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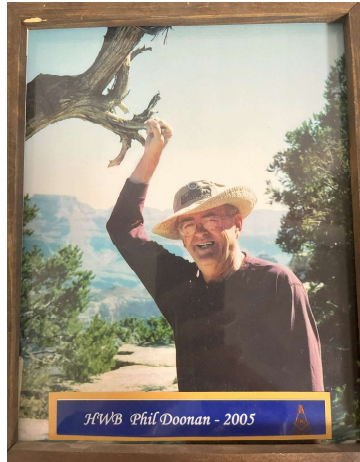
MEETS IN REGULAR
COMMUNICATION

THE 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS
OF THE MONTH

FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00 PM

LODGE OPENS AT 7:00 PM

VISITORS: TO RSVP EMAIL
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HWB PHILIP DOONAN

IT IS INDEED WITH GREAT SORROW THAT WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF HONORARY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER PHILIP DOONAN, WHO WAS ADMITTED TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE ON FEBRUARY 23RD, THERE TO BE WELCOMED BY HE WHO SITTETH ON THAT GREAT WHITE THRONE.

HWB PHIL WAS ALWAYS A WELCOMED SIGHT IN SANDOVAL LODGE, WITH MANY OF THE BRETHREN HAVING RECEIVED BALLOON FIESTA HATS, SHIRTS, JACKETS, TRINKETS - AS WELL AS AN ASSORTMENT OF KNIVES, RAINJACKETS, PENS, AND NUMEROUS OTHER GIFTS THAT HE BESTOWED UPON THEM, HAVING WORKED AT THE BALLOON FIESTA AFTER HAVING RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE.

IN HIS LAST DAYS IN HOSPICE CARE, HE WAS REGULARLY VISITED BY WB RICHARD CULLEN WHO KEPT THE LODGE APPRISED OF HIS SITUATION, WITH MANY OF US VISITING HIM IN HIS LAST WEEK OF LIFE. JUST THE DAY BEFORE - LAST RITES WAS CONFERRED UPON HWB PHIL BY FATHER TIM DONOVAN (AKA OUR LODGE TREASURER RWB TIM).

HWB PHIL'S MEMORIAL SERVICE INFO:

MARCH 12 AT 11:00AM
DANIEL'S FUNERAL CHAPEL
4310 SARA RD RIO RANCHO, NM 87124

HWB PHIL WAS SUCH A LOVER OF HOT AIR BALLOONS, SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY CLOTHING THAT HAS THESE, WEAR THEM HERE.

GET TO KNOW A BROTHER

Written by:
Tyler McKenzie

Edited by:
Alicia McKenzie



WB Philip S. Doonan

Our Brother was born on December 25th, 1938 in Malden Massachusetts. Our Brother will be 81 next month. He has 4 siblings. 1 brother and 3 sisters. 2 sisters are already passed on as well as his brother. His sister lives in Tuscan Arizona. Brother Philip went to Tuscan Senior High School when it was the only school in Tuscan other than the Catholic Private School. He graduated in 1956. Our Brother's father wanted him to become an engineer but he didn't last long in the field of college and instead joined the Air Force in 1957. He specialized in Nuclear Medicine for 17 years but was in the military for 32 years. He later was able to retire from the Air Force in 1989. When he grew up he looked up to his Uncle Philip Bauler who was a WWII veteran who fought in Germany. Even despite his injuries from getting shot in battle he always pushed forward and did something with himself. This had a major impact on him and it was very inspiring. His uncle was he was shot twice on D-Day. Then he was sent back in 6 weeks later and was shot in the jaw by a sniper in 1944. But he made sure this never held him back in life. As a grown man now he looks up to all his Brethren and family as they always inspire him to do the best he can with himself. His favorite quote is anything that is inspiring good will and ideals. He met Sara Heflin in 1960, she was born in July of 1942. They met in Albuquerque, New Mexico as he was stationed here 4 times and had a chance to meet and marry this wonderful woman. He worked for Stapleton Elementary for 20 years and retired in 1989. He went to Corrales University while in the military and was able to obtain his Masters in History Political Science and a masters in Special Educations.

Bro. Philip loves to read a good book. Nothing better than delving into a good story or enlightenment. He also loves to go fishing. His favorite music is Big Bands like Glen Miller. If he catches a flick on the tele he watches war movies or war documentaries. But since he has thousands of books he has very little time for the tube. When he was younger he ran track, but as of now he likes to watch Football and routes for the Patriots. His lucky number is 8. He has one daughter who has one son and one daughter that lives in Las Lunas. The most important title Dad or Grandpa next to Mom and Grandma. His plans from here is to be as active with his family and Masonry as he can. Enjoying the people in his life is his favorite thing to do and will always be his top priority. Brother Doonan has been a part of so many appending bodies in Masonry it's easier to say what he hasn't been a part of. He was Raised in January of 1965 but was entered in November of 1964. He was raised in John Bunion Lodge in Bedford, England. Many of his family members were Masons and this prompted his interest in Masonry. His Uncle was also raised in Europe (Germany). He also viewed many Brethren before he joined as his family surrounded themselves with Masons and he noticed how they held themselves up and how they acted in public and what they did for the community and he wanted to be a part of that. After he moved to Rio Rancho after retiring in 1993 he became a member and active with Sandoval Lodge No. 76.

His greatest accomplishments he'd like us to know about is all the help he has done for the Balloon Fiesta, his great service in the military, raising a great daughter and watching and supporting her to raise great grandchildren. He would also like to point out that his greatest accomplishment was becoming a better man and meeting with the Masons and becoming one. He wishes his memory was better so he could help out more with ritual but is always willing to spread his time and help to the lodge, community and brethren in need.

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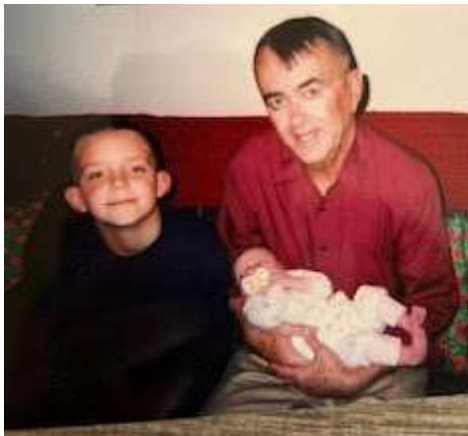
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**LAST RITES BEING ADMINISTERED ON
FEBRUARY 22 TO HWB PHIL DOONAN
BY FATHER TIM DONOVAN (AKA
LODGE TREASURER RWB TIM),
ATTENDED BY LODGE MEMBERS BRO.
HENRY DOONAN (GRANDSON), WB
RICHARD CULLEN, MWB DAN IRICK,
& BRO. BURX NORROD.**

**HWB PHIL WENT TO THE CELESTIAL
LODGE THE DAY AFTER.**



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FROM THE EAST

“THE REAL SECRETS OF MASONRY ARE NEVER TOLD, NOT EVEN FROM MOUTH TO EAR. FOR THE REAL SECRET OF MASONRY IS SPOKEN TO YOUR HEART AND FROM IT TO THE HEART OF YOUR BROTHER. NEVER THE LANGUAGE MADE FOR TONGUE MAY SPEAK IT, IT IS UTTERED ONLY IN THE EYE IN THOSE MANIFESTATIONS OF THAT LOVE WHICH A MAN HAS FOR HIS FRIEND, WHICH PASSETH ALL OTHER LOVES.”

BRO. WILLIAM H. TAFT

GREETINGS,

I WANT TO PAY RESPECT AND HOMAGE TO OUR BROTHER WB PHIL DOONAN WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. WB PHIL WAS AN AMAZING BROTHER WHO DID SO MUCH FOR HIS FRATERNITY AND COMMUNITY, AND HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. I ALWAYS APPRECIATED HIS FIRM HANDSHAKE, SMILING FACE, AND KIND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. A MASONIC SERVICE WILL BE HELD FOR HIM ON MARCH 12TH AT 11AM AT DANIEL'S FUNERAL CHAPEL LOCATED AT VISTA VERDE MEMORIAL PARK, 4310 SARA RD, RIO RANCHO, NM 87124. REST IN PEACE WORSHIPFUL BROTHER PHIL.

AND NOW AS WE MOVE FROM THE COLD DAYS OF WINTER INTO THE NEW LIGHT OF SPRING, I AM EXCITED FOR THE SENSE OF RENEWAL, AND REBIRTH THAT I SEE IN NATURE AND THAT IS EXHIBITED BY THE SPRING EQUINOX AND EASTER HOLIDAY WE CELEBRATE. THE PASSING AWAY OF THE OLD AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE NEW IS SOMETHING I BELIEVE ALL OF US SEE AND FEEL INTERNALLY AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR. AS FREEMASON'S WE ARE CONSTANTLY CHIPPING AWAY AT THAT ROUGH ASHLAR, AND SPRINGTIME GIVES US A CHANCE TO REFLECT ON THE WORK WE HAVE DONE AND SET PLANS FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF BUILDING AND REFINEMENT THAT MUST TAKE PLACE.

AS A LODGE I BELIEVE WE HAVE DONE SOME BUILDING AND REFINEMENT AS WELL. I AM PLEASED WITH THE OUTSTANDING WORK OUR OFFICERS HAVE DONE SO FAR THIS YEAR IN KEEPING THE LABOR OF THE LODGE STEADY AND ON TASK. I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL OF THE BRETHREN WHO HAVE STEPPED UP TO TAKE ON JOBS AND POSITIONS, AND HAVE CONTRIBUTED EXCELLENT, SQUARE WORK THAT HAS BENEFITED THE LODGE TREMENDOUSLY. NEW BRETHREN AND NEW IDEAS HAVE BROUGHT MUCH VALUE TO SANDOVAL, AND THE STEADYING PRESENCE AND WISDOM OF OUR PAST MASTERS HAVE CONTINUED TO GUIDE AND INFLUENCE US. LET US CONTINUE TO RIDE THIS WAVE OF HARMONY FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR, AND YEARS TO COME.

MARCH WILL BE AN EVENTFUL MONTH WITH THE GRAND LODGE ANNUAL SESSION HAPPENING, AND OUR FIRST MASTER MASON DEGREE OF THE YEAR TAKING PLACE. OUR SENIOR WARDEN BRO. BURX HAS DONE A GREAT JOB ANNOUNCING AND PROMOTING OUR EVENTS VIA EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND OUR TRESTLE BOARD NEWSLETTER. IF THERE ARE ANY CONCERNS, IDEAS, OR EVENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAPPEN PLEASE REACH OUT AND LET US KNOW.

LASTLY BRETHREN THE QUOTE ABOVE SAYS THE REAL SECRET OF MASONRY IS SPOKEN HEART TO HEART. LET US REMEMBER THAT IN ALL THAT WE DO. WE ARE IN A LABOR OF LOVE AND THE WAY TO BUILD EFFECTIVELY IS BY HARMONY AND TRUE CHARITY. IF WE HAVE ISSUES, OR DISCONTENT LET US APPROACH EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT, AND KINDNESS. LET'S LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER. OUR LODGE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS WEAKEST MEMBER SO OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO LIFT EACH OTHER UP WITH THE OUTSTRETCHED HAND OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERLY LOVE.

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,

WM DAVIN B. TEAGUE



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FROM THE WEST

ALTHOUGH SANDOVAL LODGE IS ALREADY ONE OF THE BUSIEST LODGES IN THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO WITH IT'S 2 STATED COMMUNICATIONS A MONTH, EVEN THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S ENOUGH TIME AS WE ALSO MEET REGULARLY ON NON-STATED MONDAYS, AND EVEN MOST SUNDAY EVENINGS FOR RITUAL PRACTICE! INDEED - SANDOVAL LODGE ISN'T FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE A MORE PASSIVE APPROACH TO THE CRAFT, AND IT SHOWS WITH OUR CURRENT AND INCOMING MEMBERS AS EXPECTATIONS ARE SET UP FRONT.

AS THE SENIOR WARDEN WHO HAS THE ROLE OF FILLING IN CASTS FOR DEGREE WORK, I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT OUR OFFICERS ARE SPOT ON WITH THE EFFICIENCY IN THEIR POSITIONS, AND GETTING OTHERS TO ENGAGE AND TAKE PARTS IN DEGREES HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING, AS WE HAVE MANY MORE DEGREES TO CONFER THIS YEAR, WITH APPROX 6 MASTER MASON RAISINGS, COMMENCING WITH BRO. CESARIO ALVILLAR AT UNION LODGE No. 4 IN WAGON MOUND ON MARCH 19TH.

IN ADDITION - A NEW FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE FOR SANDOVAL LODGE WAS CREATED. IF YOU'RE ON FACEBOOK, PLEASE 'LIKE', 'FOLLOW', AND COMMENT ON POSTS. IF YOU'RE NOT ON FACEBOOK, IT MAY BE A GOOD TIME FOR YOU TO GET ON IT - IF NOTHING ELSE, TO JOIN THE LODGE GROUP PAGE! THE LINK TO IT IS [FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE76](https://www.facebook.com/SANDOVALLODGE76)

WEARING MORE HATS THAN ONE, AS SW, I ALSO GET TO CHAIR THE BUILDING COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULDN'T BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT IT'S MEMBERS WB LARRY MIKKELSEN, BRO. BILL WHELCHER, AND BRO. ROGER McDONALD. THERE HAVE BEEN QUITE A FEW CHANGES - WITH BIGGER PROJECTS OF HAVING THE KITCHEN REMODELED AND PARKING LOT RESURFACED, TO INCLUDE A NEWLY INSTALLED CHAMBER OF REFLECTION. STAY TUNED ON THIS WHILE WE WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE OUR MEMBERS BETTER.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - I ALSO SERVE AS OUR TRESTLEBOARD EDITOR ... ALTHOUGH I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTENT SUBMITTED TO ME, I ALSO TAKE A PROACTIVE APPROACH IN TAKING NOTES AND PICTURES OF EVENTS AS THEY OCCUR, SO WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE A PACKED READING TRESTLEBOARD. HOWEVER - HELP ME TO HELP YOU GET YOUR OWN MASONIC THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS OUT, SOMETHING THAT CAN HELP OTHER MEMBERS / READERS LEARN FROM /G\

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,

**BURX NORROD
SENIOR WARDEN**

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FROM THE SOUTH

HELLO BRETHREN,

I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK ON A FEW THINGS, STARTING WITH THE MEALS. I FEEL LIKE WE'VE HAD SOME REALLY GOOD DINNERS AND JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS ALSO THE CONSENSUS WITH OUR BRETHREN. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THE DINNERS AND IF YOU HAVE ANY REASONABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MOVING FORWARD.

ADDITIONALLY, AS THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISERS THAT EVERYONE WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE SOME MONEY IN THE BANK BUT, I BELIEVE THAT IF WE CAN FINISH EACH YEAR WITH A 0 BUDGET OR EVEN A SURPLUS, WE WILL BE BETTER OFF WHEN EMERGENCIES COME UP. SO, IF YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS, I WOULD HAPPILY TAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT ANOTHER GRILL RAFFLE, A BOTTLE OF GRAND MASTER'S SELECT SCOTCH, AND ANOTHER RIFLE RAFFLE.

AS ALWAYS, I AM HERE TO SERVE OUR LODGE AND REALLY ENJOY SPENDING TIME AND FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OF YOU! PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND I WILL BE EAGER TO LISTEN.

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,

**JOHN P. KEEL
JUNIOR WARDEN**



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ANOTHER GIFT FROM WB CARL FERRIS
BY BRO. BURX NORROD

A YEAR AGO, WB CARL FERRIS, A SHRINER, SCOTTISH RITE MEMBER, AND PAST MASTER OF SANDIA MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 72, PASSED TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE ON MARCH 11, 2023. NOT NEEDING HIS PHYSICAL MASONIC TOOLS ANYMORE - HIS WIDOW, PEGGY FERRIS, DONATED WB CARL'S REGALIA AND MASONIC BOOKS TO THE LODGE AS MENTIONED IN FEBRUARY'S TRESTLEBOARD.

JUST RECENTLY - PEGGY REACHED OUT TO ME TO DONATE A SWORD THAT WB OWNED. DEEMING IT OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR IMPORTANCE, I OBTAINED IT FROM HER, AND SAFELY DEPOSITED WITH THE TEMPLARS.

PEGGY REMAINS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE THAT MEETS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION NEXT DOOR, SOMETHING THAT WB CARL, A MARINE CORPS VETERAN WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF. A HARD CHARGING DEVIL DOG, WB CARL FOUGHT AT THE BATTLE OF THE CHOSIN RESEVOIR DURING THE KOREAN WAR.

THANK YOU PEGGY FOR KEEPING WB CARL'S MASONIC TOOLS IN ACTION!



**PEGGY SHOWING OFF THE KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR SWORD TO MARINE CORPS
LEAGUE ADJUTANT ROLEEN YOUNIS.**

SEMPER FIDELIS!

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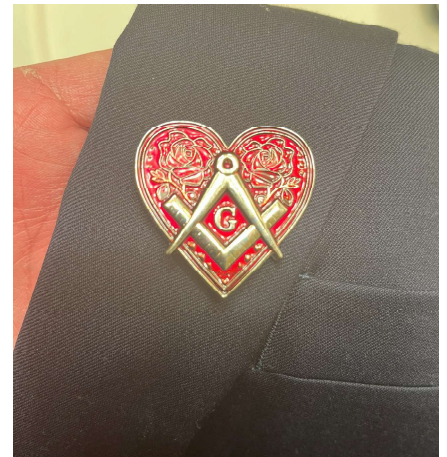


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LOVE IS IN THE AIR AT SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76

A LADIES NIGHT WAS FACILITATED AT OUR 1ST STATED COMMUNICATIONS IN FEBRUARY TO COMMEMORATE VALENTINES DAY, AND ALSO SERVED A MEANS TO HAVE SEVERAL PROSPECTS ATTEND WHO MAY HAVE OTHERWISE NOT HAVE DONE SO. A PLEASURE MEETING THE LADIES WHO SHOWED UP, ALSO TO THE 5 PROSPECTS WHO DID AS WELL!

THANKS VERY MUCH TO RW HARRY JENKINS FOR REGALING US WITH HIS PRESENTATION ON WAFFLES & SPAGHETTI, HELPING US TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO BETTER COMMUNICATE. AND - TO BRO. JOHN KEEL FOR HIS MASONIC VALENTINES DAY PINS - OH WHAT A NIGHT! /G



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: PIN FROM BRO. JOHN KEEL, FESTIVEBOARD, RW HARRY JENKINS TELLING STORIES, GROUP PICTURE!



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BY BRO. BURX NORROD

THE LODGE OF RESEARCH IN NEW MEXICO CONVENES A FEW TIMES ANNUALLY, FOCUSING ON MASONIC-THEMED PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH. I ATTENDED MY INAUGURAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY, PROMPTED BY AN INVITATION TO DELIVER A PRESENTATION. LEARNING THAT WB LEON ALDERETTE PRESIDED AS ITS MASTER AND WM DAVIN TEAGUE AS ITS SENIOR WARDEN ADDED TO MY INTEREST.

HOSTED AT SANDIA MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 72, THE GATHERING COMMENCED WITH A DELIGHTFUL BREAKFAST FEATURING A VARIETY OF BREAKFAST BURRITOS FROM RUDY'S, ACCOMPANIED BY COFFEE AND JUICE. THE QUALITY OF RUDY'S BURRITOS ALONE COULD HAVE DRAWN ATTENDANCE!

BEFORE MY PRESENTATION, RW JAMES COMBS ELUCIDATED THE ESOTERIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 'G LECTURE,' A MUST-SEE FOR FELLOWCRAFTS AND MASTER MASONS. REFLECTING ON A PAST PRESENTATION AT MASONICON ABOUT RELIGION & FREEMASONRY, I EMPHASIZED THE DELICATE NATURE OF DISCUSSING CERTAIN TOPICS IN THE LODGE, LIKE RELIGION, DUE TO THEIR POTENTIAL DIVISIVENESS.

ADDRESSING THE BRETHREN AS ROUGH ASHLARS WITH INHERENT BIASES RELATED TO RACE, RELIGION, OR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STANDING, I POSED A QUESTION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BOOKS IN THE BIBLE ON THE ALTAR. ALTHOUGH MOST ANSWERED 66, ACKNOWLEDGING THE KING JAMES VERSION, I HIGHLIGHTED THE DIVERGENT PERSPECTIVES WITHIN CHRISTIANITY, CITING THE 73 BOOKS RECOGNIZED BY ROMAN CATHOLICS. I UNDERScoreD THE NUMEROUS CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS WORLDWIDE, SURPASSING 45,000, AND OVER 200 IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE.

BEYOND DOCTRINAL DISPARITIES, I DELVED INTO HISTORICAL RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS, SUCH AS THE TWO-CENTURY-LONG CRUSADES AND CONTEMPORARY TENSIONS LIKE THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT. DESPITE THESE DIVISIONS, FREEMASONRY ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO TRANSCEND PREJUDICES, A PRINCIPLE SYMBOLIZED BY THE CONCEPT OF ROUGH ASHLARS. PERHAPS, IN OUR MASONIC PURSUIT OF MEETING ON THE LEVEL, WE STRIVE TO SET ASIDE SUCH DIVISIVE BIASES /G\

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LODGE OF RESEARCH, OR TO PUT YOUR PETITION IN (ONLY \$15) - EMAIL ME AT [BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BurxNorrod@gmail.com) AS I PLAN ON PUTTING IN MY OWN PETITION AT IT'S NEXT COMMUNICATIONS IN APRIL.



L TO R: RW JAMES COMBS, LODGE JD, WB LEON ALDERETTE, WM DAVIN TEAGUE, BRO. BURX



RECEIVE THIS COOL LOOKING PIN FOR ATTENDING!

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A TRAVELING MAN'S REPORT BY BRO. JOHN P. KEEL

FRATERNAL GREETINGS BRETHREN! THIS VOLUME OF A TRAVELING MAN REPORT COMES FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA WHERE FELLOW NEW MEXICO BROTHER JEFFREY RUSS AND I, HAD THE HONOR OF RECEIVING THE SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS OF ARIZONA ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH.



THE SEM DEGREE IS THE THIRD OF THE CRYPTIC MASON DEGREES IN YORK RITE, WHICH IS RARE AND IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PUT ON SINCE IT REQUIRES 25 PERFORMERS AND ABOUT 2 HOURS. THE FIRST TWO DEGREES OF CRYPTIC

MASONRY, WHICH FOLLOW THE ROYAL ARCH MASON DEGREES, ARE THE ROYAL MASTER AND SELECT MASTER, WHICH TELL A CONTINUATION OF THE STORY OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE. THEY ARE FASCINATING DEGREES AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THEM TO ANYONE WHO ENJOYS THE STORIES AND LESSONS OF MASONRY.

THE ARIZONA YORK RITE MASONS ALSO PERFORMED THE PRECEDING TWO COUNCIL DEGREES ON THE SAME MORNING WITH ABOUT 20 CANDIDATES SO, IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SEE HOW ARIZONA PERFORMS THESE DEGREES. PREVIOUSLY, I HAVE ONLY SEEN THEM PERFORM ONE OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREES AT THE ANNUAL FOUR CORNERS ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL, WHERE NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA, UTAH, AND COLORADO ALL MEET TO PERFORM THE FOUR ROYAL ARCH DEGREES. THE ARIZONA YORK RITE MASONS DID A GREAT JOB AND IT WAS THRILLING TO SEE THE MINOR DIFFERENCES IN THE WAY THEY PERFORM, ESPECIALLY WITH 31 OF US CANDIDATES FOR THE SEM.

THE DEGREES WERE HELD AT THE GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN PHOENIX, WHICH HOUSES SEVERAL LODGES AND APPENDANT BODIES OF ARIZONA MASONRY. THOUGH THE BUILDING IS AGING, THE LODGE ROOMS ARE BEAUTIFUL AND REMINDED ME IN MANY WAYS, OF THE MASSIVE LODGE ROOMS I TOURED IN THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS. I ATTENDED ARIZONA GRAND YORK RITE LAST YEAR IN PHOENIX, BUT WE DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO SEE THE GRAND LODGE SINCE THE EVENT WAS HELD AT ANOTHER LOCATION SO, THIS WAS A FUN EXPERIENCE. WE HAD A GREAT TIME WITH OUR ARIZONA BRETHREN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GOING TO THE ARIZONA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS AGAIN THIS YEAR!



BROTHER COMPANIONS JOHN
KEEL & JEFF RUSS



SEM DEGREE TEAM & NEW SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS

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DEGREE TEAM & NEW SELECT MASTERS



BLUE LODGE ROOM AT THE GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA

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EASTERN STAR LODGE ROOM AT THE GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA

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CPR & AED TRAINING AT THE LODGE A SUCCESS!

SPECIAL THANKS TO BRO. JONATHAN MUNIZ AND BRO. CESARIO ALVILLAR, THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, FOR ORGANIZING A CPR AND AED TRAINING SESSION ON MARCH 3RD. THE CLASS, LED BY BRO. CESARIO, A CERTIFIED FIRE CHIEF WITH TEACHING CREDENTIALS, ATTRACTED A SIGNIFICANT TURNOUT FROM BOTH LODGE MEMBERS AND YOUTH GROUPS. THIS ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP IS NOW EQUIPPED TO CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES. IF YOU MISSED THIS SESSION AND WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING CLASSES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO BRO. JONATHAN AT NMSWTEAM@GMAIL.COM



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THE WIDOWS SONS

"SONS OF LIGHT" CHAPTER IS BASED OUT OF RIO RANCHO, NM. DEDICATED TO CHARITY AND AIMS TO IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY NEEDS. "SONS OF LIGHT" CHAPTER ALSO SUPPORTS MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, AND PROMOTES FELLOWSHIP IN THE MOTORCYCLE WORLD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL WM NIC CORIZ AT ALIJAHSDAD@GMAIL.COM

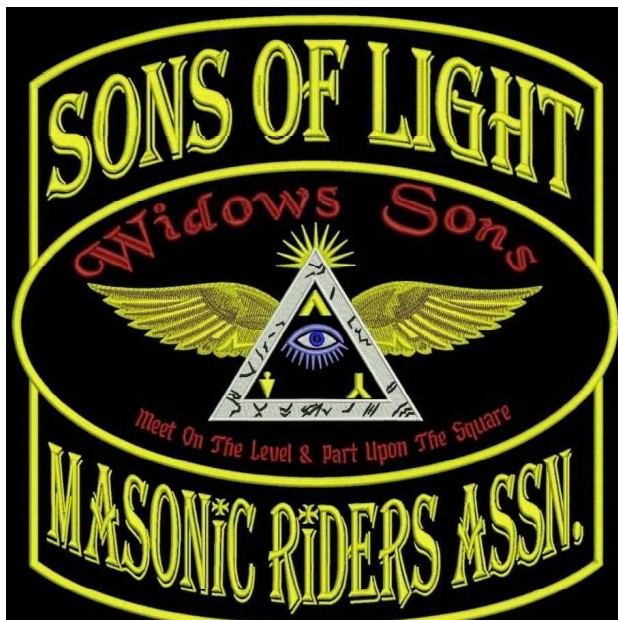
THE SONS OF LIGHT CHAPTER IN RIO RANCHO, NEW MEXICO, HELD A STATED MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO HOLD AN ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING TERM WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

CHAPTER PRESIDENT: NIC "SALVAJE" CORIZ

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT: LARRY "HEY F.E." WILLINGHAM

CHAPTER TREASURER: LEN "PUFF" ROUGHGARDEN

CHAPTER SECRETARY: LARRY "LARRDAWG" MIKKELSEN



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***ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
TURQUOISE CHAPTER No. 71***

KEITH AND LANA ELDER ARE BOTH CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. LANA STARTED HER CAREER WITH RIO RANCHO POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONTINUED AT THE NM LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY AS A BASIC TRAINING INSTRUCTOR AND RETIRED FROM LOS LUNAS POLICE DEPARTMENT. KEITH STARTED HIS CAREER WITH THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE AND AFTER RETIREMENT CONTINUED SERVING WITH SANDOVAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND NM LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY IN THE ADVANCED TRAINING BUREAU.

KEITH STARTED HIS MASON JOURNEY IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA WHERE HE WAS ENTERED, PASSED AND RAISED IN SOLAR LODGE #914 IN 1978. HE WAS A MEMBER OF ESPANOLA LODGE #69 WHERE HE WAS ELECTED TO THE SENIOR WARDEN'S CHAIR.



BRO. KEITH & LANA ELDER

HE HAS ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF VAUGHN LODGE IN VAUGHN, AND LIBERTY LODGE IN SANTA ROSA. LANA AND KEITH BECAME MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IN SUNSHINE CHAPTER #44 IN SANTA ROSA ON APRIL 12, 1989. DURING THEIR TIME IN SUNSHINE CHAPTER THEY SERVED AS WORTHY MATRON AND WORTHY PATRON. LANA HAS SERVED AS CONDUCTRESS SEVERAL YEARS IN DIFFERENT CHAPTERS, AND IS CURRENTLY THE WORTHY MATRON FOR TURQUOISE CHAPTER #71 AND GRAND MARTHA FOR THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND JURISDICTION OF NEW MEXICO. KEITH IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS LANA'S WORTHY PATRON.

KEITH AND LANA'S DAUGHTER KIANA IS AN OES MEMBER OF TURQUOISE CHAPTER #71 AND HAS SERVED AS ESTHER AND ADAH, AND SON DALLAS WAS JUST PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT IN RENO LODGE #13 IN RENO, NEVADA.

OUR MASONIC ROOTS RUN DEEP. KEITH'S GRANDFATHER, DAD, BROTHER, SEVERAL UNCLES AND COUSINS ARE MASONS AND OES MEMBERS. KEITH'S GRANDMOTHER, MOTHER AND SEVERAL AUNTS ARE OES MEMBERS. LANA'S DAD IS A MASON IN OKLAHOMA.

WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR MASONIC TIES AND HERITAGE.



THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ARE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN WHO SINCERELY REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNAL LOVE AND THE DESIRE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD BY GIVING THEIR TIME TO MEANINGFUL PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT MANKIND.

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55 YEAR PINING & FC DEGREE AT SANDOVAL LODGE

ON FEBRUARY 26, A SIGNIFICANT EVENT UNFOLDED AT SANDOVAL LODGE—A 55-YEAR PINNING AND FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE. DESPITE ANTICIPATING A BUSTLING EVENING WITH THE FC DEGREE, EA PROFICIENCY RETURN, NICO'S FOOD TRUCK, AND THE USUAL LODGE ACTIVITIES, WM DAVIN TEAGUE RECEIVED AN UNEXPECTED CALL FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA. THEY REQUESTED A COURTESY 55-YEAR PINNING FOR A MEMBER, BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN, RESIDING IN NEW MEXICO.

THOUGH THE MEMBER INITIALLY INTENDED TO COLLECT THE PIN AND CERTIFICATE AND HEAD HOME, THE LODGE PERSUADED BRO. WARREN TO STAY FOR OUR STATED COMMUNICATIONS. MWB DAN IRICK CONDUCTED A TOUCHING CEREMONY, BRINGING TEARS TO



THE BROTHER'S EYES. FREEMASONRY HAD BEEN A CHERISHED FAMILY TRADITION, WITH HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER BEING MASONS BEFORE HIM. THE CEREMONY CONCLUDED WITH WM DAVIN PINNING THE 55-YEAR PIN ON THE BROTHER, ESCORTED OUT BY JUNIOR DEACON BRO. JONATHAN MUNIZ TO TAKE HIS WIFE HOME. THIS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF BRO. BENJAMIN COTE'S RETURN OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE PROFICIENCY. HIS INTEREST IN FREEMASONRY'S ESOTERIC ASPECTS, ROOTED IN HIS FAMILY'S TRADITION OF BEING MEMBERS OF THE ROSICRUCIANS AND SIMILAR ESOTERIC SOCIETIES, MADE HIS CONVERSATIONS DELVE INTO PROFOUND PHILOSOPHICAL DIMENSIONS.

FOLLOWING THE SATISFACTORY RETURN OF BRO. BENJAMIN'S PROFICIENCY, WHICH RECEIVED LODGE APPROVAL, WE PROCEEDED TO CONFER A FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE. THE EVENING INVOLVED NOT ONE, NOT TWO, BUT THREE HATS: WM DAVIN TEAGUE AS THE MASTER, BRO. BURX NORROD CONFERRING THE DEGREE, AND WB LEON ALDERETTE DELIVERING THE G LECTURE. MWB DAN IRICK PROVIDED THE STAIRCASE LECTURE, WHILE WB ERIC MOSES DELIVERED THE FC CHARGE. KEEPING MEMBERS ENGAGED IN EACH DEGREE CONTRIBUTES TO THE LODGE'S REMARKABLE ACTIVITY, HOSTING TWO STATED COMMUNICATIONS A MONTH AND REMAINING ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE LODGES IN NEW MEXICO.

ADDING TO THE EVENTFUL EVENING, THE LODGE VOTED ON FELLOWCRAFT BRO. CESARIO ALVILLAR'S PROFICIENCY WHICH HE RETURNED THE EVENING BEFORE DURING THE FC DEGREE PRACTICE. SANDOVAL LODGE MEMBERS PLAN TO TRAVEL TO UNION LODGE No. 4 IN WAGON MOUND ON MARCH 19 TO CONFER HIS THIRD DEGREE, AIMING TO MAKE IT A TRULY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE. BRO. CESARIO HAS HIMSELF BEEN A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LODGE, HAVING HAD AN ARTICLE OF HIS PUBLISHED IN THE GRAND LODGE TRESTLEBOARD AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE, AND WILL BE THE INSTRUCTOR FOR THE 'SOLD OUT' CPR/AED TRAINING BEING GIVEN AT SANDOVAL LODGE ON MARCH 3RD.

THESE MEMORABLE EVENTS WERE CAPTURED BY RWB STEVE BALKE WITH HIS STUNNING PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS. THANK YOU AS ALWAYS RWB STEVE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SANDOVAL LODGE!

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BRO. BENJAMIN COTE WITH BRO. BURX, WM DAVIN, & WB LEON (ABOVE), WITH REST OF THE SUPPORTING LODGE BRETHERN WITH RW MICHAEL FRIETAS IN ATTENDANCE.



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WB LARRY MIKKELSEN EAGERLY AWAITING HIS ORDER FROM WM NIC CORIZ

WM NIC CORIZ, MASTER OF UNION LODGE No. 4, WITH HIS FOOD TRUCK SERVING SANDOVAL LODGE FOR OUR FEBRUARY FESTIVEBOARD. DELICIOUS OPTIONS OF KEWA TACOS, PUEBLO BURGERS, & REZ DOGS AWAITED - ALL FLAVORS OF THE SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO OF WHICH WM NIC IS A MEMBER.



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SCOTTISH RITE CREED

**HUMAN PROGRESS IS OUR CAUSE,
LIBERTY OF THOUGHT OUR SUPREME WISH,
FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE OUR MISSION,
AND THE GUARANTEE OF EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL PEOPLE
EVERYWHERE OUR ULTIMATE GOAL.**

MISSION STATEMENT

**IT IS THE MISSION OF THE SCOTTISH RITE OF
FREEMASONRY, SJ, TO IMPROVE ITS MEMBERS AND
ENHANCE THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE BY
TEACHING AND EMULATING THE PRINCIPLES OF
BROTHERLY LOVE, TOLERANCE, CHARITY, AND TRUTH,
WHILE ACTIVELY EMBRACING HIGH SOCIAL, MORAL, AND
SPIRITUAL VALUES, INCLUDING FELLOWSHIP,
COMPASSION, AND DEDICATION TO GOD, FAMILY, AND
COUNTRY.**

**SCOTTISH RITE INITIATIONS COMING UP! (AKA SPRING REUNION)
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**VALLEY OF SANTA FE—2024 SPRING REUNION
FRI, MAY 3, 2024, 8:00 AM THROUGH SUN, MAY 5, 2024, 5:00 PM
SANTA FE SCOTTISH RITE**

**THE 2024 SPRING REUNION OF THE VALLEY OF SANTA FE WILL TAKE PLACE MAY
3RD THROUGH MAY 5TH THIS YEAR AND THE VALLEY OF SANTA FE EARNESTLY
REQUESTS THAT ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS ATTEND THIS REUNION TO WELCOME A
BRAND NEW CLASS OF SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONS TO THE FRATERNITY.**

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JOINING THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY BY BRO. BURX NORROD

WITH THE SCOTTISH RITE REUNION (AKA INITIATION) COMING UP IN MAY AS THE PREVIOUS ARTICLE MENTIONED, I WANTED TO GIVE MY OWN THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ON THE SCOTTISH RITE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY I THINK ALL BLUE LODGE MASONS SHOULD JOIN THE RITE, AND THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE AT THESE REUNIONS.

MY REASON FOR DOING SO IN THE SPRING OF 2013 WASN'T FOR ANY NOBLE REASONING OR RHYME, SAME AS WAS MY REASON FOR JOINING FREEMASONRY IN THE FIRST PLACE. I WAS LIVING IN THE D.C. AREA AT THE TIME, AND THE MASONIC S&C WAS HIGHLY VISIBLE IN MANY AREAS, AND AFTER READING ABOUT FREEMASONRY AND SEEING A CONSPIRACY MOVIE OR TWO ON IT, DECIDED TO JOIN. I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING 'WEIRD' IN THE FIRST 3 DEGREES, SO THOUGHT THAT THE DEGREES 4-32 (SCOTTISH RITE) HAD THAT CRAZY STUFF IN IT, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE BECOMES A 'MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET' AS A 32ND DEGREE MASON. I FIGURED - IT WOULD BE KIND OF COOL TO BE A 'HIGH DEGREE MASON', WHERE I'D GET TO LEARN THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE.

BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF SO MANY DEGREES BEING PUT TOGETHER AT ONCE, IT'S LITTLE WONDER WHY THESE DEGREES GET COMPLETED IN JUST A FEW DAYS. GETTING INTRODUCED TO MANY VARIOUS PHILOSOPHICAL SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT WAS QUITE THE EYE OPENER, COMMENCING WITH BEING ABLE TO TAKE THE SELF-STUDY TOOL CALLED THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN PROGRAM. I DON'T THINK I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE BLUE LODGE AS I DO NOW WITHOUT HAVING GONE THROUGH THESE DEGREES. I'VE SINCE EMBRACED THE TEACHINGS OF THE KABBALAH, AND HAVE MADE CONNECTIONS TO THE SCOTTISH RITE'S 32 DEGREES WITH THE KABBALAH'S 32 EMANATIONS. MAKES SENSE, AS ONE IS TAUGHT THAT ONE CAN'T HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF FREEMASONRY WITHOUT A FAMILIARITY OF THE KABBALAH.

WHILE MANY OF OUR OWN SANDOVAL LODGE BRETHREN ARE SCOTTISH RITE MASONS, MOST OF US DON'T ATTEND THE SCOTTISH RITE STATED COMMUNICATIONS IN SANTA FE DUE TO IT MEETING ON OUR 2ND STATED OF THE MONTH. YET - WE'RE ACTIVE IN THE REUNIONS AS THEY HAPPEN TWICE A YEAR. SO - GET INSPIRED WITH THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CRAFT BY JOINING THE SCOTTISH RITE IN MAY. OPEN TO MASTER MASONS ONLY /G\



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**BRO. DANIEL CHICO BECOMING A MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET AT THE
2021 SANTA FE SCOTTISH RITE REUNION**



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**MARCH 3 (SUNDAY)
1PM - 3PM CPR / AED CLASS**

**MARCH 4 (MONDAY)
6PM - 8PM MASTER MASON DEGREE PRACTICE**

**MARCH 10 (SUNDAY)
6PM - 8PM MASTER MASON DEGREE PRACTICE**

**MARCH 11 (MONDAY)
6PM - FESTIVEBOARD
7PM - 1ST STATED COMMUNICATIONS**

MARCH 12 (TUESDAY) - MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HWB PHIL DOONAN

**MARCH 18 (MONDAY)
6PM - 8PM MASTER MASON DEGREE PRACTICE**

**MARCH 19 (TUESDAY)
7PM - MASTER MASON DEGREE AT UNION LODGE No. 4 IN WAGON MOUND. MOST WILL DEPART ABQ OR RIO RANCHO AROUND 3PM TO GET TO THE LODGE IN TIME FOR THE FESTIVEBOARD BEFORE THE DEGREE. SEVERAL DRIVERS - RIDE ALONG WITH ONE OF THEM IF NEEDED!**

**MARCH 24 (SUNDAY)
6PM - 8PM MASTER MASON DEGREE PRACTICE**

**MARCH 25 (MONDAY)
6PM - FESTIVEBOARD
7PM - 2ND STATED COMMUNICATIONS**

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FROM THE EDITOR

THIS MARKS THE SEVENTH EDITION OF THE SANDOVAL LODGE'S TRESTLEBOARD THAT I'VE CURATED SINCE ASSUMING THE ROLE IN SEPTEMBER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE VIBRANT ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR LODGE MAKE CONTENT ACQUISITION FOR THIS PUBLICATION REMARKABLY STRAIGHTFORWARD.

IF YOU PERUSE THE NEW MEXICO FREEMASON, THE TRESTLEBOARD RELEASED BY THE GRAND LODGE, YOU'LL NOTICE SIMILARITIES, IF NOT EXACT DUPLICATIONS, BETWEEN SOME OF THE ARTICLES THERE AND THOSE FEATURED IN OUR OWN TRESTLEBOARDS. THIS IS BECAUSE I SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO RWB STEVE BALKE, THE GRAND LODGE TRESTLEBOARD EDITOR, FOR POTENTIAL PUBLICATION. SO, IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS OR OPINIONS ABOUT

FREEMASONRY THAT YOU BELIEVE OTHERS CAN BENEFIT FROM, SEND THEM MY WAY, AND I'LL ENSURE THE ENTIRE JURISDICTION HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THEM (PROVIDED THEY CLICK ON IT).

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED YET, WE NOW HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LODGE AT [FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE76](https://www.facebook.com/sandovalldodge76). PLEASE 'LIKE,' 'FOLLOW,' AND COMMENT ON IT WHEN TIME ALLOWS; IT NOT ONLY BOOSTS OUR VISIBILITY BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE GROWTH OF OUR LODGE.

TO SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTION, EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM, ALONG WITH A PICTURE THAT REPRESENTS YOUR ARTICLE, AS A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.



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