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COMMUNICATION ON THE

2ND & 4TH MONDAY

LODGE OPENS AT 7:00 PM

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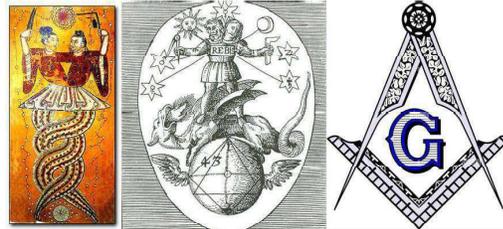
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JUNE STATED COMMUNICATIONS

***** FIRST STATED *****

AT OUR 1ST STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE MONTH ON JUNE 9TH, WE WILL BE FEATURING A SPECIAL MASONIC EDUCATION PRESENTATION EXPLORING THE ESOTERIC ORIGINS OF THE MASONIC SQUARE AND COMPASSES—DELVING INTO THEIR DEEPER MEANINGS, ANCIENT ROOTS, AND WHY THESE SYMBOLS COME TOGETHER IN THE WAY THEY DO. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNCOVER LAYERS OF SYMBOLIC INSIGHT THAT CONNECT OUR WORKING TOOLS TO UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES AND ANCIENT TRADITIONS. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00 PM, WITH STATED COMMUNICATIONS BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 7:00 PM. THIS COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE OPEN ON THE **MASTER MASON DEGREE ONLY—DON'T MISS IT.**



***** SECOND STATED *****

AT THE 2ND STATED COMMUNICATION OF JUNE, TAKING PLACE ON JUNE 23RD, SANDOVAL LODGE WILL PROUDLY CELEBRATE ITS **51ST ANNIVERSARY**—MARKING OVER HALF A CENTURY OF FREEMASONRY IN RIO RANCHO. THIS SPECIAL EVENING WILL HIGHLIGHT THE LEGACY AND IMPACT OF OUR LODGE, FEATURING HONORED GUESTS INCLUDING A NEW MEXICO STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND THE MAYOR OF RIO RANCHO. THE EVENING'S DINNER WILL BE A POTLUCK, SO WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE. WE WILL ALSO BE JOINED BY DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR VARIOUS APPENDANT BODIES, AS WELL AS VISITING BRETHREN FROM PRINCE HALL MASONRY. IT PROMISES TO BE A MEMORABLE NIGHT OF MASONIC FELLOWSHIP AND CELEBRATION.



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FROM THE EAST

BRETHREN,

AS WE REACH THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE YEAR, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE INCREDIBLE MOMENTUM WE'VE BUILT TOGETHER AT SANDOVAL LODGE. FROM THE CONFERRAL OF DEGREES TO OUR THOUGHTFUL MASONIC EDUCATION NIGHTS AND THE GROWING FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR MEMBERS, WE ARE NOT ONLY SUSTAINING OUR LODGE—WE ARE BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO IT.

AT ITS HEART, OUR LODGE HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON TWO GUIDING PRINCIPLES: MASONIC EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK. THESE TWO PILLARS FORM THE FRAMEWORK BY WHICH WE LEARN TO BUILD OUR INNER TEMPLES—THE SPIRITUAL AND MORAL STRUCTURE WITHIN EACH OF US THAT IS SHAPED BY OUR EFFORTS, DISCIPLINE, AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT. FREEMASONRY IS A PATH OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT, AND THE TOOLS WE USE ALONG THAT JOURNEY ARE OFTEN SYMBOLIC, BUT THEIR LESSONS ARE VERY REAL.

ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ASPECTS OF OUR LODGE IS THE DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVES AND TALENTS AMONG OUR BRETHREN. WHETHER IT'S A BROTHER WHO EXCELS AT DELIVERING RITUAL, ONE WHO DIVES INTO ESOTERIC STUDY, OR ANOTHER WHO ENSURES OUR MEALS AND MEETINGS RUN SMOOTHLY, EACH OF YOU PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE. THIS DIVERSITY OF FOCUS IS NOT A DISTRACTION—IT'S OUR STRENGTH. ALL EFFORTS ARE PART OF THE SAME EDIFICE WE ARE BUILDING TOGETHER. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT OUR MONTHLY TRESTLEBOARDS AND OUR LODGE FACEBOOK PAGE. YOU'LL SEE A WIDE RANGE OF IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES, ALL HARMONIZING TOWARD A COMMON GOAL: IMPROVING OURSELVES AND STRENGTHENING THE LODGE.

AS WE LOOK TO THE MONTHS AHEAD, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE A RENEWED FOCUS ON MEMORY WORK. THE CRAFT IS INHERENTLY A MNEMONIC SYSTEM—A STRUCTURE BUILT ON SYMBOLS, WORDS, AND ACTIONS THAT HELP US INTERNALIZE DEEPER TRUTHS. MEMORIZING PARTS OF OUR DEGREES OR LECTURES IS NOT MERELY FOR RITUAL'S SAKE. IT'S A METHOD FOR IMPRESSING LESSONS UPON OUR MINDS AND HEARTS. IF YOU'VE EVER LEARNED A PIECE OF RITUAL AND LATER CONTEMPLATED ITS MEANING WHILE DRIVING OR DOING CHORES, THEN YOU KNOW THE TRUTH OF THIS. THE WORDS BEGIN TO SHAPE YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT THEM CONSCIOUSLY.

I CHALLENGE EACH OF YOU TO PICK A SECTION OF RITUAL—PERHAPS A CHARGE, A LECTURE, OR EVEN A SIMPLE QUESTION AND ANSWER FROM THE CATECHISM—AND COMMIT IT TO MEMORY. THEN TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER: REFLECT ON IT, MEDITATE ON IT, ASK WHAT IT'S TRYING TO TEACH YOU. AND BETTER STILL—SHARE IT WITH THE LODGE. ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL WAYS TO GROW IN MASONRY IS TO TEACH. I ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO IDENTIFY A TOPIC IN FREEMASONRY THAT INTRIGUES YOU AND PREPARE A SHORT PRESENTATION FOR THE LODGE. WHETHER YOUR INTERESTS LIE IN HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, SYMBOLISM, RITUAL, OR EVEN MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE, YOUR EFFORTS WILL BENEFIT US ALL. WHEN ONE BROTHER SPEAKS, MANY MINDS ARE ENLIGHTENED.

CONSIDER, FOR INSTANCE, THE MODES OF RECOGNITION IN THE MASTER MASON DEGREE. WHERE DID OUR SIGNS, GRIPS, AND WORDS ORIGINATE? WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT? WHAT DO THEY POINT TO BEYOND THEMSELVES? MORE THAN HISTORICAL CURIOSITY, THESE ELEMENTS ARE REMINDERS OF DEEPER SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES. HOW CAN THEY HELP US LEAD BETTER LIVES—MORE UPRIGHT, MORE INTENTIONAL, MORE MINDFUL OF OUR OBLIGATIONS?

THE MONTHS AHEAD OFFER US MANY OPPORTUNITIES—FROM PUBLIC EVENTS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO FRATERNAL VISITS AND DEGREE CONFERRALS. LET'S CONTINUE OUR MOMENTUM WITH A SPIRIT OF UNITY AND CURIOSITY. LET US RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO THE SACRED LABOR WE UNDERTOOK WHEN WE KNELT AT THE ALTAR AND TOOK UPON OURSELVES THE OBLIGATIONS OF A MASON.

WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH THIS YEAR ALREADY—BUT I BELIEVE THE BEST IS STILL TO COME.

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY - BURX NORROD, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RIFLE RAFFLE WINNER!

ON MAY 31ST, SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 HELD THE LONG-AWAITED DRAWING FOR OUR RIFLE RAFFLE, STREAMED LIVE ON OUR LODGE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL TO WITNESS. WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT BROTHER KENNETH L., WITH TICKET No. 199, WAS THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE AERO PRECISION AR-15—A TRULY BEAUTIFUL AND WELL-CRAFTED FIREARM!

THE DRAWING WAS CONDUCTED WITH GREAT CARE AND INTEGRITY BY SENIOR WARDEN BRO. JOHN KEEL, WORSHIPFUL MASTER BURX NORROD, AND WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LEON ALDERETTE. UPON SELECTING THE WINNING TICKET, BRO. JOHN PERSONALLY CALLED BROTHER KENNETH TO SHARE THE EXCITING NEWS.

THIS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE TIME, COORDINATION, AND DEDICATION OF SW BRO. JOHN KEEL AND JW BRO. BILL WHELCHER, WHOSE TEAMWORK HELPED BRING THIS INITIATIVE TO LIFE. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE RAFFLE WILL GO A LONG WAY IN SUPPORTING LODGE ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE EVENTS.

WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE CREATIVE WAYS TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR LODGE AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUTURE FUNDRAISER, WE WANT TO HEAR IT! LET'S CONTINUE BUILDING ON THIS MOMENTUM TOGETHER.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER BY GETTING A TICKET OR TWO!!

WM BURX, BRO. JOHN, WB LEON



SW BRO. JOHN CALLING THE WINNER UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER PULLING HIS TICKET!



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BROTHER KENNETH FREEMAN RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 IS PROUD TO CONGRATULATE BROTHER KENNETH FREEMAN, WHO WAS RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON AT OUR 1ST STATED COMMUNICATION OF MAY. THIS MILESTONE MARKS THE CULMINATION OF HIS JOURNEY THROUGH THE DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY, AND IT WAS MADE ALL THE MORE SPECIAL BY THE DEEPLY MEANINGFUL AND MEMORABLE EVENING SHARED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

THE DEGREE WAS CONDUCTED BEFORE A FULL LODGE, WITH MANY BRETHREN AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT –INCLUDING MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROBIN JUSTICE, WHO PARTICIPATED DIRECTLY IN BROTHER KENNETH’S RAISING. THE EVENING ALSO FEATURED A MOVING BIBLE LECTURE BY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER TONY CHRISTOPHERSON, WHOSE WORDS STIRRED THE HEARTS OF EVERYONE IN THE ROOM. WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BERT DALTON ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT OUR RITUAL TO LIFE THROUGH HIS EXCEPTIONAL DELIVERY OF THE MASTER MASON LECTURES, A PERFORMANCE THAT CONTINUES TO UPLIFT AND INSPIRE.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS MUST ALSO GO TO RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DANNY LUCERO, WHOSE CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP, AND DEDICATION HAVE MADE HIM A TRUE PILLAR OF SANDOVAL LODGE. HIS STEADY PRESENCE AND SUPPORT EXEMPLIFY THE KIND OF MASONIC EXCELLENCE THAT STRENGTHENS OUR FRATERNITY FROM WITHIN.

WHAT TRULY ADDED A PERSONAL AND TOUCHING DIMENSION TO THE EVENING WAS THE PRESENCE OF BROTHER KENNETH’S FATHER, WHO HAD TRAVELED FROM BELIZE TO VISIT HIS SON. THOUGH NOT A MASON HIMSELF, HE WAS ABLE TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION AFTERWARD AND BE PART OF THE PHOTO CAPTURING THIS MILESTONE MOMENT—A LASTING IMAGE OF FAMILY, FRATERNITY, AND SHARED JOY.

THIS DEGREE WAS NOT JUST A RITUAL—IT WAS A CELEBRATION OF BROTHERHOOD, LEGACY, AND LIGHT. TO THE ENTIRE DEGREE TEAM AND ALL WHO ATTENDED: THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT SUCH A POWERFUL NIGHT. AND TO BROTHER KENNETH FREEMAN, WELCOME TO THE RANKS OF MASTER MASONS. MAY YOUR JOURNEY CONTINUE TO BE FILLED WITH INSIGHT, PURPOSE, AND LIGHT.



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***CONGRATULATIONS TO BROTHER BOB TYLER –
PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT***

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 IS PLEASED TO EXTEND OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO BROTHER BOB TYLER, WHO WAS PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT DURING OUR 2ND STATED COMMUNICATION OF MAY, HELD ON MEMORIAL DAY.

THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN A MASON'S JOURNEY—A TRANSITION FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE TO THE PURSUIT OF DEEPER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. THROUGH THIS DEGREE, A BROTHER BEGINS TO EXPLORE THE RICHNESS OF THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, THE SYMBOLISM OF THE MIDDLE CHAMBER, AND THE PATHWAY TOWARD BUILDING A MORE ENLIGHTENED SELF.

BROTHER BOB APPROACHED THIS MILESTONE WITH THE SERIOUSNESS AND COMMITMENT BEFITTING THE OCCASION, AND THE BRETHREN OF SANDOVAL LODGE WERE PROUD TO SUPPORT HIM ON THIS NEXT STEP IN HIS MASONIC JOURNEY. THE EVENING WAS FILLED WITH MEANING, REFLECTION, AND FELLOWSHIP, REMINDING ALL IN ATTENDANCE OF THE TIMELESS LESSONS PRESERVED WITHIN OUR RITUAL.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WALK ALONGSIDE BROTHER BOB AS HE PROGRESSES FURTHER IN LIGHT, AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHREN TO EXTEND THEIR CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT AS HE CONTINUES THE WORK OF BUILDING HIS INNER TEMPLE.

WELL DONE, BROTHER BOB—AND ONWARD IN THE CRAFT!



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***CONGRATULATIONS TO WB BERT DALTON – INSTALLED AS GRAND MUSICIAN OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO***

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 IS PROUD TO OFFER OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BERT DALTON, WHO WAS OFFICIALLY INSTALLED AS GRAND MUSICIAN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO BY MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROBIN JUSTICE DURING OUR 1ST STATED COMMUNICATION OF MAY. THIS HONOR, LONG OVERDUE, IS A FITTING RECOGNITION OF A BROTHER WHOSE MUSICAL TALENT AND MASONIC DEVOTION HAVE ENRICHED OUR LODGE AND NOW THE ENTIRE JURISDICTION.

WB BERT HAS BEEN A BELOVED AND VITAL PRESENCE AT SANDOVAL LODGE—NOT ONLY AS A PAST MASTER AND WISE COUNSELOR, BUT ALSO AS THE SOUL BEHIND OUR LODGE’S MUSICAL LIFE. WHETHER ACCOMPANYING DEGREES OR ADDING ATMOSPHERE TO STATED MEETINGS, WB BERT BRINGS OUR PIANO TO LIFE WITH A RARE BLEND OF SKILL AND HEARTFELT EXPRESSION. HIS MUSIC DEEPENS THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR RITUAL AND ADDS BEAUTY TO OUR GATHERINGS.

TO SEE HIM FORMALLY INSTALLED AS GRAND MUSICIAN IS A MOMENT OF PRIDE NOT ONLY FOR HIM, BUT FOR ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN MOVED AND INSPIRED BY HIS CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE YEARS. WE ARE THRILLED THAT HIS GIFTS WILL NOW RESONATE THROUGHOUT THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO.

CONGRATULATIONS, WB BERT! MAY YOUR MUSIC CONTINUE TO UPLIFT AND INSPIRE MASONS ACROSS THE STATE, JUST AS IT HAS DONE SO OFTEN WITHIN OUR OWN WALLS.



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SW BRO. JOHN KEEL RECEIVES YORK RITE MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

AT OUR 2ND STATED COMMUNICATION OF MAY—HELD FITTINGLY ON MEMORIAL DAY, A DAY DEDICATED TO SERVICE AND SACRIFICE—SENIOR WARDEN BROTHER JOHN KEEL WAS HONORED IN FRONT OF THE CRAFT WITH A PRESTIGIOUS YORK RITE MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE FRATERNITY. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY NONE OTHER THAN MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ADAM HATHAWAY, WHO GRACIOUSLY VISITED SANDOVAL LODGE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR OWN.

THIS AWARD IS NO ORDINARY DISTINCTION—IT IS A RARE AND MEANINGFUL SYMBOL OF RECOGNITION, TYPICALLY RESERVED FOR THOSE WHOSE UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY TRANSCENDS EXPECTATIONS. IN THAT SPIRIT, THERE COULD BE NO MORE DESERVING RECIPIENT THAN BRO. JOHN.

TIME AND AGAIN, BRO. JOHN HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE THE EMBODIMENT OF MASONIC PRINCIPLES. HIS PRESENCE AT THE LODGE IS NEAR-CONSTANT—NOT OUT OF OBLIGATION, BUT FROM GENUINE CARE AND CONVICTION. HE'S ONE OF THE FIRST TO ARRIVE AND THE LAST TO LEAVE, OFTEN TAKING ON RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT BEING ASKED.

WHETHER IT'S RITUAL PREPARATION, MENTORING NEW BRETHREN, SETTING UP EVENTS, OR SIMPLY BEING AVAILABLE WHEN SOMEONE IS IN NEED, BRO. JOHN SERVES WITH QUIET DIGNITY AND EFFECTIVENESS.

WHAT MAKES BRO. JOHN'S SERVICE EVEN MORE COMMENDABLE IS THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH HE SERVES. THERE IS NO BOAST, NO DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION—ONLY HUMILITY, CONSISTENCY, AND CHARITY. IT IS THIS SELFLESS DEVOTION TO THE CRAFT THAT MADE HIM AN IDEAL RECIPIENT FOR THE YORK RITE'S RECOGNITION.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE MEDAL DURING A PUBLIC LODGE MEETING, WITH MANY BRETHREN AND VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE, SERVED AS A POWERFUL MOMENT—REMINDING US ALL OF THE HEIGHTS A MASON CAN REACH WHEN GUIDED BY DUTY, FAITH, AND BROTHERLY LOVE. IT ALSO SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO NEWER BROTHERS, DEMONSTRATING THE LASTING IMPACT ONE CAN MAKE THROUGH SERVICE DONE QUIETLY AND WELL.

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE LODGE, WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO SW BRO. JOHN KEEL. YOUR LEADERSHIP, EXAMPLE, AND UNSHAKABLE DEDICATION CONTINUE TO UPLIFT THE LODGE AND INSPIRE THOSE AROUND YOU. THIS MEDAL IS NOT JUST A RECOGNITION—IT IS A REFLECTION OF WHO YOU ARE AS A MASON.

WE ARE PROUD TO WALK BESIDE YOU IN THE LIGHT /G\



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KEEPING WB BEN FRATACCIA IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT WE SHARE THE NEWS THAT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BEN FRATACCIA HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 4 PANCREATIC CANCER. THIS SOBERING DIAGNOSIS HAS REACHED US AS A LODGE FAMILY, AND WHILE THE WEIGHT OF THE NEWS IS DIFFICULT, IT IS ALSO A CALL—A CALL TO COME TOGETHER IN SUPPORT, IN PRAYER, AND IN REFLECTION ON THE IMPACT OF A BROTHER WHO HAS GIVEN SO MUCH TO OUR CRAFT.

WB BEN IS MORE THAN A PAST MASTER—HE IS A MAN WHO HAS LIVED A LIFE OF SERVICE, BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE LODGE. A U.S. NAVY VETERAN, HE SERVED PROUDLY AS A SEABEE, DEDICATING HIS STRENGTH AND SKILL TO BUILD, SUPPORT, AND PROTECT. THAT SAME SPIRIT CARRIED OVER INTO HIS MASONIC LIFE, WHERE HE OFFERED GUIDANCE, FELLOWSHIP, AND LEADERSHIP TO HIS BRETHERN WITH QUIET INTEGRITY AND STEADFAST COMMITMENT.

ATTACHED IS A PHOTO OF WB BEN TAKEN DURING A JOYFUL MOMENT—CELEBRATING HIS 77TH BIRTHDAY. HIS SMILE IS FULL OF LIFE AND LIGHT, A REMINDER OF THE MAN WE KNOW: RESILIENT, GENEROUS, AND DEEPLY DEDICATED TO HIS BROTHERS. HIS WARMTH AND GOOD HUMOR HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A WELCOME PRESENCE IN LODGE, AND HIS INFLUENCE IS FELT IN THE LIVES HE HAS TOUCHED.

AS HE FACES THE GREATEST CHALLENGE OF HIS LIFE, LET US SURROUND HIM WITH THE LOVE OF THE FRATERNITY. KEEP HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS. REACH OUT IF YOU ARE ABLE. LET HIM KNOW THAT THOUGH DISTANCE OR CIRCUMSTANCE MAY SEPARATE US, HE IS NOT ALONE—HIS BROTHERS ARE WITH HIM.

MAY THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE WATCH OVER WB BEN, GRANT HIM PEACE, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT, AND REMIND US ALL OF THE SACRED BOND WE SHARE THROUGH THIS ANCIENT AND HONORABLE CRAFT.



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***CONGRATULATIONS TO NOBLE BROTHER GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ
– A NEW SHRINER!***

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 PROUDLY CONGRATULATES BROTHER GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ ON HIS RECENT ADVANCEMENT INTO THE SHRINE—BECOMING A NOBLE OF THE SHRINE AND TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN HIS MASONIC JOURNEY.

WHAT MAKES BRO. GUILLERMO'S PATH ESPECIALLY INSPIRING IS THE UNWAVERING DEDICATION HE HAS SHOWN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. LONG BEFORE PETITIONS OR DEGREES, HE MADE A SPECIAL TRIP FROM FARMINGTON TO RIO RANCHO—OVER THREE HOURS ONE WAY—JUST TO ATTEND A MASONIC LUNCH & LEARN AT SANDOVAL LODGE. THAT LEVEL OF COMMITMENT, SHOWN EVEN BEFORE HE FORMALLY JOINED THE FRATERNITY, SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT HIS DESIRE NOT JUST TO JOIN, BUT TO UNDERSTAND AND GROW WITHIN THE CRAFT.

SINCE THEN, BRO. GUILLERMO HAS PROVEN HIMSELF TO BE A SINCERE AND MOTIVATED MASON, EAGER TO DEEPEN HIS INVOLVEMENT AND SERVE THE GREATER GOOD. NOW, AS A SHRINER, HE ENTERS INTO ANOTHER BRANCH OF FREEMASONRY DEDICATED TO CHARITY, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN, ESPECIALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE RENOWNED SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

WE ARE PROUD TO CALL NOBLE BROTHER GUILLERMO ONE OF OUR OWN AND LOOK FORWARD TO WITNESSING ALL THE GREAT THINGS HE WILL ACCOMPLISH IN THE SHRINE AND BEYOND. HIS JOURNEY IS A REMINDER TO US ALL THAT DEDICATION, CURIOSITY, AND ACTION ARE WHAT TRULY DEFINE A MASON.

CONGRATULATIONS, NOBLE BROTHER!



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PASSING THE HAT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE – SUPPORTING DENISE CASTILLO

WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT SOMEONE WHO HAS QUIETLY AND CONSISTENTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR LODGE—DENISE CASTILLO, DAUGHTER OF OUR SENIOR DEACON, BRO. JONATHAN MUNIZ.

MANY OF YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT DENISE HAS BEEN FAITHFULLY MAINTAINING OUR LODGE TWICE A MONTH, HELPING TO ENSURE THAT IT REMAINS CLEAN AND PRESENTABLE FOR OUR MEETINGS AND EVENTS. BEYOND HER DEDICATION, SHE IS ALSO A GIFTED ATHLETE AND A MEMBER OF THE NEW MEXICO SUNDANCERS SOFTBALL TEAM.

DENISE HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL-LEVEL SOFTBALL EVENTS TAKING PLACE OUT OF STATE—AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT THAT REFLECTS HER TALENT, DISCIPLINE, AND DETERMINATION. HOWEVER, SUCH AN ENDEAVOR COMES WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPENSES. SHE WILL BE AWAY FOR AT LEAST A WEEK, WITH LODGING COSTS ALONE EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$1,800, NOT TO MENTION TRAVEL, MEALS, AND OTHER TOURNAMENT-RELATED COSTS.

IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF MASONIC CHARITY, WE ARE “PASSING THE HAT” AND ENCOURAGING ALL WHO ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD SUPPORTING DENISE ON THIS JOURNEY. EVERY BIT HELPS, AND YOUR GENEROSITY WILL GO A LONG WAY IN UPLIFTING THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF OUR OWN.

TO SPONSOR DENISE, PLEASE REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO BRO. JONATHAN MUNIZ AT NMSWTEAM@GMAIL.COM OR CALL/TEXT HIM AT 505-328-5702.

***LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT AND HELP
MAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY A REALITY
FOR DENISE.***



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A SPECIAL THANKS TO BROTHERS COWDER AND ESPINOZA FOR THEIR DEDICATION

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND HEARTFELT THANKS AND RECOGNITION TO BROTHER ROBERT COWDER AND BROTHER MARWIN ESPINOZA FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IN SERVICE TO OUR LODGE.

RECENTLY, THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY GENEROUSLY DONATED A COMMERCIAL-GRADE XEROX PRINTER/COPIER/SCANNER—A MACHINE WEIGHING SEVERAL HUNDRED POUNDS AND CAPABLE OF HANDLING HIGH-VOLUME WORK. RETRIEVING SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS NO SMALL TASK, YET BROTHERS COWDER AND ESPINOZA ROSE TO THE OCCASION WITHOUT HESITATION, MAKING THE TRIP TO SANTA FE TO SAFELY TRANSPORT AND DELIVER IT TO THE LODGE.

THIS NEW ADDITION TO OUR FACILITY IS MORE THAN JUST A MACHINE; IT REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN OUR ONGOING EFFORT TO DIGITALLY ARCHIVE THE MANY BOXES OF HISTORICAL RECORDS STORED AT THE LODGE. THANKS TO THIS DONATION—AND THE LABOR AND DEDICATION OF OUR BROTHERS—WE WILL SOON BEGIN THE IMPORTANT WORK OF PRESERVING OUR LODGE'S LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING BROTHERS ROBERT AND MARWIN FOR THEIR TIRELESS COMMITMENT AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CRAFT. THEIR ACTIONS ARE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF MASONIC SERVICE IN ACTION.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BRO. KIRK BENSON FOR INSTALLING THE OUTLET TO MAKE THIS WORK!



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THE EIGHTH DEADLY SIN IN FREEMASONRY: APATHY

BY WM BURX NORROD

IN FREEMASONRY, WE ARE TAUGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF VIGILANCE, VIRTUE, AND ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT—NOT ONLY IN OUR CEREMONIES, BUT IN OUR DAILY LIVES. WHILE THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS ARE WELL-KNOWN ALLEGORIES IN MORAL PHILOSOPHY, THERE IS AN UNOFFICIAL “EIGHTH” SIN THAT IS JUST AS DESTRUCTIVE TO THE LIFE OF A LODGE AND THE SPIRIT OF THE CRAFT: APATHY.

APATHY IS THE SLOW EROSION OF INTEREST. IT’S THE CHOICE TO STAY HOME RATHER THAN ATTEND A MEETING, TO STAY SILENT RATHER THAN SPEAK ENCOURAGEMENT, TO IGNORE RATHER THAN TO ACT.

IT’S NOT BORN OUT OF MALICE—BUT OUT OF INDIFFERENCE. AND THAT INDIFFERENCE, WHEN LEFT UNCHECKED, CAN WITHER THE VERY BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD THAT WE HAVE SWORN TO UPHOLD.

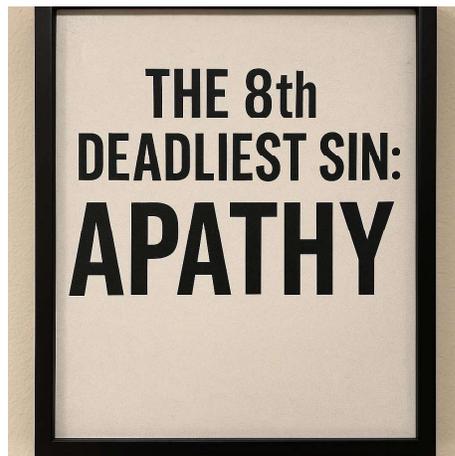
APATHY DOESN’T ANNOUNCE ITSELF LOUDLY. IT CREEPS IN QUIETLY: WHEN BROTHERS STOP REPLYING TO MESSAGES, WHEN VOLUNTEERS STOP RAISING THEIR HANDS, WHEN CANDIDATES WAIT TOO LONG FOR DEGREES BECAUSE NO ONE STEPS FORWARD. IN A FRATERNITY BUILT ON PARTICIPATION AND SHARED PURPOSE, APATHY IS THE ONE FORCE THAT CAN UNRAVEL EVEN THE STRONGEST LODGE.

BUT THERE IS AN ANTIDOTE: ENGAGEMENT.

A PHONE CALL TO A BROTHER YOU HAVEN’T SEEN IN A WHILE. A COMMITMENT TO SHOW UP, EVEN WHEN IT’S INCONVENIENT. A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE, EVEN IN SMALL WAYS. THESE ARE THE ACTS THAT RENEW OUR LODGE, REAWAKEN OUR SPIRIT, AND RESTORE THE SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT FIRST BROUGHT US TO THE CRAFT.

AS MASONS, WE ARE BUILDERS—NOT JUST OF TEMPLES AND SYMBOLS, BUT OF COMMUNITIES. LET US NEVER FORGET THAT A LODGE IS NOT JUST A BUILDING—IT IS A LIVING, BREATHING FRATERNITY. AND IT REQUIRES THE ACTIVE CARE OF ALL ITS MEMBERS TO THRIVE.

SO LET US REJECT APATHY, AND INSTEAD CHOOSE ACTION, INVOLVEMENT, AND BROTHERHOOD. BECAUSE THE HEALTH OF OUR LODGE—AND THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY ITSELF—DEPENDS ON IT.



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APRIL AND MAY 2025 ACTIVITIES FROM THE SONS OF LIGHT CHAPTER OF THE WIDOWS SONS

BY BRO. STUART MILES



SONS OF LIGHT HELD A GROUP RIDE TO COCHITI GOLF COURSE FOR FOOD FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

SONS OF LIGHT ALSO RODE TO A WEEKEND GATHERING/STATE MEETING IN ELEPHANT BUTTE AT WS QUAILS HOUSE FOR HIS BIRTHDAY.

EXCELLENT WEATHER, RIDE, FOOD, AND FUN. THERE WAS ALSO THE WS STATE PRESIDENTS COUNSEL MEETING AS WELL AS A PATCH IN FOR A NEW WS BROTHER.

4/29/25 WS ATTENDED THE STATE MASONIC MIXER AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS IN ALBUQUERQUE. WS BROTHERS RODE UP FROM SOUTHERN NM AND WE ENDED UP WITH 12 BIKES PLUS SIGNIFICANT OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE. A LARGE NUMBER OF MASONS WERE IN ATTENDANCE AND WS PRESENTED THE GRAND MASTER OF NM WITH HIS WS PATCH AND MEMBERSHIP. "HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHERN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY."

5/3/25 WS WERE ASKED TO ATTEND A BENEFIT GATHERING. IT WAS A FANTASTIC TURNOUT OF THE CITIZENS OF ALBUQUERQUE AND RIO RANCHO IN SUPPORT OF A TEENAGER WHO WAS RUN OVER BY A CAR WHILE RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE. THE SONS OF LIGHT WERE THERE TO HELP, SUPPORT, AND TO SPREAD THE LIGHT. ALL BENEFITS FROM THIS GATHERING WENT TO SASCHA TO HELP COVER MEDICAL COSTS. AMAZING SHOW OF COMMUNITY GATHERING IN SUPPORT OF A PERSON IN NEED.

EVERY WIDOWS SONS MEMBER IS A MASTER MASON, A REQUIREMENT FOR JOINING. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS CHARITABLE MASONIC APPENDANT BODY OR TO INQUIRE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER YOURSELF, EMAIL BRO. STUART AT STUARTMILES8@GMAIL.COM

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THE WIDOWS SONS - SONS OF LIGHT CHAPTER IN ACTION!



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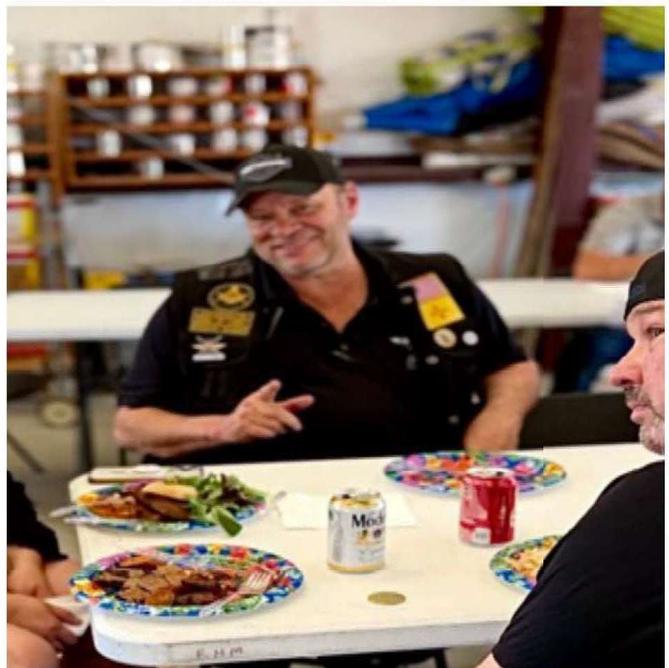
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WHY WE DO PROFICIENCIES: THE DEEPER LIGHT OF MASONRY

BY WM BURX NORROD

AS MASONS, WE OFTEN REFER TO OUR DEGREE PROFICIENCIES AS A REQUIREMENT—SOMETHING THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE PROGRESSING TO THE NEXT DEGREE. BUT WHAT IF WE SHIFTED OUR VIEW? WHAT IF, INSTEAD OF SEEING THEM AS OBLIGATIONS, WE SAW THEM AS OPPORTUNITIES TO UNLOCK DEEPER TRUTHS?

THE PURPOSE OF OUR PROFICIENCIES IS NOT MERELY TO TEST MEMORY. IT'S TO ENGAGE THE MIND AND HEART, AND TO GUIDE EACH BROTHER ALONG A PERSONAL JOURNEY TOWARD GREATER LIGHT. WITHIN THE CATECHISM OF EACH DEGREE LIE SYMBOLS, PHRASES, AND QUESTIONS THAT POINT TO PROFOUND SPIRITUAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL IDEAS—IF WE TAKE THE TIME TO CONTEMPLATE THEM.

TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, A QUESTION THAT ARISES EARLY IN THE CRAFT:

WHY IS A LODGE DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN, AND WHY WAS IT SAID TO BE “AT JERUSALEM”?

AT FIRST GLANCE, IT MAY SEEM LIKE A QUIANT HISTORICAL REFERENCE. BUT PAUSE FOR A MOMENT. WHY JERUSALEM?

JERUSALEM HOLDS A CENTRAL PLACE IN THE MASONIC IMAGINATION. IT IS MORE THAN A CITY—IT IS AN ALLEGORICAL SYMBOL. IN ANCIENT TRADITION, JERUSALEM REPRESENTS THE CENTER OF SPIRITUAL GRAVITY: A SACRED SPACE WHERE MAN MEETS THE DIVINE. IT IS THE CITY OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE, THE ARCHETYPE UPON WHICH EVERY MASONIC LODGE IS SYMBOLICALLY CONSTRUCTED. IN THE LORE OF MASONRY, JERUSALEM IS NOT MERELY GEOGRAPHIC—IT IS PHILOSOPHIC.

A LODGE “AT JERUSALEM” DOES NOT IMPLY THAT EVERY MASONIC HALL MUST BE SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RATHER, IT POINTS TO A STATE OF SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION. TO BE “AT JERUSALEM” IS TO BE ALIGNED WITH THE IDEALS OF LIGHT, WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY. IT IS TO DEDICATE THE SPACE WE ENTER—AND THE HEARTS WE BRING INTO IT—TO THE PURSUIT OF VIRTUE, TRUTH, AND ENLIGHTENMENT.

SO WHEN YOU'RE WORKING ON YOUR DEGREE PROFICIENCY, REMEMBER: EVERY WORD HAS WEIGHT. EVERY SYMBOL HAS DEPTH. EVERY QUESTION OPENS A DOOR TO A GREATER MYSTERY.

LET YOUR PROFICIENCY NOT BE A TASK TO FINISH—BUT A PATH TO BEGIN.

LET IT LEAD YOU, AS ALL TRUE MASONIC WORK SHOULD, TOWARD YOUR OWN “JERUSALEM.”



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THEN AND NOW

BY WM BURX NORROD

THERE'S SOMETHING UNIQUELY INSPIRING ABOUT SEEING THE PASSAGE OF TIME REFLECTED IN THE VERY WALLS THAT SURROUND US. I'M PLEASED TO SHARE A SIDE-BY-SIDE IMAGE OF SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76—ONE FROM ITS EARLIER DAYS, AND THE OTHER AS IT STANDS TODAY (TAKEN EARLIER THIS YEAR).

THIS PHOTOGRAPH SERVE AS MORE THAN A VISUAL CONTRAST—THEY REPRESENT THE ENDURING LEGACY OF THE CRAFT IN RIO RANCHO. WHAT BEGAN AS A MODEST GATHERING PLACE HAS STEADILY EVOLVED THROUGH THE DEDICATION OF ITS MEMBERS. THE TRANSFORMATIONS IN STRUCTURE, DECOR, AND DESIGN REFLECT THE GROWTH OF OUR LODGE FAMILY AND THE CARE WE'VE POURED INTO THIS SACRED SPACE.

WHILE THE LODGE'S APPEARANCE MAY CHANGE WITH THE TIMES, WHAT REMAINS CONSTANT IS THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD THAT FILLS ITS HALLS. THIS IMAGE IS A TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US, AND A REMINDER OF THE WORK WE CONTINUE TO DO TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS INHERIT A LODGE BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL.

AS YOU REFLECT ON THIS IMAGE, TAKE PRIDE IN BEING PART OF A LIVING HISTORY—AND LET THEM INSPIRE US ALL TO CONTINUE BUILDING, IMPROVING, AND PRESERVING THE LEGACY ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE.