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# MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

## Final Act

Brethren,

How good and how pleasant it has been for Brethren to dwell together in unity. I come to you in my final posting as your Worshipful Master. I am looking forward to the future of the Lodge with its new leadership and the plans laid forth for the coming years. I know Bro Martin and all your officers will do all they can to keep the Lodge moving forward.

A year goes by quickly, it seems like only days ago I was being installed as Master of the Lodge. Now, on the eve of my morrow, I look back fondly at my time in the East. My heart is filled with gladness and joy at all we have accomplished together. As with all leadership roles, there are growing pains and difficulties, there are also times of great blessing and reward. The good work we have done over the past year has made a difference in the community. I hope the Lodge will continue the outreach and volunteering in the years to come. We have made many new Masons this year who have and will become the future leaders and caretakers of the craft. I applaud you all who have given of yourselves through volunteering, coaching, mentoring and taking a role in our ritual work. The craft is better for having you. I look at my year not as the leader but as a facilitator. You, the Brethren assembled, have made this year what it was. With your support, your ideas, your commitment and belief in our mission, you have made the past year a success. With out you, none of this would have happened. You are the reason we are where we are today. You are the reason we will continue to grow, thrive and be successful into the future. I am humbled and honored to have been able to serve you this past year. I hope I have served you well.

- David L Bachman WM 76

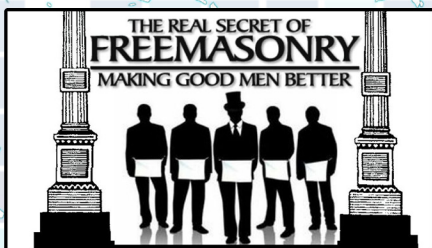


# MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

## How to Grow & Strengthen Your Lodge:

1. Attend as many meetings and functions as possible.
2. Show up early, stay late.
3. Support and Participate.
4. Read. Study. Learn. Drill. Discuss. Teach. Grow. Improve.
5. Be prepared: Be off book, Know the ritual and duties of 3 chairs: learn the one above you; Know the one you occupy and the chair subordinate to you.
6. Strengthen the chain. Commit to improving the lives of every officer and brother you meet.
7. Live Masonry inside and outside the lodge 24/7 week, 365 days a year.
8. Accept an office. Take a role. Volunteer. Do your best.
9. Roll up your sleeves, help out! Stay humble. Give back.
10. Abandon all ego and foolish pride.
11. Invite and Involve candidates and brethren alike. Encourage them to take ownership of the lodge and their journey.
12. Avoid the rumor mill. Avoid Gossip.
13. Build on the strengths of others. Encourage passion and new ideas.
14. All hands on Deck! Many hands Make light work.
15. Never speak negatively about an officer or committee member.
16. Build up the officers or committee members to the brethren.
17. Pay your dues in advance. Donate Often.
18. Treat each other like family; with the highest regard, esteem and respect.
19. Plan. Practice. Prepare. Presevere.
20. Honor the past, preserve the tradition and culture of the lodge.
21. Lead by example. Be the change you wish to see in the lodge.
22. Ask not what masonry can do for you; but what you can do for masonry.
23. Follow the code, the great lights, the obligations, charges, old charges, ancient landmarks, trial code, grand lodge code, by-laws, monitors, ceremonies, lectures, and several rituals of freemasonry should be your constant guide; your modis operandi; and your standards of operating within the proper venue to change them.
24. Be positive. Never see a situation as impossible. Accept the challenge, overcome every obstacle, and produce positive results that benefit everyone.
25. Embody due order and decorum. Follow proper protocol and etiquette. Avoid private conversations during meetings and degrees.
26. Never harbor piques or quarrels against any brother. Go to him. Solve the issue. Make amends. Heal all wounds. Strengthen the bond.

Submitted by:  
Bro. Larry Mikelson



## Volunteering at Humble Fish For the Holidays

The morning of November 23rd 2019, members of Sandoval Lodge # 76 helped to make this Thanksgiving holiday a little happier for some needy families. We were grateful to help volunteer with the Humble Fish organization which provides much needed food and toiletries to families that are selected based on need through their children's respective schools. This is an event that our Lodge has joyfully participated in before and some years have supported hundreds of families. This year due to some fundraising and budgeting shortages, they were late in getting the full go ahead for the program and were only able to service about 70 families. Even though it was last minute and short notice our Lodge still had WB Richard Cullen, Bro. Roger and his partner, Bro. Tyler and his wife Ali, and my girlfriend and I make it to help the 20 or so other volunteers who were able to make it. We ended up having a great time with much camaraderie, and once we got organized and rolling we were able to get boxes assembled and filled with goodies in no time. And those were some boxes! Even though it was only around 70 of them, they were big moving boxes which we filled full of canned goods, fruit, snacks, pastas, loaves of bread and more, plus each family was given a ham, turkey, and pie to complete the package. After all the boxes were assembled each volunteer delivered anywhere from 2 to 6 depending on how many they could fit in their vehicle to different families on the list. And what a joy that was. To see the faces of those families light up and the thanks they expressed when we showed up at their door with big moving boxes full of food made me feel so grateful, blessed, and humbled to be in a position to help, and to be a part of our Fraternity which earnestly seeks these opportunities to exemplify charity and I know everyone else who participated felt similar feelings. I want to thank Nikole Zamora and Mike Adams of Humble Fish for putting this together this year, I want to thank WB Leon for initially getting our Lodge involved with this organization, I want to thank Bro. Larry for initiating the contact for this year, and I want to thank the Brethren and their ladies who were able to help this year. Once again our Lodge was able to be in the community giving a helping hand. Lets keep up the good work! Next year their goal is to help 1000 families so Brethren we might need a few more of you!

Bro. Davin



# MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH



## **News From Our Masonic School for Children with Learning Disabilities**

**Our school is doing well with 12 students being instructed in the Scottish Rite Take Flight program. All seem to be doing well and are advancing thru their lessons as they learn to overcome the limits of their gift of dyslexia. The Board of Directors met with the parents of the students at a gathering on Sunday, November 17 at the Lodge. We had a chance to let the parents know about who the Masons are and what the Scottish Rite is. They were told of our history as a school and of the progress we have made to allow us to provide the tutoring services for their children. The finances of the school were discussed and it was pointed out that they contribute 1/3 of the funding needed to pay our teacher. They also learned that the Lodge donates the use of the building to the school. The parents expressed their deep thanks for what we are providing to their children and several expressed the improvements they are seeing in their child's ability to read and comprehend. They are seeing the improvements in their school work and most importantly, in the increase of their self-esteem.**

**Our school is an IRS designated 501c3 not for profit corporation and any contributions made to the school can be used as a deduction in your itemized tax return. You might consider making a contribution before the end of the year.**

**- WB Dan Irik**

## **Worshipful Brother Noble Jones**

**I remember WB Noble Jones as a quiet man with a solid foundation developed as a product of the depression and of World War 2. Noble was born in a dugout homestead near Clayton, New Mexico. He developed the hardworking toughness that it took to survive in the depression and dust bowl conditions of his youth. His story continues when he attend New Mexico State University in 1938 and how he and his brother shared an old house as a residence. His brother had joined the NM National Guard and was called up to serve his country. He was sent to the Philippines and captured by the Japanese. He died on the Bataan death march. Noble joined the Army and was part of the effort to drive the Germans to surrender. He showed me a set of binoculars that he said came from a German soldier when it was him or me. He didn't talk much about the war. He returned to NM after the war, worked at Sandia National Labs, bought an apple orchard in Corrales, went on to be a school teacher, and retired to his apple farm. He would pick me up in his old white pickup truck each Monday we had Lodge meetings and we would bounce up the dirt road that lead from Corrales to Rio Rancho, now Meadowlark Road. He loved his Masonry and was a real inspiration to me and others. He was the second Master of Sandoval Lodge. He became a part of my family as he grew older. Noble and his wife had no children. At the time of his death Noble was the oldest graduate of NM State University, and he and his wife left their entire estate to the University to establish a scholarship fund for agriculture students in the name of his bother. A noble mason in name and in heart.**

**- WB Dan Irik**



# PAST EVENTS

During November, the lodge held elections for the 2020 year. Congratulations to Bro. Martin M. for being elected Master for the next year.

Sandoval Lodge's Elected Officers are as follows:

Senior Warden Eric M.  
Junior Warden Larry M.  
Treasurer Baab F.  
Secretary Richard C.

Sandoval Lodge's Appointed Officers are as follows:

Senior Deacon Tyler McKenzie  
Junior Deacon Davin B. Teague  
Senior Steward David Peterson  
Junior Steward Brian B.  
Chaplain Rodger McDonald  
Tyler Stuart Miles

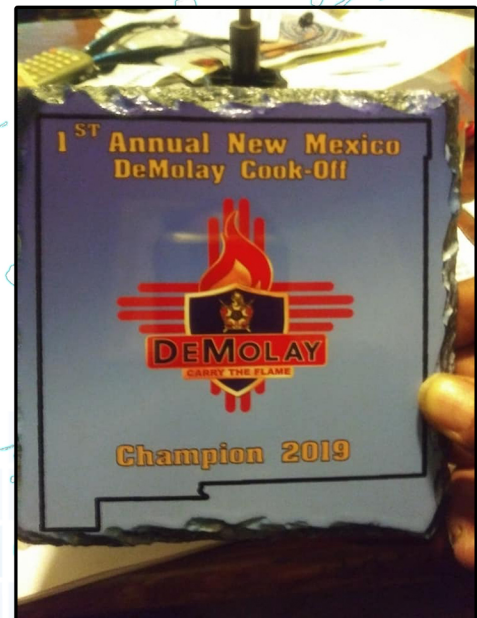
Sandoval Lodge participated in the New Mexico DeMolay BBQ Competition taking first place in the brisket contest.

Union Lodge No. 4 in Wagon Mound, NM held their Installation of Officers this past month under the new moon! It was a great experience for those that traveled to Union Lodge for the first time.

During the Holiday season, be sure to take some time to give thanks to those around you. Make sure to check up on the elders and disabled in your life, every moment is precious.



**Union Lodge Visit**



**BBQ 1st Place Trophy**

## FUTURE OCCASIONS

**Sandoval Lodge:**

**December 9th Stated Meeting  
Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm**

**Sandoval Lodge Installation of Officers  
Saturday, December 14th:**

**10:00 AM Practice  
10:30 AM Open Lodge Refreshments to follow the installation.**

**12/14 Toy's for Tot's Dance @  
Temple Lodge No. 6**

**01/5 Bethel Installation of Officers  
@ Sandoval Lodge No. 76**

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# Storehouse WEST

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## On Saturday, November 9th, 2019

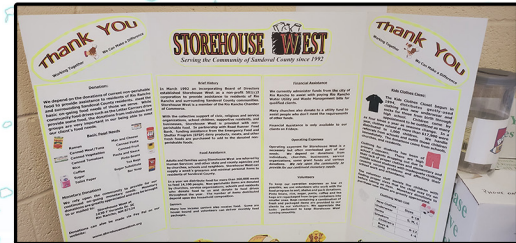
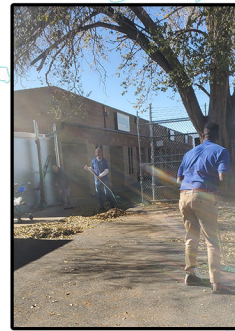
Sandoval Lodge No. 76 had the privilege of serving the local Rio Rancho community by volunteering at Storehouse West. Storehouse West is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), community-supported agency providing food, children's clothing and hygiene supplies to families, seniors, and individuals experiencing short-term and long-term need. Sandoval Lodge No. 76 made their first visit to Storehouse West back around May, and returned in November to aid in preparing for the Thanksgiving needs of the community. As Freemasons, our three great principles are, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We know what this means in the context of our obligations, but additionally that, we are to act charitably towards society, giving of ourselves to better the common good. During the Entered Apprentice degree of Freemasonry one of the things we are taught is the importance of charity. On the particular morning of our volunteer work, I spent time with my beautiful wife and awesome kids discussing the importance of volunteering, helping others, and improving our community. I read to them from the sacred text that I hold dear, as it is the rule and guide of my faith and practice. One of the particular passages stands out to me. As it says in the King James Version of the Christian Bible presented to me upon receiving my Master Mason degree, in James 2:26 it says, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

As Freemasons, we are all required to profess a belief in a Supreme Being. It is inculcated in us to care for our brethren, and our fellow man. It is often said that Freemasonry is, "The brotherhood of man, under the fatherhood of God." In reading the writings of brother Victor A. Rosario, he wrote that in learning about charity as an Entered Apprentice, that Freemasonry is about "...the vertical relationship we have with The Great Architect of the Universe and the horizontal relationship we have in turn with mankind." Famed clinical psychologist Dr. Jordan Peterson has been quoted as saying that, "I act as if God exists... but that's not sufficiently true. Who could do that? Who could conduct themselves with the moral exactitude and care necessary of someone who would dare to make that claim?" As Freemasons we all make the claim that we believe in a Supreme Being. We freely take obligations to live up to such a code of conduct. We are continually admonished to live with the moral conduct as to reflect our belief in a Supreme Being. Charity is simply one of the ways we do this, and can show it. I am honored to be a part of Sandoval Lodge No. 76. It is an honor to be a part of a lodge that actively works to exemplify the best qualities of Freemasonry. I know all of the men in our lodge are working to improve themselves daily, and that we all want the best for our community.

Sandoval Lodge No. 76 had a great turn out on November 9th! I'd like to thank WM Dave Bachman, WB Fred Kellogg, Brother Davin Teague, Brother Davin's girlfriend Cailyn Kilkup, SD Larry Mikkelsen, SD Larry's daughter Jacee York-Mikkelsen. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. We were able to fill well over 100 bags of specific groceries to give to families in the local community as Thanksgiving approaches. In fact, we filled so many bags, Storehouse West ran out of the groceries needed to fill the bags!

We were able to reorganize the walk-in freezer for Storehouse West. We were able to provide some maintenance by raking and sweeping the leaves out of their parking lot. And we were able to break down cardboard boxes and organize it for recycling.

Ghandi has said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." The Freemasons of Sandoval Lodge No. 76 are doing just that.



Store House West Volunteer group from Sandoval Lodge No. 76



# GET TO KNOW A BROTHER

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**WB Philip S. Doonan**

**Our Brother was born on December 25th, 1938 in Malden Massachusetts. Our Brother will be 81 next month. He has 4 siblings. 1 brother and 3 sisters. 2 sisters are already passed on as well as his brother. His sister lives in Tuscan Arizona. Brother Philip went to Tuscan Senior High School when it was the only school in Tuscan other than the Catholic Private School. He graduated in 1956. Our Brother's father wanted him to become an engineer but he didn't last long in the field of college and instead joined the Air Force in 1957. He specialized in Nuclear Medicine for 17 years but was in the military for 32 years. He later was able to retire from the Air Force in 1989. When he grew up he looked up to his Uncle Philip Bauler who was a WWII veteran who fought in Germany. Even despite his injuries from getting shot in battle he always pushed forward and did something with himself. This had a major impact on him and it was very inspiring. His uncle was he was shot twice on D-Day. Then he was sent back in 6 weeks later and was shot in the jaw by a sniper in 1944. But he made sure this never held him back in life. As a grown man now he looks up to all his Brethren and family as they always inspire him to do the best he can with himself. His favorite quote is anything that is inspiring good will and ideals. He met Sara Heflin in 1960, she was born in July of 1942. They met in Albuquerque, New Mexico as he was stationed here 4 times and had a chance to meet and marry this wonderful woman. He worked for Stapleton Elementary for 20 years and retired in 1989. He went to Corrales University while in the military and was able to obtain his Masters in History Political Science and a masters in Special Educations.**

**Bro. Philip loves to read a good book. Nothing better than delving into a good story or enlightenment. He also loves to go fishing. His favorite music is Big Bands like Glen Miller. If he catches a flick on the tele he watches war movies or war documentaries. But since he has thousands of books he has very little time for the tube. When he was younger he ran track, but as of now he likes to watch Football and routes for the Patriots. His lucky number is 8. He has one daughter who has one son and one daughter that lives in Las Lunas. The most important title Dad or Grandpa next to Mom and Grandma. His plans from here is to be as active with his family and Masonry as he can. Enjoying the people in his life is his favorite thing to do and will always be his top priority. Brother Doonan has been a part of so many appending bodies in Masonry it's easier to say what he hasn't been a part of. He was Raised in January of 1965 but was entered in November of 1964. He was raised in John Bunion Lodge in Bedford, England. Many of his family members were Masons and this prompted his interest in Masonry. His Uncle was also raised in Europe (Germany). He also viewed many Brethren before he joined as his family surrounded themselves with Masons and he noticed how they held themselves up and how they acted in public and what they did for the community and he wanted to be a part of that. After he moved to Rio Rancho after retiring in 1993 he became a member and active with Sandoval Lodge No. 76.**

**His greatest accomplishments he'd like us to know about is all the help he has done for the Balloon Fiesta, his great service in the military, raising a great daughter and watching and supporting her to raise great grandchildren. He would also like to point out that his greatest accomplishment was becoming a better man and meeting with the Masons and becoming one. He wishes his memory was better so he could help out more with ritual but is always willing to spread his time and help to the lodge, community and brethren in need.**