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Brother Jonathan Muniz



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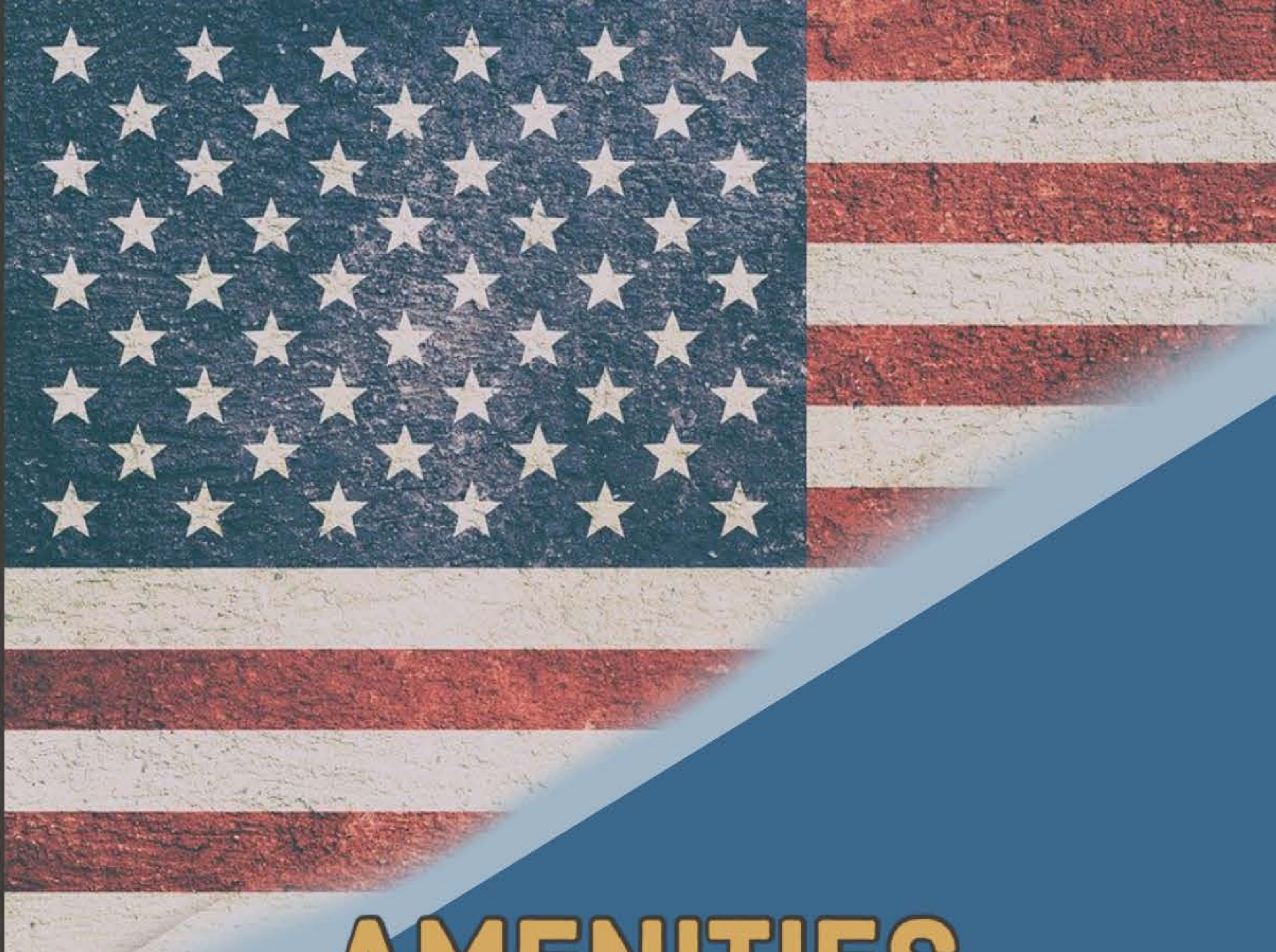
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[4.6 MI.] FROM U.S. 64 ON NM 511 &
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THURSDAY JULY 1ST
- MONDAY JULY 5TH



Outdoor Master Mason Degree
8/31/19
Bro. Brian Baranski
Sandoval Lodge No. 76

TENT: \$10 A NIGHT
RV: \$15 A NIGHT
11 ELECTRIC RV SPOTS
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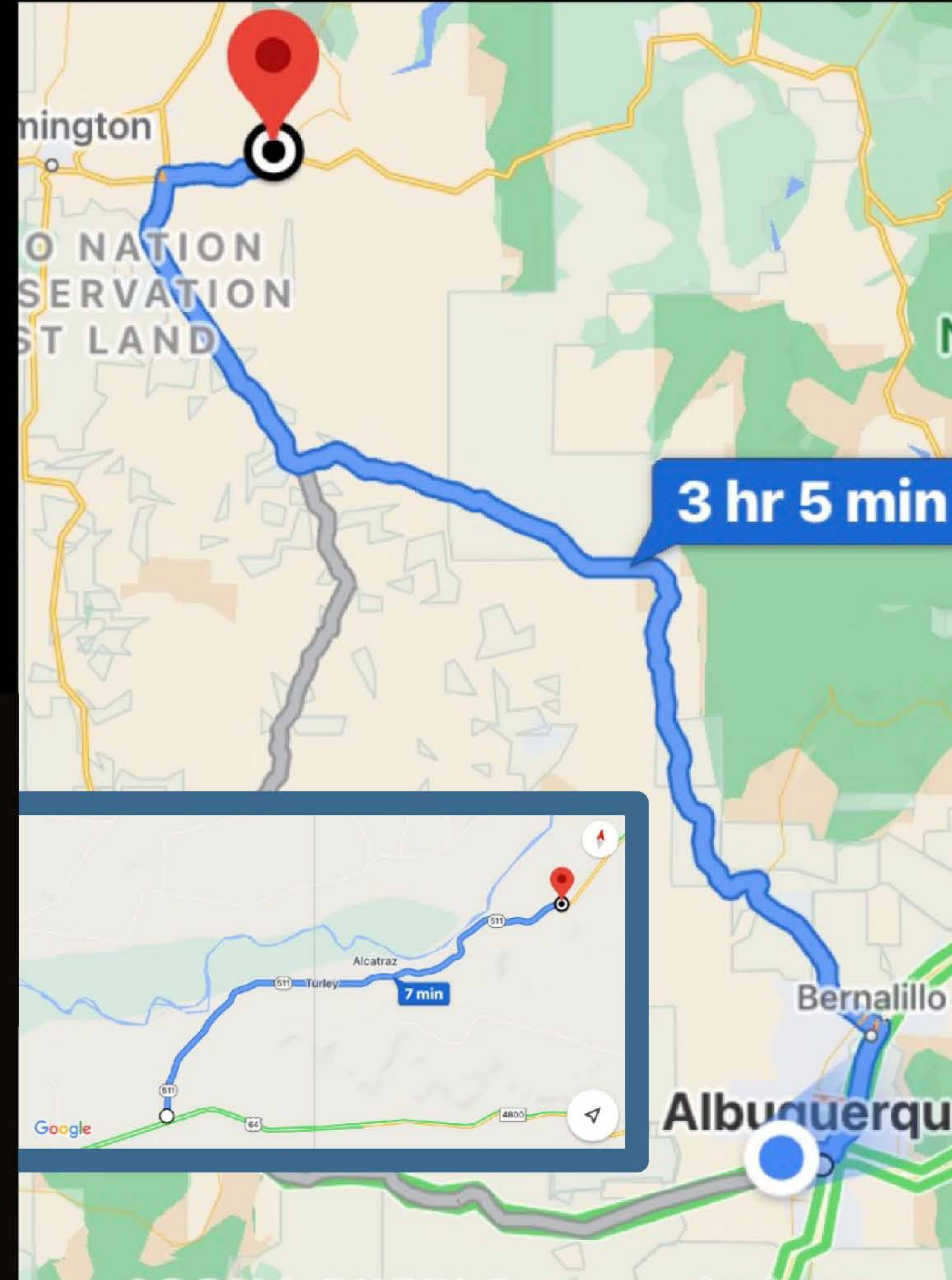


AMENITIES

- ° COVERED COMMON & PICNIC AREA
- ° PARKING FOR 5TH WHEELS, CAMPERS, TRAILERS ETC...
- ° 10 MINUTE DRIVE TO NAVAJO LAKE
- ° CABINS ARE AVAILABLE [4 MI.] FROM CAMPSITE AT ABE'S.
- ° CALL FOR CABIN RESERVATIONS AT (505) 632-2194
- ° POTABLE WATER IS AVAILABLE BUT THE TASTE IS UNPLEASANT. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER.

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MOONLIGHT MASTER MASON
DEGREE SATURDAY EVENING

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It's Good to be back in Lodge

Latest Food Drive:

On May 13th we were able to deliver 280 pounds of food to St. Felix Food Pantry of Rio Rancho. The Sisters and staff were very thankful for our donation. We are thankful for everyone who contributed, and thankful for our Worshipful Master Eric Moses for continuing this effort of charity. We will update the Lodge on our next charity event soon.



Bro. Davin's Marriage:

On May 1, Brother Davin was married in an amazing ceremony that included family, and a few friends.

Our lucky Brother married his long-time fiancée Ms. Cailyn Kilcup, who happens to be the Granddaughter of Sandia Mountain 72's longtime member WB Bob Keers. This is the start of a truly Masonic family.

The ceremony was attended by our own Worshipful Master Eric Moses and his wife Stacy who have known the Keers, and Kilcup family for most of their life, and by Worshipful Brother Leon Alderette. A small after party was held as well in which Brother Tyler and his wife Ali attended as well.

Now that limitations on gatherings have been lifted, Brother Davin plans on having a huge reception and celebration and will be asking many of our Brethren to attend and celebrate with him.

Hiram Lodge No. 13
will be having an
Entered Apprentice
Degree on Saturday
at 5:00 PM

MASONIC COURTESY & PROTOCOL

Masonic Courtesy or Etiquette refers to those social graces that Distinguish Masonic Fellowship. It may be termed a system of formality, which sets Masonry apart from contemporary customs.

The authority of the Worshipful Master and proper form when entering or retiring from the Lodge are to be observed. Improper movement of the Brethren about the Lodge room is disrespectful and is not to be tolerated by the Worshipful Master.

The Brethren who persist in talking aloud to his neighbor is showing disrespect for the Worshipful Master, the Lodge and the Members. He cannot expect to escape censure, and though the Worshipful Master will avoid such unpleasantness if he can, he must maintain proper decorum in the Lodge.

Bantering and joking should be kept in control by the Worshipful Master, and within the limits of good Masonic taste. Remarks for the benefit of other Brethren are to be addressed to the Worshipful Master.

WHAT IS THE PROPER DRESS CODE OF A MASON?

A Mason's personal appearance in Lodge is normally a mark of his respect for the Fraternity. The proper attire for attending a Lodge meeting is normally a coat and tie and street shoes. Do not let this prevent you from attending Lodge if you don't have a coat or suit. Wear the most appropriate clothing you own. If you are taking part in a Degree or an Installation, wear the best clothing that you can afford. Others may wear tuxedos for these and other special events, but that does not require you to rush out and buy one "Unless you can afford it and wish to do so, of course".

Masonic Jewelry should not be worn unless you can prove yourself to be a Mason. The wearing of Masonic Jewelry should therefore be avoided until you have signed the By-Laws of your Lodge and paid your dues.

FORMS OF ADDRESS

In referring to a Member of a Lodge, the proper form is "Brother" (in the plural "Brethren"). The form used when addressing the Worshipful Master of a Lodge is "Worshipful Master". A Past Master is referred to as "Worshipful Brother".

In Lodge Assembled, each Officer is addressed by the title "Brother" and the title of the station he occupies. Example:

"Brother Senior Warden". Each Brother on the sidelines is addressed as "Brother Smith" or "Brother Kenneth", not just as "Pete" or "Joe". The familiarity of nicknames may be perfectly proper elsewhere, but not in Lodge Assembled. The designation "Mister" is not used between Brothers in Lodge. The form of address (or title) used for a District Lecturer is "Worshipful Brother". The form of address for the Grand Master is "Most Worshipful Grand Master". Past Grand Masters are addressed as "Most Worshipful Brother". The form of address for the other Grand Lodge Officers is as follows:

The Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer are addressed as "Right Worshipful Brother".

The Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward, Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Tiler and the Grand Musician are addressed as "Worshipful Brother".

MASONIC COURTESY & PROTOCOL

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PARLIAMENTARY LAW FOR THE MASONIC LODGES

The Master should insist at all times that all business of the Lodge be transacted in an orderly manner. Any Brother who desires to speak shall arise, address the Worshipful Master with the Proper Sign, and be recognized before he speaks. This applies to anyone who desires to make a Motion, to second a Motion, to discuss points raised in a Motion, or to comment on a subject under discussion. Anyone endeavoring to deviate from this procedure should be called to order by the Worshipful Master. Only one Brother shall have the floor at a time. Robert's Rules of Order can be used as a guide but Masonic Law, the Book of Constitutions, and the By-Laws of each Lodge should prevail.

VISITING DIGNITARIES

(Other than Official Visit of the Grand Master)

When a Grand Lodge Officer makes a casual visit to a Lodge, he should be acknowledged as follows:

- a. The Officer is in the Lodge for Opening.
- b. After the Lodge is Opened (and Hag Pledge is given), the Worshipful Master instructs the Senior Deacon to Conduct the Visiting Officer West of the Altar.
- c. The Senior Deacon does so, and presents the Visitor to the Worshipful Master.
- d. The Worshipful Master welcomes the Officer and instructs the Senior Deacon to conduct him to the East, to the Master's left.
- e. The Worshipful Master calls up the Lodge, presents the Officer to the Lodge and all greet him with applause (not with the Grand Honors).
- f. The Lodge is seated.
- g. At the proper time, as under "Good of the Order, if the Officer is invited to address the Lodge.

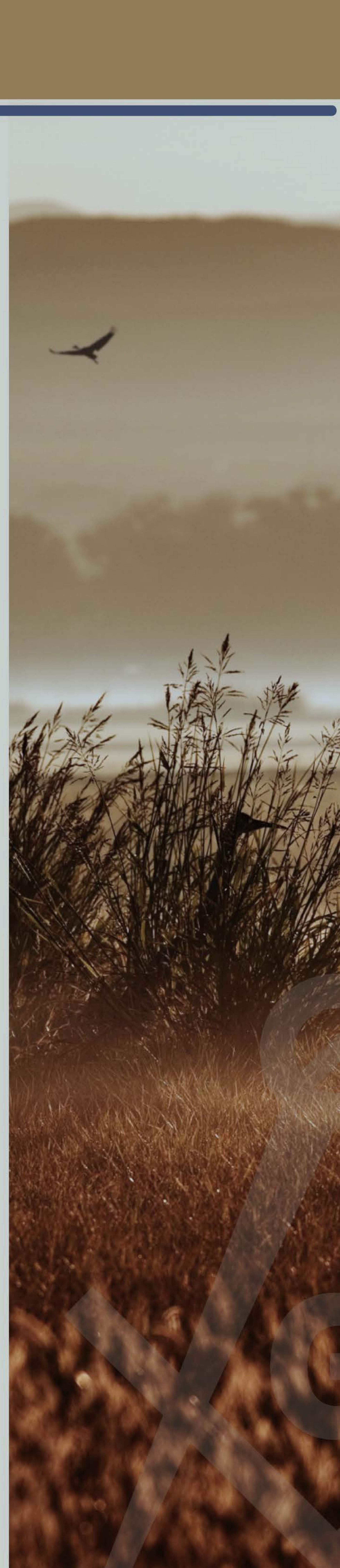
Past Grand Masters, District Lecturers and other Distinguished Visitors are received in the same way on their first visit each year. Upon subsequent visits it is optional.

DECORUM DURING DEGREES

Once a Degree is begun, the Conferral should continue uninterrupted by other business to its conclusion. The Candidate, the Officers, and the Brethren on the sidelines should enjoy a hushed atmosphere of a time dedicated to meditation. The Worshipful Master should not permit the Officers or Brethren to wander in and out, or to visit in the Lodge Room during Degree Work. To do so is rude and disrespectful of the Worshipful Master, the working Officers and the Candidate.

THE LIVING EXAMPLE

Good men are attracted to Masonry by the quality of its Members. To Subdue the Passions has a much broader application than the usual interpretation. It means to be in control of oneself in all aspects of life, and to live charitably with one's fellows in all circumstances. It means to aspire to the best that is within us, and relentlessly pursue those aspirations. This is the only solicitation for Petitions that is worthy of Freemasonry. It is the kind that attracts good material for the Fraternity.



Q: How many Masons does it take to unscrew a light bulb?

A: It's a secret!

Odds & Evens - Masonic Birthdays & Dinner Menu

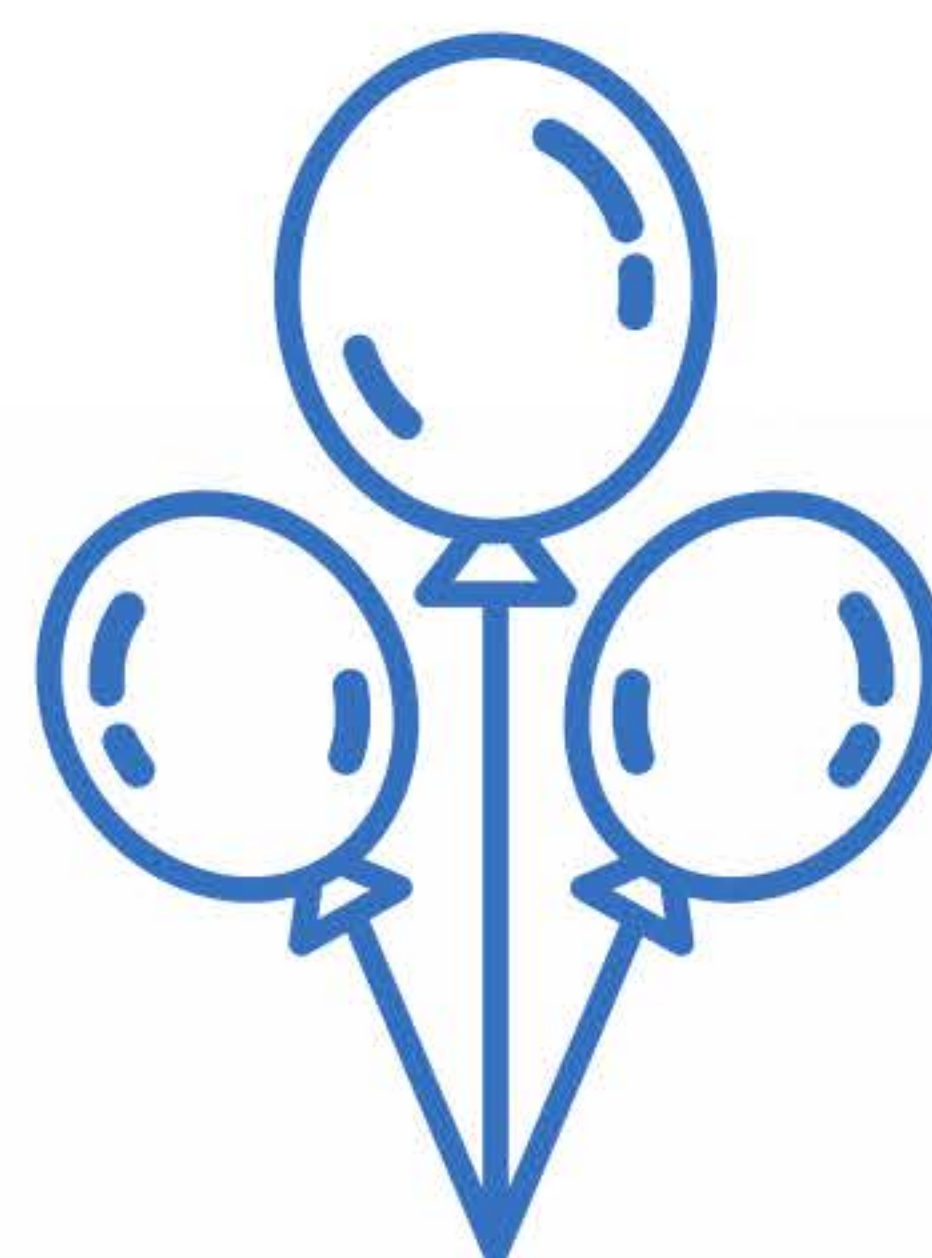
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Winding Stairs

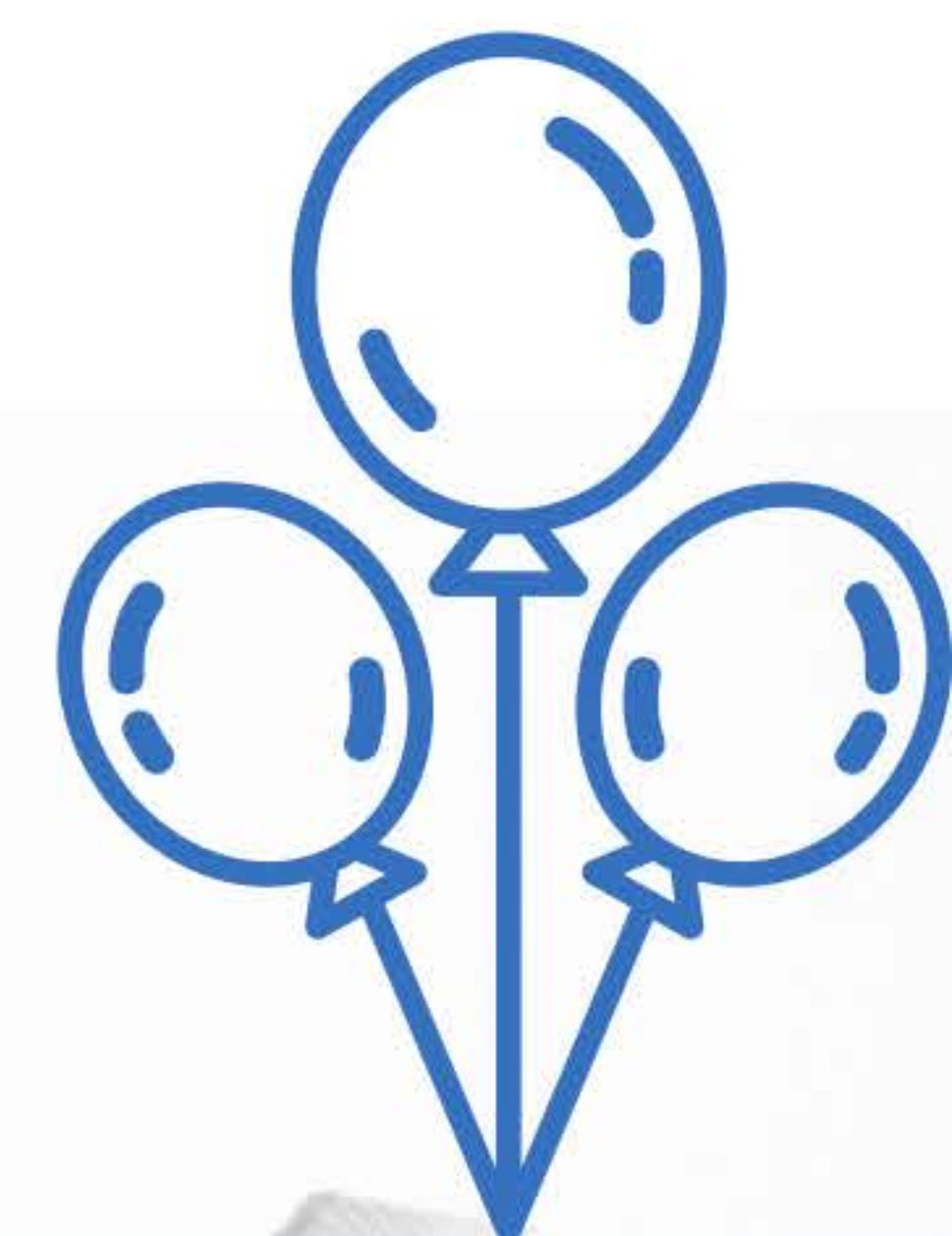
Symbol of the growth of mental and spiritual life, of learning, study and enlarging horizons. Also a symbol of the courage of Masonic character. A straight stair, a ladder, hides neither secret nor mystery at its top. But the stairs which wind hide each step from the climber; what is just around the corner is unknown. The Winding Stairs of life lead us to we know not what; for some, a Middle Chamber of fame and fortune, for others, of pain and frustration. The Angel of Death may stand with drawn sword on the very next step for any one. Yet man climbs because he has courage; because he has faith, because he is a man. So must the Freemason climb.. The Winding Stairs do lead. somewhere. There is a Middle Chamber, There are wages of the Fellowcraft to be earned.



June Birthdays



June Masonic Birthdays



- Robert Bryant - 6/ 15
- Justin Holt - 6/ 23
- Dan Irick - 6/ 29
- Keri Little - 6/ 15
- Eric Moses - 6/ 4
- Theodore Schweitzer - 6/ 28
- Dan Stouffer - 6/ 22
- Davin Teague - 6/ 14
- Rodman Warpole - 6/ 18

- Jesse Hernandez 6/ 1/ 2002
- James Irick 6/ 5/ 1995
- Fred Kellog 6/ 8/ 1966
- Larry Mikkelsen 6/ 3/ 2015
- Richard Cullen 6/ 27/ 2005
- Nil Escobar 6/ 3/ 2017
- John Gleason 6/ 6/ 1956



Masonic History

Brother William Henson Wallace

WILLIAM HENSON WALLACE WAS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE EARLY HISTORIES OF TWO U.S. STATES, SERVING AS GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATE FROM BOTH WASHINGTON TERRITORY AND IDAHO TERRITORY.

WALLACE WAS BORN JULY 19, 1811, NEAR TROY, OHIO. HE ATTENDED IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF INDIANA, STUDIED LAW, WAS ADMITTED TO THE BAR AND BEGAN PRACTICING LAW. HE MARRIED LUZANNE BRAZELTON AND HAD THREE CHILDREN, TWO GIRLS WHO DIED IN INFANCY AND ONE SON. WALLACE'S OLDER BROTHER DAVID WALLACE SERVED AS A WHIG GOVERNOR OF INDIANA FROM 1837 TO 1840. WALLACE'S NEPHEW WAS LEW WALLACE, CIVIL WAR UNION GENERAL AND AUTHOR OF BEN-HUR.

AFTER BEING ADMITTED TO THE BAR, WALLACE MOVED TO THE IOWA DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN TERRITORY IN 1837. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE IOWA TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE AS A WHIG AFTER IOWA TERRITORY WAS ORGANIZED THE FOLLOWING YEAR. WALLACE WAS APPOINTED COLONEL OF STATE TROOPS AND RECEIVER OF PUBLIC MONEY AT FAIRFIELD. WALLACE RAN AN UNSUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN FOR DELEGATE FROM IOWA TERRITORY IN 1843. IN 1848 HE WAS A CANDIDATE FOR UNITE STATES SENATE FROM THE NEW STATE OF IOWA, BUT THE IOWA LEGISLATURE INSTEAD SELECTED DEMOCRATS GEORGE W. JONES AND AUGUSTUS C. DODGE.

WALLACE MOVED TO WASHINGTON TERRITORY IN 1853. SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY 1850'S, HE BEFRIENDED ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THEY REMAINED GOOD FRIENDS UNTIL LINCOLN'S DEATH. IT IS SAID THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WERE INVITED BY LINCOLN TO THE FATEFUL PERFORMANCE AT FORD'S THEATER WHERE THE PRESIDENT WAS ASSASSINATED, BUT WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND. HE WAS SELECTED TO BE A PALLBEARER AT LINCOLN'S FUNERAL SERVICE IN ILLINOIS, HAVING ACCOMPANIED THE FUNERAL CORTEGE FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

IN 1861 WALLACE WAS APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN, BUT WAS ALSO ELECTED THE TERRITORY'S DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NEVER TOOK OFFICE AS GOVERNOR. HE WAS THE FIRST REPUBLICAN CHOSEN FOR THOSE ROLES IN WASHINGTON TERRITORY. WALLACE SERVED A SINGLE TERM REPRESENTING WASHINGTON TERRITORY IN THE HOUSE. DURING HIS TERM, HE GOT CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH IDAHO AS A TERRITORY. SHORTLY AFTER HIS TERM EXPIRED IN MARCH 1863, LINCOLN APPOINTED WALLACE GOVERNOR OF THE NEW IDAHO TERRITORY AND HE TOOK OFFICE JULY 10, 1863. WALLACE DESIGNATED LEWISTON AS THE TERRITORY'S CAPITAL AND ARRIVED THERE IN JULY. LATER THAT YEAR, WALLACE WAS ELECTED AS THE DELEGATE FROM IDAHO TERRITORY AND AGAIN VACATED HIS GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT TO SERVE IN THE HOUSE. AFTER HIS TERM EXPIRED IN MARCH 1865, WALLACE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON TERRITORY WHERE HE SERVED AS A PROBATE JUDGE IN PIERCE COUNTY UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1879.

WALLACE IS BURIED IN FORT STEILACOOM CEMETERY, STEILACOOM, PIERCE COUNTY,

WASHINGTON, USA. HIS GRAVESTONE SAYS HE WAS THE "FIRST MASTER OF STEILACOOM MASONIC LODGE-1854" HE WAS ELECTED AS MASTER OF THE LODGE AGAIN IN 1871. HE WAS ELECTED MASTER IN 1878 AND WAS INSTALLED IN DECEMBER OF 1878, BUT DIED FEBRUARY 7, 1879. HE WAS BURIED WITH FULL MASONIC AND MILITARY HONORS AT THE FORT STEILACOOM CEMETERY, WITH GRAND MASTER ELISHA P. FERRY (WHO WOULD GO ON TO BECOME THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON STATE IN 1889) PRESIDING AT THE SERVICE.

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When I first joined masonry in Montezuma Lodge No. 35 in Phoenix, Arizona I progressed thru the three degrees in the normal manner. As I awaited being escorted into the Lodge room, I sat in the lobby with the Tyler. This elderly gentleman had been the Tyler for years and just loved greeting brothers and guarding the door. While waiting for the lodge to open and getting ready for me, I talked to this mason who imparted to me some of his knowledge and wisdom about masonry and life. I think this started me on my masonic path of learning and enjoyment.

Whenever I had an opportunity to sit down with a "mature" member of the craft I have done it. It is amazing what you can learn by listening to the life stories of the men who have let masonry into their lives and lived it. You get to live their lives thru their stories, and in so doing they become a part of you.

I have now achieved the rank of "mature" member of the craft and enjoy telling my stories to young masons. I have had an opportunity to live masonry in many forms and for many years. Perhaps it is my time to tell some stories of my own. As Grand Master in 1998 I had an opportunity to do many things. I will document some of these as entries into my "diary" to be included in our newsletter.

I have masonic heritage in the State of California. My mother's father was master of his lodge in Yuba City in 1932. He passed away from an illness the following year so I never got to know him, though I carry the same middle name. My Grandmother remarried two more times. She was 75 years old when she married her third husband, Albert Gray. When I became a mason, I learned that Albert was master of the lodge in Yuba City in 1911. He passed away at the age of 96 and was the oldest living past master in California at the time. He told me he sat in lodge with President Teddy Roosevelt in San Francisco and many other stories.

I attended the Grand Lodge of California in San Francisco while I was Grand Master. This was a very big deal. I sat in the east with 30 or more current Grand Masters. There were close to 2,000 masons in attendance at the Grand Lodge building. I had a chance to visit the Grand Secretary's office and get the masonic records of my grandfather and uncle. It was quite an event.

While in the east, I sat next to an elderly grand master with a very elaborate apron and sash. He was the Grand Master of Iran in Exile. The Shaw of Iran, who was disposed by the Islamic revolutionaries who now govern Iran, was a mason as were many of his family and the ruling class. They were forced to leave the country and took their masonry with them. The Grand Master Anthony P. Wordlow presented me with the medallion pictured here.

Bro. Larry Mikkelsen Jr. SW

Written by: Tyler McKenzie

Bro. Larry was born January 31st, 1966 in San Jose California to Larry Sr. and Marty Mikkelsen. Larry is the youngest of 4 siblings. He has 1 brother Clint Halstead and 2 sisters Tammy Gill and Lesli Martin. Brother Larry attended many schools throughout the years. He graduated from Silver Creek High School in San Jose California in 1985. When Larry was growing up, he always looked up to his Father and Grandfather as they were very hard workers, they always had a good sense of humor and they shared amazing work ethics. These things kept our brother inspired to aspire to be just like them. He was very interested in wood working and it is one of his favorite hobbies to do now as an adult. Bro. Larry met his beautiful wife Pat at a motorcycle rally at the Laughlin River Run in Nevada on April 26th, 1996, they were married on July 31st, 1999 in Los Alamos NM. Bro. Larry has a stepdaughter Jacee who is 26 and a son Justin who is 21. Justin is currently deployed serving in the United States Marine Corps. Larry never initiated into the military but he respects all troops past, present and future with all his heart. Our brother has taken Auto CAD and GIS Mapping to further his education. Larry works as the Department head running The Town of Bernalillo Wastewater Department for the past 11 years.

I asked Brother Larry who he looks up to now and he said all his brethren that he goes through lodge ritual with and betters his community with. He looks up to all of us as we progress through life and Masonry. He is inspired by how we all try to make Masonry more about changing people's lives for the better, how we all step out into our communities and try to help in any way we can and how we are always trying to make ourselves better in the world at large.

A favorite saying or quote of Bro. Larry's is: 'Good Morning'. He uses it any time day or night as a greeting.

Brother Larry loves his hobbies and takes them seriously even while he is having a blast at doing them. His hobbies include riding his 2006 Harley Davidson Roadking motorcycle, gardening, wood working and regular home maintenance. While he is relaxing or doing his fun tasks, he likes to jam out to Heavy Metal music like Van Halen, SlipKnot, Disturbed, Pantera, Five Finger Death Punch and so many more. He doesn't watch much TV as it distracts from his hobbies, work, family and Masonic education. He would rather tinker on projects or read a book once in a while. He enjoys reading anything Masonic or whatever grabs his attention. The Bible is probably his favorite book to read. (this is incorrect.. I would remove this as it is misleading)

Larry's favorite colors are silver and black... yes black is a shade but we won't debate those technicalities here. He loves Mexican food, a good hearty steak or anything barbecued. When Larry goes on a cruise, he always trusts his 2008 Ford F250 Super Duty truck to get him from point A to point B safely and efficiently. This truck makes various cameo appearances at many Masonic events. Like hauling brothers and others with our appendant bodies down Central at our State Fair parades beside the Shriners, to other great events with the Rio Rancho and Corrales parades.

His favorite number or lucky number is 1234. Hey it covers the first main digits.



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Larry loves sports. It doesn't matter the sport although he would rather listen to Baseball and Football on the radio as it gives more detail and keeps the brain active. Also, it's easier to do his hobbies and daily tasks to just catch a game on the radio as you don't have to pay attention to the screen. When he was younger, he loved to play football, coach baseball and he even played soccer in elementary school. His favorite teams are any teams from the California Bay Area. Like the Oakland Raiders, San Jose Sharks, San Jose Giants and Golden State Warriors.

Brother Larry ? a few plans for life in the future. Some things are up in the air but if all goes right, he would like to assist his parents in their elder years starting with bringing them to Rio Rancho so he can be closer and care for them. He wants to be there to support his Family any way he can. His dream would be to buy a piece of land near a river that he can convert into Camp-Grounds for himself, family, friends and whomever would want to rent the area. He would like to relax away from the fast pace world that we live in.

His plans in Masonry have stayed the same. He wants to dedicate the year he is Worshipful Master to the men and women in the United States Armed Forces that have served and currently serve our country every day. In the past, present and future. This is if traditions are prevailing. He would also like to implement a challenge to the members of Sandoval Lodge for our 50th year anniversary. Fill the lodge every meeting and be active!! He hopes that by the time a couple years goes by and its our anniversary date we can have this fully in effect. He wants to focus also on education and spreading charitable works in our community.

When our brother lived in Bakersfield California, he knew a man Rick Hummel, who was a Mason. Rick introduced him to the idea of Masonry but Larry never followed up at the time. At that time, you had to ask 3 times about joining the craft to show your interest was more than idle curiosity. Brother Larry highly respected Rick and knew him as a great man so it piqued his interests. Later on, Larry learned that Masons had reached out to his parents to help Larry with a possible cosmetic surgery that could help taper his ears back. It was the Shiner Hospital that did the surgery free of charge. Bro. Larry felt he wanted to pay these strangers back for all they did for him, by joining Masonry. He is not a Shriner yet but will be looking into joining, but the community and Blue Lodge is more important at this moment.

When Larry finally was ready to join Masonry, he looked up lodges and found Sandoval Lodge No. 76. It was the closest Lodge to his house so he took the number down and called. He didn't know anyone at the time but quickly settled in and has felt at home ever since. He was entered 5/19/2014, passed 2/9/2015 and was raised 6/3/2015. This year Bro. Larry holds the office of Senior Warden of Sandoval. He is also a Scottish Rite Mason working with the stage props and performing in multiple degrees. He is also an advisor for Metro Chapter DeMolay in Rio Rancho.

There are a few things that our brother has accomplished in his life that he would like to share with us, one is he survived his youth!!, Larry has lived a wonderful life with his wife and kids and he always tried to pay back the people whom have helped him through his years. He is proud to have graduated and got his diploma. Larry has tried to raise his kids with his loving wife, to be productive caring compassionate members of society

I asked Larry what would he like to tell all the brethren of Masonry and he said, "Get involved, make a difference and be a part of making other feel a part of the bigger picture. Always be ready to help out. Be the change you want to see in the world. Lead by example."

