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SANDOVAL LODGE NO. 783  
A.F. A.M.  
LODGE OFFICERS



# MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

**Greetings brethren,**

**We had a great year in 2019 with being at labor we confirmed a lot of degrees. A lot of good men received the light and are continuing their hard work. Now is the time to be thankful for what our creator has provided us with our wellbeing, family, and this honorable order which we are part of. I have met some of the best men out there which I am proud to call my brothers.**



**I would like to focus on masonic education this year and thanks to the help of WB Leon I plan to have at least one presentation a month, so I look forward to having a busy year in 2020, with the guidance of our past masters and the devotion of our EA's, FC's, and newly raised Master Masons we will thrive. I would like to thank you all for entrusting me with the duty of being your master this year and I hope to sere this lodge well as it so has served me. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.**

**WM. MARTIN H MALDONADO**



# MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

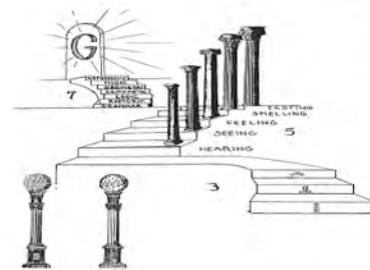
## MASONIC FELLOW CRAFT JOURNEY OF BRO'S. J. BORSARGE & BONILLA

### Degree Team

- ◆ WM. WB. Justin Holt
- ◆ SW. Martin Maldonado
- ◆ JW. Eric Moses
- ◆ SD. Larry Mikkelsen
- ◆ JD. Tyler McKenzie
- ◆ SS. Dave Peterson
- ◆ JS. Roger McDonald
- ◆ SC. Lecture : WB. Dan Irick
- ◆ G. Lecture: Leon Alderette
- ◆ Tyler. Stewart Miles



### The Winding Stairs



The winding stairs, like all true symbolic presentations, provides us with a host of implications and insights upon which we may expand our appreciation of life and its meaning. Step by step the stairs represent the upward climb of men's understanding and his quest to "imitate the Divine plan." The view is more extensive the higher we ascend, yet this view with its widening horizon can only be obtained by the toil of climbing. It has been suggested that the winding stairs has a further illusion. Because of the turning, what awaits us as we progress is hidden,

### Guests and Attendees

**Back Row:** Stewart Miles, Eric Moses, WB. Bob Finch, Davin Teague, WB. Fred Kellogg

**Middle Row:** Steve Goff, Steve Glass, Brian Borawski, Dave Peterson, Roger McDonald, Tyler McKenzie, WB. Barry Kromer, WB Dan Irick, WB Harry Kantz

**Front Row:** WB. Bill Lewis, Larry Mikkelsen, Martin Maldonado, WB. Justin Holt, John Bosarge, Guillermo Bonilla, WB. Leon Alderette, Bruce Bailey.

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#### 2019 - OFFICERS

- ◆ WM. DAVID BACHMAN
- ◆ SW. MARTINE MALDONADO
- ◆ JW. ERIC MOSES
- ◆ SD. LARRY E MIKKELSEN JR.
- ◆ JD. TYLER MCKENZIE
- ◆ SECRETARY. RICHARD CULLEN
- ◆ TREASURER. BOB FINCH
- ◆ SS. STEWART MILES
- ◆ JS. ROGER MCDONALD
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## MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH



News From Our  
Masonic School for  
Children with  
Learning Disabilities

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.

If you purchase stuff on amazon , I would like to remind you to use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Masonic School for Children. It will cost you nothing and we will receive a rebate on your purchase.

### Challenge to Our Perpetual Members MWB Dan Irick

I have been a proud member in good standing in Sandoval Lodge No. 76 since 1981. I have grown and prospered from my association with such a fine group of men and the great lessons of life learned from my activities in the Lodge. When the opportunity came up to support my Lodge into perpetuity, I purchased a perpetual membership when the dues were \$40 at a cost of 20 times that amount (\$800). For more than 30 years I have not paid dues to Sandoval Lodge, but received my dues card from payments by the perpetual fund from Grand Lodge at the amount of dues I was paying when I purchased the perpetual membership. This sounds great until you look at the numbers. In the many years I have been paying a meager \$20 per year to the Lodge, the cost of operation of the Lodge has greatly increased. The current dues are \$200 per year. My masonic lodge members have been paying my share of the cost for the operation of Sandoval Lodge for many years. Our Worshipful Master Dave Bachman has been working to get the Lodge finances to work without drawing down our savings. To support this effort, I felt compelled to contribute to the Lodges operation by paying the gas bill for the year. I challenge those of you who are perpetual members to contribute to the financial support of our Lodge's operation and not put the burden on our dues paying members.

### WB Lester Johnson

Throughout the years many men have joined Sandoval Lodge by transferring their membership from other Lodges. One such member was Lester Johnson. He became a member, worked his way up to be master of the Lodge and spent many years as our secretary. He coached many new masons through their degrees. He was a quiet man, hard of hearing, with a perpetual smile on his face. I remember the day when he announced that he had achieved over 4,000,000 mile of accident free driving for the trucking company he worked for. His many years of truck driving, many before the days of driver comfort and quiet trucks, had left him with a need to wear hearing aids. He and his wife Mabel were very active in the Order of the Eastern Star and along with many of our early members joined the ladies in many a meeting, dinner, and other events at the Lodge. He was always there to support the Lodge. He contributed the fans in the lodge room to the Lodge, made the support brackets that hold them connected to the rafters and helped install them. Like so many others, his time spent working for the Lodge helped make it what it is today.

MWB Dan Irik



## PAST EVENTS

AS THE YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE, NEW MEXICO MASONS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL INSTAALTION OF OFFICERS. OUR BROTHERS FROM SANDOVAL LODGE NO. 76 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AS MANY AS THEY COULD. I FEEL THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MOMENT FOR MASONS TO COME TOGETHER, CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND MEET NEW ONES. IT STRENGTHENS OUR BONDS AS MASONS ACROSS THE STATE AND GROWS OUR FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD. ON THE NEXT PAGE ARE A FEW PHOTO OF SOME THESE INSTALLATIONS. HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## FUTURE OCCASIONS

**Sandoval Lodge:  
January 13th Stated Meeting  
Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm**

**WB. Jay Williams will be holding an open presentation called:  
“The Battle at Bunker Hill.”**

**Please bring your family & friends to this wonderful occasion.**

**January 5th- Bethel Installation of Officers @ Sandoval Lodge No. 76**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS**



# Installations! Installations! Installations!

As we all know this month is Installation time throughout the state. I'd like to share some photos of the installations some of our brothers attended as well as other events like holiday parties!



Lodge of Research  
WM Jamie Reynoso



Rio Grande No. 1  
Royal Arch High Priest  
Kevin Fitzwater



Pilgrim Comandary No. 3  
Eminent Comander  
Leon Alderette



Mesa Lodge No. 68  
WM I. Harris Belsky



Hiram Lodge No. 13  
WM Jarrid Roberts



Temple Lodge No. 6  
WM Jason Harmon



Sandia Mountain Lodge No. 72  
WM Alex Cosby





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## Bro. David L. Romero Jr

Our Brother was born on March 1st, 1991 at UNM Hospital in Albuquerque New Mexico. He was born to David L. Romero Sr and Debbie Margret Padilla (Romero). His older sister Stefonie Montoya (Romero) is seven years older than he is. He attended Rio Rancho High School but graduated from New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy in 2007. He wanted to be a detective as he felt he had new ideas he could bring with him to better the job for himself and others in general. When he was a child he looked up to The Amazing Spiderman because he is ornery but honorable, intelligent but ignorant (as he is young) but always smart enough to learn new ways and he always gets the job done. "What a good guy." During a dark moment in our Brother's life he decided to not let it bring him down and instead he took a year and 8 months of classes to enlighten himself more in auto mechanics and obtained an associates degree in Automotive and has certificates for working on 2 stroke engines, as well as 3 stroke engines. He also obtained his ASE Training and he is OSHA certified. He is looking for work as we speak. He will take side jobs until then and even after that.

Brother Romero has two children. He has one daughter named Santana Roybal who is 4 years old and a son named Solomon Luciano Romero who is 3 years old.

Brother David looks up to Nicola Tesla because he wanted to give free electricity to all during a time when people couldn't afford it, but he was stopped by various forces that did not have his same dream of free energy for all. What was inspiring is that he still kept trying for his dream until his death even with his road blocks. He also looks up to his deities because of the enlightenment he has received and by his experiences he has found the limits he can push and has found he can look up and worship fruitfully and prosperously.

His favorite quote to say is: "Wow"

David has one dog named Venom which is almost 14 years old. He is a Lab Pit mix. He also has various spiders dwelling in random spots in his house. He is too afraid of spiders to kill them, so they are now pets and permanent fixtures in his house.

Brother David has visited about 25 states, Mexico City,

Puerto Rico and Vera Cruz. His favorite place to visit was St. Louise. He was awed by the arch at the national state monument. His favorite animal is a Bald Eagle as it represents authority. His favorite genres of music are Jazz and Heavy Metal, but he preforms Rap music and enjoys making music. His favorite artists are Lamb of God, DevilDriver and DeathClock.

His favorite actors are Jim Carrey and Jennifer Garner. His favorite color is purple. His favorite food is anything but Sea Food. This man has a Goku, Super Saiyan belly. His favorite drink is Arizona Watermelon tea. His dream car is a 1965-1972 GTO. Vroom vroom. His favorite TV show is 1980's The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. His favorite movie is the Leprechaun back 2 tha Hood. His favorite book is Stewart Woods and The 4th Book of Maccabees. His favorite number is 3.

Bro. David's hobbies include drawing, music making, being the best father he can and practicing his crafts. He also likes to catch a Basketball game or two when he can. As long as it's a god game or it's the Celtics playing. When he was younger he played Basketball, Soccer and Handball.

His dream would be to own his own mechanic shop to better support and provide for his kids and family. His future plans in Masonry is to go through the line at Sandoval Lodge No. 76 and one day he hopes to be in Grand Lodge doing what he can to better himself, the craft and his community.

Bro. David has had Freemasonry influence from his Grandfather (Bro. Antonio Gallegos Padilla) and Uncle. Both were Freemasons. His Uncle Bro. Don ??? was a member of Mesa Lodge No. 68 and passed away within the past few years. So when David was shopping for places to help out in the community in 2013 he found Sandoval Lodge No. 76 and began volunteering at various events like Humble Fish pantry. After a year this work lead him to petition at Sandoval. He was entered as a member November 17th, 2014, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in July 27th, 2015 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 25th 2016. Brother David is also a member of the Valley of Santa Fe Scottish Rite Temple, he is a member of ASRITE (Albuquerque Scottish Rite Club) and a Shriner at Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple. At the Scottish Rite reunions he is helping out in the wardrobe and on stage performing various parts.

His greatest accomplishments so far to date is how well he has overcome his life obstacles and continues to do so. But his greatest accomplishment of all will be the day he sees his children grown and doing well.

He says "it has been an honor and pleasure to be a member of a fraternity and not for its intrinsic worth or value but so that I can be a better man, help out the community with the connection we have as Brethren and do it more effectively and efficiently by learning new ways and applying them to our craft. He is grateful to have the support and patience of the Brethren as he chips away at his ashlar."

He thanks us for all our light we share and let shine.