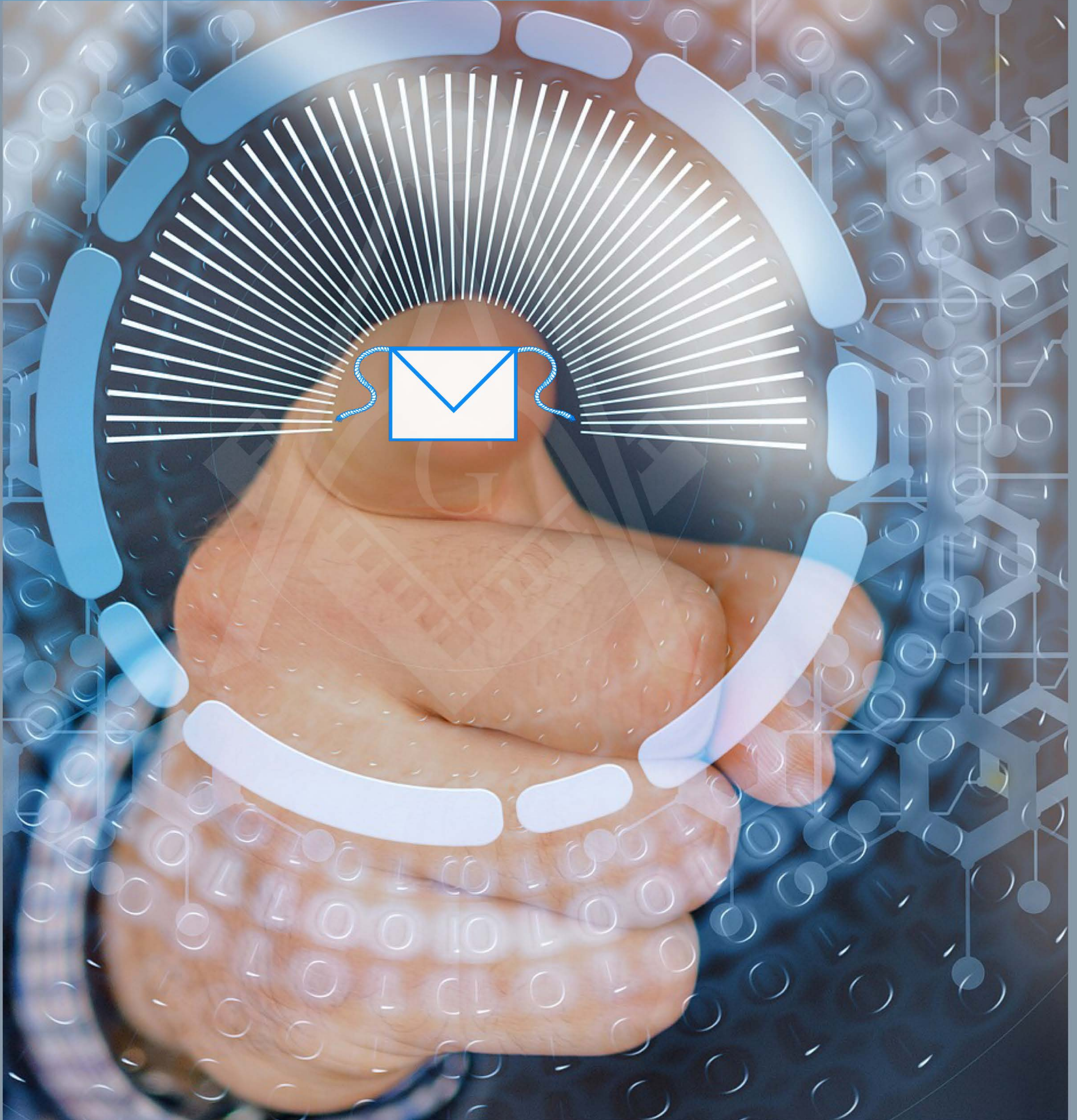


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Sandoval Lodge No. 76 Installation of Officers



Congratulations brethren!

*Do not go where the path may lead, go
instead where there is no path and leave
a trail...*

- Bro. Ralph Waldo Emerson



BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!!

WM. LARRY MIKKELSEN

Thank you all for taking the time out of your busy day to accompany me on a very important moment in my life. I know all who attended made the choice to join me and it means so very much to me.

Making choices in life can sometimes be mundane yet other times quite difficult. These are just facts of life we must all accept. ADULTING SUCKS! Like it or not, choices effect everyone around you in one way or the other. From deciding where we want to go eat to making impactful decisions that change the direction of lives. Each is a choice that we must all make at one point or another in our lives.

Today, I am asking you to make another choice. This choice might seem mundane to you, but the effect it has on others might be the difference that changes someone else's lives in such a positive way in their darkest hour...

The choice I am asking you to make today is- GET INVOLVED! Get involved with your Family, get involved with you community, get involved with your church, get involved with charity in helping others who are less fortunate. "BEING THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!!"

We go through life kind of on the sidelines for the most part. We get caught up in our lives. We listen to the news and shake our heads at the nonstop battery of doom and gloom. We hear about the homeless, we hear about the strife and chaos associated with drugs and addiction, we hear about the turmoil that is continuously calling for our attention at home and abroad. Yet, a lot of us just bolster an opinion of "What they need to do is (insert solution here)" and go about the rest of our day. It seems to be a cycle that never ends. We need to be the change we want to see. We need to take the time out of our lives and stand up and think outside of the box. What can I do to help these situations that piss me off so much daily?

Many have made that change already. Many have gotten involved in small ways just by helping at the local food bank for a couple hours a month, helping seniors with their daily routines or providing the social interaction they so desperately miss. Others have gotten involved in larger ways. OUR UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBERS!! Those who have Served in the Army, Navy, Airforce, National Guard, and last but not least... The United States Marine Corps. These men and women have sacrificed so much so that we can have the freedom to "listen to the news and shake our heads at the nonstop battery of doom and gloom." They got involved. These service members deserve our heartfelt thank you each and every time we have the opportunity to do so. They have sacrificed time away from their families, sacrificed BBQ's and holidays with friends and family, and some have sacrificed so much more. Others have made the Ultimate Sacrifice, and for that I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart. The decision to serve, the decision they each made to preserve our freedom of choices in the greatest country in the world, I for one do not take lightly. I ask you all now to make a choice. Make a choice to be the change we want to see.



BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!!

WM. LARRY MIKKELSEN



As "CHANGE relates to money it might seem insignificant compared to the almighty dollar. The Dollar gets all the attention. If you see a Dollar on the street, you instantly stop, swoop it up, exclaim YES !!! and your day is that much better. Lucky me! The coin CHANGE you see of the street... you might walk past a dime and see it. Consider it for a second and think... nahhh, its ok, it's only a dime. And you walk on by. You think it's not worth the trouble. People donate one dollar to the person on the corner and think "Look at me I did something good" (and by all rights you did) and they are appreciative of it. People donate a handful of coins or change to the bell ringer at Christmas and think - "Look at me I did something good" (and by all rights you did) and they are appreciative of it But at the end of the day more people donated change because it was easier and not too taxing on their pocketbook. Almost unnoticeable the effect it had. And the dollar might be fewer because "damn I only have a dollar and that's too much to just give away" for a vast majority of people.

So, as it turns out it was the small change is what made the most difference. With that change it made so many differences to the causes it was asked to serve.

With that, I ask you Please! BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE.

Be the small difference. Use your time to get involved with projects that change the lives in your community. Get involved with the food bank, with the clothes drive, with your children's school. Get involved with groups that mean the most to you. Do it with your friends and family. Raise your children to think that way. Teach them the feeling of joy they will get by helping others even in the smallest of ways.

Consider getting involved more than by just donating money. Donate time to help those who are passionate about the same causes you are (yet are asked time and again to do the labor to accomplish it). Lighten the burden by tackling things together. If you leave it for others and think "well, I paid so I did my part - I will leave the rest for those other people." Eventually Those other people will tire of the labor and with that the cause suffers. Stop standing on the sidelines and BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!! I try to be that change in my Lodge and Community.

Many try to be that change for the betterment of our country by joining the Military.

Yet, still others try to be that change because they see the reaction of the family whom they just delivered a food basket to, and how the parents reacted knowing they will have a good holiday this year and not need to worry about their food insecurities or situations in life for a few brief moments. Priceless!

My year in the East at Sandoval Lodge, I would like to dedicate to those brave men and women who have served our Great Country in the United States military. They made and are making the change they want to see, and I am humbled by their service for our freedom.

This Year I want to try something new as a way to show my appreciation.

I would like to reach out to various causes that support our Service members in some form or another and work with them to bring awareness to the community at large.

I will be trying to invite Speakers and associated supporters to Join Sandoval Lodge for an evening of food and fellowship, donate some proceeds to their cause, give them an opportunity to outreach to Rio Rancho and surrounding areas, and let them know that Sandoval Lodge has a generous community that appreciates and supports them. This will also serve to bring Masonry in general out of the shadows and let the community at large know who we are and what we are passionate about, which is giving Hope, Charity, and helping our fellow brothers and sisters. Please join me in supporting our communities and Military personnel this year. Get Involved, get out of the house and show our friends and neighbors that together we can BE THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE!!





Presented by: Bro. Tyler McKenzie

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5 WAYS TO START YOUR YEAR 2022

Don't let the new year sneak up on you. Now is the perfect time to follow these 5 ways to start the year off right, and take charge of what you are getting out of life.

#1 Do a Yearly Review

Take stock of where you've been and appreciate all of the accomplishments you've made in the last year. In a typical yearly review, you should answer these types of questions:

What went well for me last year?

What accomplishments did I have?

How did I improve my life?

How did I improve my relationships?

What did I remove from my life that is now making me happier?

What do I wish I had taken more time for?

Keep track of these questions and your responses in a journal that you can refer back to in the future: your answers year over year will be very enlightening.

Ask these types of questions about all the important areas of your life, such as family, relationships, financial, career, home, etc. These questions will help you appreciate all you've accomplished in the previous year, and you can use this information to start the new year off right, and set better goals for the next year.

#3 Be Realistic

Dreaming is fabulous and highly recommended, but if you want to accomplish some improvements in your life, you need to be realistic. As much as you may want something, it's very likely you don't really believe you can have it. (If you did you would already have achieved it.) We have to turn a dream into something we can picture accomplishing before it can become a reality. Take your dream and start breaking it down into milestones: if you want to work from home, what are the steps you need to take? Break those steps down further so you can create a game-plan and start working towards accomplishing that dream.

#4 Focus on what you really want

Speaking of dreaming, ask yourself what your dream looks like. What are you doing in the dream? How are you living? Who is in the dream with you? What does a typical day entail?

These questions will help you define what lifestyle you really want, and give you ideas about how you can achieve that lifestyle. For example, if you see yourself relaxing by the fire with a good book and a cup of tea, ask yourself why you aren't spending more time that way now. What things are in your way and how can you re-arrange your priorities in order to have the lifestyle you really want? If you think that what you want is more money, keep digging at that response. What would you do if you had endless amounts of money? Would you travel, volunteer, or live simply and quietly away from it all?

We often think that money is an end goal, when really we are just stuck in a rut, and we think we can't do or have what we really want unless we have more money. Challenge that idea and dig to find those things that you really want, and aim to pursue them now.

#2 Finish what you started

Which projects, errands, and general list of to-do items do you have left over from the previous year that you can complete in 2 hours or less? Do them now to clear your mind of the old items.

Keeping projects around like pets doesn't do us any good—they just weigh on our minds, and people will spend hours thinking about something that will only take 10 minutes to take care of. Cross those things off your list and give yourself a fresh start.

#5 Put yourself at the top of the list

Using the information you gained above by determining what you really want, put yourself at the top of the list this year. The old adage is true; we really can't help others until we help ourselves. Taking care of yourself and striving to reach your own goals will make you a better spouse, friend, child, and parent. Our examples have a far greater impact on those around us than anything we might say, and taking care of your own health and well-being means you'll be around longer for your loved ones too! Be sure to make time for yourself each day to work toward your goals, or to attain the lifestyle you want. How will you start the year off right? Share your plans in the comments below.

A Call for Masonic Ritual Uniformity

By: Bro. Burx Norrod

For most Masons who's traveled about, visiting Grand Lodge jurisdictions outside of his own, he will have needed to sit on the sidelines of those Stated Communications or Degree Work, not because he was lazy to fill in a chair or position in the Degree if needed, but because the ritual work and/or floor work was different from his own. I'm not referring to those outside the 'mainstream' of A.F.A.M. lodges, such as Prince Hall, Emulation, as well as those international Lodges ... but rather those who's ritual work is very similar yet different enough to where there'd be confusion if one would try to participate.

In 1843, there was a homogenization of ritual work that was attempted at the Baltimore Convention to bring about this ritual uniformity, but to no avail. Since then - many more Grand Lodges have been added, and along with that - more opinions on the matter, with a few being born out of ego or otherwise as it's ritual they were accustomed to - and there would be no way in hell that was ever going to change.

To understand where Masonic Ritual came from - one would have to read through the book *Esoterika*, and to better understand it - take the Master Craftsman course *Esoterika* that would help one to better understand this book due to it's writing at the time. For a more modern day explanation of the rituals in the United States - the book 'A Masons Words', by Illustrious Robert G. Davis comes to mind as it explains the History and Evolution of the American Masonic Ritual. Without this - one can go through their entire Masonic journey, mouthing the words that he's told he has to say, without ever knowing why. Faith, therefore, resonates greatly within our Craft. But then again, there are those, like yours truly, who will question everything to gain understanding.

A Call for Masonic Ritual Uniformity

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1. In Virginia, the Ritual Work / Catechism is learned Mouth-to-Ear ... no ciphers allowed, one of the few Grand Lodges that keep it this way. After becoming a member of a Lodge in Idaho - I was then congratulated by giving a copy of it's ritual cipher - making one to immediately break his oath regarding not ever being able to use a cipher.
2. In Virginia, the rods / staffs of the Stewards aren't used, more of decoration of sorts. It's used a little in Idaho - and then becomes a large part of the Degree Ceremonies with New Mexico.
3. The verbiage of ritual is different between Virginia, Idaho, and New Mexico, to include floor work ... making a traveling Mason to not know what to do if he got put in a chair, even if he was needed.

Having been a member of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for the last nearly 5 months of this writing (accepted by Sandoval No. 76 in July 2021), I've been a member of the Grand Lodge of Idaho for 3 years - and previous to that - the Grand Lodge of Virginia for 5 years. The differences with Masonic Ritual has been vastly different between all 3, with a few examples based upon my personal experiences, not counting the countless other Grand Lodge jurisdictions I've had to the pleasure of visiting and attending Degree Work.:

The list can go on and on ... so with the advent of there being more Masons traveling about these days, or moving due to their usual vocations, one would have to ask why isn't there a more uniform ritual that can be done within all these Mainstream Lodges? It may have been possible for all these ritual work differences to have survived back in Freemasonry's heyday of Masonic membership, when there were more than 4.1 MILLION Masons throughout the United States back in 1959. Currently per MSANA, there's less than 900k. And - with there being more distractions than ever, more and more Masons are not investing their time to learn Ritual Work, saving it just for a few who do.

Having initially brought this topic up for discussion in the online Masonic forums, there's no question that a uniformity of Masonic Ritual may be mere wishful thinking at this point. But - one can always hope & dream - or work to figure out how to turn this into a reality somehow, someday - something it seems only the GAOTU would be able to help out with some divine intervention.

In the meantime - I'll be putting my money where my mouth is, by learning the entirety of the ritual work for New Mexico by obtaining my Blue Card for Ritual Proficiency in due time. Because, at the end of the day - being in conformity with the Grand Lodge as well as Blue Lodge of which I am beholden to is more important than my own self interest.

However ... there could just be a universal change in my own lifetime ;)

MASONIC EVENTS AROUND DISTRICT 6 FOR JANUARY 2022

Regular Communications

01/06 - Mesa Lodge No. 68 @6:00pm
01/06 - Temple Lodge No. 6 @6:00pm
01/12 - Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 @7:00pm

York Rite

01/09 - York Rite Leadership 101 Online Conference
Starts: 8:00am Ends: 5:00pm
01/22 - NM Grand York Rite Quarterly @ Grand Lodge Of NM
Starts: 9:00am
01/29 - York Rite Leadership 401 - @ Ballut Abyad Shrine
Starts: 8:00am Ends: 5:00pm

Grand Lodge of NM & Valley of Santa Fe Scottish Rite

01/15 - Grand Master's Barbecue Cook-off!
@ Temple Lodge No. 6 Starts: 11:00am
\$10 per person
01/22 - Robert Burns Night Dinner
@ Valley of Santa Fe Starts: 6:00pm

Shriners

01/08 Ballut Abyad Shrine Installation of Officers
2022 @Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple
Start: 6:00pm

Masonic Trivia

By Burx Norrod

WHY or why is the Riding the Goat a bunt of Masonic jokes and many Masons still not knowing why this is?



It's because of the name we have given our Supreme Architect...



He's been called the God Of All Things, or if you think about it, GOAT for short. Which, over time due to this mockery, has evolved into the Great Architect Of The Universe, now known as the GAOTU.



It's been a little difficult to convince those outsider conspiracy theorists that there's nothing sinister going on with the Masonic Lodges when they pray to the GOAT otherwise.

Famous Foreign Freemasons Cipriano Francisco Calvo



Cipriano Francisco Calvo (San Jose , 14 as September as 1819 - 18 as July as 1890) was a priest Catholic and soldier Costa Rica . Doctor of Canon Law and professor at the University of Santo Tomás , he is mainly known for being the founder of the first regular Masonic lodge in Costa Rica and for his role as chaplain of the Costa Rican army during the National Campaign of 1856-1857 . He is the author of the « Book of deaths», Where he compiles the data of the deceased in said military campaign, which was included in 2016 in the UNESCO National Memory of the World register and is in the Ecclesiastical Archive of Costa Rica.

Early life

He was the extramarital son of the priest Juan de los Santos Madriz y Cervantes and Petronila del Castillo Villagra (sister of the priest Florencio del Castillo). He was repudiated by both parents, who handed him over to the Church to be raised as a foundling by the priest Rafael del Carmen Calvo Rosales, from whom he took the surname. In 1831, he entered and studied priestly studies at the Conciliar Seminary of León , Nicaragua , from which he graduated as a triple Bachelor in Philosophy, Theology and Civil Law. He returned to Costa Rica in 1842. He was appointed Professor in Theology and taught at the University of Santo Tomás beginning in 1844. In 1847, he was awarded a Baccalaureate in Canon Law and was ordained as a priest in the Honduran city of Comayagua . He served as a priest in the parish of Cartago .

National Campaign

In 1853, President Juan Rafael Mora Porras appointed Calvo chaplain to the Costa Rican Army. In this position, he participated in the National Campaign of 1856-1857 against the filibusters of William Walker . In addition to being a chaplain, he enlisted as a soldier and fought in various battles. Calvo also distinguished himself for accompanying and caring for Costa Rican soldiers sick from the cholera epidemic that broke out in 1856, after the Battle of Rivas , and for compiling a list of Costa Rican soldiers who died in battle or from cholera in the so-called « Book of deaths», In which he registered the name of those who fell in battle, with their military rank and their place of origin. He was distinguished by President Mora with the rank of colonel and he was awarded the Cross of Honor for his participation in the battle of Rivas.

After the war, he worked at the Lazareto Hospital and was part of the San José Charity Board, between 1858 and 1859. After the coup that overthrew President Mora, he was persecuted by the opponents of the ousted president. As a follower of Mora, Calvo was one of the organizers of the return of the former president in 1860, trying to regain power, but the defeat and subsequent execution of Mora in Puntarenas forced him to leave the country, heading to Panama and later to Peru.

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Famous Foreign Freemasons

Cipriano Francisco Calvo



Freemason

In Peru , Calvo began as a freemason in 1862, in a lodge in Callao , reaching the rank of Master. In 1864 he returned to Costa Rica, where he resumed his studies and graduated as a Doctor of Canon Law in 1865. Although he became canon of the Ecclesiastical Council of San José and despite the prohibition against the participation of Catholics in Freemasonry, in 1865 Father Calvo took the initiative to found the Logia Caridad N° 26, the first regular Masonic lodge in Costa Rica. Within Freemasonry, Father Calvo took the name Ganganelli in reference to Pope Clement XIV , born Giovanni Vincenzo Antonio Ganganelli and responsible for the suppression of the order of the Jesuits . In 1871, he founded the Grand Orient and Central American Supreme Council, of which he was the highest leader and for which he was conferred the 33rd degree, the highest Masonic hierarchy.

Father Calvo came to have great influence during the liberal governments of Presidents Tomás Guardia Gutiérrez and Próspero Fernández Oreamuno . He personally contributed to the nomination, by the government of General Guardia, of Monsignor Bernardo Augusto Thiel as second bishop of Costa Rica, a selection that was later endorsed by the Holy See . In 1874, he presided over the workers' assembly in which the first union in Costa Rica was founded, the Sociedad de Artesanos de San José. In 1882, he applied extreme unction to President Guardia and performed various Masonic rites at his funeral. In 1885 he returned to serve as chaplain of the Costa Rican Army, and officiated the marriage of President Bernardo Soto Alfaro, also a Mason, with Pacifica Fernández Guardia.

Death

Father Calvo was forced by the ecclesiastical authorities to renounce Masonry and died at the age of 70, destitute, on July 18, 1890, at the San Juan de Dios Hospital . His funeral, with military honors, took place in the Metropolitan Cathedral of San José . He was buried in the General Cemetery of San José in a tomb bought by Bishop Thiel.

Later honors

In 1940, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica created a museum where a large number of his objects and belongings are exhibited. In 1915, the Masonic Lodge No. 15, named after him, was founded. In 2010, a bill to declare it Benemérito de la Patria was presented in the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica , but it was shelved and never materialized. In 2015, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica named its main interior hall after him.