

SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE No. 76

**DECEMBER
2023**

TRESTLEBOARD



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SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE No. 76

MEETS IN REGULAR
COMMUNICATION

ON THE 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS

FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00 PM

LODGE OPENS AT 7:00 PM

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOMED -

TO RSVP, EMAIL
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FROM THE WEST

GREETINGS BRETHREN,

*WOW HERE WE ARE BEGINNING
DECEMBER ALREADY! WHAT A YEAR IT
HAS BEEN WITH MANY UPS AND A FEW
DOWNS.*

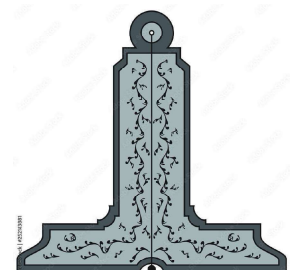
*I AM VERY THANKFUL AND HONORED
THAT THE BRETHREN HAVE VOTED ME
AND OUR FELLOW OFFICERS TO LEAD
SANDOVAL LODGE 76 FOR THE
UPCOMING YEAR, AND TO HONOR ALL OF
OUR BRETHREN IN THE GOLDEN 50TH
YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LODGE.*

*WE WILL HAVE A LOT PLANNED FOR THE
YEAR AND WE WILL BE LOOKING
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE
LODGE AND THE EVENTS WE WILL BE
HAVING.*

THANK YOU, AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



**BRO. DAVIN TEAGUE
WM - ELECT**



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FROM THE SOUTH

HAVING SERVED AS THE JUNIOR WARDEN IN THE MASONIC FRATERNITY FOR FOUR OF MY ELEVEN YEARS, THE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN BOTH CHALLENGING AND REWARDING. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF FULFILLING THE ROLE OF A STATIONED OFFICER IN THREE DIFFERENT MASONIC JURISDICTIONS!

MASONIC TRAVEL HOLDS GREAT IMPORTANCE, OFFERING PRICELESS EXPERIENCES THROUGH VISITS TO OTHER LODGES, JURISDICTIONS, AND INTERACTIONS WITH FELLOW BRETHREN. DURING A RECENT TRIP, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING BRO. ANTHONY STANSBURY OF GRAVITY LODGE No. 94 (PHA) IN LOS ANGELES. HE SHARED HIS OWN EXPERIENCES, AND CHATTED ABOUT PRINCE HALL MASONRY. I HAD TO SHARE WITH HIM MY PIC AT THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF MW PRINCE HALL HIMSELF IN BOSTON. A MASON, YOU ARE NEVER ALONE IN THE WORLD.

I SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR THE TRUST PLACED IN ME AS YOUR NEWLY ELECTED SENIOR WARDEN FOR A.:L.: 6024. I EAGERLY ANTICIPATE CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76!



**AT GRAVESITE
OF MW PRINCE
HALL IN BOSTON**



**WITH BRO. SW ANTHONY
STANSBURY OF GRAVITY LODGE
No. 94 (PHA) GL OF CA**



***BRO. BURX NORROD
SW - ELECT***

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF
SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 FOR A.:L.: 6024!!!**

**WORSHIPFUL MASTER ELECT
BRO. DAVIN TEAGUE**

**SENIOR WARDEN ELECT
BRO. BURX NORROD**

**JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT
BRO. JOHN KEEL**

**TREASURER
RW TIMOTHY DONOVAN**

**SECRETARY ELECT
WB EUGENE 'GENE' MORSE**

**INSTALLATION FOR ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICERS TO
COMMENCE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 11AM AT THE
LODGE**

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*Sandoval
Lodge No
76*

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LODGE OPENS
@ 10:30AM
INSTALL @ 11AM

DEC
9TH 2023

INSTALLATION OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

HORS D'OEUVRES AND
DESSERT TO FOLLOW

@ SANDOVAL LODGE NO 76

1420 BARBARA LOOP SE
RIO RANCHO NM 87174

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WB Bob Finch,

As Sandoval Lodge No. 76 comes together in brotherhood and closes out the year to begin anew, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your outstanding service as our Lodge Secretary.

Your unwavering commitment to the principles of Freemasonry and the smooth functioning of our Lodge has not gone unnoticed. Your dedication, attention to detail, and tireless efforts in managing the administrative aspects of our Lodge have contributed significantly to the positive atmosphere and camaraderie we all enjoy.

Your proficiency in handling correspondence, maintaining accurate records, and ensuring that our meetings run seamlessly has made a profound impact on the overall experience of our members. Your organizational skills and efficiency have allowed us to focus on the true essence of Freemasonry – fostering brotherhood, personal growth, and the pursuit of knowledge.

Your willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty has not only lightened the load for your fellow brethren but has also set a shining example for others to follow. Your role as the Secretary is not just a position; it is a reflection of your deep commitment to the principles and values that define our beloved Masonic fraternity.

On behalf of all the members of Sandoval Lodge No. 76, I extend our heartfelt thanks for your hard work, dedication, and the positive impact you've made on our Masonic journey. Your contributions are invaluable, and we are truly fortunate to have you as our Lodge Secretary.

May the Great Architect continue to guide and bless you in all your endeavors.



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GET TO KNOW THE NEW LODGE SECRETARY!

EUGENE E. MORSE: A JOURNEY OF SERVICE, EXPERTISE, AND MASONIC BROTHERHOOD

EUGENE E. MORSE, BORN IN THE VIBRANT CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, IN 1948, TO WILLIE E. MORSE AND JEAN PHILADELPHIA SMITH, EMBARKED ON A REMARKABLE JOURNEY CHARACTERIZED BY COMMITMENT, EDUCATION, AND A DEEP SENSE OF DUTY. EDUCATIONALLY, EUGENE EXCELLED, EARNING AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN GROUND RADAR TECHNOLOGY (ELECTRONICS) FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE AT MAXWELL A.F.B., AL, IN 1985. FURTHER STUDIES AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY INCLUDED CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS, ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS, AND MANAGEMENT.

HIS TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING, SPANNING VARIOUS PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE USAF SNCO ACADEMY AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) RADAR REPAIRMAN, REFLECTED HIS DEDICATION TO CONTINUOUS LEARNING.

EUGENE'S ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER INCLUDED ROLES AS A TRAINING DEVELOPER/ TECHNICAL WRITER, MAINTENANCE TRAINING MANAGER, AND MILITARY HISTORIAN. HIS SIX-YEAR TENURE AS A TRAINING DEVELOPER/TECHNICAL WRITER SAW HIM AUTHOR FOUR RADAR SYSTEMS TRAINING MANUALS AND CO-DEVELOP THREE MORE, SHOWCASING HIS DIVERSE SKILL SET.

IN HIS ROLE AS A MAINTENANCE TRAINING MANAGER, EUGENE PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN MONITORING WORK CENTERS' TRAINING PROGRESS AND EVALUATING TRAINING PROGRAMS. HIS EXPERTISE EARNED RECOGNITION AS A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE STAFF AND QUALITY CONTROL TEAM.

WITH A 37-YEAR CAREER AS AN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN, EUGENE'S TECHNICAL PROWESS EXTENDED FROM FAULT ISOLATION AND REPAIR OF RADAR SYSTEMS TO COMPUTER NETWORK HARDWARE SUPPORT. HIS MILITARY SERVICE, SPANNING THE UNITED STATES MARINES AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, HIGHLIGHTED HIS COMMITMENT TO DUTY.

ANCESTRALLY CONNECTED TO MILITARY SERVICE, EUGENE'S FAMILY HISTORY INCLUDED TIES TO THE BRITISH ARMY, AMERICAN REVOLUTION ARMY, CIVIL WAR, AND WWII. IN 2001, HE PETITIONED HAUGHTON LODGE No. 95 F&AM (GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA) ACHIEVING THE TITLE OF PAST MASTER IN 2005 AND THE SCOTTISH RITE'S 32ND DEGREE IN THE VALLEY OF SHREVEPORT, ORIENT OF LOUISIANA IN 2017.

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EUGENE AND HIS WIFE SHARON (NEE MCMANUS) EMBRACED A NEW ADVENTURE, RELOCATING TO RIO RANCHO, NM, IN MAY 2023. BEYOND HIS PROFESSIONAL AND MILITARY PURSUITS, EUGENE FOUND SOLACE AND PASSION IN HOBBIES SUCH AS FLY FISHING, PAINTING, CARPENTRY, WRITING, AND RESEARCHING.

HIS FAMILY, AN INTEGRAL PART OF HIS LIFE, INCLUDE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN:

CHILDREN:

- SCOT A. MORSE (1973): MANAGER TRADER JOHN IN BROOKLYN, NY**
- TOD J. MORSE (1976): NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONTROLLER, HAHNVILLE, LA**
- JEFFERY E. MORSE (1978): CATER CHEF, ALEXANDRIA, LA**
- JOSEPH M. BURNAMAN (1984): COMMERCIAL DRIVER, SHREVEPORT, LA**

GRANDCHILDREN:

- THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS**
- THREE GRANDSONS**
- TWO GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS**

EUGENE'S DEDICATION TO SERVICE EXTENDED BEYOND BORDERS, AS HE SERVED AS A VIETNAMESE SPEAKER FOR KIT CARSON SCOUTS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. HIS IMPACT REACHED NOT ONLY THROUGH HIS MILITARY SERVICE BUT ALSO THROUGH THE LEGACY OF HIS DIVERSE AND ACCOMPLISHED FAMILY.

EUGENE E. MORSE'S LIFE STORY IS ONE OF CONTINUOUS LEARNING, UNWAVERING DEDICATION, AND A COMMITMENT TO FAMILY, COUNTRY, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY. HIS LEGACY REMAINS A TESTAMENT TO A LIFE WELL-LIVED AND A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THOSE HE SERVED AND INSPIRED.

WELCOME TO SANDOVAL LODGE, WB EUGENE!



**WB EUGENE 'GENE' MORSE
SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE No. 76
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A TRAVELING MAN'S REPORT BY BRO. JOHN P. KEEL

SALUTATIONS TO ALL MY BRETHREN AND THANK YOU FOR READING THIS, THE FIRST OF WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REGULAR PERIODICAL. I ENJOY ATTENDING LODGES AND MEETING BROTHERS ALL AROUND OUR COUNTRY AS I TRAVEL FOR WORK OR PLEASURE. IT ALWAYS SEEMS THAT I FIND FASCINATING BROTHERS AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION EVERY TIME I VISIT NEW LODGES AND I THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE FUN TO SHARE SOME OF THE COOL THINGS I DISCOVER ALONG THE WAY. RECENTLY, I VISITED ORLANDO FLORIDA AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND ORANGE LODGE #36 IN APOPKA AS WELL AS REVISIT MOKANNA LODGE #329 FOR A VERY SPECIAL "LODGE OF SORROWS" CEREMONY.

I VISITED ORANGE LODGE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21 AND HAD DINNER WITH THE BRETHREN WHERE I LEARNED THAT ORANGE LODGE HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE OLDEST LODGE IN FLORIDA THAT STILL MEETS IN ITS ORIGINAL BUILDING, THOUGH THE LODGE WAS LIFTED TO BECOME THE SECOND STORY OF A NEW BUILDING BUILT UNDER IT MANY DECADES AGO. ADDITIONALLY, THE BUILDING HAS BEEN THERE SO LONG THAT THE CITY OF APOPKA FLORIDA WAS FOUNDED BASED ON THE LODGE, WITH THE ORIGINAL TOWN LIMITS BEING ESTABLISHED EXACTLY ONE MILE IN EACH OF THE CARDINAL DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LODGE. IN FACT, THE FIRST TOWN HALL, POST OFFICE AND SCHOOL USED TO BE LOCATED IN THE GROUND FLOOR STRUCTURE THAT WAS BUILT WHEN THE LODGE WAS RAISED TO THE SECOND STORY.



WITH WM PATRICK TESSIER, MASTER OF
ORANGE LODGE No. 36, OLDEST LODGE
IN FLORIDA!

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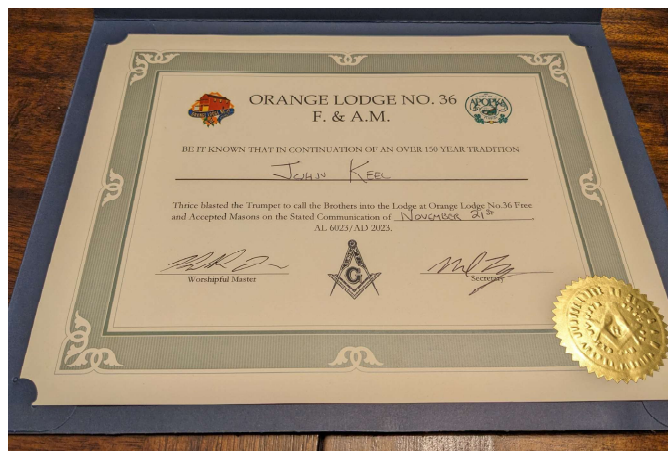
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ORANGE LODGE IS ALSO A MOONLIGHT LODGE AND IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE LODGE, MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES WOULD TRAVEL TO THE LODGE AND SET UP CAMP IN THE FIELD SURROUNDING THE LODGE. WHEN THE LODGE WAS READY TO OPEN, ONE OF THE BROTHERS WOULD STEP OUT ONTO THE FRONT PORCH OF THE LODGE AND BLOW A BRASS HORN THREE TIMES TO LET THE REST OF THE BROTHERS KNOW IT WAS TIME FOR THE MEETING.

THIS IS A TRADITION THAT IS STILL CARRIED ON TODAY WITH A BRASS HORN THAT REPLACED THE ORIGINAL ONE MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO. WB PATRICK TESSIER, WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF ORANGE LODGE BROUGHT THE ORIGINAL 200+ YEAR OLD HORN OUT OF THE ARCHIVES FOR ME TO SEE AS HE WAS GIVING ME THE TOUR AND HISTORY OF THE LODGE. I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED WHEN THE TYLER ASKED ME TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE PORCH AND GIVE THE CEREMONIAL BLASTS OF THE HORN. NOT BEING A MUSICIAN, THE “BLASTS” I GAVE WOULD MORE APPROXIMATE A LIBRARIAN’S WARNING TO NOISY PATRONS THAN THAT OF A HORN, BUT THE BROTHERS STILL GAVE ME AN APPLAUSE AND I WAS FURTHER SURPRISED WHEN I WAS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE COMMEMORATING THE OCCASION. THE REST OF THE MEETING WAS WONDERFUL, WITH A PRESENTATION FROM TWO OF THEIR EAS AND, AFTERWARDS WE MET FOR FELLOWSHIP, WHICH CAPPED OFF A GREAT EVENING.



RECEIVING THE HORN BLOWING CERTIFICATE FROM WM PATRICK TESSIER (ORANGE LODGE No. 36)

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THE SECOND LODGE I ATTENDED WAS MOKANNA LODGE #329 ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 27. THOUGH I HAD VISITED THIS LODGE BEFORE IN 2022, THIS NIGHT WAS VERY SPECIAL SINCE THEY WERE PUTTING ON A LODGE OF SORROWS WHICH WAS A HUMBLING AND MOVING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. THE LODGE OF SORROWS, FOR THOSE UNFAMILIAR AS I WAS BEFORE THIS, IS MUCH MORE THAN THE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES WE PERFORM AT OUR LODGES EACH YEAR.

THE CEREMONY IS PUT ON IN THE NAME OF A BROTHER WHO HAS LEFT US TO BE WITH THE GRAND ARCHITECT BUT ON THIS OCCASION WAS FOR ALL OF THE BRETHREN WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE PRECEDING YEARS. THIS CEREMONY TRULY REMINDS US OF OUR MORTALITY THROUGH A READING OF SCRIPTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF MASONIC RITUAL, TO SERVE IN MANY WAYS AS A CEREMONIAL MEMENTO MORI, LEADING ME TO THINK AGAIN UPON THE LESSONS HAMMERED HOME SO EFFECTIVELY IN OUR THIRD DEGREE. THE CEREMONY ALSO REMINDS US TO BE HUMBLE IN OUR STATIONS AND TO KEEP OURSELVES ON THE RIGHT PATHS SO THAT WHEN WE GO TO THE HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS ABOVE, WE DO SO WITH A SOUL AS SPOTLESS AS OUR APRONS.

THOUGH FUNERAL-LIKE IN ITS PERFORMANCE, I LEFT THE CEREMONY WITH A RENEWED APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE THINGS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED IN THIS LIFE AND FOR THIS FRATERNITY IN WHICH WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE BRETHREN IN THE ORLANDO AREA HAD HOSTED A LODGE OF SORROWS IN RECENT YEARS SO, THE LODGE WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY FULL OF BROTHERS FROM ALL OVER FLORIDA AND EVEN A FEW TRAVELING MEN LIKE ME. THE RITUAL TEAM DID A PHENOMENAL JOB ON THE CEREMONY AND WITHOUT A DOUBT, LEFT ME WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.



*WITH WM RYAN
KILMARTIN OF
MOKANNA
LODGE No. 329
AND THEIR
LODGE OF
SORROWS*



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A FEW REASONS TO LEARN MASONIC RITUAL WORK

BY BRO. BURX NORROD

LEARNING MASONIC RITUAL HOLDS SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE WITHIN THE MASONIC FRATERNITY FOR SEVERAL REASONS:

PRESERVATION OF TRADITION:

MASONIC RITUAL IS STEEPED IN TRADITION, AND ITS ACCURATE TRANSMISSION FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION HELPS PRESERVE THE HERITAGE AND PRINCIPLES OF THE FRATERNITY. BY LEARNING AND PRACTICING THE RITUAL, MASONS CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUITY OF MASONIC CUSTOMS.

SYMBOLIC TEACHING:

MASONIC RITUALS ARE RICH IN SYMBOLISM AND ALLEGORY. THROUGH THE CEREMONIES, INITIATES ARE EXPOSED TO PROFOUND LESSONS AND MORAL TEACHINGS. LEARNING THE RITUAL ALLOWS MASONS TO UNDERSTAND AND INTERNALIZE THESE SYMBOLIC TEACHINGS, FOSTERING PERSONAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT.

UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD:

A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF RITUAL CREATES A SENSE OF UNITY AMONG MASONS. WHEN MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITY PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME CEREMONIES AND SHARE A COMMON LANGUAGE OF SYMBOLS AND ALLEGORIES, IT STRENGTHENS THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD. THIS SHARED EXPERIENCE BUILDS A SENSE OF CONNECTION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG MASONS WORLDWIDE.

INITIATION AND TRANSFORMATION:

MASONIC RITUALS ARE A VITAL COMPONENT OF INITIATION CEREMONIES. THEY MARK SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN A MASON'S JOURNEY AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE OF BECOMING A MASON. THE RITUALS GUIDE INDIVIDUALS THROUGH A SYMBOLIC JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY, ENLIGHTENMENT, AND MORAL IMPROVEMENT.

STANDARDIZATION:

UNIFORMITY IN RITUAL PRACTICES ENSURES CONSISTENCY AND STANDARDIZATION ACROSS MASONIC LODGES. THIS CONSISTENCY HELPS CREATE A COHESIVE EXPERIENCE FOR MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OR SPECIFIC LODGE. IT ALSO ENSURES THAT THE CORE PRINCIPLES AND TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY REMAIN INTACT.

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COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLINE:

LEARNING MASONIC RITUAL REQUIRES DEDICATION, DISCIPLINE, AND COMMITMENT. MASONS INVEST TIME AND EFFORT TO MEMORIZE AND PERFORM THE CEREMONIES ACCURATELY. THIS COMMITMENT REFLECTS A MASON'S DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY AND REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-DISCIPLINE AND PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE:

THE PROCESS OF LEARNING MASONIC RITUAL PROVIDES AN EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. MASONS DELVE INTO THE HISTORY, SYMBOLISM, AND PHILOSOPHY EMBEDDED IN THE CEREMONIES. THIS CONTINUOUS PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE CONTRIBUTES TO INTELLECTUAL GROWTH AND A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF MASONIC PRINCIPLES.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

MANY MASONIC OFFICES AND LEADERSHIP ROLES INVOLVE THE PERFORMANCE OF RITUALISTIC WORK. LEARNING AND MASTERING THESE RITUALS PREPARE MASONS FOR LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE LODGE. IT INSTILLS CONFIDENCE, PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS, AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

IN SUMMARY, THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING MASONIC RITUAL LIES IN ITS ROLE AS A VEHICLE FOR TRANSMITTING TRADITION, CONVEYING MORAL LESSONS, FOSTERING UNITY AMONG BRETHREN, GUIDING TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES, ENSURING STANDARDIZATION, PROMOTING COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLINE, OFFERING EDUCATIONAL VALUE, AND PREPARING MASONS FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES WITHIN THE FRATERNITY.

AT ANIMAS LODGE IN FARMINGTON TO DELIVER THE EA LECTURE AND CHARGE TO THEIR YOUNGEST EA. IF YOU CAN LEARN THESE RITUAL PIECES, YOU WILL NOT ONLY BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TEACHINGS OF THE CRAFT, BUT BE ABLE TO SHARE THE LIGHT THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION.



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GRAND LODGE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18 RECAP

BY BRO. BURX NORROD

THE ANNUAL GRAND LODGE MEETING CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2024/2025, AND WE'RE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE BUDGET IS BALANCED! THESE GATHERINGS OFTEN INVOLVE EMOTIONALLY CHARGED DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW THE GRAND LODGE ALLOCATES FUNDS, MAKING COMMUNICATION CHALLENGING.

HOWEVER, THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS EVENT WASN'T JUST WITNESSING THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO BUT ALSO THE EVENTS THAT UNFOLDED IN BETWEEN. THE DAY COMMENCED WITH A DELIGHTFUL BREAKFAST FROM THE FOOD TRUCK OWNED BY WB NACHIMA CORIZ, WHO ALSO PROVIDED A DELICIOUS LUNCH. ADDITIONALLY, THE YOUTH GROUPS, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF OUR VERY OWN WB LEON ALDERETTE, SHOWCASED THEIR TALENTS, ADDING AN EXTRA LAYER OF VIBRANCY TO THE PROCEEDINGS. AND - WM-ELECT BRO. DAVIN IN HIS PURPLE!



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THE FINAL TOAST TO WB DAVE BACHMANN

***ARE YOUR GLASSES CHARGED IN THE WEST AND SOUTH,
THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER CRIES***

***THEY'RE CHARGED IN THE WEST, THEY'RE CHARGED IN THE SOUTH,
ARE THE WARDENS' PROMPT REPLIES***

***THEN TO OUR FINAL TOAST TO-NIGHT YOUR GLASSES FAIRLY DRAIN HAPPY TO MEET -
SORRY TO PART - HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN***

OH! HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO SANDOVAL LODGE WB DAVE,
NEW MEXICO'S LOSS IS CONNECTICUT'S GAIN. BON VOYAGE!!**



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END OF YEAR POTLUCK AT SANDOVAL LODGE!



**PAST MASTER OF
ANIMAS LODGE
ENJOYING THE CHOW
PUT-TOGETHER BY
THE DEMOLAYS!**

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EXPLORING SYMBOLIC CONNECTIONS: FUXI, NUWA, FREEMASONRY, AND THE REBIS

BY BRO. BURX NORROD

IN THE VAST TAPESTRY OF HUMAN MYTHOLOGY, SYMBOLISM, AND MYSTICISM, THERE ARE INTRIGUING THREADS THAT CONNECT DISPARATE CULTURES AND TRADITIONS. ONE SUCH INTERSECTION INVOLVES THE FIGURES OF FUXI AND NUWA FROM CHINESE MYTHOLOGY, THE ANCIENT INSTITUTION OF FREEMASONRY, AND THE ALCHEMICAL CONCEPT OF THE REBIS. WHILE THESE ELEMENTS COME FROM DIFFERENT CORNERS OF THE WORLD, SOME ENTHUSIASTS AND ESOTERIC THINKERS HAVE SOUGHT TO DRAW PARALLELS, SUGGESTING SHARED THEMES AND UNIVERSAL SYMBOLS. THIS ARTICLE AIMS TO EXPLORE THE SYMBOLIC CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FUXI, NUWA, FREEMASONRY, AND THE REBIS.

FUXI AND NUWA:

FUXI AND NUWA HOLD SIGNIFICANT PLACES IN CHINESE MYTHOLOGY, WHERE THEY ARE OFTEN REGARDED AS CULTURAL HEROES AND DEITIES. FUXI, A MYTHICAL EMPEROR, IS CREDITED WITH INTRODUCING CRUCIAL INVENTIONS SUCH AS FISHING, TRAPPING, AND WRITING TO HUMANITY. NUWA, A GODDESS WITH A SERPENT'S LOWER BODY, IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CREATION OF HUMANITY AND THE MENDING OF THE PILLAR OF HEAVEN. THE SYMBOLISM HERE REVOLVES AROUND COSMIC BALANCE, CREATION, AND THE INTERTWINING OF HUMAN AND DIVINE DESTINIES.

FREEMASONRY:

FREEMASONRY, A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION WITH HISTORICAL ROOTS IN MEDIEVAL STONEMASON GUILDS, HAS DEVELOPED INTO A COMPLEX SYSTEM OF SYMBOLISM, RITUALS, AND MORAL TEACHINGS. FREEMASONS USE ARCHITECTURAL METAPHORS TO CONVEY MORAL AND ETHICAL LESSONS, EMPHASIZING PRINCIPLES LIKE BROTHERHOOD, CHARITY, AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. THE SYMBOLISM OF TOOLS, PILLARS, AND INITIATION RITUALS PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN CONVEYING DEEPER PHILOSOPHICAL MEANINGS.

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THE REBIS:

IN THE REALM OF WESTERN ALCHEMY, THE REBIS IS A SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION OF THE CULMINATION OF THE ALCHEMICAL PROCESS. COMBINING THE LATIN WORDS "RES" (THING) AND "BINUS" (TWO), THE REBIS IS OFTEN DEPICTED AS A FIGURE WITH BOTH MALE AND FEMALE ATTRIBUTES, EMBODYING THE INTEGRATION OF OPPOSITES AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT. THIS ALCHEMICAL CONCEPT REFLECTS THE TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY FROM BASE MATTER TO A HIGHER STATE OF BEING.

EXPLORING CONNECTIONS:

WHILE THE CULTURAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGINS OF FUXI, NUWA, FREEMASONRY, AND THE REBIS ARE DISTINCT, SOME ENTHUSIASTS HAVE DRAWN SPECULATIVE CONNECTIONS BASED ON SHARED THEMES OF CREATION, BALANCE, AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT. THE SYMBOLIC USE OF SERPENTS, THE THEME OF DUALITY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HIGHER KNOWLEDGE APPEAR IN VARYING FORMS ACROSS THESE TRADITIONS.

IT'S CRUCIAL TO APPROACH THESE COMPARISONS WITH CAUTION, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE INTERPRETATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS OR ESOTERIC THINKERS MAY NOT ALIGN WITH MAINSTREAM SCHOLARSHIP. THE SIMILARITIES OBSERVED COULD BE COINCIDENTAL, STEMMING FROM UNIVERSAL HUMAN THEMES RATHER THAN DIRECT INFLUENCES BETWEEN THESE TRADITIONS.

CONCLUSION:

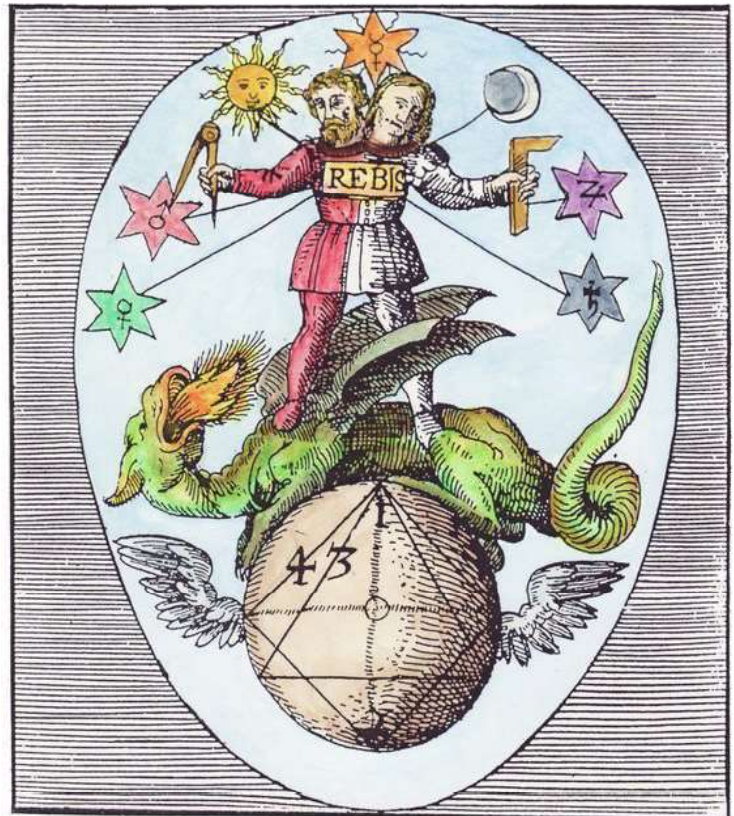
THE EXPLORATION OF SYMBOLIC CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FUXI, NUWA, FREEMASONRY, AND THE REBIS PROVIDES A FASCINATING GLIMPSE INTO THE SHARED HUMAN QUEST FOR MEANING, ENLIGHTENMENT, AND BALANCE. WHILE CAUTION IS NECESSARY WHEN DRAWING PARALLELS BETWEEN CULTURALLY DISTINCT SYMBOLS, THE PURSUIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND UNCOVERING UNIVERSAL TRUTHS REMAINS A TIMELESS AND INTRIGUING ENDEAVOR IN THE WORLD OF MYTHOLOGY AND MYSTICISM.

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FUXI & NUWA
(3,000 B.C. (AT LEAST))



REBIS FROM THEORIA PHILOSOPHIAE
HERMETICAE (1617) BY HEINRICH NOLLIIUS



MAKING THESE CONNECTIONS WHILE
IN CHINA IN 2013

SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE No. 76

DECEMBER
2023

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COME ON OUT & SUPPORT THE JOBIES!

*A long time ago in a galaxy
far far away...*

The Incoming Honored Queen



Peace



Invites you to her Installation on Alderaan

Job's Daughters Bethel 4

SATURDAY

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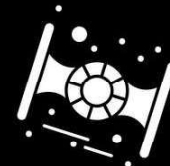
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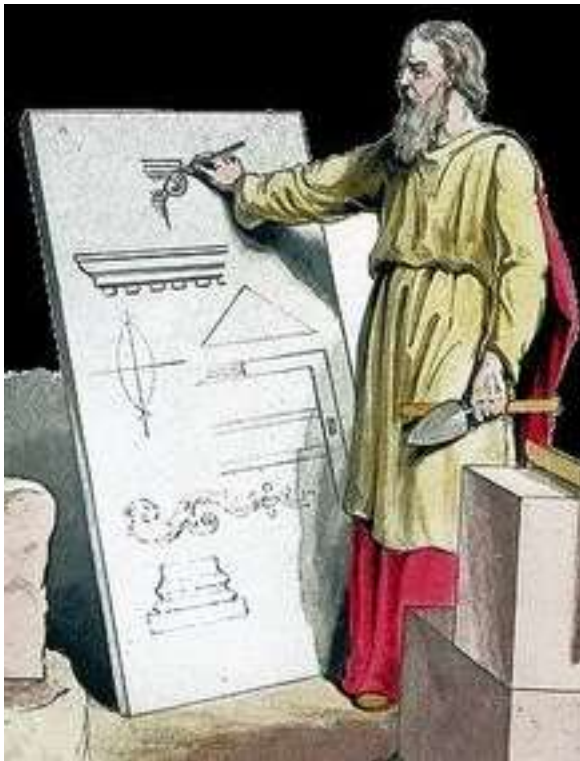


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



THE TRESTLEBOARD IS A MASONIC TOOL LIKE NONE OTHER. IT'S USE IS TO REMIND US TO ENDEAVOR TO ERECT OUR SPIRITUAL BUILDING AGREEABLY WITH THE RULES AND DESIGNS LAID DOWN BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE IN THE GREAT BOOK OF NATURE AND REVELATION.

SOMEHOW OVER TIME, THIS HAS GONE THROUGH THE ALCHEMICAL PROCESS OF BEING TRANSMUTED INTO THE NEWSLETTER OF MASONIC LODGES.

BEING OF SUCH IMPORTANCE, READING THIS MONTHLY TRESTLEBOARD FROM COVER TO COVER WILL HELP YOU TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CULTURE OF SANDOVAL LODGE IN PARTICULAR AS I KEEP IT SANDOVAL SPECIFIC.

BEYOND MERELY READING, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IS EVEN MORE REWARDING. THE MATERIAL WITHIN THIS PUBLICATION IS CRAFTED THROUGH THE INSIGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES OF OUR ESTEEMED LODGE MEMBERS, OCCASIONALLY AUGMENTED BY THE THOUGHTS OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS. IF YOU HOLD ANY REFLECTIONS OR VIEWPOINTS REGARDING SANDOVAL LODGE OR FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO SHARE THEM WITH THE READERSHIP.

THIS TRESTLEBOARD IS CONVENIENTLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE FOR DOWNLOAD, SERVING AS A PLATFORM TO SHOWCASE SANDOVAL LODGE. IT REACHES THE EYES OF OUR MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES, AND VISITORS, POTENTIALLY INSPIRING INTEREST AND INFLUENCING PETITION DECISIONS. YOUR INPUT HAS THE POWER TO SHAPE AND ENRICH OUR COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING. WE EAGERLY ANTICIPATE YOUR FORTHCOMING CONTRIBUTIONS!

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