

The  
TRESTLEBOARD

*Happy  
Mother's Day*



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*Not all Masons are obligated on the Christian Bible. Masonry is universal and men of every creed are eligible for membership so long as they accept the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Therefore, the candidate should be obligated on the Book of the Sacred Law which he accepts as such since his obligation is a solemn and binding one.*

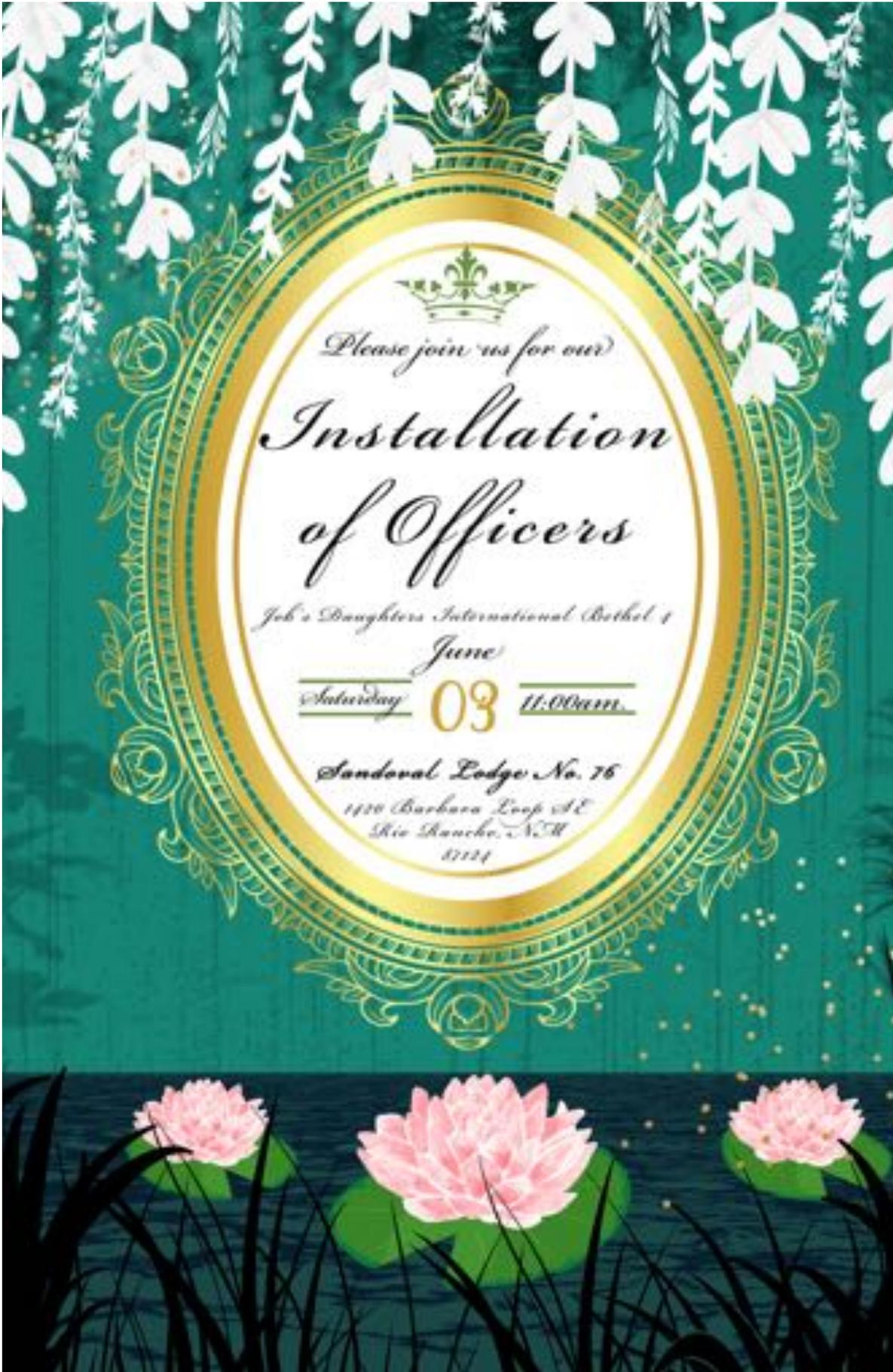
*- George Washington*



# 2023 Calendar



January	February	March
<p>9th - Stated Meeting Chicken Masala 6:00PM</p> <p>16th - Stated Meeting Night @ 6:00PM Company</p> <p>23rd - Stated Meeting Turkey Pie Day! 7:00PM</p> <p>Lodge Visitation from Lodge No. 71 7:00PM</p>	<p>2nd - Lodge Visitation Mesa Lodge No. 71 @ 6:00PM</p> <p>9th - Stated Meeting (May) - State dinner!</p> <p>16th - Stated Meeting Night</p> <p>23rd - Stated Meeting Vegetarian Chicken 6:00PM</p>	<p>7TH - Lodge Visitation Sandra Mountain Lodge No. 82 @ 10:00AM</p> <p>14th - Stated Meeting Cabbage @ 6:00PM</p> <p>21st - Stated Meeting Brotherhood March 24th 7th - Stated Meeting Beef w/ mushrooms 6:00PM</p>
<p>10th - Stated Meeting In hall soup &amp; Sandwich 6:00PM</p> <p>17th - Stated Meeting Season Lodge No. 60 6:00PM</p> <p>24th - Stated Meeting May 6:00PM</p> <p>31st - Stated Meeting Sandwich Assortment From Panera Bread 6:00PM</p>	<p>2nd - Lodge Visitation Zion Lodge No. 71 @ 10:00AM</p> <p>9th - Stated Meeting Chk Fil &amp; Catering 6:00PM</p> <p>16th - 40th Anniversary of Sandlot Lodge No. 71 Dinner &amp; Ceremony with Honors for workers &amp; wives @ 7:00 0:00PM</p> <p>23rd - Stated Meeting Chicken Katsu 6:00PM</p>	<p>6th - Lodge Visitation Edgewood Lodge No. 82 10:00AM</p> <p>13th - Stated Meeting (Ask Bethel 4 to Facilitate Dinner) 6:00PM</p> <p>20th - Stated Meeting Steak Burgers From Freddie's 6:00PM</p> <p>Brotherhood Night - Visit to Bethel 4 Date &amp; Time TBA</p>
April	May	June
July	August	September
<p>10th - Stated Meeting Cookout - Burgers &amp; Dogs 6:00PM</p> <p>24th - Stated Meeting Cookout Kebab 6:00PM</p> <p>27th - Lodge Visitation Bethlehem Lodge No. 56 7:30PM</p> <p>Independence Day Parade Date &amp; Time TBA</p>	<p>14th - Stated Meeting Beef Chosyuehn Noodles 6:00PM</p> <p>28th - Lodge Visitation Estancia Lodge No. 33 7:30PM</p> <p>31st - Stated Meeting Butter Chicken 6:00PM</p> <p>Sunday is Punsday Date &amp; Time TBA</p>	<p>6th - Lodge Visitation Montezuma Lodge No. 01 7:00PM</p> <p>13th - Stated Meeting Pizza 6:00PM</p> <p>20th - Stated Meeting (Ask Shrine to Facilitate Dinner) 6:00PM</p> <p>State Fair Parade followed by a Banquet @ Sandlot Lodge Date &amp; Time TBA</p>
October	November	Notes:
<p>2nd - Lodge Visitation Mesa Lodge No. 71 7:00PM</p> <p>9th - Stated Meeting Potluck 6:00PM</p> <p>23rd - Stated Meeting Comings 6:00PM</p> 	<p>6th - Lodge Visitation Chama Lodge No. 77 7:00PM</p> <p>13th - Stated Meeting Masonic Appreciation Celebration &amp; Potluck 6:00PM</p> 	<p>Bethel's Banquet with OES date will be announced around February</p> <p>All practices will have events &amp; refreshments</p> <p>Once a month a cake will be brought to one of the dinners to celebrate Birthdays &amp; Masonic Anniversaries</p> <p>Each Dinner Theme and what will be announced in The Trustees Board accordingly</p> <p>December is installations for 2024 &amp; is the 50 year Anniversary of Sandlot Lodge No. 71</p> <p>OES meets on 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays</p>



*Please join us for our*  
***Installation***  
***of Officers***

*Job's Daughters International Bethel 4*

*June*

*Saturday* **03** *11:00am*

*Sandoval Lodge No. 76*

*1420 Barbara Loop SE  
Rio Rancho, NM  
87124*

Isotopes Baseball Game  
join  
Turquoise Chapter OES  
and Sandoval Lodge



**MASONS  
&  
CANDIDATES  
ONLY**

Saturday, July 15, 2023  
Game time 6:35 pm  
Isotopes Ball Park

**Dukes Retro Night**  
and  
**Fireworks to follow the game**

Tickets \$15.50 each

**Paid RSVP by May 3, 2023**

Contact Lisa Bachman  
Phone (505) 899-4572 or (505) 934-1376

Tickets are limited

# MASONICON

## 2023

JUNE 23RD & 24TH



BALLUT ABYAD SHRINE

6600 ZUNI RD SE

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

More details to come...



Brethren,

SAVE THE DATE:

2023 Lincoln Lodge will be held this year on June 10th, in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Address: US-380, Lincoln, NM 88338

More information to come

Fraternally,

RW Steve Almager, DGM



# BOWLING

## *Challenge*

SATURDAY  
20 MAY  
10:00 AM

ENTRY  
\$10

PIZZA  
AVAILABLE  
FREE

SILVA LANES: 3010 EUBANK



There will be  
games for all ages,  
bouncer castles, a beer garden,  
lots of food and sweets, a pie throwing  
contest, live music, a corn hole tournament, a  
dunk tank, and **MORE FOOD!**

# FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday June 17

10:30 – 4:30

Ballut Abyad Shrine



In honor of Shrine Appreciation day this year, the Ballute Abyad will be having a joint Family Picnic with Albuquerque Masonic Districts.

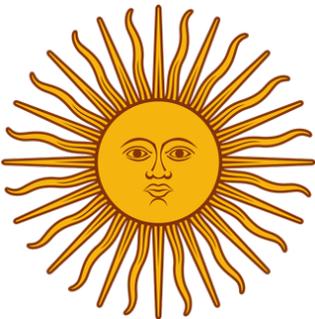
Join the Shrine and your fellow Masons for a day filled with family, fun, food and lots of brotherly love.  
Bring your friends and family!

## THE SYMBOLISM ASSOCIATED WITH THE NORTH

by Harold Meij

Why is it that the North has been associated with a place of darkness?

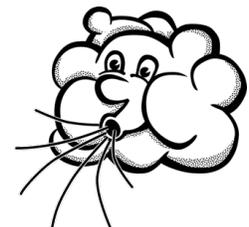
We learn from the first degree lecture, that "there are three lights in a Lodge....There is none in the North". In "King Solomon's Temple....the sun and moon....could dart no ray of light into the North part thereof. The North, therefore, we Masonically term a place of darkness".



The Sun, while progressing through the ecliptic, never reaches farther than 23 degrees and 28 minutes north of the Equator. Therefore, a building that is erected further north than this would receive the sun, at its meridian height, only on its south side.

Similar references to darkness in the North can be found in the Bible. For example in Jeremiah 1-13/14 we find: "What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. Then the Lord said unto me, out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land". Again, in Jeremiah 46-20: "destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north".

As it is said that the Lord will rise again in the East, the east side of a church is always regarded as the most sacred. Indeed it was common practice for the dead to be buried with their feet towards to East, so that they could meet Him. In Wales, for example, a wind coming from the east, is referred to as "The wind of the dead man's feet". In a Lodge too, the East, the place of the Worshipful Master, where the Sun rises, is the most important.



Next is the south, then the west, and finally the north - this from the belief that the dead would rise in this order. Felons, therefore, were frequently buried in the north side of the

churchyard. The east is considered God's side, where His throne is set; the west, man's side, the Galilee of the Gentiles; the south, the side of the "spirits made just" and angels, where the sun shines in her strength; the north, the devil's side, where Satan and his legion lurk to catch the unwary. Some churches have still a "devil's door" in the north wall, which is opened at baptisms and communions to let the devil out.

Another passage in the Bible, shows that the North is also associated with other forms of death, such as sacrifices. In Leviticus 1/11, we read "He is to slaughter it at the north side of the altar before the Lord, and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle its blood against the altar on all sides".



In ancient Central American cultures, where directions have a permanent symbolic importance, North is the place the living come from and the dead return to, a country of cold, hunger, night. The eagle, symbol of war, resides in the North, because it is the territory of hunting and combat. The colour of north is black. Ancient Mongols, when making toasts, spilled their cups to the South to honour Fire, to the East to honour Air, to the West to honour Water, and to the North to honour the dead.

Perhaps partly based on this Mongol tradition, in the ancient Japanese sport of Sumo, there are 4 colored tassels hanging above the ring where the Japanese wrestling takes place. Each represents a direction, and a season. A black tassel is representative of the North, and winter. The Japanese strongly believe that sleeping with ones head towards the north is bad luck.

During the Middle Ages, an accused person would stand facing his judges to the north. According to the book of Bahir (one of the oldest Kabalistic texts), the north is the abode of evil, and Satan comes from the north.



Hello Brethren!

The year is flying by and we are almost half way through! This has been a great experience to be a part of this wonderful Fraternity, Lodge, and group of Brethren. We have been moving along smoothly, handling business, and working in the quarries to improve our Lodge and Ritual work. We still have a few brethren that we need to get to Master Mason, but the effort has been good.

Also Ritual practice has been good but we can always improve, and we can always use more brothers. It looks like we will be picking up on the degree work so let's make sure we are putting in the best for our upcoming candidates.

Our next building project will be to upgrade our audio/visual system in the Lodge so be on the lookout for the Building committee's proposals so that you can provide any suggestions.

And even if you can't make it to Lodge, our email group is pretty active so please drop us a line to let us know how you are doing, if you need any assistance, or just to say hi. The strength of the Lodge is in its members and our Past Masters, so we love to hear from you all.

Enjoy the warm weather and be safe!

Fraternally,

Br. Davin

## *From the South*

Greetings Brethren!

With Sandoval Lodge not having a bar, one of the important duties of the JW of "to see that none convert the means of refreshment into that of intemperance or excess" has been one task that I've never had to perform. I may have to change that up a bit to make things a bit more exciting ... maybe magic brownies for dessert? It's New Mexico after all:)

As you've been seeing with our Festive Boards - I try to jazz things up a bit, by creating a bit of an ambiance with candles, music, and a variety of different foods based upon the theme of the month. This has proven to be a bit more than I've been able to chew lately - as I've had to really go out of the box to track down various items, making Stated Mondays more of a chaotic experience, due to Mondays also being my busiest work day of the week.

As been mentioned - we will continue to have a Festive Board the 1st Stated Communications of the month, cost of \$10, currently payable via cash or check. While the Festive Boards we have are not like those of the days of old (with toasts) - I do make sure we have plenty of meat, drink, and a delicious cake to help celebrate the birthdays of the month. The 2nd Stateds however, will not be preceded with a Festive Board - however I'll acquire a few pizzas & sodas for those who need to eat, no cost for this - however the donation can will still be available. Being of service to the Lodge is truly an awesome feeling, and wouldn't be completely felt without the aide and assistance of our two hardworking Stewards, Bros. John Keel & Bill Whelchel, who will be seen getting their suits dirty as they wash the dishes, serve the meal, vacuum the floors, or one of the many other efforts that are required to help ensure an efficient Stated Communications by assisting the JW with providing sustenance.

Thank you Brother Stewards!!!

Should you have a menu idea (within a certain budget of course) you'd like to see implemented in the upcoming months - feel free to drop me a line at [BurxNorrod@gmail.com](mailto:BurxNorrod@gmail.com)

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bro. Burx JW

## **As Above - So Below ... the Hermetic Mason**

At the next Mason icon - my presentation will be Magick & Masonry - the Rabbit Hole of the Craft. Those of you who know me - know I like to understand all that I get myself into, and I've found that Freemasonry today is truly a misunderstood organization due to anything of the esoteric nature is deemed that 'rabbit hole' by those who shudder at the term 'occult sciences'.

While there are a ton of topics related to this - one I'll be doing a presentation on soon is on one of the two philosophies that Freemasonry derived from - Hermeticism (with Rosicrucianism being the other). I won't write my entire presentation out in this short article - but what I can allude to - is the 7 Hermetic Principles - of which can be found in the book The Kybalion (available for free PDF download by google search).

These are the following:

1. The Principle of Mentalism (the All is Mind)
2. The Principle of Correspondence (As Above, So Below)
3. The Principle of Vibration (Nothing rests, everything moves)
4. The Principle of Polarity (everything has it's opposites/ dual)
5. The Principle of Rhythm (everything flows, out & in)
6. The Principle of Cause & Effect (everything happens according to law)
7. The Principle of Gender (everything has it's masculine and feminine principles)

My presentation on this will be in-depth at not just what these 7 Hermetic Principles are, but more importantly - how they apply to Freemasonry, and you can use it to help improve yourself. No question this talk will be quite the eye opener ... getting you to see the Craft in a different light, and realize why Freemasonry has continued to exist from time immemorial.

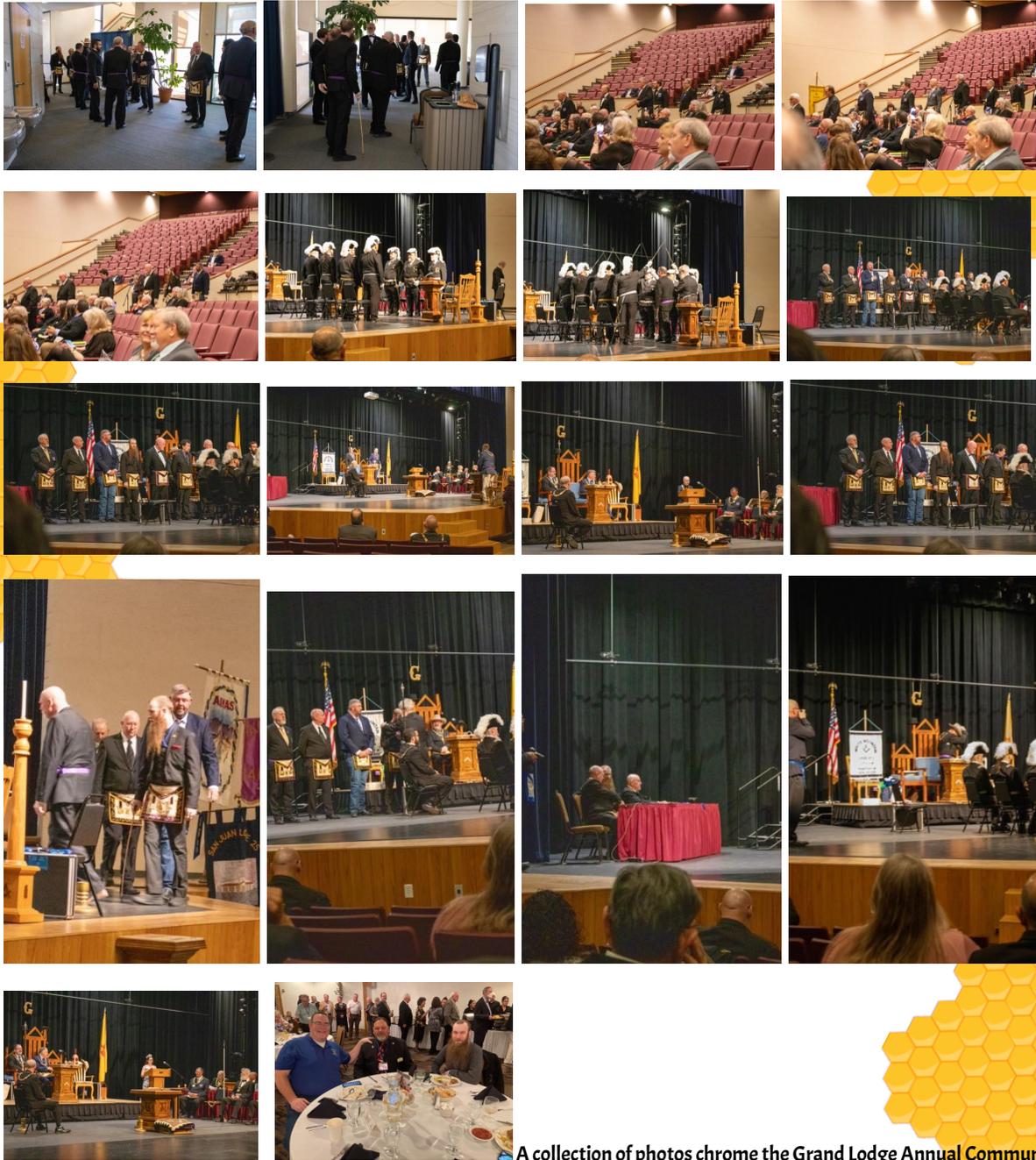
Stay tuned for an evening of Hermetic Light! Rosicrucianism is right around the corner...

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bro. Burx JW

**Spring Review - events of March and April**

*Grand Lodge of Masons In NM Annual Communication March 2023*



A collection of photos chrome the Grand Lodge Annual Communication including some of our WM Tyler McKenzie who has been appointed Grand Musician for the year 2023. ( Please zoom in for a detailed view.)

## Grand Master's Breakfast for District 6



## Bikes for Books Dropped Off



## JDI Chili Cook Off Winners for 2023



*From Left to Right Winner Categories: The Hottest Chili Winner - WB Leon  
Kid Friendly - Mom Denise Bethel Guardian  
1st Place - Mom Kelly*



*Other Photos from the Chili Cook off*



# *Fezzing Grand Master Thomas Schenk*



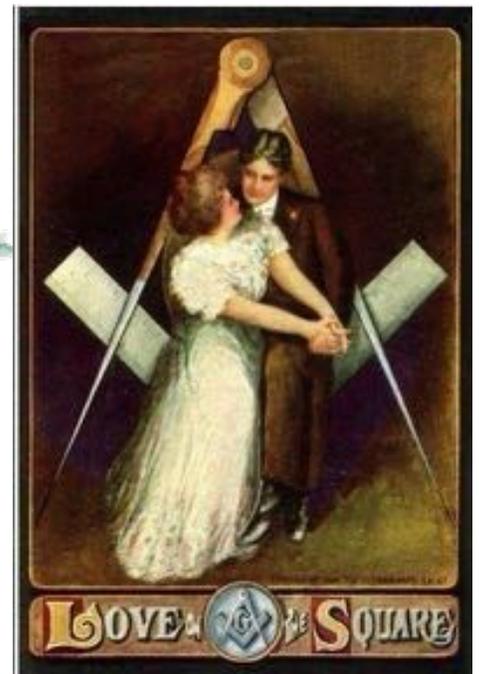
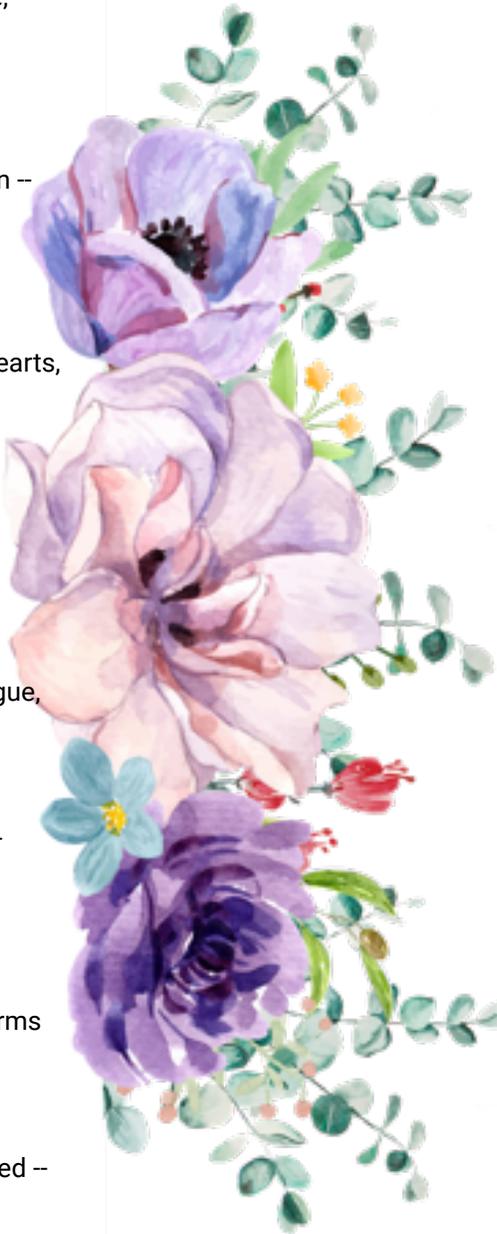
## Lodge Welcome to Ladies by Robert Morris

We acknowledge countless blessings  
From the Bounteous Hand above;  
Our bond was first cemented  
By Divine assent and love;  
We are grateful, truly grateful,  
For all gifts He doth bestow,  
But our warmest thanks are given --  
Shall I say the word? -- for you.

The woes of life are many,  
Thronging dark on every side,  
In tears, and sighs, and broken hearts,  
And sorrows far and wide;  
The Mason's hand is generous,  
But most freely we bestow,  
When the appeal is made us --  
Shall I say the word? -- by you.

Our brotherhood is countless,  
From the East unto the West;  
In every land, and clime, and tongue,  
They range among the best;  
And every man a hundred miles  
On frosty sod will go,  
To give you help, or win a smile --  
Shall I say the word? -- from you.

Then hail! Adoptive Masonry,  
That brings us here together;  
May manly arms 'round lovely forms  
Protect from stormy weather;  
And when, adown the hill of life,  
Our tottering feet shall go,  
May our weary steps be comforted --  
Shall I say the word? -- by you.



## FREEMASONRY - SECRET OR NOT SECRET

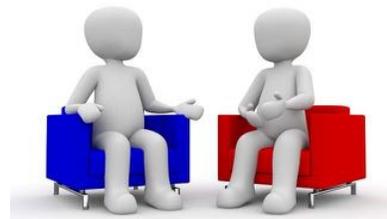
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Presented by Bro. Davin B. Teague SW

Many people are of the opinion that Masonry is a secret society, but I hope to dispel this misconception. There is much that may be told to wife or mother, father or friend - told to the glory and the help of the Ancient Craft with no violation of the solemn pledge sacredly to keep secret that which is secret. It is no secret that he who becomes a Freemason joins an order which reverences womanhood, which upholds law and constitutional government, which cares for the widow and the fatherless, which inculcates the highest moral and religious principles, which fosters patriotism, which instructs in toleration and obliges conscientiousness in human relations. The most careful brother may tell his wife that in his Lodge the Holy Bible lies open upon an Altar. The fact is written in a thousand volumes, and is proclaimed in Masonic books of the law.



The manuals and monitors of many Grand Lodges set forth the prayers which are uttered in the degrees -- what is printed by a Grand Lodge cannot in its very nature be a secret from any one. That all Lodges are opened and closed with prayer -- that every Lodge has a Chaplain -- is a secret from no one. It has been well said that Freemasonry is not a secret society, but a society with secrets. A secret society is one of which only its members know; a society with secrets may be one of which the world knows much.



Grand Lodges publish "Proceedings" in which the actions of the Grand Lodge at annual and special communications are set forth. Many of these contain the names of every man who is a Freemason. To be found in Libraries the world over -- these are no more secret documents than is a telephone or city directory.

There is nothing secret about a man being a Freemason -- he is proud of the fact and the Fraternity is proud of him, Freemasonry appears at times in public -- usually to lay a cornerstone, or to conduct a Masonic funeral. Such ceremonies are performed by Masons who have met and opened a Lodge; the members wear Masonic aprons. Yet some men are so over-cautious they do not dare tell such simple facts as these.

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction. "But my wife wants to know what we do in Lodge" - someone states. Tell her what you do in Lodge!

You meet and open. The opening is a

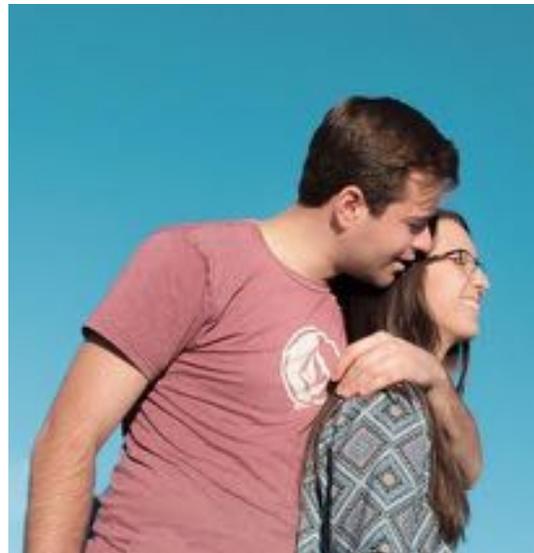
ritualistic ceremony in which brethren are reminded of that which is high and holy in Freemasonry. The chaplain invokes the blessing of God. Minutes are read, visitors welcomed, matters of business and charity are discussed, action is taken. The ill are heard from, through the Committee on the Sick; letters from absent brethren are read. Is there anything here, except the words and form of ritualistic ceremony, that the world may not know?

A degree is conferred. Here, indeed, is secrecy! But the degree is but a manner of teaching, and if

Freemasons desire to keep it to themselves, it is because those who are not Masons cannot understand. The instructor of mathematics would gladly teach the binomial theorem to a kindergarten child, but the child would not know even the meaning of the words. He must have knowledge before he can comprehend. So it is with the degree -- it can only be understood by those who have been taught -- and it is itself that teaching.

The degree over, there follows a social hour, a fraternizing and fellowship. Then the Lodge is closed, again with a ceremony which is uplifting and inspiring. Again the blessing of the Most High is asked and the brethren return to their homes. He is poor of spirit indeed who takes not with him something of inspiration from this that he has heard as simple as it is profound. If there be anywhere a member of the Order who is not a loving husband and father; who does not give loyalty to his friends and government; who is not honored of men and reverent before God; who is not charitable and compassionate in act as well as thought; who is not honorable before all men; such a one has not abided by that which Masonry teaches, nor lived up to the obligations he has most solemnly assumed. And of this there is no secrecy -- Masonry proclaims these teachings as her own, and any Freemason may tell them to whom he will. Freemasonry is meaningless unless we shape those ideals into actual life and work. Only then will it and our work become real and effective. The heart of the message of Freemasonry must be in our hearts and its ideals of brotherhood must be in the living practice of our work and lives in whatever form it takes.

A true Mason in his work inspires others, understands others, reasons with others, helps others, appreciates others and yet may even disagree without being disagreeable. A true



Mason in his work also recognizes others and knows that a thank you now and then strengthens the bond of goodwill among men. If a person at his job is to be a moving force he must bring to it a sincere understanding heart and see each man's need as a challenge to service and to get the best out of our work or life we must put the very best into it. The art of true living includes the power of seeing good in others, in all our fellow men.

To be successful in our work we must remember those basic fundamentals – tolerance and love. Masonry may be pushed aside at times for our job, TV, sports, service clubs, etc., but to be successful in whatever work we do we cannot push its principles aside, they must be a part of us. A man is as great as the truth he speaks, As great as the help he gives, As great as the destiny he seeks, As great as the life he lives.

Let's get down to positive facts and positive life, as we can make it. Rather than waste our energy crying the blues, pointing at problems and practices which are often cited as sure evidence that the world and its people are headed for Hell, non-stop – we would be better off and more people would listen if we would only Eliminate the Negative and Accentuate the Positive. If we can keep an open mind and have no prejudices toward our fellowman, have more tolerance toward his shortcomings and problems, our outlook on life will improve and strengthen through sharing and being a part of the community in which we live. For, as a rule, people are ready and willing to accept us; the only requirement is that they be given half a chance. One of our main poor contributors to breakdown in our relations with others is poor communication. Whenever people fail to express their feelings meaningfully, the distance between them freezes over. It happens between nations too, unfortunately. When a person neither speaks his mind or listens carefully to what is said by others, then he is on very thin ice. The result is usually a horrible death for personality or a nation.

There are times to forget Self and think of others. For instance, the Bumble Bee is built in a rather interesting fashion. Scientists say that physically speaking he should not be able to fly. The size and weight of his body do not provide a positive ratio when compared to the span and action of his wings. Aerodynamically the BumbleBee is a Bungle. Sheer objectivity contends that he should never make it off the ground - but the BumbleBee doesn't know that, so he flies anyway.

Many people are so conscious of themselves, so inhibited by their fears and so dominated by their own shortcomings or the opinion of others, that they never get off the ground either, not in their personal lives or in the field of productive living. They may



know the facts of life and be completely familiar with the habits of the birds and bees, but life only begins there. Hopefully it will not end before what appears to be impossible has been achieved by transcending personal and physical failings. Let's not forget that funny old Bumble Bee in our approach to love and marriage and life in the community.

Every day is a present. How do you open it? Are you excited about how you will use it? There is nothing much sadder than to hear someone say, as we often have, "You know I have wasted my life, if only I could live it over again". Comments like this come from people over 40, who have taken life pretty much for granted. They have managed to fill in the time with the usual rounds; eating sleeping and earning a living. Then suddenly they realize that better than half their life span has slipped away and they haven't been living at all - just existing.

There is a great deal more to life than this. We have minds which transcend the body and talents which., when developed, nurture the soul. Most, I am sure, would agree and say, "Yes, life is more than existing". Perhaps even those who do little more than exist would agree. This leads me to believe that there must be still another key to life. Indeed, there is the conviction that each new day is not just time to be spent but a treasure to be wisely invested.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF OUR LIVES --- a brand new day for us to enjoy. More days will be coming, but no one of them will be more important than today. There will never be another just like it. It is waiting to be filled creatively and joyously with your living.





*Congratulations  
Brother!  
May your light shine bright!*