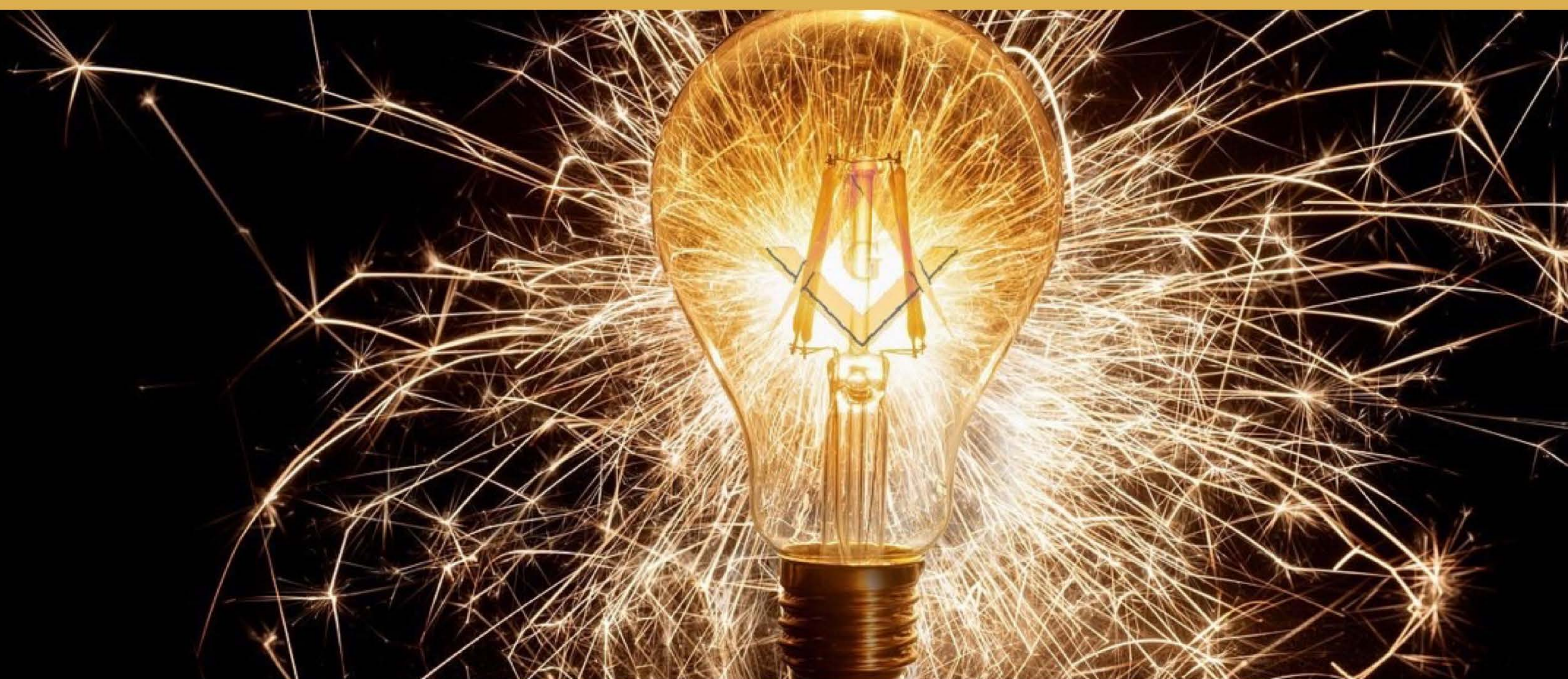


*Happy
New Year*

2023

*The
Trestleboard*

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He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

– Benjamin Franklin

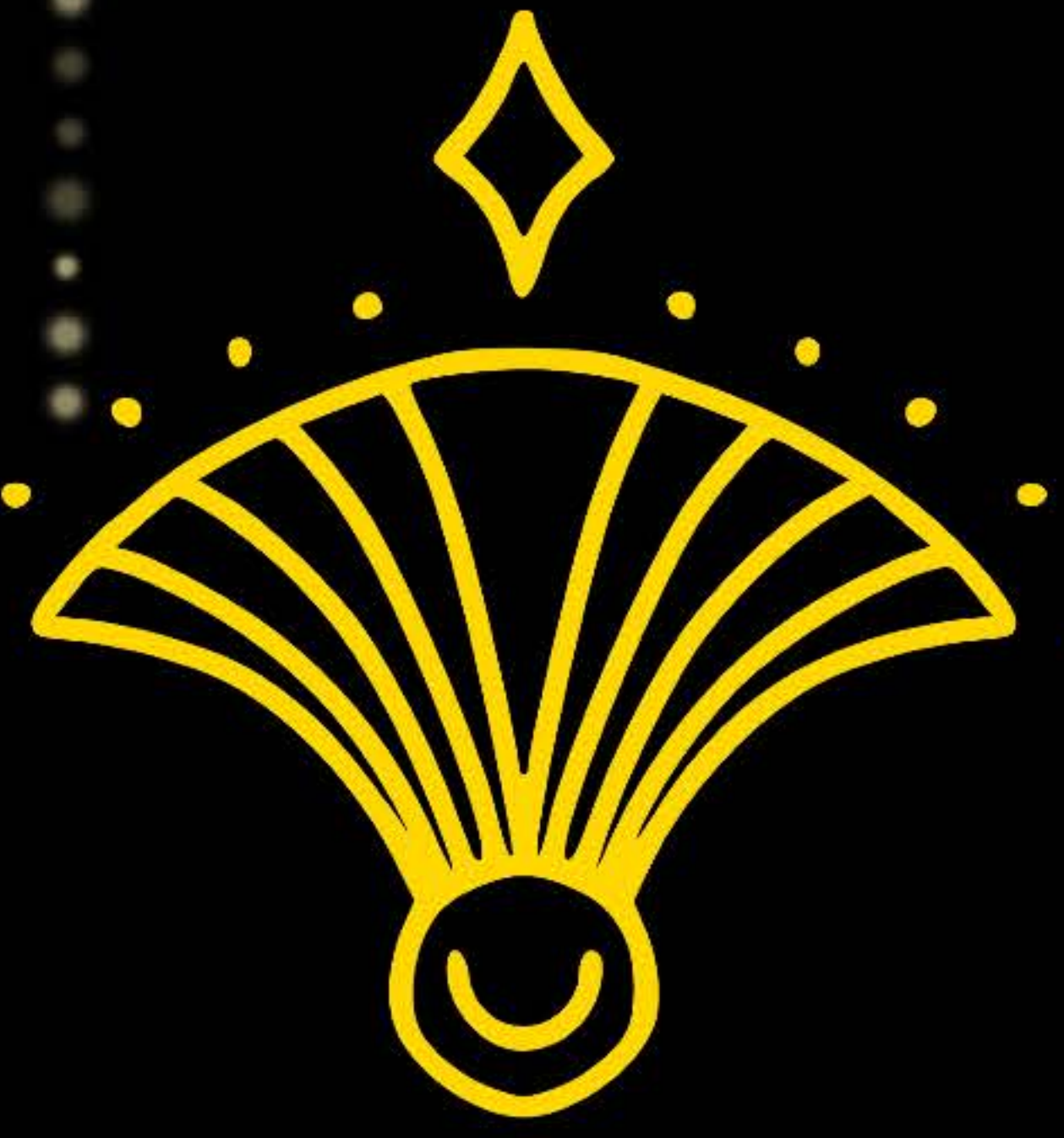
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Rio Rancho, NM



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As WM for 2023 WB. Tyler McKenzie

Reflecting on the installing speech on December 10th, 2022

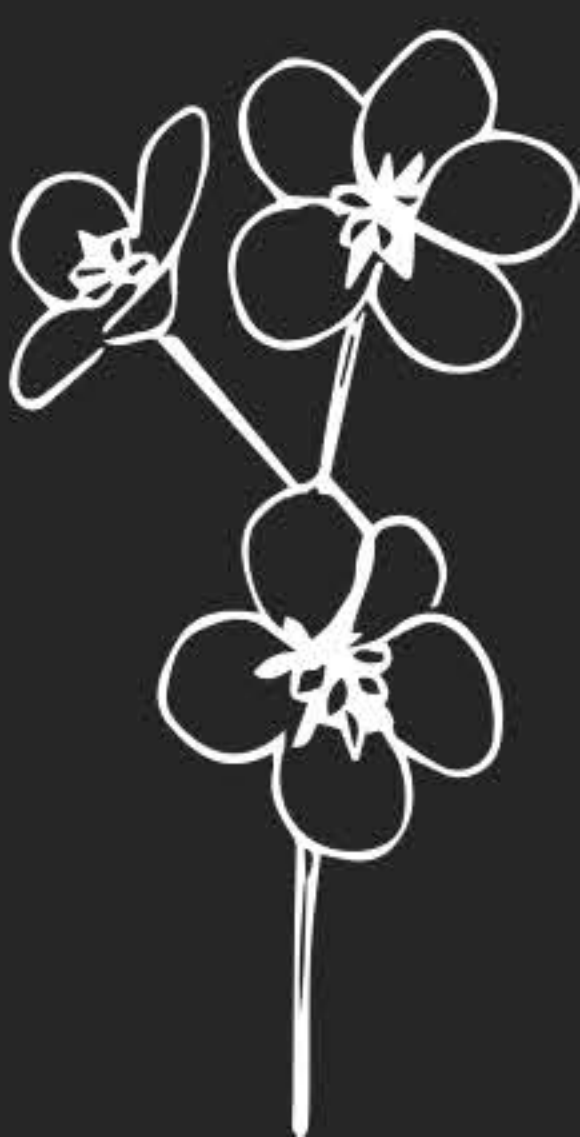
I'd like to start with a quote by Mel Brooks 1969, and he said when you don't know what to say just speak from the heart and mine is saying, ba bump ba bump ba bump..."

But seriously...

As we all may know we have a mission in Masonry and in our lodge. I may be wrong but it's to spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection as well as give charity to whom may need it in so far as we are able to give it. So let's make that mission happen. This year I want to focus on the youth groups, appendant bodies and try to be a more part of the family we call Freemasonry in a bigger way than I and my lodges has before. I also want to focus on cementing new relationships and to establish great ways to constantly bring in a more secure way for our lodge to raise money for the Masonic School for Children with Learning Disabilities (MSCLD) and for the other various charities we are a part of in our lodge. My motto for the year is Fair Enough as a good friend of mine Gabriel Saenz for many years use to say this a lot no matter if he agreed with you or not. It was his way to stay level with anyone and he taught me what true brotherhood and dedication was and is. I am sad he is not here right now but I know he is looking down on me proud I have found a Brotherhood that can fill that void in my heart. I wanted to go with a theme so Bro. Harry Houdini came to mind and also the 1920's stuck out to me as a good theme as 100 years ago Brother Harry Houdini was made a Master Mason. Brother Harry was always trying to escape impossible odds in tough moments and he never let those moments get the best of him and he always found a way out and to overcome obstacles. I hope to be as patient and calm as he was during those trying times.

I do not look at this year as my year as many will say it is or see it as. This year is our year and your year as every year is. It's not the Master or the Secretary or any Brother in particular that keeps the lodge running or keeps us all interested and I think we have forgotten this and we have left it to the Masters and officers to do this and forgot it is on all of us to do our part and make it fun and exciting interesting and engaging. We have put up too many walls and I say let's break them down like the Berlin Wall. We need freedom and space for us all to grow as individuals and a fraternity. We live in a day people need explanation and transparency. We need to be uncomfortable as that teaches us how to grow and others how to accept us as humans and not monsters. On social media I have seen and experienced how the world views us (and it's very disgusting) with that being said I have done a lot to preserve our integrity and share the light of what Freemasonry really is. But I cannot take sole credit on this as many more are doing like me all over the world and it's making a huge positive impact. The main thing I hear from Brethren around the world is 'I feel more at home and comfortable to grow with the Brethren online than we do in our own lodges.' This has been said so many times as we have realized we are all active members and new age in our ideas to help the fraternity grow and we all are having the same set backs as each other from the older generations which is pushing us away rather than building us up. This hit me hard. Cause I feel the same way a lot of the time. We need to bring this type of engagement into our lodges and make it home and comfortable for our older Brethren and the newer generations coming in. If we do not get out in the world and talk about Masonry, even when it's uncomfortable we will lose more generations. I think we have missed enough generations. I hear it nonstop online "I didn't know you existed," or "I didn't know to be interested," or "my grandfather, uncle or father was a Mason but they never said anything about it." Hearing comments like these made me realize the actions freemasonry has taken, or the lack there of is what's hurting our fraternity and low membership numbers is the side effect.

This has caused freemasonry to be held back in time so to speak and falling out of tune with the youth of our society. Let's reengage them.





As WM for 2023 WB. Tyler McKenzie

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Reflecting on the installing speech on December 10th, 2022

When I got into freemasonry not even voted on yet but left the lodge after dropping off my petition; I told my wife while driving home that I wanted to make waves in freemasonry as all I heard and all I know from meeting and talking with Brethren is that I knew I could bring to the table something to help them grow in a positive way and in a way they never saw coming or knew could exist. I wanted to rock that boat so I can help build the next generation of Masons for our next century and beyond. So many issues with why the numbers are down. And only my generation and all after me can answer this, why, and how we can rebuild the numbers and keep them. This is what I mean by making waves if anyone wanted to know. Also I told her that my dedication and time spent in Masonry would reflect a bright light of progression through me and all that I do and through the people I meet as I will strive everyday to do just that.

So I would like to start off this year by showing how much I appreciate Freemasonry and our family and tell you where my journey started and that was with my wife's and I's friends and family taking it hard that me when my wife were disabled by a drunk driver back in 2013. Many in our lives saw us as an inconvenience as we were not as capable as we were before the collision. But the first thing I was asked by WB Norm Quillin, RW James Overfelt, WB Leon Alderette and a few others when I first walked in the doors of Mesa Lodge No 68 was what can you do & what can you give to Freemasonry & your community; what can masonry do for you and give to you? For the first time in almost 2 years I was able to think about what I could do not what I couldn't do. Such simple words to many but to me it was the light I needed. My wife and I have accomplished a lot since then and proud of where we stand today. But this would seriously have never been done without the love, inspiration and support of you all. Example WB Norm took me in under his wing as he was great friends with my Grandfather when he was alive. He went everywhere I went. He told me if he knew I'd be there he would follow. And he did oh he did. I wish he could be standing off to the side when I get to say good evening Brethren and we all would hear his famous Howdy. He will be greatly missed. MW Adam was not MW yet. But at that time he gave me the most valuable information I could have received. To listen and learn. To read the Prerogatives, Landmarks, constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of my lodge and the MWGLONM. Which was so important to me so I knew what I could and could not do and also what I was fully being a part of. WB Leon who also was not WB yet but he stuck by my side when I was at my lowest and highest points in my life as a Mason. Even when I felt poor and destitute in my heart he was there to help guide me and teach me. He also gave me my first chance at ritual and at an officer position as his Chaplain and this is why I asked for him to be the Chaplain this year for me. Keeps you close at my side I need you. And last but not least in anyway RW James Overfelt who taught me to look someone in the eye and as well to respect myself and hold myself to the honor of the man I know I am and can become. You don't know it but you were my biggest inspiration and the one who gave me my WL apron. This presentation stuck with me all throughout my Masonic Journey and it is the key moment when I knew this is where I wanted to be in my life and really honestly felt proud of it. I couldn't look into the eyes of anyone after the collision I was involved in. Because I went over to help the drunk drivers and they both were very badly injured so much they were not living. And my mind had a hard time comprehending what I saw. But after the apron lecture and having to look into your eyes showed me I could power through these obstacles I thought I couldn't overcome before. I still suffer from this but it's easier with great people like you all and thank you to the three of you and so many more for all your support and guidance. With great friends and family surrounding us that we would never replace for anything. The times I wanted to give up and didn't think I could surpass a dark moment to all the smiles and great times I couldn't walk away and I wouldn't trade these moments for anything. I got back into making music and even making content to entertain the world with just fun content as well as Masonic education and entertainment. All I want to do is good and help everyone. You all showed me I still had a purpose I thought I lost when I was broken. I owe my gratitude and respect to the fraternity and everyone here and even many that couldn't make it today. For all the love and support through all my endeavors thank you all.





Reflecting on the installing speech on December 10th, 2022

A man either gets into a position of power and becomes a humble man wise with patience and time well spent or he becomes more of a fool and will lose focus of his and the main goal to better us all. A good leader should be ready to listen to criticism and conform to make all the better and I am willing to do what I can to please the lodge and make Masonry better in all the ways I can with all your direction and help.

This year is detailed out but has room for more fun events or tasks. Please inform me of fun events with any Masonic bodies or and other organizations we can help or have a blast with this year. I also want to be as active as we can as a lodge with Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, Order of the Eastern Star and any other body that asks for our participation or just show up to help and support randomly as I know they'd appreciate that. So even if we are not invited and you know of a fun and or charitable event please let me know so we can possibly participate. Please take a look at the agenda and I hope we have a wonderful and progressive year bonding and growing.

Do I deserve to be up here? In my opinion no. Does anyone? I don't know. But it's not for one man or Mason to decide and since it's up to the lodge and their vote well here I stand a just and upright Mason and Master of Sandoval Lodge No. 76. Mainly because my wife has always been there to support me through my journey, a major driving force to better myself as a man, husband and Mason. She believes in me even when I do not. Because of her love and support I could never find the words to thank her enough for her dedication towards me, our relationship, growth as a couple and her dedication towards Jobs Daughters, the other appendant bodies and towards Freemasonry in general. So above all I thank you for everything you do.

Thank you to everyone for showing up to the meet up and to the installation. Couldn't have done this without everyone's help and participation. And more especially we need to thank those in our lives we may forget to give thanks to. Our family and friends.

Thank you to the installing team:

MWB Adam Hathaway as the Installing Master

WB Leon Alderette as the Installing Chaplain

RWB James Overfelt as the installing Marshal

Most of all though I have to thank the Grand Architect of the Universe. As we all great and small will have to humbly bow to.

Remember that in your darkest hour you can still be a lighthouse in someone else's darkest year. Life never gives you more than you can handle, you just have to look for those handles and once you find them grab on, hold on tight as life is like a roller coaster and it sure will get bumpy. Last but not least remember also that life never promises you tomorrow let alone the next minute, so if I don't see you all again than good afternoon, good evening and good night. Be safe, be loving and remember to meet everyone on the level.

As I started this with a quote I'd like to end this with a quote: "Take chances, make mistakes, get messy!" - Miss Frizzle from Magic School Bus.



From the West,

It is with great humility that I write to you today. It is an honor to continue to serve at Sandoval Lodge amongst such great Brethren, and I thank you for voting me in to the chair of Senior Warden.

We have a full calendar of Masonry this year that our new Worshipful Master has set up and I am excited to help him bring forth his plan. I also am excited for our new, and younger Brothers that have come into our Masonic family, and I am very impressed by how they have stepped in, and taken on important roles in our Lodge.

Our goal is to spread the teachings of Freemasonry to as many people as possible whether in person, on the phone, or on the social media outlets that are available. Our Worshipful Master Tyler McKenzie and his wife have done a marvelous job spreading the light of our fraternity across the globe through social media, and I believe that it will continue to grow and spread.

Sitting in the west I am reminded that harmony is the strength and support of ALL institutions, and I pray we remember this while in Lodge, and out of Lodge as well. With so much division in our World and Country, let us Freemasons be the examples and shine the light that the World needs in these times.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro. Davin Teague

From the South,

Greetings Brethren!

As the Officer of 'sustenance', I'll be letting Brethren know what the menu for our Festive Boards will be on a monthly basis. For the month of January expect the following:

January 9th: Chicken Marsala, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes, sodas / iced tea / water, Cookies. For January 23rd, we'll have Turkey Roll-ups, Fruit, Chips ... and PIES, in honor of January 23rd's National Pie Day. In addition - we'll have a birthday cake the 1st dinner of every month - to celebrate all the births and Raisings for our Lodge brethren for the month. Cost for meals will be \$8, payable at the moment via cash or check until credit card processing becomes available. Understanding, not all brethren may have cash on hand - there will be an I.O.U. sheet available. No money now? No worries - we can settle up at the next dinner.

In addition to calling the Craft from Labor to Refreshment ... the JW has the duty to call the Brethren back to Labor. As such - I'd like to use my influence to induce all members to take an active part in our Lodge. The 8th Deadly Sin is Apathy ... to get rid of this, let's simply take action by being a participant in one of our Committees, which include the following: Building, Finance/Budget, Fundraising, Ritual/Coaching, Investigation. In addition - to help ensure Sandoval Lodge members can carry our own weight when it comes to ritual work, we're in need of someone who can learn the 1st half of the Master Mason Lecture, as WB Leon knows the second half. It's something I've been working on myself - but as JW, am now working on Degree Conferrals for all 3 Degrees, as well as the NM version of the Masonic Funeral Service. Learning Masonic Ritual is something that ALL Brethren can do, as you've proven it at least 3x now - it just requires an investment of time commitment to it - through a sacrifice of a vice or two. Who is willing to step up to commit to learn the first half of the MM Lecture? We've had EA Degrees - and have a FC, so there's no question we'll be having a few MM Degrees happening this year, and while we appreciate and enjoy having members from other Lodges stepping in to fill in our gaps - ideally, having our Sandoval Lodge brethren capable of filling in all parts would be ideal. Please reach out to me in person or at BurxNorrod@gmail.com for your thoughts on this - and how you'd like to help, whether it be to help a committee, or take on Masonic Ritual. If you don't have a cipher - I'd be happy to get one into your hands.



Worshipful Master Brian Moss
Temple Lodge No. 06



Worshipful Master Tyler McKenzie
Sandoval Lodge No. 76



Worshipful Master Robert C. Jones
Albuquerque Lodge No. 60



Worshipful Master Jeremy Parsons
Sandia Mountain Lodge No. 72


District 6
Worshipful Masters
for the year
2023



Worshipful Master Charles E. Connell
Zia Daylight Lodge No. 77



Mesa Lodge No. 68
Worshipful Master Alec Fordyce



Worshipful Master Len Roughgarden
Hiram Lodge No. 13



Worshipful Master Harry Jenkins
NM Lodge of Research

January

9th - Stated Meeting
Chicken Marsala
6:00PM
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16th - Brotherhood Night
@ Turtle Mountain Brewing Company
00:00PM
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23rd - Stated Meeting
Turkey Roll-ups (National Pie Day)
6:00PM
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26th - Lodge Visitation
Hiram Lodge No. 13
7:00PM

February

2nd- Lodge Visitation
Mesa Lodge No. 68
@6:00PM
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13th - Stated Meeting
(May ask DeMolay to facilitate dinner)
6:00PM
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19th - Brotherhood Night
@ FLIX Brewhouse
00:00PM
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27th - Stated Meeting
Wingstop Chicken
6:00PM

March

2nd- Lodge Visitation
Sandia Mountain Lodge.
No 72
@6:00PM
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13th - Stated Meeting
Corned Beef & Cabbage
6:00PM
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12th - Brotherhood Night
@ Tenpins Bowling
00:00PM
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27th - Stated Meeting
Beef w/mushrooms
6:00PM

April

10th - Stated Meeting
Matzo hall soup & Roast Chicken
6:00PM
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12th - Lodge Visitation
Albuquerque Lodge No. 60
6:00PM
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22nd - Brotherhood Day
Planting trees @ TBD
00:00PM
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24th - Stated Meeting
Sandwich Assortment
From Panera Bread
6:00PM

May

2nd - Lodge Visitation
Zia Daylight Lodge No. 77
10:00AM
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8th - Stated Meeting
Chik Fil-A Catering
6:00PM
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18th - 49th Anniversary of Sandoval Lodge
No. 76
Dinner & Ceremony With Honors for
widows & wives
@ TBD
00:00PM
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29th - Stated Meeting
Chicken Katsu
6:00PM

June

6th - Lodge Visitation
Edgewood Lodge No. 82
10:00AM
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12th - Stated Meeting
(Ask Bethel 4 to Facilitate Dinner)
6:00PM
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26th - Stated Meeting
Steak Burgers From Freddie's
6:00PM
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Brotherhood Night - Visit to
Bethel 4
Date & Time TBA

July

10th - Stated Meeting
Cookout - Burgers & Dogs
6:00PM
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24th - Stated Meeting
Cookout Kebabs
6:00PM
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27th - Lodge Visitation
Bethlehem Lodge No. 56
7:30PM
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Independence Day
Parade
Date & Time TBA

August

14th - Stated Meeting
Beef Chowmein Noodles
6:00PM
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16th - Lodge Visitation
Estancia Lodge No. 33
7:30PM
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28th - Stated Meeting
Butter Chicken
6:00PM
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Sunday is Funday
Date & Time TBA

September

4th - Lodge Visitation
Montezuma Lodge No. 01
7:30PM
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11th - Stated Meeting
Pizza
6:00PM
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25th - Stated Meeting
(Ask Shrine to Facilitate Dinner)
6:00PM
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State Fair Parade followed by a
Barbecue @ Sandoval Lodge
Date & Time TBA

October

2nd - Lodge Visitation
Malpais Lodge No. 71
7:00PM
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9th - Stated Meeting
Potluck
6:00PM
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23rd - Stated Meeting
Corndogs
6:00PM



November

6th - Lodge Visitation
Chama Lodge No. 17
7:00PM
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13th - Stated Meeting
Masonic Appreciation Celebration &
Potluck
6:00PM



Notes:

Isotopes Baseball with OES date will be
announced around February
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All practices will have snacks &
refreshments
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Once a month a cake will be brought to
one of the dinners to celebrate Birthdays &
Masonic Anniversaries
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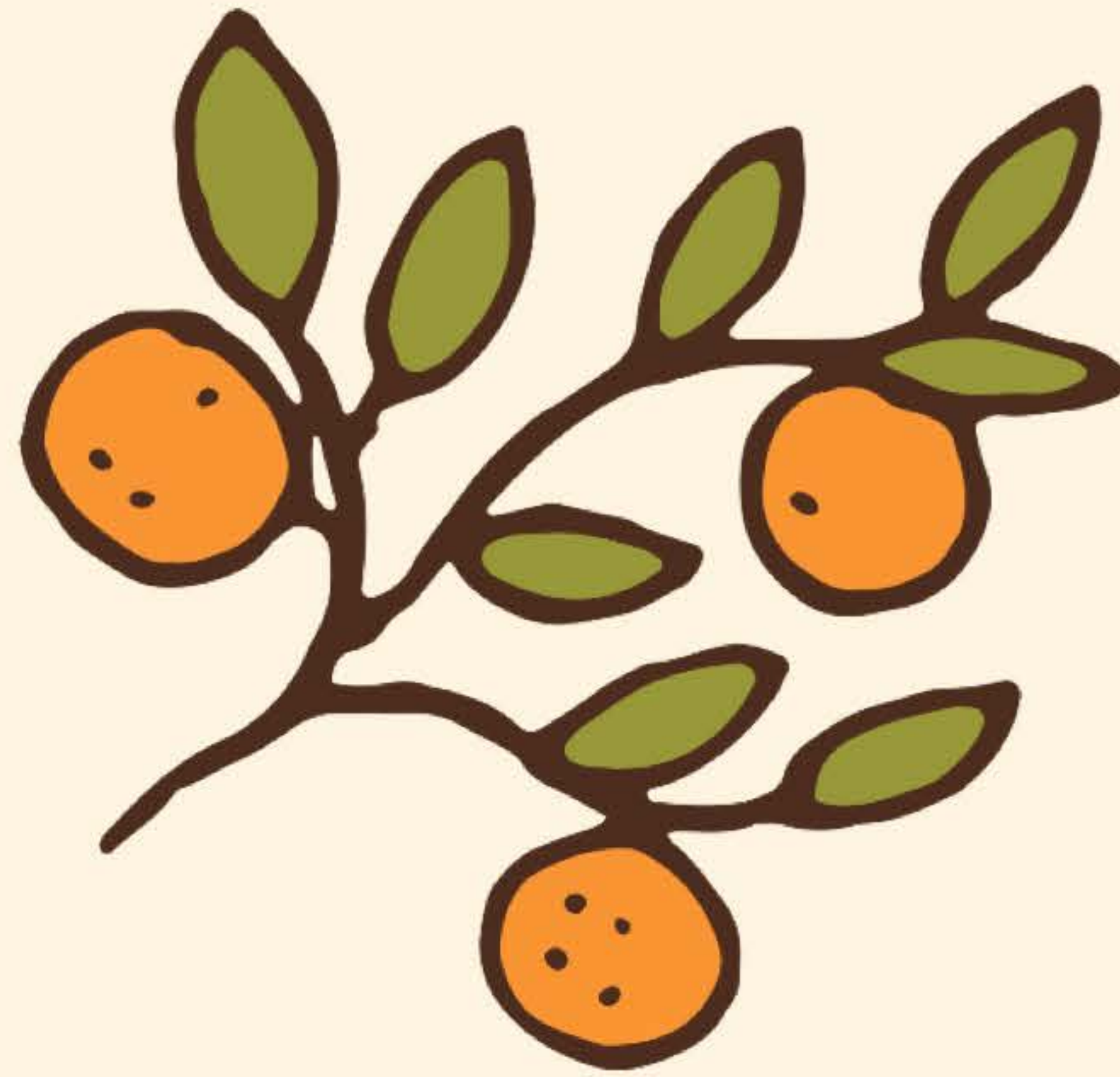
Each Dinner Theme and sides will be
announced in The Trestleboard
accordingly
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December is Installations for 2024 & is the
50 year Anniversary of Sandoval Lodge No.
76
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OES meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesday



THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN NEW MEXICO



GRAND MASTER'S BREAKFAST FOR DISTRICT 6

DATE: 11 MARCH 2023
TIME: 8AM – 11AM

LOCATION: TEMPLE 6
COST: FREE

Sandoval Lodge No. 76 Installation



Mesa Lodge No. 68 Installation



Temple Lodge No. 6 Installation

