

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 AF & AM

NOVEMBER

TRESTLEBOARD



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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)

VISITORS: To RSVP EMAIL
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LODGE CHALLENGE COINS AWARDED

CONGRATULATIONS TO BROTHERS JOHN KEEL, WALEED ASHOO, AND KENNETH FREEMAN, WHO WERE EACH AWARDED THE COVETED SANDOVAL LODGE CHALLENGE COIN ON OCTOBER 27TH AT OUR STATED COMMUNICATION. THIS RECOGNITION IS EXTRA SPECIAL, AS THE COMPLETION OF THE MASTER MASON PROFICIENCY IS NOT A REQUIREMENT FOR MASTER MASONS UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO. THESE BROTHERS CHOSE TO GO THE EXTRA MILE—DEVOTING THEIR TIME, FOCUS, AND EFFORT TO TRULY UNDERSTANDING THE LESSONS AND SYMBOLISM OF THE CRAFT.

BY DOING SO, THEY EXEMPLIFY THE VERY SPIRIT OF MASONIC DEDICATION: CONTINUAL LEARNING, SELF-IMPROVEMENT, AND MASTERY OF ONE'S OBLIGATIONS. THEIR ACHIEVEMENT SERVES AS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL AND REMINDS US THAT THE TRUE REWARDS OF MASONRY ARE FOUND IN THE PURSUIT OF DEEPER KNOWLEDGE AND LIGHT. WELL DONE, BRETHREN!

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



BRETHREN,

WITH THIS MONTH MARKING OUR OFFICER ELECTIONS, WE PREPARE FOR THE NATURAL TRANSITION THAT COMES WITH THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD. DECEMBER WILL BRING OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, AND WITH IT, NEW ENERGY, IDEAS, AND LEADERSHIP TO CONTINUE GUIDING OUR BELOVED LODGE FORWARD.

IT HAS BEEN DULY AND TRULY A PLEASURE SERVING AS MASTER OF SANDOVAL LODGE. THIS YEAR, I MADE IT MY GOAL TO PLACE MASONIC EDUCATION AND RITUAL EXCELLENCE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO. WE'VE KEPT OUR

STATED COMMUNICATIONS FOCUSED ON THE CRAFT ITSELF – RESERVING MOST OF OUR PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR OUR ZOOM MEETINGS AT THE START OF EACH MONTH. THIS HAS ALLOWED OUR TIME IN LODGE TO BE MEANINGFUL, EDUCATIONAL, AND TRUE TO THE PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY. IT HAS BROUGHT IN MEMBERS FROM LOCATIONS AS FAR AWAY AS LOS LUNAS AND SANTA FE TO JOIN US!

I'M INCREDIBLY PROUD OF HOW FAR WE'VE COME – FROM THE STEADY STREAM OF NEW PETITIONS OF CANDIDATES AND AFFILIATIONS ALIKE, TO THE MASTER MASON RAISINGS AND PROFICIENCY COMPLETIONS THAT DEMONSTRATE OUR COMMITMENT TO GROWTH AND LIGHT. SANDOVAL LODGE CONTINUES TO THRIVE BECAUSE OF THE DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM OF ITS MEMBERS.

AS FOR ME, THE YEAR AHEAD WILL BE ONE OF CONTINUED MASONIC EXPLORATION. I PLAN TO JOIN THE SHRINE AND ITS CLOWN UNIT, BRINGING A TOUCH OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP TO OUR LODGE COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND TO EXPLORE THE YORK RITE DEGREES, PURSUITS I'VE POSTPONED WHILE FOCUSING ON OUR BLUE LODGE. IN ADDITION, I'LL BE WORKING TO GROW UNION LODGE No. 4 IN WAGON MOUND, HELPING TO ENSURE IT'S SMALL COMMUNITY KNOWS OF IT'S MASONIC PRESENCE. OF COURSE, I'LL CONTINUE TO ASSIST ANY BROTHER WISHING TO LEARN THEIR PROFICIENCIES OR LECTURES – WHETHER ON ZOOM OR IN PERSON – JUST AS I HAVE THROUGHOUT MY TIME IN THE EAST.

MY JOURNEY IN FREEMASONRY, WHICH BEGAN BACK IN 2012, HAS BEEN DEEPLY TRANSFORMATIVE. IT HAS INSPIRED ME TO BEGIN WRITING A BOOK TITLED “BUILDING THE INNER TEMPLE” – A WORK MEANT FOR BOTH PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND SEASONED MASONS, SHARING LESSONS LEARNED AND THE REALITY OF OUR CRAFT THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

THOUGH I NEAR THE END OF MY TERM, WE'RE NOT SLOWING DOWN. WE STILL HAVE THREE STATED COMMUNICATIONS REMAINING THIS YEAR, EACH FILLED WITH PURPOSE AND ACTIVITY. LET'S FINISH STRONG, WITH THE SAME DEDICATION & INTENSITY THAT HAS CARRIED US THROUGH THIS INCREDIBLE YEAR TOGETHER.

THANK YOU!

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65 YEAR MASONIC PIN & CERTIFICATED AWARDED TO WB COY HARGROVE

A TRULY MEMORABLE EVENING TOOK PLACE AT SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 ON OCTOBER 27TH, AS THE BRETHREN HAD THE DISTINCT HONOR OF RECOGNIZING WORSHIPFUL BROTHER COY HARGROVE, PAST MASTER OF DUMAS LODGE No. 1009 UNDER THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT—65 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE CRAFT.

WB HARGROVE, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SON AS A SPECIAL GUEST, EXEMPLIFIES THE VERY ESSENCE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LIFELONG MASON. HIS JOURNEY THROUGH MORE THAN SIX DECADES OF MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTS NOT ONLY LONGEVITY, BUT A STEADFAST DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLES THAT DEFINE FREEMASONRY—BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE EVEN MORE MEANINGFUL AS RIGHT WORSHIPFUL CHUCK BASS, GRAND SENIOR DEACON OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO, PERSONALLY PRESENTED WB HARGROVE WITH HIS OFFICIAL 65-YEAR PIN AND CERTIFICATE DURING THE EVENING'S PROCEEDINGS.

IT IS A RARE AND INSPIRING OCCASION TO MEET A BROTHER WHO HAS DEDICATED SUCH A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF HIS LIFE TO OUR ANCIENT INSTITUTION. WB HARGROVE'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT SERVES AS A LIVING BRIDGE BETWEEN GENERATIONS, REMINDING US THAT THE LIGHT OF MASONRY SHINES BRIGHTEST WHEN CARRIED WITH CONSISTENCY, HUMILITY, AND GRACE OVER A LIFETIME OF SERVICE. HIS EXAMPLE INSPIRES ALL OF US TO REMAIN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CRAFT, TO STUDY ITS TEACHINGS, AND TO LIVE ITS LESSONS BOTH WITHIN THE LODGE AND IN THE WORLD BEYOND.

THE BRETHREN OF SANDOVAL LODGE WERE DEEPLY HONORED TO SHARE IN THIS REMARKABLE MOMENT, AND EXTEND THEIR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO WB COY HARGROVE FOR AN ACHIEVEMENT THAT FEW WILL EVER ATTAIN. MAY HIS MANY YEARS OF MASONIC LABOR CONTINUE TO GUIDE AND INSPIRE ALL WHO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS.

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HERE IS A PHOTO CAPTURING THE CONCLUSION OF OUR SECOND STATED COMMUNICATION OF OCTOBER—A TRULY MEMORABLE EVENING FILLED WITH MASONIC EDUCATION, HEARTFELT RECOGNITIONS, AND THE FELLOWSHIP THAT DEFINES OUR LODGE. THE NIGHT WAS MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL BY THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF OUR GRAND SENIOR DEACON, RIGHT WORSHIPFUL CHUCK BASS, WHOSE PRESENCE AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT ADDED GREAT VALUE TO THE OCCASION.

THE MEETING REFLECTED THE CONTINUED ENERGY AND DEDICATION WITHIN SANDOVAL LODGE, AS WE CELEBRATED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR COMMITTED BRETHREN AND ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL EDUCATION THAT STRENGTHENS BOTH MIND AND SPIRIT. EACH GATHERING REAFFIRMS THAT OUR LODGE IS THRIVING—ROOTED IN TRADITION, YET EVER GROWING IN LIGHT!

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LIGHT AT SANDOVAL LODGE!

BROTHER BENJAMIN COTE DELIVERED AN OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION THAT LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION ON THE BRETHREN OF SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76. HIS TALK—“*THE 7 LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES, THE FINE ARTS, & THE WESTERN LITERARY CANON*”—WAS NOT MERELY AN INFORMATIVE LECTURE, BUT A PROFOUND JOURNEY INTO THE INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL ROOTS OF FREEMASONRY ITSELF.

BROTHER COTE GUIDED THE LODGE THROUGH A DETAILED EXPLORATION OF THE SEVEN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES—GRAMMAR, RHETORIC, LOGIC, ARITHMETIC, GEOMETRY, MUSIC, AND ASTRONOMY—EXPLAINING HOW EACH DISCIPLINE CONTRIBUTES TO THE MASON’S PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE, BALANCE, AND UNDERSTANDING. HE BEAUTIFULLY CONNECTED THESE ANCIENT FOUNDATIONS TO THE FINE ARTS AND THE WESTERN LITERARY CANON, SHOWING HOW ART, MUSIC, LITERATURE, AND PHILOSOPHY TOGETHER FORM A UNIFIED FRAMEWORK FOR HUMAN ADVANCEMENT. EACH TOPIC BUILT UPON THE LAST, REVEALING HOW EDUCATION, WHEN PURSUED WITH DISCIPLINE AND HUMILITY, REFINES BOTH THE MIND AND THE SOUL.

HIS PRESENTATION DEMONSTRATED THAT FREEMASONRY IS MORE THAN RITUAL AND TRADITION—IT IS A LIVING PHILOSOPHY ROOTED IN THE CULTIVATION OF WISDOM AND VIRTUE. BY UNDERSTANDING THESE ARTS, A MASON GAINS INSIGHT INTO HIMSELF AND THE WORLD, BRIDGING THE SPECULATIVE WITH THE OPERATIVE—THE UNSEEN WITH THE TANGIBLE. AS BROTHER COTE REMINDED US, THE CRAFT CHALLENGES EACH OF US TO SEEK LIGHT CONTINUOUSLY, TO GROW INTELLECTUALLY, MORALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIS EDUCATIONAL EVENT WAS ALSO BROADCAST LIVE VIA ZOOM, ALLOWING BROTHERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO JOIN IN AND SHARE IN THE EXPERIENCE. THANKS TO THE TECHNICAL COORDINATION AND ENTHUSIASM OF WORSHIPFUL BROTHER JUSTIN ELLIOTT, WHO JOINED US FROM OHIO, AT LEAST A DOZEN ADDITIONAL VIEWERS WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY. THIS ACHIEVEMENT REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD FOR SANDOVAL LODGE, BLENDING TRADITIONAL MASONIC FELLOWSHIP WITH THE MODERN TOOLS THAT MAKE EDUCATION MORE ACCESSIBLE TO BRETHREN NEAR AND FAR.

THIS PRESENTATION IS YET ANOTHER SHINING EXAMPLE OF SANDOVAL LODGE’S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO MASONIC EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK—THE TWO GREAT PILLARS OF OUR CRAFT. THESE ARE THE FOUNDATIONS UPON WHICH WE BUILD NOT ONLY STRONG LODGES, BUT STRONGER MEN. BY EMPHASIZING EDUCATION AND RITUAL EXCELLENCE, SANDOVAL LODGE CONTINUES TO UPHOLD THE TIME-HONORED MISSION OF FREEMASONRY: TO PERFECT THE INDIVIDUAL SO THAT HE MAY, IN TURN, PERFECT THE WORLD AROUND HIM.

A SINCERE THANK YOU GOES TO BROTHER BENJAMIN COTE FOR HIS SCHOLARSHIP, PASSION, AND ABILITY TO BRING PHILOSOPHY TO LIFE WITHIN THE LODGE ROOM, AND TO WB JUSTIN ELLIOTT FOR HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT IN HELPING US SHARE MASONIC LIGHT BEYOND OUR WALLS. THEIR EFFORTS REFLECT THE VERY BEST OF WHAT OUR FRATERNITY CAN BE—BROTHERS WORKING TOGETHER, ACROSS DISTANCES AND GENERATIONS, TO ADVANCE THE NOBLE CAUSE OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

EVENTS LIKE THIS REMIND US WHY FREEMASONRY ENDURES: BECAUSE WE ARE A BROTHERHOOD DEDICATED TO LEARNING, TO SERVICE, AND TO THE ETERNAL SEARCH FOR LIGHT. SANDOVAL LODGE IS PROUD TO CONTINUE FOSTERING THAT SPIRIT AND PROVIDING A SPACE WHERE KNOWLEDGE, FRIENDSHIP, AND TRADITION COME TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN THE CRAFT AND THE MEN WITHIN IT.

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GROWTH OF SANDOVAL LODGE BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!

ONE OF THE GREAT TRADITIONS AT SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 IS HOW WE WELCOME THOSE WHO SEEK TO JOIN OR AFFILIATE WITH OUR LODGE. DURING OUR STATED COMMUNICATIONS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS—WHETHER PETITIONING FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY OR FOR AFFILIATION—STAND BEFORE THE ALTAR TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE BRETHERN. THIS MOMENT ALLOWS EACH MAN TO SHARE A FEW WORDS ABOUT WHO HE IS, WHY HE HAS SOUGHT OUT FREEMASONRY, AND WHAT HE HOPES TO GAIN FROM BECOMING PART OF OUR BROTHERHOOD.

IT'S A MEANINGFUL PRACTICE THAT REMINDS US ALL THAT MASONRY BEGINS NOT WITH CEREMONY OR FORMALITY, BUT WITH GENUINE HUMAN CONNECTION. BY MEETING FACE-TO-FACE, THE LODGE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THESE MEN BEFORE FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS AND BALLOTING TAKE PLACE—ENSURING THAT EVERY PETITION IS TREATED WITH THE RESPECT, ATTENTION, AND CARE IT DESERVES.

JUST LAST MONTH, SIX MEN STOOD AT THE ALTAR TOGETHER, INTRODUCING THEMSELVES TO THE LODGE—A SIGHT THAT FILLED THE ROOM WITH EXCITEMENT AND OPTIMISM. EACH REPRESENTED A DIFFERENT WALK OF LIFE, YET ALL SHARED THE SAME DESIRE TO GROW, LEARN, AND BETTER THEMSELVES THROUGH FREEMASONRY. THEIR PRESENCE SPOKE VOLUMES ABOUT THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF OUR LODGE.

IT IS CLEAR THAT SANDOVAL LODGE CONTINUES TO GROW—NOT JUST IN NUMBERS, BUT IN QUALITY, AS GOOD MEN SEEK TO MAKE THEMSELVES EVEN BETTER. THIS LIVING TRADITION OF INTRODUCTIONS AT THE ALTAR SERVES AS BOTH A REMINDER AND A CELEBRATION OF WHAT FREEMASONRY IS TRULY ABOUT: THE TRANSFORMATION OF INDIVIDUALS INTO BROTHERS, UNITED IN PURPOSE, GUIDED BY LIGHT, AND COMMITTED TO THE BETTERMENT OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.



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FREEMASONRY IN AND OUT OF THE LODGE

AT SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76, WE TAKE THE CRAFT SERIOUSLY. INSIDE THE LODGE, OUR FOCUS IS ON EXCELLENCE—MASONIC EDUCATION, RITUAL PRECISION, AND THE CONTINUAL PURSUIT OF LIGHT. WE HOLD OUR DEGREE WORK AND TEACHINGS IN THE HIGHEST REGARD, ENSURING THAT EACH CANDIDATE AND BROTHER RECEIVES THE FULL MEASURE OF WHAT FREEMASONRY HAS TO OFFER.

YET, OUR BROTHERHOOD EXTENDS FAR BEYOND THE TILED LODGE ROOM. WHEN WE'RE NOT AT LABOR, WE'RE ALWAYS EAGER TO COME TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP—SHARING MEALS, LAUGHTER, AND THE KIND OF GENUINE CAMARADERIE THAT DEFINES OUR FRATERNITY. THANKS TO THE DEDICATION OF OUR BROTHERS FROM THE WIDOWS SONS — SONS OF LIGHT CHAPTER, THESE GATHERINGS HAPPEN OFTEN, BRINGING BROTHERS TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIPS AND REMIND US THAT MASONRY IS AS MUCH ABOUT LIVING AS IT IS ABOUT LEARNING.

AT ONE OF OUR RECENT GET-TOGETHERS, THIS SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD TURNED INTO AN UNEXPECTED MOMENT OF MASONIC OUTREACH. A BROTHER WHO HAD RECENTLY MOVED TO NEW MEXICO FROM FLORIDA NOTICED THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES PROUDLY DISPLAYED ON THE WIDOWS SONS VESTS AND STOPPED BY TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF. WHAT BEGAN AS A FRIENDLY CHAT AMONG FELLOW MASONS QUICKLY TURNED INTO A CONNECTION—SO MUCH SO THAT THIS BROTHER IS NOW PETITIONING SANDOVAL LODGE FOR AFFILIATION!

MOMENTS LIKE THIS HIGHLIGHT WHY THESE GATHERINGS ARE SO IMPORTANT. THEY NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN THE BONDS BETWEEN EXISTING MEMBERS BUT ALSO SERVE AS POWERFUL REMINDERS OF HOW VISIBLE AND WELCOMING MASONS CAN BE WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THROUGH BOTH OUR HARD WORK AND OUR SHARED JOY, SANDOVAL LODGE CONTINUES TO GROW—PROVING THAT WHEN BROTHERS UNITE IN PURPOSE, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE LODGE, GREAT THINGS HAPPEN.



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ROSICRUCIANISM: A PILLAR OF SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY

TWO GREAT STREAMS OF PHILOSOPHY HELPED TRANSFORM FREEMASONRY FROM AN OPERATIVE CRAFT INTO A SPECULATIVE AND MORAL SYSTEM: HERMETICISM AND ROSICRUCIANISM.

HERMETICISM PROVIDED THE MYSTICAL FRAMEWORK – THE IDEA THAT THE UNIVERSE AND MAN REFLECT ONE ANOTHER (AS ABOVE, SO BELOW). ROSICRUCIANISM GAVE FREEMASONRY ITS MORAL AND REFORMATIVE SPIRIT – THE INNER WORK OF PERFECTING THE SELF.

THE ROSICRUCIAN CONNECTION

ROSICRUCIANISM EMERGED IN EARLY 17TH-CENTURY EUROPE THROUGH THREE MYSTERIOUS TEXTS KNOWN AS THE ROSICRUCIAN MANIFESTOS:

- FAMA FRATERNITATIS (1614)
- CONFESSIO FRATERNITATIS (1615)
- THE CHYMICAL WEDDING OF CHRISTIAN ROSENKREUTZ (1616)

THESE WORKS DESCRIBED A HIDDEN FRATERNITY DEVOTED TO ENLIGHTENMENT, MORAL RENEWAL, AND THE BLENDING OF SCIENCE, SPIRITUALITY, AND VIRTUE. THEIR SYMBOLISM AND ALLEGORY DEEPLY INFLUENCED THE SPECULATIVE SPIRIT THAT WOULD TAKE ROOT IN MASONIC THOUGHT.

BUILDING THE INNER TEMPLE

AS MASONRY EVOLVED BEYOND THE OPERATIVE GUILDS, ITS TOOLS TOOK ON SPIRITUAL MEANING. THE BUILDER’S CRAFT BECAME AN ALLEGORY FOR THE BUILDING OF CHARACTER, AND ROSICRUCIAN IDEALS – SECRECY, SYMBOLISM, AND TRANSFORMATION – BECAME PART OF THE MASONIC LANGUAGE OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

MODERN ROSICRUCIAN PATHS

TODAY, ROSICRUCIAN STUDY CONTINUES IN SEVERAL TRADITIONS. WITHIN MASONRY, THE SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN CIVITATIBUS FOEDERATIS (S.R.I.C.F.) SERVES AS A MASONIC ROSICRUCIAN ORDER IN THE UNITED STATES. MEMBERSHIP, HOWEVER, IS LIMITED TO MASTER MASONS WHO PROFESS THE CHRISTIAN FAITH – WHICH CAN BE CHALLENGING FOR SOME, AS FREEMASONRY ITSELF IS A NON-SECTARIAN FRATERNITY.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT CHRISTIAN BUT WISH TO EXPLORE ROSICRUCIAN PHILOSOPHY, THE ANCIENT MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS (A.M.O.R.C.) OFFERS A NON-SECTARIAN PATH AND IS THE WORLD’S LARGEST ROSICRUCIAN ORGANIZATION. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AMORC.ORG

TO GRASP THE FULL INFLUENCE OF ROSICRUCIANISM ON FREEMASONRY, READ THE THREE MANIFESTOS. THEIR ALLEGORIES REVEAL THE ROOTS OF SPECULATIVE MASONRY AND THE TIMELESS QUEST TO BUILD NOT TEMPLES OF STONE, BUT TEMPLES OF LIGHT WITHIN OURSELVES.



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To Improve Myself in Masonry

WITH ONLY TWO STATED COMMUNICATIONS EACH MONTH, THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH MASONIC EDUCATION WE CAN RECEIVE WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE LODGE. YET, ONE OF THE KEY LESSONS WE REPEAT IN OUR OBLIGATIONS IS TO "IMPROVE MYSELF IN MASONRY."

BUT ARE THESE MERE WORDS – OR A PERSONAL CHALLENGE TO CONTINUE BUILDING OUR OWN INNER TEMPLE?

THE TRUE JOURNEY OF MASONIC IMPROVEMENT BEGINS OUTSIDE OF LODGE – WHEN WE TAKE THE TIME TO STUDY, REFLECT, AND EXPAND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT. THIS CAN MEAN COMMITTING NEW PIECES OF RITUAL TO MEMORY, LEARNING NEW LECTURES, OR TAKING PART IN STRUCTURED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO DEEPEN ONE'S GRASP OF MASONIC PHILOSOPHY AND SYMBOLISM.

LET'S BE HONEST – TRYING TO PICK UP MORALS & DOGMA AND MAKE SENSE OF ITS 1,100 DENSE PAGES CAN FEEL OVERWHELMING. INSTEAD, START WITH SOMETHING DESIGNED TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH MASONIC THOUGHT STEP-BY-STEP.

A GREAT PLACE TO BEGIN IS THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN PROGRAM THROUGH THE SCOTTISH RITE'S MASTER CRAFTSMAN COLLEGE, WHICH OFFERS FASCINATING, WELL-ORGANIZED COURSES THAT PROVIDE REAL STRUCTURE TO YOUR MASONIC EDUCATION JOURNEY.

VISIT WWW.MASTERCRAFTSMANCOLLEGE.ORG

TO EXPLORE THE COURSES AND SEE HOW YOU CAN TURN THE WORDS "TO IMPROVE MYSELF IN MASONRY" INTO DAILY ACTION.



THE FREEMASONS & THE GREAT SEAL
A MASTER CRAFTSMAN MINI COURSE

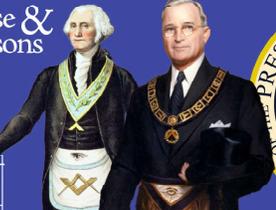


THE SIGNERS
The Freemasons who signed the Declaration of Independence
A MASTER CRAFTSMAN MINI COURSE



A Master Craftsman Mini Course
The Devil & Albert Pike
Understanding one of the most pervasive LIES about Freemasonry

The White House & The Freemasons
A Master Craftsman Course by
Chris Ruli, 32° KCCH
Assistant Grand Historian


THE IVORY KEY:
MORE LIGHT, RIGHT FROM THE START



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UNION LODGE No. 4: KEEPING THE LIGHT OF MASONRY ALIVE IN WAGON MOUND

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 ARE PROUD TO ALSO HOLD PLURAL MEMBERSHIP WITH UNION LODGE No. 4 IN WAGON MOUND—ONE OF THE OLDEST LODGES IN NEW MEXICO. THIS HISTORIC “MOON LODGE” MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY BEFORE THE FULL MOON, CONTINUING AN OLD MASONIC TRADITION THAT DATES BACK TO A TIME WHEN BRETHREN NEEDED THE LIGHT OF THE MOON TO TRAVEL SAFELY TO AND FROM LODGE.

AT THE RECENT STATED COMMUNICATION, UNION LODGE HELD ITS ANNUAL OFFICER ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO:

RW LARRY MIKKELSEN, APPOINTED JUNIOR DEACON

BRO. JONATHAN, ELECTED JUNIOR WARDEN

WB CHARLES, APPOINTED MARSHAL

WM BURX, APPOINTED CHAPLAIN

EACH OF THESE BRETHREN BRINGS DEDICATION AND ENERGY TO THE LODGE, HELPING PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN MASONRY IN THIS SMALL BUT HISTORIC COMMUNITY.

UNION LODGE’S NEXT BIG EVENT WILL BE A CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 2ND, OPEN TO BOTH MEMBERS AND THE WAGON MOUND COMMUNITY. THE CELEBRATION WILL INCLUDE A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS AND THE EVER-POPULAR SHRINER CLOWN “ANCHORS”, PROMISING PLENTY OF SMILES AND FESTIVE CHEER.

ALL BRETHREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO MARK THEIR CALENDARS AND MAKE THE TRIP NORTH TO SUPPORT OUR SISTER LODGE AND HELP GROW THE CRAFT IN WAGON MOUND, A TOWN OF ONLY 266 RESIDENTS. EVENTS LIKE THIS TRULY DEMONSTRATE HOW FREEMASONRY CONTINUES TO SHINE ITS LIGHT—NO MATTER THE SIZE OF THE COMMUNITY.



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REPRESENT SANDOVAL LODGE IN STYLE!

WITH SANDOVAL LODGE BEING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY MORE AND MORE, NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO REPRESENT THE LODGE IN STYLE! OUR OFFICIAL SANDOVAL LODGE POLO SHIRTS ARE NOW IN STOCK AND READY TO GO – DESIGNED BY WB DAVIN TEAGUE AND EMBROIDERED BY WM NIC CORIZ. THESE POLOS LOOK SHARP AND PROFESSIONAL WHETHER YOU'RE AT A PUBLIC EVENT, A COMMUNITY FUNCTION, OR SIMPLY OUT AND ABOUT SHOWING YOUR PRIDE IN THE CRAFT.

PRICES:

\$25 FOR SIZES S–XL

\$30 FOR XXL AND UP

(ADD \$1.50 IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD)

SHIPPING:

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE A SHIRT MAILED TO YOU WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, PLEASE ADD APPROXIMATELY \$7 FOR SHIPPING.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE IN SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 AS WE CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN AND STRENGTHEN OUR CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY. EVERY BROTHER WEARING ONE OF THESE POLOS HELPS SPREAD THE LIGHT OF MASONRY – ONE HANDSHAKE AND ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO ORDER - EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM



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MSCLD CONTINUES TO THRIVE THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS AND MASONIC SUPPORT

THE MASONIC SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES (MSCLD) CONTINUES TO BE RUN STRONG, ENSURING THAT STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES RECEIVE THE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION THEY DESERVE.

THIS ONGOING SUCCESS IS MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE GENEROUS DONORS AND MASONS WHO STEPPED FORWARD TO HELP FUND THE SCHOOL – MANY OF WHOM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE MATCHING FUNDS PROVIDED BY MASONIC CHARITIES OF NEW MEXICO. THEIR COLLECTIVE SUPPORT HAS MADE A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE, HELPING MSCLD SUSTAIN ITS MISSION OF EMPOWERING YOUNG LEARNERS TO OVERCOME EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

THE DEDICATION OF BOTH THE STAFF AND SUPPORTERS OF MSCLD REMINDS US WHAT FREEMASONRY IS ALL ABOUT – IMPROVING OURSELVES AND THE WORLD AROUND US THROUGH CHARITY, EDUCATION, AND COMPASSION.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MSCLD, ITS MISSION, AND HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS IMPORTANT CAUSE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.MSCLD.ORG



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OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

Join us in celebrating the 250th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Monday, November 10th at Sandoval Masonic Lodge.

Learn about the Masonic origins of the Corps, born in Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Marine Corps!

1420 Barbara Loop SE
Rio Rancho, NM

Dinner at 6pm
Suggestive Donation: \$15 Cash or Card

Presentation at 7:15pm
RSVP to BurxNorrod@gmail.com





COME ONE AND ALL

SANTA

PRESENTS

CLOWNS



**UNION LODGE NO. 4
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FUN

UNION MASONIC LODGE NO. 4

WAGON MOUND, NEW MEXICO

WHEN: December 2nd

TIME: 5:00-7:00 PM

WHERE: MASONIC LODGE

600 CALHOUN ST.

WAGON MOUND

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
AND FUN FOR ALL**



SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 AF & AM

NOVEMBER

TRESTLEBOARD



A.: L.: 6025

NOVEMBER STATED COMMUNICATIONS – A LOOK AHEAD

FIRST STATED COMMUNICATION – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

6:00 PM – DINNER:

ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL FEATURING STEAK, RICE, HUMMUS, SALAD, AND BIRTHDAY CAKE AS WE CELEBRATE THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. \$10 CASH / \$11 CARD

7:00 PM – LODGE OPENS ON THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

7:15 PM – PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

“FREEMASONRY AND ITS RELEVANCE TO THE BIRTH OF THE MARINE CORPS”

THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION WILL EXPLORE THE MASONIC INFLUENCES SURROUNDING THE FOUNDING OF THE MARINE CORPS AT TUN TAVERN. A REPORTER FROM THE RIO RANCHO OBSERVER WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE TO COVER THE EVENT.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

BALLOTING ON PETITIONS

SECOND STATED COMMUNICATION – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

6:00 PM – DINNER:

MENU TO BE ANNOUNCED

7:00 PM – LODGE OPENS ON THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

AGENDA INCLUDES:

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE CONFERRALS

EA PROFICIENCY RETURNS

BALLOTING ON PETITIONS

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2026