

Happy Mother's Day

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Sandoval Lodge No. 76
Master Mason Degree
Brother Daniel Chico
April 26th, 2021

Brother Daniel Chico



OFF TO A GREAT START!

Brothers!

This month saw a return to “work”!! A small group was able to open Lodge in person! It was good to be in the same place and see some of you in person. I know I have missed the fellowship. Hopefully we will be able to increase the size of in person gatherings to twenty from the current ten very soon.

A small, but mighty, group was able to raise Brother Daniel Chico to Master Mason. Brother Chico has been waiting for over a year! The practice a was welcome return to Masonic labor. I really appreciate everyone’s hard work. Coming up soon will be a few EA degrees! Please contact WB Leon and/or Larry if you have a part you want to help with.

Brother Davin has been doing a great job in coordinating our food drives and charity events. Our April charity event was a drive up food and supply drive for St. Felix Pantry which was very successful. He is requesting for a few volunteers for our May charity event. We are setting up a team of 10 volunteers to assist with various jobs at Storehouse West. The date will be Saturday May 08. More details will be provided. Please contact Brother Davin directly if you can lend a hand this month. As of now masks and social distancing will be required, so prepare to gear up but it is for a good cause.

The next regular communication will be on May 8. If there is not a change from yellow to green I plan on that meeting being on Zoom. We have much to discuss and I don’t want to rush.

Eric Moses

LODGE READY FOR OPEN - A BUILDING UPDATE



Hello brethren,
I wanted to give Another
update for the lodge building.
As you know we have a
committee and some volunteers
going by the lodge for various
building repairs and updates.

Early in April, several brethren volunteered to come and give the lodge room a fresh coat of paint. Some showed up early and moved all the furniture to the center of the room and set up for painting while others grabbed a roller and got to work. I would like to especially thank these brethren for lending a hand and preparing the lodge for the brethren to return.



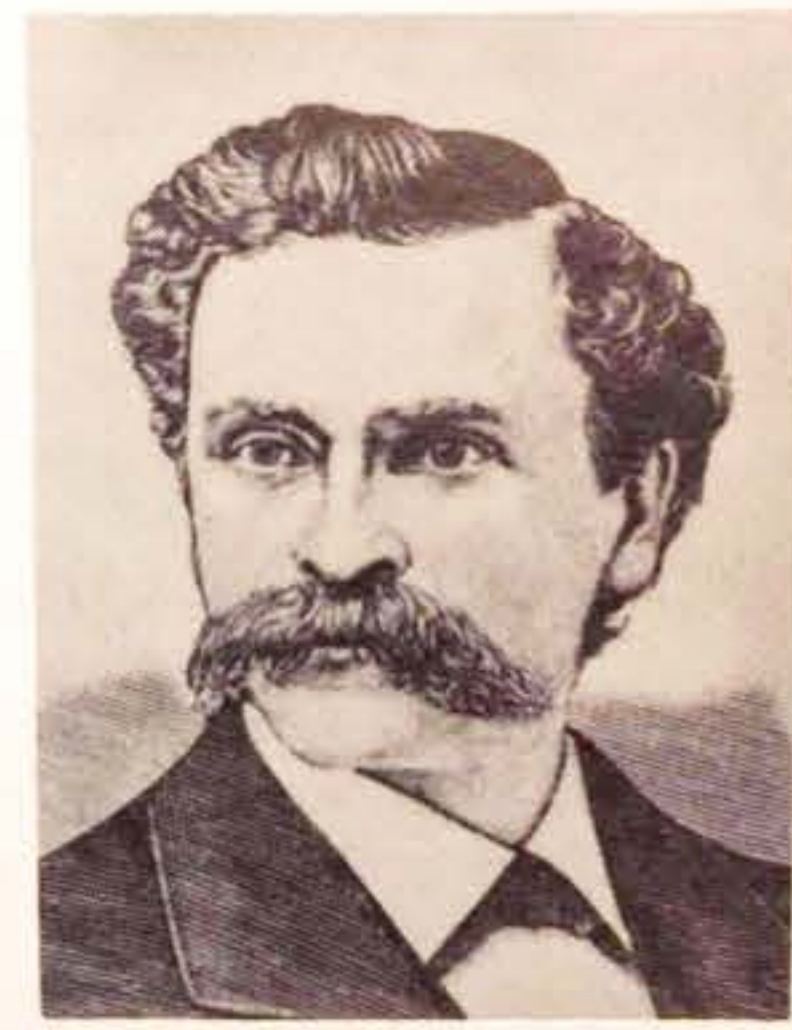
The next day we had our first lodge meeting since the lockdown started last year. We hosted a zoom meeting before lodge so that brethren can still meet and be apart of the lodge fellowship that flourished over the past year.

We will continue to work on repairs needed throughout the lodge as time moves closer to being able to open in full. Thank you all for your time and help with building repairs.

Odds & Evens - Moments in history

By: Tyler McKenzie

I feel it is always good to look back in our history to see what others have done to learn how we can progress forward. We learn from the good that we do in our world and lives and the bad choices we make can also be good learning lessons. Here are two stories that caught my attention. Both Brothers are Past Grand Masters of Masons in New Mexico. Both stories are from 'A History of Masonry in New Mexico 1877-1977' by MWB LaMoine Langston who wrote this book and did not get to see it published and distributed as he ascended to the grand architect above on the 99th year of Masonry in New Mexico. He was a Mason for 41 years. He was GM in 1962. The book is either in your lodge library or you can pick up a copy from Grand Lodge if I am correct. A lot of great ideas and information in this book. I encourage you to read it.



Odds:
Charles H. Dane
Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico
January 28, 1891 - November 17, 1891

C. H. Dane organized banks in Deming and in Silver City, both of which were closed February 3, 1892 by the Controller of the Currency. Dane was indicted in September on a charge of illegally using \$81,000 of the funds of those banks in ranching properties he owned in Colfax and Sierra Counties. He was convicted.

Masonic Charges were filed against him, apparently after he was suspended from Deming Lodge in 1894 for nonpayment of dues. At his trial, a representative said that Dane could not be tried by the Grand Lodge as he was no longer a member. The Grand Lodge called a recess and after a short caucus, Dane was reinstated by vote of the delegates. Then they proceeded to expel him.

He died February 26, 1904 in Los Angeles.

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Evens:

Thomas Joseph Hall
Grand Master of Masons in NM
Mar. 21, 1932 - Mar. 20, 1933

Tom Hall is remembered as one of several outstanding leaders of the Grand Lodge during its first 100 years. He received his Masonic degrees in Roswell Lodge No. 18 in 1916 and was Master of the lodge in 1921. At the close of his year, the Committee on Grand Master's Address commented: "Your committee is not unmindful that Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas J. Hall has written a new page in the history of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico. His time has been given unstintingly to the Craft, ...for the welfare of the Craft and each individual member of each lodge...Education has been stressed, the hand of fellowship and fraternity has been extended, the dignity and prestige of a small jurisdiction has been upheld in the most credible manner, and general approval and Commendation of the year's activities by the retiring Grand Master is upon the lips of the brethren. Truly, the motto of Freemasonry, 'Let there be light' has been statewide throughout the year."

Hall was born July 21, 1892 in Tyler, Texas and came with his parents while he was a small boy to Roswell where he resided until his death.

He was educated in Roswell schools and the University of Missouri. He was active in civic affairs, serving as Roswell Mayor for several years. He was active in the Presbyterian Church. He was an owner of a printing establishment in Roswell, later operated by his son, Tom Hall, Jr.

He died August 15, 1955

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Mothers.

By Victor-Marie Hugo

("Regardez: les enfants.")

[XX., June, 1884.]

*See all the children gathered there,
Their mother near; so young, so fair,
An eider sister she might be,
And yet she hears, amid their games,
The shaking of their unknown names
In the dark urn of destiny.*

*She wakes their smiles, she soothes their cares,
On that pure heart so like to theirs,
Her spirit with such life is rife
That in its golden rays we see,
Touched into graceful poesy,
The dull cold commonplace of life.
Still following, watching, whether burn
The Christmas log in winter stern,
While merry plays go round;
Or streamlets laugh to breeze of May
That shakes the leaf to break away -
A shadow falling to the ground.
If some poor man with hungry eyes
Her baby's coral bauble spies,
She marks his look with famine wild,
For Christ's dear sake she makes with joy
An alms-gift of the silver toy -
A smiling angel of the child.
Dublin University Magazine*

"In Search of Grand Master Hiram: Understanding Masonic Symbolism"

BY JOHN R. HEISNER PART 03 OF 03

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It is written in the Gospels that if one has faith as a grain of a mustard seed, he may move mountains. Empirical science takes a grain of hydrogen and releases its energy thereby reducing amount into dust. The first is speculative, the second is operative. Mankind has not yet learned to use the immense powers of the mind to generally move mountains. However, science has unleashed the power of the Atom for man to build and destroy. Yet, that science did not act alone as if by magic. Learned men applied their knowledge to the task and discovered the secret of nature that is potentially good and evil. Nothing of the atom, of hydrogen, or even of the spherical shape of the world would be known to this age had not men of a previous age thought and acted. Thinking without doing would have produced nothing. And so it is also when one acts without first thinking. The speculative side of man serves the operative side and vice versa. Freemasonry teaches that nothing is impossible. If a man dreams a condition for his future, he will attain it when God and that man's soul work together. But to sit idly by and wish for something to happen without acting together with God leads nowhere. The surest way to make true the prayer for World Peace is for each man to avoid war and embrace peace. The best way to ensure an answer to a prayer for alleviating hunger is to give what you have so that the hungry may eat. While praying that poverty may vanish is laudable, the most efficient way to eliminate its ravishing is to donate to causes that support the poor.

In the book of James, man is informed that faith without works is dead. But, it is not the faith itself that is dead. If one fails to put his faith to work, the beneficial effects of that faith will never be known to anyone. It will amount to nothing more than wishful thinking. Masons do not embrace such fantasies. If they did, the world would have no hospitals operated and funded by Shriners. The aged, widowed and orphaned would have no place to call home. And, the speech impaired would have no clinics to go to and cure their ailment.

When the thoughtful, speculative Mason places his thinking into operative action the world becomes a better place. When he fails, darkness prevails to the detriment of all humanity. Consider your actions and resolve never to hide your lamp beneath the bushel. You are a Mason and should act like one.



Get to know a Brother

EA: JAN 9TH, 1979
FC: FEB 9TH, 1979
MM: MAR 11TH, 1979



Bro. Leon Alderette

Worshipful Brother Leon was born in the early morning on November 30, 1957 in Albuquerque NM at the Presbyterian Hospital. He was born to Rosie and Leo Alderette along with his two sisters Michelle and Cathy. Brother Leon attended Eldorado High School and graduated in 1975. While at Eldorado he played Football, in college he played tennis and later in life he picked up softball (a lot of softball in life). Later on as an adult he picked up golfing and that is now a fun hobby he likes to do here and there when he has the chance.

When Brother Leon was young he looked up to the astronauts as he was a child during the big 'Space race era'. This led to his dream to become an astronaut and aim for the stars. After a while he started to build up an interest in law and the judicial system and dreamed of becoming a judge at one point in his life. Instead he became an entrepreneur following in his Grandfather, his uncles and his father and Grandmother (on his mother's side) tradition of owning their own businesses as he looked up to them greatly. They were smart, hard workers and made their dreams a reality. His Grandmother was also the reason he became such a great cook and they loved to watch Dialing for Dollars afternoon movies. These aspirations led him to further his career by getting his journeyman's license in Sheet Metal. Leon worked many many years but the main consistency was being self employed at 'All Temp Systems' and working for his father. Brother Leon has been working self employed since 1982. He was very successful in his valet career. One day he hopes to retire, but the tools will not be laid to rest until he passes to the grand architect above.

Bro. Leon looks up to people who stand up for their beliefs whole heartedly, love their God, country, their family and are willing to give themselves to better others and the community around them.

Leon was raised as a Catholic and he has a strong belief in God as well as a great respect for religion. "There is an almighty being," he said and he supports and honors his country with all his heart. He is inspired by people that hold to these same values for if they have honor, loyalty, act in charity and sacrifice for the greater good than these are great people.

WB Leon's favorite quote is, "speed of the leader, speed of the pack".

WB Leon has traveled all over the midwest and all the western states and also went out to the Caribbean islands. But his favorite place he visited was Belize, which is between Mexico and Guatemala.

Leon loves dogs because they are very loyal and forgiving. His hobbies may include spending time with family and brethren to golfing or attending a concert. He listens to 70's rock most of the time and will never turn down the Eagles or Jimmy Buffett. New Mexico definitely rubbed off onto Bro. Leon as his favorite 'artist' he said was anything Southwest and anything with Balloons in it.

On his off time while relaxing our brother loves to catch a Sean Connery, Vin Diesel, Harrison Ford & Bruce Willis movies. He also likes sci-fi and fantasy style movies (like Lord of the Rings). His favorite flicks are 'A Knights Tale' & 'Princess Bride'. In the mornings he will never miss his favorite show Touched by an Angel and later on through the day it's channel surfing it up. He can't give up his show the Good Wives. It's a reminder why he didn't become an attorney.

He dreams of cruising around in an old school 70's Stingray Corvette, cherry Red straight down Central; looking for the best Italian restaurant he can find or anywhere with the best chili to wash down with some juice or Squirt. That's his favorite soda pop. But if you wanna hit his good spot a good scotch may hit the spot.

Our brother must live a very strategic life as he has read 'The Art of War', 'Art of the Deal', 'Richest Man in Babylon', and 'The Greatest Salesman in the World'. We need to pick up on a few tips from him or ask to borrow some books.

Any man with a lucky number is in love with sports, his is lucky number 11 and his sports is watching Pro Football (Cowboys), golfing (mainly Arnold Palmer when he was alive but now he is just an inspiration) just like the drink and he loves college basketball (any pack team).

WB Alderette's future plans in life are to retire one day, be able to relax but at the same time not lay down his tools. But his main plan is to wake up each morning to enjoy another wonderful day with all of us.

Brother Leon started his Masonic path when he was initiated into DeMolay October 20th, 1973. He grew there for many years before he joined as a Mason on January 9th, 1979.

He passed to the degree of fellow craft on February 9th and was raised March 11th that same year. He now is in Scottish Rite, York Rite, the Shrine, Ameranth, Lodge of Research and as well an advisor for DeMolay. His goals in Masonry is to give what he can, when he can and where he can as well as be a mentor to present and future brethren with as much knowledge and help he can give.

In his life he has accomplished many things and loves to share his aspirations through inspiration with others to help them grow to be better men but three accomplishments that brother Leon would like to share with us is becoming State Master Counselor. It just seemed meant to be as he went from Senior Steward to Master Counselor which has never been done before. This was a great accomplishment. He was a success at his companies he ran himself. Getting to a point where he had 50 employees working for him. He did this within ten years. Which led to a moment where he had to give that all up to come back home to be with his family which is the biggest blessing of all as he has been able to spend a lot of time with his mom and dad and as well it brought him back to Masonry. This then led to him meeting all of us all at Sandoval Lodge, the Brethren of New Mexico and abroad.

I asked him if there was anything he wanted to add and he said, "the reason I do this if for the friendships and the things I learned from Demolay led me on this path and I hope I can pass those morals and teaching off to the next generation of DeMolay and Masons. What DeMolay did for me and I want to pay that back 10 fold. I want to be there to help the community in many ways if I can." He finished with "I love what we represents as a whole."

He would also like to thank Bro. Nic Coriz and WM Charles Stafford for supporting him in his transition to and pointing him in the direction of Sandoval Lodge No. 76. It was one of his best Masonic choices he has made in recent years.