIR WORK BEHIND THE SCENES CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE FELLOWSHIP THRIVES, BONDS ARE STRENGTHENED, AND MEMBERS FEEL WELCOMED AND CARED FOR.

THANK YOU, BRO. KENNETH AND BRO. BENJAMIN, FOR BEING SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF SANDOVAL LODGE'S SUCCESS!



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THE KEY TO EXCELLENT DEGREE WORK

BRETHREN, THE EXCELLENCE OF OUR DEGREE WORK DOES NOT HAPPEN BY CHANCE. IT IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE TIME, EFFORT, AND DEDICATION THAT YOU, THE MEMBERS OF SANDOVAL LODGE, INVEST IN OUR RITUAL PRACTICES. THESE EVENINGS ARE WHERE WE SET ASIDE THE BUSYNESS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD, GATHER TOGETHER AS BROTHERS, AND FOCUS ON THE SACRED WORK OF THE CRAFT.

RITUAL PRACTICE IS MORE THAN MEMORIZING WORDS—IT IS ABOUT EMBODYING THE LESSONS, REFINING OUR MOVEMENTS, AND PREPARING TO DELIVER THE DEGREES IN A WAY THAT IS BOTH SOLEMN AND IMPACTFUL FOR OUR CANDIDATES. WHEN A MAN TAKES HIS FIRST STEP AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE, OR LATER ADVANCES TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON, THE IMPRESSION WE MAKE ON HIM LASTS A LIFETIME. IT IS THROUGH PRACTICE THAT WE ENSURE THOSE MOMENTS ARE POWERFUL, PRECISE, AND WORTHY OF THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS WE HAVE INHERITED.

THESE GATHERINGS ALSO PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR MENTORSHIP. NEWER BRETHREN HAVE THE CHANCE TO SIT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF EXPERIENCED RITUALISTS, TO ASK QUESTIONS, AND TO GROW IN CONFIDENCE. MEANWHILE, SEASONED BRETHREN FIND NEW MEANING IN THEIR PARTS AS THEY REVISIT FAMILIAR PASSAGES, OFTEN DISCOVERING DEEPER LAYERS OF SYMBOLISM AND TRUTH. EVERY PRACTICE IS BOTH A SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AND A WORKSHOP OF BROTHERHOOD.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL. WHETHER YOU TAKE A SPEAKING PART, ASSIST IN THE FLOOR WORK, OR SIMPLY ATTEND TO SUPPORT AND OBSERVE, YOUR PRESENCE STRENGTHENS THE WHOLE. EACH VOICE, EACH PAIR OF EYES, AND EACH SET OF HANDS HELPS REFINE THE WORK, ENSURING THAT OUR LODGE MAINTAINS THE REPUTATION OF RITUAL EXCELLENCE. JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, YOUR ATTENDANCE DEMONSTRATES TO THE NEWER MEMBERS THAT THE RITUAL TRULY MATTERS—THAT IT IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE RUSHED THROUGH, BUT SOMETHING TO BE STUDIED, PRESERVED, AND EXEMPLIFIED WITH CARE.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHREN TO ATTEND OUR UPCOMING RITUAL PRACTICES. BY DOING SO, YOU NOT ONLY HELP UPHOLD THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF OUR DEGREE WORK, BUT ALSO ENGAGE IN THE DEEPER PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY: THE PURSUIT OF LIGHT, THE BUILDING OF CHARACTER, AND THE STRENGTHENING OF BROTHERHOOD. TOGETHER, WE ENSURE THAT SANDOVAL LODGE WILL ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO INITIATE, PASS, AND RAISE MEN WITH THE DIGNITY AND SOLEMNITY OUR CRAFT DESERVES.

LET US CONTINUE TO LABOR TOGETHER IN THE QUARRY OF RITUAL—SO THAT WHEN WE ARE CALLED TO CONFER THE DEGREES, WE CAN DO SO WITH CONFIDENCE, EXCELLENCE, AND UNITY.



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REFLECTIONS FROM MAUI

BY BURX NORROD

THIS PAST MONTH I RETURNED TO MY HOMETOWN IN MAUI FOR THREE WEEKS—NOT FOR A VACATION, BUT TO CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER OF MY CHILDHOOD HOME. MY MOTHER HAS RECENTLY MOVED TO SEATTLE TO LIVE WITH MY SISTER, DUE TO HER DECLINING HEALTH, AND IT FELL UPON ME TO HELP PREPARE THE FAMILY HOME FOR ITS NEXT CHAPTER. IT WAS A TRIP FILLED WITH MEMORIES, CHALLENGES, AND UNEXPECTED MOMENTS OF REFLECTION.

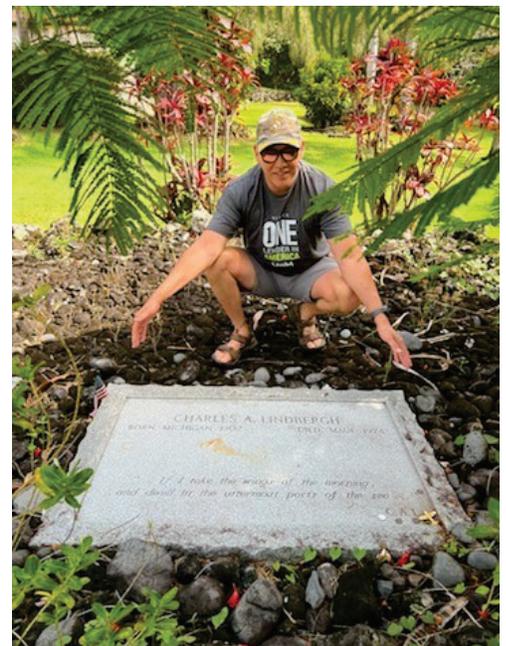
WHILE THERE, I EXPERIENCED TSUNAMI WARNINGS FIRSTHAND, A SOBERING REMINDER OF THE FRAGILITY AND UNPREDICTABILITY OF LIFE. I ALSO MADE A POINT TO VISIT THE GRAVESITE OF BRO. CHARLES LINDBERGH, A MAN REMEMBERED NOT ONLY FOR HIS AVIATION FEATS BUT ALSO AS A BROTHER IN THE CRAFT. PASSING THROUGH MY OWN HOMETOWN, I STOPPED BY AN OLD CEMETERY THAT I HAD VISITED IN YEARS PAST. TO MY SURPRISE, IT WAS NO LONGER OPEN OR MAINTAINED—OVERGROWN TO THE POINT THAT, UNLESS YOU HAD GROWN UP THERE, YOU WOULD NEVER EVEN KNOW IT EXISTED.

THIS EXPERIENCE REMINDED ME OF THE TIMELESS LESSONS WE ARE TAUGHT IN MASONRY. WE ARE REMINDED THAT LIFE IS FLEETING, AND THAT WORLDLY TREASURES AND MONUMENTS FADE WITH TIME. THE SPRIGS OF ACACIA PLACED UPON THE GRAVE IN OUR RITUAL SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF IMMORTALITY, TEACHING US THAT WHILE THE PHYSICAL BODY MAY RETURN TO THE DUST FROM WHICH IT CAME, THE SOUL AND THE INFLUENCE OF A GOOD LIFE ENDURE BEYOND THE GRAVE. THE OVERGROWN CEMETERY WAS A STRIKING EXAMPLE OF HOW QUICKLY THE VISIBLE TRACES OF A LIFE MAY VANISH, AND YET, THE UNSEEN VIRTUES—OUR KINDNESS, INTEGRITY, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHERS—LIVE ON IN MEMORY AND SPIRIT.

THESE MOMENTS IN MAUI WERE A REMINDER THAT OUR LABOR IN THE CRAFT IS NOT ONLY FOR THE PRESENT BUT FOR ETERNITY. WE BUILD NOT ONLY WITH STONE AND MORTAR BUT WITH THE LASTING VALUES OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY. FOR IN THE END, IT IS NOT THE CLUTTER WE LEAVE BEHIND THAT MATTERS, BUT THE LIGHT WE IMPART TO OTHERS ALONG THE WAY.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, A CEMETARY RESTS HERE BENEATH THE FOLIAGE

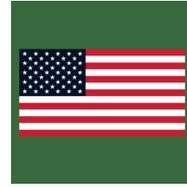


GRAVE OF BRO. CHARLES LINDBERGH
IN MAUI

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SANDOVAL LODGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 HEART WALK

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2025 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S HEART WALK, HAPPENING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. THIS EVENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR LODGE TO COME TOGETHER, WALK AS A TEAM, AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE THAT IMPACTS COUNTLESS FAMILIES.

THERE IS NO COST TO REGISTER FOR THE HEART WALK, AND PARTICIPATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE—MASONS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, PROSPECTS, AND MEMBERS OF OUR APPENDANT BODIES. TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF UNITY AND PRESENCE, WE WILL EITHER HAVE A SPECIAL T-SHIRT CREATED OR SIMPLY WEAR BLUE SHIRTS TO REPRESENT THE BLUE LODGE—THE HEART OF THE CRAFT.

OUR TEAM GOAL IS TO RAISE \$5,000 IN DONATIONS. WHILE FUNDRAISING IS IMPORTANT, THE GREATER PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT IS OUR LODGE'S PRESENCE, FELLOWSHIP, AND CONTRIBUTION TO RAISING AWARENESS FOR HEART HEALTH. THIS IS ABOUT WALKING TOGETHER, CARRYING OUR BANNER PROUDLY, AND LETTING THE COMMUNITY SEE FREEMASONRY IN ACTION.

SO FAR, WB RICHARD CULLEN AND I HAVE COMMITTED TO WALKING, AND WE INVITE ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED TO JOIN US. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHILE ENJOYING THE FELLOWSHIP AND FUN OF THIS COMMUNITY EVENT.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE SANDOVAL LODGE TEAM, PLEASE VISIT:
[HTTP://WWW2.HEART.ORG/GOTO/SANDOVALMASONICLODGE](http://www2.heart.org/goto/sandovalmasoniclodge)**

OR - EMAIL ME AT BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM



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CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND BRO. LOGAN SKYE, LODGE CHAPLAIN

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 PROUDLY EXTENDS HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LODGE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND BROTHER LOGAN SKYE, ON ACHIEVING THE DISTINGUISHED HONOR OF RECEIVING HIS MASTER MASON'S CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY.

THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT STANDS AS A TRUE TESTAMENT TO HIS DEDICATION, DISCIPLINE, AND PERSEVERANCE WITHIN THE CRAFT. THE CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RECOGNITIONS OF A MASON'S COMMITMENT TO RITUAL EXCELLENCE. IT REFLECTS NOT ONLY THE ABILITY TO MEMORIZE AND DELIVER OUR WORK, BUT ALSO THE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LESSONS, SYMBOLS, AND ALLEGORIES THAT DEFINE FREEMASONRY.

REVEREND BRO. SKYE'S JOURNEY TO THIS ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN MARKED BY A STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO STUDY AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT. AS CHAPLAIN, HE HAS FAITHFULLY SERVED OUR LODGE, OFFERING SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, WISDOM, AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO HIS BRETHREN. HIS ATTAINMENT OF PROFICIENCY NOW ADDS ANOTHER DIMENSION TO HIS SERVICE—IT SHOWS US BY EXAMPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE IN RITUAL AND IN LIFE.

WITHIN OUR FRATERNITY, RITUAL IS NOT SIMPLY RECITATION. IT IS THE LIFEblood OF OUR TEACHINGS, CONNECTING US TO GENERATIONS OF MASONS WHO CAME BEFORE US AND PREPARING THE WAY FOR THOSE YET TO BE INITIATED. BY ATTAINING HIS MASTER MASON'S CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY, REVEREND BRO. SKYE HAS DEMONSTRATED NOT ONLY A MASTERY OF WORDS, BUT ALSO A DEEP RESPECT FOR THE TRADITIONS THAT KEEP OUR CRAFT ALIVE.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHREN TO BE INSPIRED BY HIS ACCOMPLISHMENT AND TO CONSIDER THE VALUE OF WORKING TOWARD THEIR OWN PROFICIENCY. AS MASONS, WE ARE TAUGHT THAT THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE IS LIFELONG, AND THAT THROUGH DILIGENCE AND DEDICATION WE CONTINUE TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING.

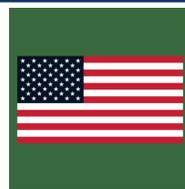
ON BEHALF OF SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76, WE SALUTE YOU, REVEREND BRO. LOGAN SKYE. YOUR ACHIEVEMENT BRINGS HONOR TO YOURSELF, TO OUR LODGE, AND TO THE GREAT FRATERNITY OF FREEMASONRY. MAY YOUR EXAMPLE CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US ALL TO GREATER LIGHT.

CONGRATULATIONS, REVEREND BRO. LOGAN!

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THE POWER OF MEMORIZATION IN MASONIC RITUAL WORK

BY BURX NORROD

ONE OF THE GREATEST TREASURES OF FREEMASONRY LIES IN ITS RITUAL. THE WORDS, CAREFULLY PRESERVED AND PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS, CONTAIN TIMELESS LESSONS ON MORALITY, BROTHERHOOD, AND PERSONAL GROWTH. YET, THOSE LESSONS ARE NOT ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTOOD WHEN WE FIRST HEAR THEM. IT IS ONLY WHEN WE COMMIT THE WORDS TO MEMORY THAT THE RITUAL TRULY BEGINS TO UNFOLD ITS DEEPER MEANING.

WHEN A BROTHER LEARNS HIS PART "BY HEART," HE MOVES BEYOND MERELY RECITING LINES. THE EFFORT OF MEMORIZATION REQUIRES FOCUS, DISCIPLINE, AND REPETITION—QUALITIES THAT THEMSELVES SHAPE A MASON'S CHARACTER. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, MEMORIZATION FREES THE MIND FROM THE PAGE. NO LONGER BOUND BY READING WORDS, A BROTHER IS ABLE TO REFLECT ON THEM, DISSECT THEM, AND ABSORB THE MORAL TRUTHS THEY CONVEY.

FOR EXAMPLE, A PASSAGE HEARD ONLY ONCE MAY SOUND POETIC BUT FLEETING. THAT SAME PASSAGE, WHEN MEMORIZED, CAN BE CONTEMPLATED AT LEISURE. ITS ALLEGORIES CAN BE EXAMINED, ITS SYMBOLISM REVEALED, AND ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS IN DAILY LIFE BROUGHT TO LIGHT. WHAT WAS ONCE A STRING OF WORDS BECOMES A LIVING LESSON THAT INFLUENCES THOUGHT AND ACTION.

THIS IS WHY RITUAL PROFICIENCY IS SO HIGHLY REGARDED IN MASONRY. IT IS NOT A CONTEST OF MEMORY, BUT A PATHWAY TO UNDERSTANDING. THROUGH MEMORIZATION, THE RITUAL CEASES TO BE EXTERNAL INSTRUCTION AND BECOMES INTERNAL WISDOM. EACH BROTHER WHO UNDERTAKES THIS LABOR IS NOT ONLY STRENGTHENING THE LODGE BY PRESERVING ITS TRADITIONS, BUT ALSO STRENGTHENING HIMSELF BY UNLOCKING THE MORAL TREASURES WITHIN THE WORK.

AS WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEYS, LET US REMEMBER THAT MEMORIZATION IS NOT THE END GOAL—IT IS THE GATEWAY. BY COMMITTING OUR RITUAL TO HEART, WE GAIN THE ABILITY TO TRULY LIVE ITS LESSONS, ENSURING THAT FREEMASONRY IS NOT JUST SPOKEN IN LODGE, BUT PRACTICED IN LIFE.

MARCUS AURELIUS WROTE ABOUT THIS IN THE BOOK MEDITATIONS. HE OFTEN REMINDS HIMSELF TO "KEEP THESE THOUGHTS READY AT HAND" (MEDITATIONS 4.3, 5.16). THE IDEA IS THAT BY REPEATEDLY RECALLING STOIC PRINCIPLES, THEY BECOME SECOND NATURE — MUCH LIKE MEMORIZING RITUAL OR LECTURES.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76

BRETHREN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE HAVE AN EXCITING SLATE OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE—JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP, RITUAL, AND EDUCATION AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD THE STRENGTH OF OUR LODGE.

AUGUST 24 (SUNDAY) – 6:00 PM

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE PRACTICE

AUGUST 25 (2ND STATED)

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE FOR MR. GARY REAGAN

SPAGHETTI DINNER PREPARED BY WB RICHARD CULLEN TO PRECEDE THIS STATED

SEPTEMBER 8 (1ST STATED)

DINNER PREPARED BY TURQUOISE CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION BY OES IN LODGE—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS (MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE)!

SEPTEMBER 22 (2ND STATED)

PRESENTATION BY LODGE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND BRO. LOGAN SKYE, ON THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OCTOBER 13 (1ST STATED)

PRESENTATION BY WB DAVIN TEAGUE ON THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

OCTOBER 27 (2ND STATED)

PRESENTATION BY JUNIOR STEWARD BRO. BENJAMIN COTE ON THE LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES OF THE CRAFT

NOVEMBER 10 (1ST STATED)

PROGRAM TBD (WORSHIPFUL MASTER MAY BE AWAY)

NOVEMBER 24 (2ND STATED)

ANNUAL ELECTION OF LODGE OFFICERS

NOTE: TO QUALIFY FOR THE OFFICE OF A WARDEN, ONE HAS TO HAVE THEIR MASTER MASON CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY AS WELL AS HAVE PAID THEIR DUES IN ADVANCE FOR THE 2026 YEAR.

DECEMBER 8 (ONLY STATED OF DECEMBER)

CLOSING MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

(NOTE: LODGE IS DARK ON THE 4TH MONDAY OF DECEMBER)

WE ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHREN TO ATTEND, AND TO INVITE GUESTS TO OUR OPEN PROGRAMS. THESE EVENTS ARE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, TO GROW IN FELLOWSHIP, AND TO SHOWCASE THE DEPTH OF FREEMASONRY TO OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.