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# SANDOVAL LODGE NO. 76 MEETS IN REGULAR COMMUNICATION ON THE 2ND AND 4TH MONDAY OF EACH

MONTH

FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00PM LODGE OPENS AT 7:00PM

VISITORS: TO RSVP, EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRO. CESARIO ALVILLAR FOR HAVING BEEN RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON!

BRO. CESARIO WASTED NO TIME MAKING AN IMPACT UPON JOINING AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE. IN ADDITION TO HIS INSIGHTFUL ARTICLE "THE TRANSFORMATIVE TOOLS OF FREEMASONRY" FEATURED IN THE TRESTLEBOARD, HE PROMPTLY ASSUMED THE ROLE OF OUR NEW JUNIOR STEWARD.

TO DELVE INTO BRO. CESARIO'S ARTICLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LESSONS OF THE DEGREE, PLEASE REFER TO THE SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION OF OUR TRESTLEBOARD.



BRO. CESARIO ALVILLAR

JUNIOR STEWARD

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NEW MEXICO'S NEWEST MASTER MASON!

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#### FROM THE EAST

"No man, who continues to add something to the material, intellectual and moral well being of the place in which he lives, is left long without proper reward."

**BRO. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON** 

**GREOSETINGS BRETHREN,** 

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE TO OUR FRATERNITY, LODGE, AND COMMUNITY.

THE YEAR IS MOVING FAST AND I FEEL LIKE WE ARE ABOUT TO HIT OUR GROOVE AND CONTINUING MAKING THIS A GOOD YEAR.

SO MANY BRETHREN ARE STEPPING UP AND DOING THE LABOR AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWTH AND WELLNESS OF SANDOVAL, I AM SO PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS LODGE AND TO SEE WHERE WE CONTINUE TO GO.

THE BROTHERHOOD THAT WE PROFESS FOR EACH OTHER IS UNIQUE FROM MOST OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND GROUPS, AND IT MEANS THAT WE CARRY A PRETTY HIGH RESPONSIBILITY. NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR EACH OTHER AS WELL. IN REPRESENTING OUR CRAFT AND LODGE, REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ALSO A REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL OF THE OTHER BRETHREN WHO TOOK THE SAME OATHS AS YOU ON THAT VOLUME OF SACRED LAW.

LASTLY BRETHREN REMEMBER YOUR LODGE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS MEMBERS. THAT MEANS WE NEED YOU TO SHOW UP, BE ACTIVE, AND PARTICIPATE. WE HAVE A LOT COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND WE WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS ON HOW TO KEEP PEACE AND HARMONY PREVAILING, AND MAKING SURE WE ARE GIVING THE BEST EXPERIENCE WE CAN FOR OUR BRETHREN.

THANK YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL.

WM DAVIN TEAGUE
WORSHIPFUL MASTER



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#### FROM THE WEST

"HARMONY, BEING THE STRENGTH AND SUPPORT OF ALL INSTITUTIONS.

#### ESPECIALLY IN THIS OF OURS."

THESE WORDS SPOKEN BY THE SENIOR WARDEN TWICE AT EVERY STATED COMMUNICATION CALLS TO MIND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT IN ORDER TO FUNCTION AS A CRAFT, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

COMMUNICATION IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF HARMONY WITHIN ANY SOCIAL STRUCTURE, BE IT WITHIN FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOSTERS UNDERSTANDING, EMPATHY, AND MUTUAL RESPECT AMONG INDIVIDUALS, THEREBY PREVENTING MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND CONFLICTS FROM ARISING. IT ALLOWS FOR THE EXPRESSION OF THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND CONCERNS, ENABLING PEOPLE ISSUES CONSTRUCTIVELY AND FIND SOLUTIONS COLLABORATIVELY. TO ADDRESS FURTHERMORE. CLEAR AND OPEN COMMUNICATION **PROMOTES** TRUST TRANSPARENCY, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND COHESIVE ENVIRONMENTS. WHEN COMMUNICATION BREAKS DOWN, TENSIONS MAY ESCALATE, TRUST MAY ERODE, AND RELATIONSHIPS MAY SUFFER. THUS, PRIORITIZING COMMUNICATION NURTURES HARMONY BY FACILITATING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS, RESOLVING DIFFERENCES, AND PROMOTING UNITY AMONG PEOPLE.

BRETHREN, IN ORDER TO THRIVE, WE CANNOT BE A 'WOKE' ORGANIZATION, WHERE WE SUPPRESS OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS IN ORDER TO MAKE OTHERS FEEL BETTER AS IT CREATES QUITE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT. SHOULD YOU HAVE CONTENTION AGAINST ANOTHER BROTHER, PLEASE REACH OUT TO HIM DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS.

OUR TROWEL REMINDS US TO SPREAD THE CEMENT OF BROTHERLY LOVE AND AFFECTION TO UNITE US INTO ONE SACRED BAND OR SOCIETY OF FRIENDS AND BROTHERS, AMONG WHOM NO CONTENTION SHOULD EVER EXIST. LET'S PUT THIS WORKING TOOL TO WORK.

## BURX NORROD SENIOR WARDEN



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#### FROM THE SOUTH

#### HELLO BROTHERS,

We've made it through the first quarter of the year and despite some hiccups, we're doing really well. We have our first fundraiser going on now. It's a raffle for a grill and tickets are only \$10 a piece. I'd really like to see everyone participating this go round since these fundraisers keep our operating budget in the black and help our repairs as they come up.

THEY ALSO HELP US CONTRIBUTE TO SO MANY OF THESE GREAT CHARITIES THAT COME UP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. I WILL HAVE TICKETS TO PASS OUT AT LODGE ON MONDAY SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO TAKE SOME AND I'D BE HAPPY TO GIVE THEM TO YOU.

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT QUARTER TOGETHER AS WELL AS THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!

BRO. JOHN P. KEEL JUNIOR WARDEN



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A TRAVELING MAN'S REPORT: GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
BY BRO. JOHN P. KEEL

FRATERNAL GREETINGS BRETHREN! THIS VOLUME OF A TRAVELING MAN REPORT COVERS THE MW GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO 147 TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION HELD IN RUIDOSO MARCH 14 TH THROUGH THE 17 TH . THIS ANNUAL COMMUNICATION WAS A BLAST AND I HAD A GREAT TIME ENJOYING THE FELLOWSHIP WITH BROTHERS FROM AROUND THE STATE AS WELL AS FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND EVEN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

THE EVENT WAS HELD AT THE GORGEOUS INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS WHICH IS NESTLED IN A VALLEY JUST OUTSIDE RUIDOSO, NM NEXT TO A BEAUTIFUL LAKE. THE SERENE SETTING WAS A GREAT CHOICE FOR OUR MEETINGS, AND I CANNOT THINK OF MANY PLACES IN OUR STATE THAT WOULD MATCH THE BEAUTY AND SPLENDOR OF THE LOCATION. IT IS EASY TO BE REFRESHED EACH MORNING AND EVENING WITH SUCH GRANDEUR TO LOOK UPON FROM THE BALCONIES AT THIS HOTEL, WHICH IS A GOOD THING BECAUSE I DEFINITELY NEEDED THE REFRESHMENT AFTER SO MUCH LOST SLEEP DUE TO ENJOYING OTHER REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR BROTHERS!

SPEAKING OF REFRESHMENTS, OUR HOSPITALITY SUITE, RUN BY THE VERY CAPABLE RWB HARRY JENKINS, STAYED WELL STOCKED WITH EVERYTHING OUR BROTHERS NEEDED, FROM FOOD AND SNACKS, TO SPIRITOUS LIBATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY, THE GOOD COMPANY AND LIVELY DISCUSSIONS FROM THE BRETHREN. THE HOSPITALITY SUITE WAS PERFECTLY LOCATED AS WELL, JUST OFF THE MAIN LOBBY, MAKING IT EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM THE CONFERENCE CENTER, CASINO, OR GUEST ROOMS.

THE CONFERENCE CENTER ITSELF WAS A SHORT WALK FROM THE ROOMS AND HAD A GREAT AMOUNT OF SPACE FOR EVERYTHING WE NEEDED. IT MADE FOR A GREAT LOCATION FOR ALL OF THE EVENTS. THE CHECK IN TABLE RUN BY RWB JAMES OVERFELT WITH HELP FROM BROTHERS JEFFERY RUSS AND JONATHAN MUNIZ, WAS EASY TO GET TO AND HELPFUL THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

THERE WAS ALSO A LOT OF GREAT FOOD TO BE ENJOYED LOCALLY. THOUGH WE DIDN'T HAVE THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE AT WENDELL'S STEAKHOUSE THE FIRST NIGHT, I HEARD THEY REALLY STEPPED UP TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT MEAL THE SUBSEQUENT NIGHTS. SAMPLING THE LOCAL FOOD OPTIONS IN RUIDOSO WAS A FUN EXPERIENCE THOUGH AND THE LOG CABIN RESTAURANT BECAME OUR BREAKFAST SPOT FOR EVERY MORNING AFTER THE AMAZING MEAL WE HAD ON THE FIRST DAY THERE. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT. ALSO OF NOTE, WAS THE RIO GRANDE GRILL AND TAPROOM, WHICH HAD SOME AMAZING FOODS PREPARED NEW MEXICAN STYLE. I RECOMMEND THE GREEN CHILE CHICKEN ALFREDO!

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THE GRAND LODGE SESSIONS STARTED THURSDAY WITH THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S MEETINGS. GRANDVIEW WAS HIGHLIGHTED AS ONE OF THE BIGGEST TAKEAWAYS AND I LEARNED QUITE A BIT ABOUT THE NEW SYSTEM. THE EVENING WAS FULL OF FUN CONVERSATION AT THE HAPPY HOUR AND THE GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION. AFTERWARDS, MANY OF US ENJOYED MORE FELLOWSHIP AT THE HOSPITALITY SUITE AND THROUGHOUT THE HOTEL.

FRIDAY MORNING STARTED WITH A GREAT PUBLIC OPENING AND THEN THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE MW GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO. THE NATIONAL SOJOURNERS OF NEW MEXICO, LED BY KIT CARSON CHAPTER PRESIDENT RWB HARRY JENKINS, PRESENTED THE COLORS AND BROTHER ANTHONY UCHELLO GAVE A GREAT RECITAL OF THE "TOAST TO THE FLAG". AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS WERE MW GRAND MASTERS FROM SEVERAL STATES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO INCLUDE FROM MEXICO'S COSMOS GRAND LODGE AND PARAGUAY'S GRAND LODGE. MW GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEW MEXICO, MWB THOMAS SHENK, GAVE A HEARTFELT GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS TO ALL ASSEMBLED AND THE BROTHERS OF NEW MEXICO ELECTED THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR. THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WENT WELL AND WE ALL WELCOMED MWB STEVE ALMAGER AS OUR NEW MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEW MEXICO. THE AWARDS BANQUET IN THE EVENING WAS A GREAT TIME TO CONTINUE CONNECTING WITH BROTHERS FROM AROUND THE STATE AND BEYOND. WE HAD A GREAT MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP ALL AROUND.

SATURDAY MORNING BEGAN WITH A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OUR BROTHERS WHO HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR WORKING TOOLS AND JOINED THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE. AFTER A SHORT BREAK, WE RESUMED LABOR AND WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE BUSINESS OF THE CRAFT. IN ALL, THE SESSIONS WENT VERY SMOOTH AND I BELIEVE WE CONTINUE TO BE IN GOOD HANDS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. SATURDAY EVENING SAW MORE FESTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE AFTER PARTY AND MANY OF US STAYED UP UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING ENJOYING GREAT CONVERSATION.

THE WEEKEND WAS A GREAT TIME AND I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED ALL THE FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OF YOU BROTHERS THIS YEAR. I THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE READ AND COMPLIMENTED THESE ARTICLES AS WELL! IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO AN ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, YOU'RE MISSING OUT ON A GREAT TIME SO, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US IN HOBBS NEXT MARCH!

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IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY VISITED OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE - CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE 76 AND HIT 'LIKE', AS WELL AS SUBSCRIBE AND COMMENT ON OUR POSTS. THE IDEA IS FOR BOTH MEMBERS, VISITORS, AND PROSPECTS TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN SANDOVAL LODGE, WHICH WILL LEAD TO OUR INCREASED VISIBILITY AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.

You'll find much of the info here is a duplicate of what is contained in the Trestleboard, as most will peruse facebook than they'd read a PDF NEWSLETTER.

IF THERE'S CONTENT YOU'D LIKE FOR ME TO POST ON FACEBOOK SIMPLY EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM WITH THE PICTURES AS WELL AS ANNOUNCEMENT YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE INPUT.



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SANDOVAL LODGE SOCIAL EVENTS
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, BRO, JONATHAN MUNIZ

DEAR BROTHERS OF SANDOVAL LODGE #76, FAMILY, AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS,

I AM THRILLED TO EXTEND A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL OF YOU FOR AN EXCITING EVENT THAT PROMISES TO BE BOTH SOULFUL AND REJUVENATING.

WE ARE HOSTING A BLUES BROTHERHOOD NIGHT AT THE RIO BRAVO BREWERY, LOCATED AT 1912 2ND ST NW, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102. THE EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR 4 PM, AND I ASSURE YOU IT'S AN OCCASION YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS.

THE EVENING WILL FEATURE THE REMARKABLE BLUES TALENT OF THE RUDY BOY EXPERIMENT. THEIR MUSIC NOT ONLY TOUCHES THE SOUL BUT ALSO OFFERS THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR US TO RECHARGE, RESET, AND UNWIND TOGETHER IN TRUE BROTHERHOOD SPIRIT.

THIS EVENT IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR LODGE MEMBERS TO CONNECT, AND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO EXPERIENCE THE CAMARADERIE AND WARMTH OUR LODGE OFFERS.

I GENUINELY HOPE TO SEE EACH OF YOU THERE FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP.

SINCERELY, JONATHAN MUÑIZ SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR SANDOVAL LODGE #76 505-328-5702

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THANKS TO THE FORUMULATION OF OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE WITH BRO. JONATHAN MUNIZ CHAIRING, WE NOW HAVE MORE ACTIVITIES PLANNED THAN EVER, DESIGNED FOR FELLOWSHIP, NOT JUST WITH OUR OWN MEMBERS, BUT WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND EVEN PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!

THERE ARE 2 GET-TOGETHER BREAKFASTS SCHEDULED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AND TIMES THIS MONTH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

4/13 (SATURDAY)

WECK<sup>1</sup>S

1620 RIO RANCHO BLVD SE, RIO RANCHO, NM 87124
8:00am - 9:30am



4/27 (SATURDAY)
LITTLE ANITA'S
10200 CORRALES RD, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87114
8:00am-9:30am



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APRIL 1 - EA DEGREE PRACTICE 6:00PM

APRIL 8 - 1 ST STATED COMMUNICATIONS
TOPIC: ANDERSON'S BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS
7:00PM (FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00PM)

APRIL 13 - FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST AT WECK'S 8:00AM - 9:30AM

APRIL 14 - FELLOWSHIP AT RIO BRAVO BREWERY (BLUES FIESTA)
4:00PM

APRIL 15 - FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE PRACTICE

:APRIL 21 - ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE PRACTICE
6:00PM

APRIL 22 - 2ND STATED COMMUNICATIONS
TOPIC: FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE CONFERRAL!
7:00PM (FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00PM)

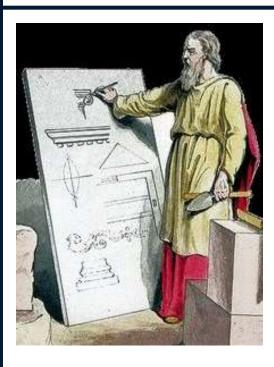
APRIL 27 - FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST AT LITTLE ANITA'S 8:00am - 9:30am

APRIL 29 - ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE PRACTICE 6:00PM

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

THIS MONTH'S TRESTLEBOARD HAS BEEN A LITTLE LIGHT ON CONTENT, BUT FILLED WITH A TON OF ACTIVITY. AS WE JOURNEY ALONG WITH LODGE GROWTH AND EFFICIENCY, MUCH PROPS IS GIVEN TO THE BRETHREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE 10 COMMITTEES WE HAVE AS MANY ARE INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE.

THE BENEFIT IS - WE GET TO KEEP MUNDANE DISCUSSIONS OUT OF THE LODGE DURING STATED COMMUNICATIONS, AND UTILIZE OUR TRESTLEBOARD, GROUP EMAILS, AND NOW THE NEWLY CREATED FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE TO COMMUNICATE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH SO NOTHING COMES AS A SURPRISE (WELL, MOSTLY).

BECAUSE CHANGE AND CONTENT ONLY COMES FROM INPUT OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, SHOULD YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE TO INCLUDE IN THIS TRESTLEBOARD OR FACEBOOK PAGE - DON'T BE SHY, PLEASE EMAIL IT, ALONG WITH A PICTURE OR TWO TO BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM

BURX NORROD
TRESTLEBOARD EDITOR

