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# MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

Last month I discussed my journey that brought me to Freemasonry. I hope it gave you pause to contemplate what brought you to the Craft.

On Saturday 10-12-19 I attended the Installation of Armando Coriz as Master Councilor of our DeMolay Chapter. It was well attended and a momentous event in the life of a young man. Armando's journey has already begun and with the proper guidance and encouragement, this should be just the beginning of a long life and career in the Masonic family.

I am an Adult Leader with our Jobs Daughters Bethel in our Lodge. Mind you I have no daughters of my own, nor any children for that matter. In the four or five years I have been involved with the Bethel, I have come to realize the importance of my presence with this group. I am here to be a leader and mentor, to coach, support and encourage these young ladies to be all they can and help them to grow into the ladies I know they will become. I can only hope my participation has meant to them something close to what it has meant to me. I hope they look back in the future and recall what Jobs Daughters has helped them to become. To me this has been a rewarding time in my life. I know the Adult Leaders in DeMolay and Rainbow wish the same for their youth.

As a Mason I wish for our Brethren, both new and seasoned, the same type of fulfillment. I would hope that you see the value in not only supporting our youth, but in also supporting our Brethren. We have candidates, newly made Masons and Brethren who have spent more than half a lifetime in the Craft. Everyone has something to offer, something to share and something to learn.

We are Freemasonry, we are the embodiment of what others see. Will we be anything to the Craft or will the Craft be anything to us? Take some time, reach out to lend of yourself. We have promised to befriend and relieve every worthy Brother who shall need our assistance. These generous principles are to extend further, every human being has claim upon our kind offices. Too often we bring candidates in, only to have them fade away. What is it we are failing at? Is it unreal expectations or misconceptions on their part? Is the failing within us? I know I have my failings, and whom among us doesn't. We must strive to be the best we can, to grow and learn, cherish and support, and hopefully become better friends, husbands, Brothers and Masons. Be it known, this is not an indictment of the Craft, but a look inside myself where I realize Masonry has made me a better man, but the work has just begun.

Fraternally,

David L Bachman WM 76





# MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

Voting Is A Masonic  
Principal: Part I

by Midnight Freemasons  
contributor Gregory J. Knott (Part 1 of 2)

The conventions are over, election day draws near, and the usual round of political rhetoric from candidates is blasted all over the TV, radio and internet, voters begin to wear out and are usually just ready for Election Day to be over with. However tired we all get with the political non-sense, we should always remember to exercise our right and responsibility to vote.

One of the most important traditions in Freemasonry is the secret ballot, specifically when it comes to voting candidates into the lodge. Candidates, who petition for membership, must be elected by a unanimous ballot by the members present voting. The Master of the Lodge will give instructions to the brethren of "white balls elect and black balls (or cubes) reject". This is where the term "black ball" originated and has become a part of the American lexicon.

The ballot itself obtains a legal status within the lodge. After all brethren have voted, the ballot box is presented to the Junior Warden and Senior Warden for inspection and then to the Worshipful Master who declares the candidate either elected or not.

When sitting in lodge, Masonic etiquette dictates that all of those present must ballot. It is considered discourteous when a brother does not vote because he will skew the ballot and become the weak link in a strong chain. One of the goals of Freemasonry is harmony amongst the brethren, thus by not voting a member can cause harm to this harmony. Further by failing to vote the offending brethren is in direct conflict with the Master's order. The Ballot is secret, sacred, and inviolate. When a Ballot is taken the act is momentous for the Candidate and significant for the Lodge. It is an official act by each member in turn and by the Lodge as a legal body. The Ballot has legal sanction and must be conducted according to solemn rules. It is etiquette for the Lodge Room to be in complete silence, without whispering, or discussion of the Candidate while waiting to cast your Ballot or any information about how a member has voted.

The officers should remain at their stations and places in silence and dignity. Such of them as participate in spreading, inspecting, and declaring it, should act in strict decorum. The period of etiquette and decorum doesn't end when you've cast your vote. It includes the declaration of the results by the Master, the restoration of the Ballot Box, and the return of the participating officers to their places.

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Posted 26th September 2012 by Todd E. Creason  
<https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/masonic-etiquette.html>



## What is Masonry?

**BY Bro. Walter H. Bonn, Victor,  
Iowa**

**It's not a sign or handshake, a hall  
where tilers sit,  
It's not a guarded building, where  
passwords will admit,  
It's not a place of symbols, which  
Wardens oft display,  
It's not a lodge of members, who  
meet in white array.  
It is the home of justice, of liberty  
and truth,  
Of loyalty to country, of sympathy  
for youth,  
Of succor for a brother, of  
gentleness and cheer,  
Of tolerance for neighbors, whose  
life is often drear.**

**Submitted by: Bro. Dave Peterson**





# MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

When I started thinking about what to say I was stumped at first, so I looked up the emblem of the office of Junior Warden, the Plumb. We have all heard the words in the ritual, but what does it really mean? Here is an article I found interesting:

## THE WORKING TOOLS OF THE CRAFT

CHAPTER V  
MASONIC ESSAYS (1998)  
W.M. DON FALCONER

### THE SYMBOLISM OF THE PLUMB RULE

Plumb lines and plumb rules are implements used to determine a vertical plane, often called plummets in the scriptures. Each depends upon a line from which a heavy plumb bob is suspended, so that when hanging freely the line is perpendicular. They are one of the oldest emblems and have the same symbolic interpretation. The plumb is a symbol of truth and rectitude of conduct. It inculcates that integrity of life and undeviating course of moral uprightness which alone can distinguish a good and just man. When erecting temporal structures the operative mason pays strict attention to the vertical, as determined by the plumb, because any deviation from the upright contributes to instability. So the speculative freemason should be guided by the unerring principles of right and truth symbolised by the plumb, neither succumbing to the pressures of adversity nor yielding to the seductions of prosperity. We read in Isaiah 28, v 17 of the New English Bible that the Lord said "I will use justice as a plumb-line and righteousness as a plummet; hail shall sweep away your refuge of lies and flood-waters carry away your shelter". In Amos 7, v 7-8 we also read that the Lord said "I am setting a plumb line to the heart of my people Israel; never again will I pass them by."



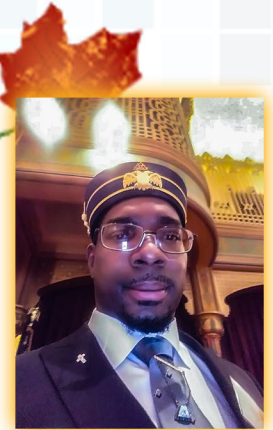
It is interesting to note that, from the most ancient times, many common words used in everyday speech have had a symbolic meaning related to the practical usage. Thus the Hebrew word "tsedek" denotes rightness and straightness in a physical sense, whilst signifying what is right and just in a moral sense. The Greek word "orthos" in the physical sense means straight, erect or standing upright, whilst in the ethical sense it signifies right, correct, proper and equitable. In Latin the word "rectum" denotes something straight or upright and also someone of honesty and integrity. In English the word "right" has a similar duality, in one sense denoting something that is just, fair or equitable, whilst in another sense indicating that something is straight, or perpendicular, or with reference to an angle that it is formed by a right line or plane perpendicular to another right line or plane thus forming an angle of 90°, a right angle.

All of these interpretations are represented in the symbolism of the plumb rule, which therefore is appropriate as the jewel of the Junior Warden, because it is emblematic of the upright conduct which should always distinguish the brethren during refreshment when symbolically they are under his control.



# PAST EVENTS

The month of October has has been eventful for Sandoval Lodge. We started the month with DeMolay Metro Chapter's Installation of Officers. Congratulations to the new Master Counselor Armando Coriz. Job's Daughters Bethel 4 had an installation for Counsel members at the middle of the month as well as had two Initiations of new members this month as well. Congratulations young ladies.



A few of our brothers had volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House this month make food for the families participating in the program which was a huge success! Brother Davin B. Teague was initiated into the Valley of Santa Fe Scottish Rite at this year's fall reunion.



Congratulations to Brother Daniel Chico who took his first step in Masonry this past Monday, October 28th, 2019. Your journey has just begun and a long journey ahead of you. I hope light guides your path and can't wait for your next degree. Thank you to all the Brethren that took the time to come out and support our Lodge and our candidate as he went through this experience. Mesa Lodge, Temple 6 and Albuquerque 60 all showed up to either watch or play their parts in this wonderful EA degree. How great and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.



# FUTURE OCCASIONS

**Sandoval Lodge:**  
**November 11th ELECTIONS!**  
**Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm**

**11/25 Regular Meeting**

**Metro Chapter DeMolay:**  
**11/21 Fundraiser at Panera in Rio Rancho 4pm**

**11/10 NM DeMolay: 100 Years of Demolay Cookoff BBQ Competition @ Temple Lodge No.6 - 1pm**

**Job's daughters Bethel 4:**  
**11/15 New Member Initiation 7pm**

**11/16 CAV Class (Mandatory for All adult volunteers) 9am - 3pm**

**12/14 Toy's for Tot's Dance @ Temple Lodge No. 6 6pm -10pm**

**01/5 Bethel Installation of Officers 4pm**



# Storehouse WEST

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



**Hello WM, Wardens, and Brethern,**

**Sandoval Lodge 76, will be assisting and volunteering at Storehouse West on Saturday, November 9th, 2019.**

**What we will be doing:** Light volunteer work such as filling bags with groceries, breaking down cardboard boxes, restocking refrigerators, etc.

**Where:** Store House West - 1030 Veranda Drive SE #F, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

**When:** Saturday, November 9th. 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

**Meet at Storehouse West at 9:00 A.M. to receive assignments. We will work from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Length of time:** 2.5 hours.

**Who:** You! Additionally, if any brother would like to bring his significant other, or children, they are welcome to attend and assist. Storehouse West requests that if you bring children to help, that you directly supervise your child. No age limit, but use your discretion.

**Why:** As Ghandi once said, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

**What to bring:** Wear a lodge shirt. When we dress in uniform fashion, it sends a positive message to the community. Although you are not required to wear a lodge shirt, if you would like a lodge shirt, contact WB Richard Cullen. Lodge shirts cost \$20.00.

**Additionally, bring a bottle of water.**

**This is a great opportunity to live out the values we embrace.**

**Please let Brother Dave Peterson know if you, your wives, fiancee's, girlfriends, or children can make it. He would like to provide a semi-accurate head count to Storehouse West by Thursday, November 7th, 2019.**

**He can be contacted by e-mail at [dgpeterson@liberty.edu](mailto:dgpeterson@liberty.edu).**

**End information for newsletter.**

**Thank you for all the hard work y'all are doing with the Tresleboard. Especially you, Ali! Tyler has told us that you're the mastermind. Thank you!**

**Sincerely,**

**Dave Peterson**







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## Bro. Davin B. Teague

Our Brother was born in Albuquerque New Mexico on 6/14/1979 to David and Mamie Teague at Presbyterian. After his birth his family located to Long Island NY where he spent his childhood while his Mom was attending cosmetology school. Davin is the youngest of eight children. Four brothers and three sisters. One sister and brother have passed away along with his father who died in 2002. Brother Davin went to West Mesa High School and graduated in 1996. As he grew up, he wanted to be like Indiana Jones so his dream was to be an archeologist. He also looked up to Walter Payton who was a great Football player who did great things in Football but also for his community. So another dream he had was becoming a Football player. He was also inspired by his father as he was a good man and carried himself well. He was a man who was well respected by all who knew him or came to know him. He was a reverend, and a history teacher, and was great at his duties to his church and fellow pupils. His father also was a well-respected Prince Hall Freemason which Davin found out later in life. His father was in the Army as well as his brothers and he had an Uncle in the Air Force. Brother Davin's girlfriend also comes from a well-known New Mexico Masonic family, and he has his hands full as he has three daughters. His oldest is 19, one is 15 and the youngest is 5.

Davin has gained inspiration from all the great men he has met in his Lodge and the Lodges he has visited. But 3 men that have really left their mark on him are WB Leon Alderette for bringing him to Masonry and our Lodge, for all the knowledge he has shared, and by his actions inspiring him to be a better man and how to use the tools he was given to do just that. Another is Bro. Larry Mikkelsen for his support, inspiration and always being there to help the Lodge and Brethren. And Lastly PGM MW Dan Irick for all the knowledge and history he's shared with Davin, and most importantly for all he does, and has done for our Lodge, other Lodges, and the Craft in general. These are 3 men that Davin looks up to and hopes to emulate in his Masonic career. Davin owns his own businesses. One is Captain Gravel Landscape in which he specializes in xero scaping, design, and yard Rogmaintenance. And he also owns Davin B. Teague LLC which is his real-estate wholesale and rehab business. He has owned his own Landscaping business for about 5 years and has been in the business for about 10 years altogether. In the real-estate business he has been doing that for about 3 years now. His prior vocation was IT and he has an Associates Degree in Computer Information Systems, and he also has re-enrolled in school to finish his dream of becoming an archeologist. Favorite Quote: Yoda from the movie Empire Strikes Back... "Do. Or do not. There is no try." Brother Davin likes to lose himself in books. He spends most of his time reading anything that deals with Freemasonry, World History, Egyptology, and Masonic History.

He spends most days and nights either working, doing Masonic things or studying. He also enjoys making music, working out, and playing sports. His favorite music is Jazz. Thelonious Monk is his favorite artist to listen to. His favorite actors are Humphrey Bogart and Sean Connery. His favorite colors are blue and green. He loves to eat Pizza. Any style...just give him Pizza and he is happy. If and when he can, he will be driving up to Lodge in his new Porche or Audi as those are his favorite cars. When he has a chance, he likes to catch a game of Football. When asked what his favorite movie is, he would have to say I'd rather read, but Empire Strikes Back, any of the Sean Connery Bond movies, or The Count of Monte Cristo would be ideal. But Count of Monte Cristo he says is so much better to read. Davin has been obsessed with Masonic history and books since he found out his father was a Mason. He is a book buff as lifting them pages builds muscle, called the brain. He is a nerd and if you could see all his books, you'd think he is a hoarder. He has so many he had to start selling on Amazon. He buys many books almost weekly as to him books and Masonry are life. His favorite number is seven. His favorite Football team is the New York Jets and his favorite player is Walter Payton.

Once he found out his father was a Prince Hall Mason he started researching and he liked all he saw about Freemasonry. How the people held themselves in the community and how many brethren were and are great men. He is highly interested in history and esoteric things catch his attention, so he was intrigued. The time felt right as he met WB. Leon who invited and brought him to the Lodge. He chose to go with mainstream Masonry over Prince Hall as he sees Freemasonry on a universal Level for all. This would allow him to travel to any lodge Mainstream or even Prince Hall and be accepted. We are all equal and on the Level. "A Mason is a Mason is a Mason. The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God" is a saying that resonates with Davin. After his first dinner with us he was sold. It was our friendly attitudes, the way we respected him and made him feel at home. We greeted him, shook his hand and looked him in the eye which is what made him see we cared and would appreciate all he could give.

His Plans in life are to travel and explore culture as an archaeologist/anthropologist. As a Mason his plans are to maybe one day be the first African American Mainstream Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico. His also plans to travel to as many Lodges World-Wide as he possibly can in his lifetime. He just became a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason like his father at the Fall Scottish Rite Reunion of 2019 this past October and he hopes to continue his work in Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite and help with the youth groups and other appending bodies.

Brother Teague's greatest accomplishments are being a father, becoming a Master Mason, buying his mom a new house, and helping with the Rio Rancho Road Runners Chair Ball Team. He is the trainer and project manager. They are trying to professionalize wheelchair Basketball in New Mexico and the Rio Rancho area. He has been doing this for about 6 months now. He met with the owner to volunteer and ended up being hired. He says, "it is inspiring to see these disabled individuals strive to do better, never give up and never let things get them down." He is very thankful for that opportunity.

EA: October 8, 2018  
FC: June 10, 2019  
MM: August 5, 2019