

# SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 AF&AM

## TRESTLEBOARD



**NOVEMBER  
2023**

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**SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE  
No. 76**

**MEETS IN REGULAR  
COMMUNICATION**

**2ND & 4TH MONDAY OF EACH  
MONTH**

**FESTIVE BOARD ON 2ND  
MONDAY AT 6:00 PM**

**LODGE OPENS AT 7:00 PM**

**VISITORS - RSVP TO  
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### INTRODUCING OUR NEW LODGE MUSICIAN, LISA LOEB!

**SADLY, FAKE NEWS. (AND YES - WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A  
LODGE MUSICIAN, IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING)**

**THANKS TO OUR VERY OWN SANDOVAL LODGE BROTHER  
BRIAN OSTROM WHO IS SPONSORING THE EVENT, LISA WILL BE  
PERFORMING AT THE SANTA FE SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE ON  
NOVEMBER 4, IN PART TO BENEFIT THE MASONIC SCHOOL FOR  
CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES (MSCLD).**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM, CONCERT STARTS AT 7:30PM. FOR  
MORE INFORMATION, OR TO GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THEY  
SELL OUT, VISIT [WWW.AMPCONCERTS.ORG](http://WWW.AMPCONCERTS.ORG)**

**LISA LOEB IS A GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING AMERICAN SINGER-  
SONGWRITER & TOURING MUSICIAN, SIRIUSXM RADIO HOST,  
ACTOR, ENTREPRENEUR, AND PHILANTHROPIST WHO STARTED  
HER CAREER WITH THE PLATINUM-SELLING HIT SONG "STAY (I  
MISSED YOU)" FROM THE FILM "REALITY BITES."**

**THANKS BROTHER BRIAN OSTROM!**

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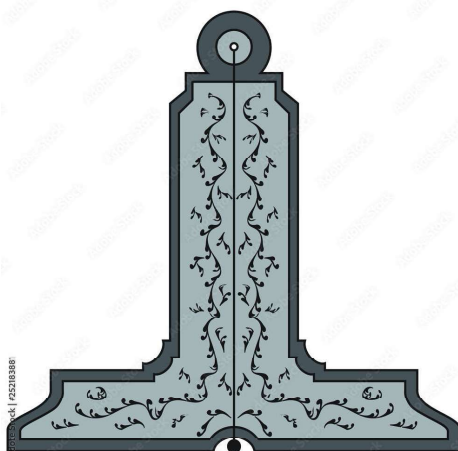
## *FROM THE WEST*

**HELLO BRETHREN GREETINGS FROM THE WEST.**

**HOPE ALL IS WELL AS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS. AND AS THEY COME AND THE TEMPERATURE DROPS, LET US ALSO BE MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO MIGHT BE UNFORTUNATE AND ARE IN NEED OF OUR ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF.**

**AND WE ARE NOW MOVING TOWARDS ELECTIONS, AND A NEW MASONIC YEAR WILL SOON BE UPON US. I FEEL OUR OFFICERS HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB THIS YEAR WITH KEEPING THE LIGHT AFLAME, AND WE HAVE SOME YOUNG MASONS WHO HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE LODGE AND ARE MAKING QUITE THE IMPRESSION WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND DEDICATION.**

**THE FUTURE OF THE LODGE LOOKS BRIGHT AS WE CONTINUE TO INITIATE GOOD MEN INTO THE FRATERNITY, AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR JUNIOR WARDEN BRO. BURX WHO HAS STARTED THE MEET AND GREET FOR INTERESTED CANDIDATES, AND HAS FACILITATED THE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR INTERESTED BRETHREN AS WELL. THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BROUGHT MANY MEN INTO CONTACT WITH FREEMASONRY AND OUR LODGE AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHREN TO ATTEND AND HELP FURTHER THEIR SUCCESS.**



***BRO. DAVIN TEAGUE  
SENIOR WARDEN***

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### *FROM THE SOUTH*

I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT OUR RITUAL WORK SETS OUR CRAFT APART FROM OTHER WELL-INTENTIONED ORGANIZATIONS. THIS DISTINCTION ARISES FROM OUR INCORPORATION OF DIVERSE PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES AND THE VALUABLE LESSONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESSENCE OF MASONRY AS A WHOLE. ONE SUCH PERSPECTIVE INVOLVES DELVING INTO THE CONCEPT OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, WHICH SERVES AS AN ENTRY POINT INTO THE WORLD OF STOICISM. A SUCCINCT ENCAPSULATION OF STOICISM CAN BE FOUND IN THE WORDS OF THE GREEK PHILOSOPHER EPICTETUS, WHO WISELY NOTED, "IT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU, BUT HOW YOU REACT TO IT THAT MATTERS."

THESE WORDS RESONATE PARTICULARLY STRONGLY AS WE APPROACH THE END OF THE FISCAL MASONIC YEAR, WITH A TEMPORARY WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN PLACE AND MYSELF TAKING ON THE ROLE OF THE WEST. IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME A LODGE HAS FACED SUCH A SITUATION, AND IT CERTAINLY WON'T BE THE LAST.

SOME OF US MAY HAVE A GOAL OF MAKING MORE MONEY, LOSING A FEW POUNDS, VISITING A FEW MORE PLACES, ACHIEVING MORE GOALS, BUT HAVEN'T LATELY DUE TO OTHER EVENTS THAT SEEM TO GET IN THE WAY. WHATEVER THE PERCEIVED HICCUP, WE CAN ALL CHANGE THAT.

DURING MY TIME IN THE MARINE CORPS, WE UNOFFICIALLY ADHERED TO THE MOTTO OF "IMPROVISE, ADAPT, AND OVERCOME." GENERAL JIM MATTIS, A DISTINGUISHED 4-STAR MARINE CORPS GENERAL AND THE 26TH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, EMBODIED THESE PRINCIPLES AS A STOIC. HE FAMOUSLY CARRIED THE STOIC CLASSIC 'MEDITATIONS' BY MARCUS AURELIUS WITH HIM WHEREVER HE WENT, TURNING TO IT FOR GUIDANCE ON MANY OCCASIONS.

WITHIN OUR LODGE, WE ALL SERVE AS VOLUNTEERS AND RECEIVE NO FINANCIAL COMPENSATION. THE MORE ONE DEDICATES TO THIS ORGANIZATION, THE RICHER THEIR EXPERIENCE OF FREEMASONRY BECOMES, TAILORED TO THEIR PREFERENCES. OCCASIONALLY, FRUSTRATIONS MAY ARISE, PROMPTING INDIVIDUALS TO QUESTION THE CORE OF OUR CRAFT. HOWEVER, IT'S CRUCIAL TO REMEMBER THAT FREEMASONRY IS WHAT EACH INDIVIDUAL MAKES OF IT, NOT JUST ITS EXTERNAL OPERATIONS.

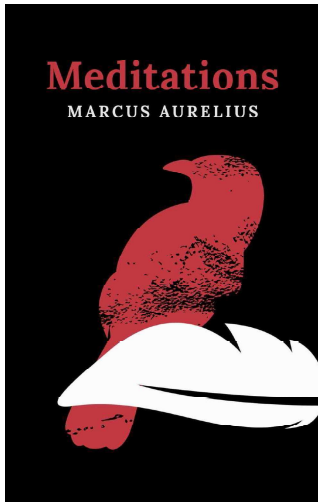
SO, IF YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF DISHEARTENED BY LIFE'S CHALLENGES, CAUSING YOU TO STEP BACK OR FEEL OVERWHELMED, KEEP IN MIND THE TIMELESS WISDOM OF "IMPROVISE, ADAPT, AND OVERCOME." ULTIMATELY, IT'S NOT THE EVENTS THAT OCCUR, BUT YOUR REACTIONS TO THEM THAT TRULY MATTER /G\



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**BURX NORROD  
JUNIOR WARDEN**





## *MEDITATIONS AND FREEMASONRY* A BOOK SUMMARY ON STOICISM BY BRO. BURX

"MEDITATIONS" BY MARCUS AURELIUS, A WORK OF STOIC PHILOSOPHY, HAS BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN VARIOUS PHILOSOPHICAL, ETHICAL, AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT TRADITIONS, INCLUDING FREEMASONRY. WHILE THE BOOK ITSELF IS NOT SPECIFICALLY TIED TO FREEMASONRY, MANY OF ITS THEMES AND PRINCIPLES ALIGN WITH THE VALUES AND GOALS OF FREEMASONRY.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS IN WHICH "MEDITATIONS" CAN BE APPLIED TO FREEMASONRY:

***MORAL AND ETHICAL VALUES:*** FREEMASONRY PLACES A STRONG EMPHASIS ON MORAL AND ETHICAL VALUES, AND "MEDITATIONS"

PROVIDES A PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATION FOR SUCH VALUES. THE BOOK ENCOURAGES READERS TO REFLECT ON VIRTUES LIKE WISDOM, COURAGE, JUSTICE, AND TEMPERANCE, WHICH ARE CENTRAL TO BOTH STOICISM AND THE MORAL TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY.

***SELF-IMPROVEMENT:*** FREEMASONRY IS OFTEN SEEN AS A PATH OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. "MEDITATIONS" OFFERS INSIGHTS INTO SELF-REFLECTION, SELF-DISCIPLINE, AND THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM, ALL OF WHICH ARE COMPATIBLE WITH FREEMASONRY'S GOAL OF HELPING INDIVIDUALS BECOME BETTER VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES.

***BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY:*** FREEMASONRY VALUES THE CONCEPT OF BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY. MARCUS AURELIUS' MEDITATIONS ON THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF HUMANITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TREATING OTHERS JUSTLY AND WITH KINDNESS ALIGN WITH FREEMASONRY'S PRINCIPLES OF FRATERNITY AND FELLOWSHIP.

***MORAL AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP:*** FREEMASONRY OFTEN ATTRACTS INDIVIDUALS IN LEADERSHIP ROLES OR THOSE ASPIRING TO LEADERSHIP. "MEDITATIONS" PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON MORAL AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP, AS IT WAS WRITTEN BY AN EMPEROR WHO GRAPPLED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN HIS OWN INTEGRITY.

***CONTEMPLATION AND RITUAL:*** FREEMASONRY INVOLVES RITUALS AND SYMBOLIC CEREMONIES THAT ENCOURAGE CONTEMPLATION AND SELF-EXAMINATION. "MEDITATIONS" IS A BOOK OF PERSONAL REFLECTIONS AND CONTEMPLATIVE EXERCISES THAT CAN COMPLEMENT THE REFLECTIVE ASPECTS OF FREEMASONRY.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE "MEDITATIONS" CAN PROVIDE PHILOSOPHICAL AND ETHICAL GUIDANCE THAT ALIGNS WITH FREEMASONRY, FREEMASONRY ITSELF IS A COMPLEX AND MULTIFACETED ORGANIZATION WITH ITS OWN TRADITIONS, TEACHINGS, AND RITUALS. HOW INDIVIDUAL FREEMASONS APPLY THE TEACHINGS OF MARCUS AURELIUS' WORK MAY VARY, BUT THE PRINCIPLES OF STOICISM FOUND IN "MEDITATIONS" CAN CERTAINLY RESONATE WITH THE MORAL AND ETHICAL VALUES UPHELD BY FREEMASONRY /G\

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### *THE JOURNEY OF A FELLOWCRAFT MASON: SEEKING KNOWLEDGE AND ENLIGHTENMENT*

BY BROTHER GABRIEL GONZALES, FELLOWCRAFT  
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AS A FELLOWCRAFT MASON, ONE EMBARKS ON A PROFOUND AND TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY WITHIN THE CRAFT. THIS STAGE OF OUR MASONIC JOURNEY IS CHARACTERIZED BY A DEEPENING COMMITMENT TO SELF-IMPROVEMENT, THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE, AND A QUEST FOR ENLIGHTENMENT.

AT THE HEART OF BEING A FELLOWCRAFT LIES A DEDICATION TO THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE. IT IS A JOURNEY MARKED BY THE RELENTLESS QUEST FOR TRUTH, WISDOM, AND UNDERSTANDING. THE WORKING TOOLS OF THE FELLOWCRAFT, THE SQUARE, AND THE COMPASS, SYMBOLIZE THE BALANCE BETWEEN INTELLECT AND ACTION. THROUGH THESE TOOLS, WE LEARN TO APPLY REASON AND LOGIC TO OUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS, ENSURING THAT WE SHAPE OUR LIVES IN HARMONY WITH OUR PRINCIPLES.

THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE TEACHES US THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND INTELLECTUAL GROWTH. IT ENCOURAGES US TO EXPLORE VARIOUS DISCIPLINES, NOT ONLY THOSE DIRECTLY RELATED TO FREEMASONRY BUT ALSO THE BROADER SPECTRUM OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE. THIS EXPANSION OF KNOWLEDGE BROADENS OUR PERSPECTIVES, ENABLING US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORLD AROUND US AND OUR PLACE WITHIN IT.

THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE CALLS UPON US TO REFLECT DEEPLY ON THE SYMBOLIC TEACHINGS PRESENTED TO US DURING OUR INITIATION. THE SYMBOLIC JOURNEY FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT TAKES ON NEW DIMENSIONS AS WE PROGRESS THROUGH OUR JOURNEY AS MASONS. WE COME TO REALIZE THAT THE PURSUIT OF LIGHT IS NOT A STATIC GOAL, BUT A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

IN ADDITION, A FELLOWCRAFT MASON IS ENTRUSTED WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE LODGE. THIS ELEVATION IN STATUS IS NOT ONLY A RECOGNITION OF ONE'S COMMITMENT TO THE CRAFT BUT ALSO A CALL TO SERVE AND GUIDE OTHERS ON THEIR MASONIC JOURNEYS. MENTORSHIP AND FRATERNAL SUPPORT BECOME ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THIS PHASE, AS WE STRIVE TO ASSIST OUR BRETHREN IN THEIR OWN PURSUIT OF LIGHT.

THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE ALSO ENCOURAGES US TO SEEK A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SYMBOLISM AND ALLEGORY PRESENT IN MASONIC RITUALS. THIS UNDERSTANDING ALLOWS US TO EXTRACT PROFOUND LESSONS THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO OUR DAILY LIVES. WE LEARN TO VIEW THE WORLD THROUGH THE LENS OF MASONIC TEACHINGS, RECOGNIZING THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES THAT GOVERN OUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS AND THE UNIVERSE AT LARGE.

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THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE IS A PIVOTAL STAGE IN THE MASONIC JOURNEY, SIGNIFYING A COMMITMENT TO KNOWLEDGE, SELF-IMPROVEMENT, AND THE PURSUIT OF ENLIGHTENMENT. IT CHALLENGES US TO CONTINUALLY SEEK WISDOM, TO MENTOR AND SUPPORT OUR BRETHREN, AND TO LIVE OUR LIVES BY THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY. AS FELLOWCRAFT MASONS, WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARRYING THE TORCH OF KNOWLEDGE, ILLUMINATING OUR PATH AND THAT OF OUR BRETHREN TOWARD GREATER LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING. /G\



**TRACING BOARD OF THE  
FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE BY  
LADY FRIEDA HARRIS**

**c. 1938**

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### **SANTA FE SCOTTISH RITE REUNION A SUCCESS!**

THE SANTA FE VALLEY OF THE SCOTTISH RITE RECENTLY CONCLUDED ITS FALL REUNION IN OCTOBER. COINCIDENTALLY, MANY OF OUR ESTEEMED MEMBERS FROM SANDOVAL LODGE ARE 32° SCOTTISH RITE MASONS AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THESE REUNIONS (ALSO KNOWN AS INITIATIONS). THIS DEDICATION IS REMARKABLE, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT THE STATED COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE SANTA FE VALLEY COINCIDE WITH OUR OWN 2ND STATED MEETINGS OF THE MONTH.

THESE REUNIONS REPRESENT A CONCENTRATED THREE-DAY IMMERSION IN A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE, SPANNING FROM DEGREES 4 TO 32, WHICH GREATLY EXPAND UPON THE PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE INITIAL 3 DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY. THE NEXT REUNION WILL BE HELD IN THE SPRING OF 2024. TO PETITION OR GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE SCOTTISH RITE - CHAT WITH ANY OF THESE BRETHERN:



**WB LARRY MIKKELSEN  
32°, KCCH**



**RW JAMES IRICK  
33°, IGH**



**WB LEON  
ALDERETTE  
32°**

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A FEW SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERS FROM SANDOVAL LODGE)



WB CHARLES STAFFORD  
32°, KCCH



MW DAN IRICK  
33°, IGH



BRO. BURX NORROD, 32°



WB BOB FINCH  
32°, KCCH



WB ERIC MOSES  
32°, KCCH





***MASONRY IN A NUTSHELL***

**SUBMITTED BY WB KEITH ELDER  
ORIGINAL AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

**YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF “THE WORLD’S OLDEST PROFESSION.” BUT THE WORLD’S OLDEST ORGANIZED PROFESSION WAS STONE MASONRY. ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS REALIZED YOU HAD BETTER KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUILD WITH STONE. THIS GAVE RISE TO ANCIENT STONE MASONS’ GUILDS, WHICH REQUIRED MANDATORY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RANKINGS. STONE MASONS BECAME KNOWN FOR THEIR HIGH LEVELS OF MORALITY AND ETHICS IN BUILDING.**

**A NOVICE WAS ENTERED INTO THE CRAFT AS AN APPRENTICE. ALTHOUGH ONLY AN APPRENTICE, HE WAS STILL ENTERED INTO, OR ASSOCIATED WITH, THE CRAFT. AFTER YEARS OF TRAINING, HE COULD BE PASSED TO THE LEVEL OF A FELLOW OF THE CRAFT, OR FELLOWCRAFT. WITH MORE YEARS, HE COULD BECOME A MASTER MASON.**

**OVER THE CENTURIES, MEN JOINED THE CRAFT, NOT NECESSARILY TO BE OPERATIVE STONE MASONS, BUT FOR THE EDUCATION IN ETHICS, MORALITY, AND THE ARTS AND SCIENCES. IN TIME, MORE MEN JOINED FOR THIS ACADEMIC AND MORAL EDUCATION AND SOCIAL INTERACTION THAN TO BE ACTUAL OPERATIVE STONE MASONS. BY THE LATE 1600’S, MOST WERE NOT OPERATIVE MASONS, BUT WHAT WERE CALL SPECULATIVE OR ACCEPTED MASONS.**

**IN THE YEAR 1717, MASONS JOINED TOGETHER TO FORM THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND IN LONDON. THIS IS CONSIDERED THE BIRTH OF MODERN FREEMASONRY AS WE KNOW IT TODAY, ALTHOUGH OUR HISTORY AND TRADITIONS GO BACK MUCH FARTHER.**

**FAST FORWARD TO 1776, AND THE QUESTIONS ON AMERICAN’S LIPS WERE, “WHO IS GOING TO BE OUR NEW KING? WHAT WILL BE OUR SYSTEM OF ROYALTY AND NOBILITY? WHAT WILL BE OUR CLASS STRUCTURE? WHAT WILL BE OUR OFFICIAL RELIGION? AFTER ALL, EVERY COUNTRY HAS THESE THINGS (AND MANY STILL DO, EVEN TODAY).**

**MASONS LIKE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, JOHN HANCOCK, PAUL REVERE, AND GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID TO THE OTHER FOUNDING FATHERS, “MANY MEMBERS OF ROYALTY AND NOBILITY AROUND THE WORLD ARE MASONS. BUT IN OUR LODGES, WE ALL MEET ON THE LEVEL, AS EQUALS.**

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**WHAT IF WE HAVE A COUNTRY WITHOUT ROYALTY OR NOBILITY, WHERE ALL ARE EQUAL UNDER THE LAW? AND WHAT IF WE ELECT OUR LEADERS, AS WE DO IN OUR LODGES, FOR SPECIFIC TIMES, THEN THEY RETURN TO THE RANKS? WE MASONS REQUIRE A BELIEF IN GOD, BUT EACH MAN'S RELIGIOUS OPINIONS ARE HIS OWN. WHAT IF THIS NEW COUNTRY HAD NO OFFICIAL RELIGION? MASONS HAVE LONG ADVOCATED EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE. WHAT IF WE HAVE FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION?"**

**THESE THINGS WERE RADICAL IDEAS AT THE TIME. THERE HAD NEVER BEEN A COUNTRY LIKE THAT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD. AT A TIME WHEN EVERYONE RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED CLASS, CASTE, AND SOCIAL DIVISIONS, MASONRY TAUGHT EQUALITY (REPRESENTED BY THE LEVEL). WHILE MANY TAUGHT THAT ONE SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH HIS LOT IN LIFE, MASONRY ENCOURAGED SELF-IMPROVEMENT.**

**WHILE SOME INSTITUTIONS PROMOTE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN, MASONRY PROMOTED BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF (CHARITY) AND TRUTH (HONEST AND MORAL BEHAVIOR TOWARDS ALL, REPRESENTED BY THE SQUARE). WE ADVOCATE HARMONY IN SOCIETY. WE STAND FOR THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD.**

**MASONIC TOOLS AND IDEALS PERMEATE OUR SOCIETY: A "SQUARE" DEAL. ARE YOU ON THE "LEVEL?" THE POLICE GAVE HIM THE "THIRD DEGREE." OUR MODERN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS BASED UPON THE MASONIC EDUCATION SYSTEM OF ANCIENT TIMES. THE THREE DEGREES OF MASONRY ARE ENTERED APPRENTICE (ASSOCIATE OF THE CRAFT), FELLOW (BACHELOR) OF THE CRAFT, AND MASTER MASON. MASONS USE THE GEOMETRIC TERM, RAISED BY "DEGREES." WHAT ARE THE THREE COLLEGE DEGREES? ASSOCIATE, BACHELOR, AND MASTER'S DEGREE. DID YOU EVER WONDER WHY THEY CALL IT A COLLEGE "DEGREE"? FROM MASONRY! AND WHAT DO THEY CALL THAT FLAT SQUARE HAT YOU WEAR WHEN YOU GRADUATE? A MORTAR BOARD, YET ANOTHER MASON'S TOOL. SPEAKING OF MASON'S TOOLS, ALMOST ALL PRESIDING OFFICERS AND JUDGES USE A MASON'S GAVEL.**

**NOW-A-DAYS WE HAVE DIPLOMAS TO PROVE OUR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS. IN ANCIENT TIMES, A MASON'S APRON, MADE OF LAMB OR SHEEPSKIN, WAS HIS DIPLOMA. DID YOU EVER HEAR OF A DIPLOMA CALLED A "SHEEPSKIN"? A MASON WAS FREE TO TRAVEL, HENCE A FREEMASON, OR "JOURNEYMAN."**

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HE COULD PROVE MEMBERSHIP BY CERTAIN SECRET SIGNS, WORDS, AND MODES OF RECOGNITION, UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED BY MASONS AROUND THE WORLD, AND STILL USED TODAY. THESE ARE THE “SECRETS” YOU HEAR ABOUT. WE ARE NOT A “SECRET SOCIETY.” WE ARE A SOCIETY WITH SECRETS. FIFTEEN U.S. PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN MASONS.

MASONRY TAKES GOOD MEN AND MAKES THEM BETTER. WE PRACTICE SELF-CONTROL, ACT ETHICALLY, PRACTICE CHARITY, SPEAK THE TRUTH, AND HELP EACH OTHER AND OURSELVES TO IMPROVE. WE PRACTICE AGE-OLD CEREMONIES-THE SAME CEREMONIES EXPERIENCED BY GEORGE WASHINGTON, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, CLARK GABLE, JOHN WAYNE, AND MANY, MANY, FAMOUS AND HISTORIC MEN THROUGH THE AGES.

AS A MASON, YOUR REPUTATION AND CONDUCT WILL REFLECT UPON THE ENTIRE FRATERNITY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN LIKE-THINKING MEN OF GOOD CHARACTER TO IMPROVE YOURSELF, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK /G\



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## **THE STOIC MAN**

**AN ORIGINAL BY MR. ISAAC TRUJILLO  
(A PROFANE WITH A MASONIC HEART)**

**IN A WORLD THAT DEMANDS CONSTANT ACTION,  
A MAN SEEKS HIS PURPOSE, HIS TRUE  
SATISFACTION.**

**HE STANDS TALL, STOIC, AND STRONG,  
KNOWING HIS WORTH, WHERE HE BELONGS.**

**FOR SOCIETY OFTEN FAILS TO SEE,  
THE VALUE OF A MAN JUST BEING FREE.  
BUT IT'S IN HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HIS DEEDS,  
THAT HIS TRUE WORTH IS SHOWN, HIS SOUL  
PROCEEDS.**

**SO LET US EMBRACE OUR PURPOSE, OUR LIGHT,  
AND SHINE OUR LIGHT WITH ALL OUR MIGHT.  
FOR IN STRENGTH AND CONSTANT STRIDE,  
WE FIND OUR WORTH, WE CANNOT HIDE.**

**FOR THE STOIC MAN KNOWS HIS PURPOSE DEEP,  
THROUGH CHALLENGES FACED, HIS CHARACTER  
STEEPS.**

**HE WITHSTANDS THE STORMS THAT LIFE MAY  
BRING,  
WITH RESILIENCE AND GRACE, HE'LL ALWAYS SING.**

**HE'S CONSTANT IN HIS PURSUIT OF WHAT IS TRUE,  
HIS ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS CAN DO.  
THROUGH DETERMINATION AND UNWAVERING  
WILL,  
HE CLIMBS THE MOUNTAINS THAT OTHERS MAY  
STILL.**

**BUT OFTEN, HIS EFFORTS GO UNNOTICED,  
IN A WORLD THAT VALUES NOISE AND FOCUS.  
IT'S IN HIS QUIET MOMENTS, HIS SOLITUDE,  
THAT HE FINDS HIS STRENGTH, HIS FORTITUDE.**

**YET, HE REMAINS STEADFAST AND  
STRONG,  
KNOWING THAT HIS WORTH DOES NOT  
BELONG,  
IN THE FLEETING PRAISES OR EMPTY  
CHEERS,  
BUT IN THE IMPACT HE MAKES, YEAR  
AFTER YEAR.**

**SO LET'S NOT MEASURE A MAN BY HIS  
FAME,  
BUT BY THE STRENGTH OF HIS  
CHARACTER, HIS FLAME.  
FOR IT'S IN THE CHOICES HE MAKES  
EACH DAY,  
THAT HE DEFINES HIS PURPOSE, COME  
WHAT MAY.**

**SO, BE STOIC, BE CONSTANT, AND BE  
TRUE,  
FOR YOUR WORTH IS NOT DEFINED BY  
WHAT OTHERS DO.  
EMBRACE YOUR PURPOSE, STAND TALL  
AND STRONG,  
FOR IN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, YOU  
TRULY BELONG.**



**MR. ISAAC TRUJILLO**

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## **NEW PAST MASTER APRONS FOR LOAN NOW AVAIL!**

**THE MASONIC APRON ... AN EMBLEM OF INNOCENCE AND THE BADGE OF A FREEMASON. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, A REQUIRED PIECE OF REGALIA TO BE USED WHEN ENTERING A STATED COMMUNICATIONS, AMONG OTHER MASONIC EVENTS.**

**WHILE MANY MASONS WILL CARRY THEIR OWN APRONS WHEN VISITING OTHER LODGES, IT BE FORGOTTEN TO BE PACKED. THANKFULLY - SANDOVAL LODGE HAS THEM ON LOAN FOR TRAVELING BRETHREN.**

**MANY THANKS TO WB BEN FRATACCIA FOR PAYING FOR THESE COOL LOOKING PAST MASTER APRONS, AND TO WB TYLER MCKENZIE FOR ACQUIRING THEM!**





### **THE BEEHIVE CLUB**

**AT THE HEART OF OUR MASONIC EDUCATION GROUP, WE ARE COMMITTED TO FOSTERING AN ATMOSPHERE OF LIFELONG LEARNING, ENLIGHTENMENT, AND FRATERNITY. GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY, OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A TRANSFORMATIVE PLATFORM THAT EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS TO EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.**

**OUR PURPOSE IS TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE AND ENGAGING SPACE WHERE MASONIC BRETHREN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RANK OR EXPERIENCE, CAN COME TOGETHER TO EXPLORE THE DEPTHS OF MASONIC TEACHINGS, RITUALS, HISTORY, AND PHILOSOPHY. THROUGH INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSIONS, LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND COLLABORATIVE STUDY, WE AIM TO UNLOCK THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF MASONRY AND ILLUMINATE ITS TIMELESS WISDOM, GUIDING OUR MEMBERS TOWARDS A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR ROLE IN THE WORLD.**

**WE ARE DEDICATED TO UPHOLDING THE TENETS OF MASONRY – BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH – AS WE ENCOURAGE OPEN DIALOGUE, CRITICAL THINKING, AND THE EXCHANGE OF DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES. BY NURTURING A CULTURE OF INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT, OUR MASONIC EDUCATION GROUP SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR MEMBERS, FOSTERING A SENSE OF UNITY THAT TRANSCENDS BORDERS AND DIFFERENCES.**

**AS WE EMBARK ON THIS JOURNEY OF EXPLORATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT, WE PLEDGE TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF FREEMASONRY BY CULTIVATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT NURTURES BOTH THE MIND AND THE SPIRIT. THROUGH OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO LIFELONG LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, WE ENVISION A FUTURE WHERE EVERY MASON IS INSPIRED TO EMBODY THE NOBLE IDEALS OF OUR CRAFT, ENRICHING THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND THEM.**

**TOGETHER, WE STRIVE TO CARRY THE TORCH OF MASONIC EDUCATION FORWARD, KINDLING THE FLAMES OF KNOWLEDGE, VIRTUE, AND PURPOSE, AND ENSURING THAT THE LIGHT OF ENLIGHTENMENT CONTINUES TO SHINE BRIGHTLY WITHIN OUR HEARTS, OUR LODGES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES /G\**



## THE BEEHIVE CLUB

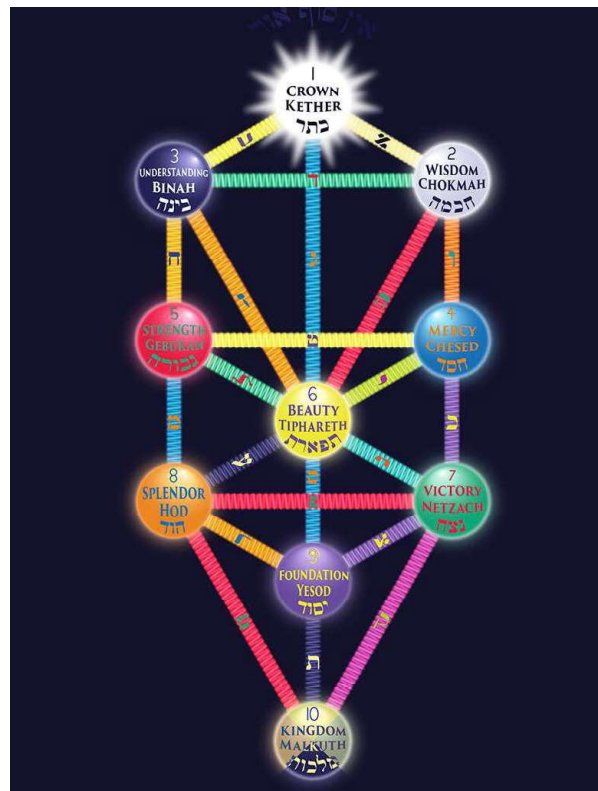
NEXT EVENT: NOVEMBER 12  
4PM - 5:45PM

LOCATION: SANDOVAL LODGE ROOM

PRESENTATION TOPIC:  
*"THE KABBALAH & ITS RELATIONSHIP TO FREEMASONRY"*

OPEN TO ENTERED APPRENTICES & UP  
RSVP TO [BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM) IS REQUIRED

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## ***MASONIC LUNCH & LEARN***

**NOVEMBER 12  
12PM - 2PM**

**THIS IS OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT FREEMASONRY. IN ADDITION - THIS INVITE ENCOURAGES THE SPOUSE OR BETTER HALVES TO ATTEND, AS A PRESENTATION ON THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR (OES) WILL BE MADE AS WELL.**

**WE WILL DISCUSS THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY, SOME MYTHS, WHY IT HAS EXISTED FOR SO LONG, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT ONE CAN HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY TAKING HIS FIRST STEPS.**

**FREE LUNCH OF PIZZA AND SODAS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ATTENDEES. RSVP TO [BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM) IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SUSTENANCE.**



**MW DAN IRICK GIVING ATTENDEES A LODGE ROOM TOUR**



# SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE No. 76

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### **NEW COMMITTEE FORMED AT SANDOVAL LODGE!!!**

SANDOVAL LODGE #76 IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE CREATION OF THE ENTERTAINMENT/ SOCIAL COMMITTEE APPROVED AT LAST STATED MEETING. CHAIRED BY BRO. JONATHAN MUÑIZ WITH BRO. JUAN SAINI AND BRO. BILL WHELCHER CURATING FUN TIMES. FIRST MEETING WAS HELD ON OCT. 18. THIS MEETING BROUGHT FRUITFUL IDEAS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER ONCE APPROVED BY LODGE. SOME IDEAS TALKED ABOUT.

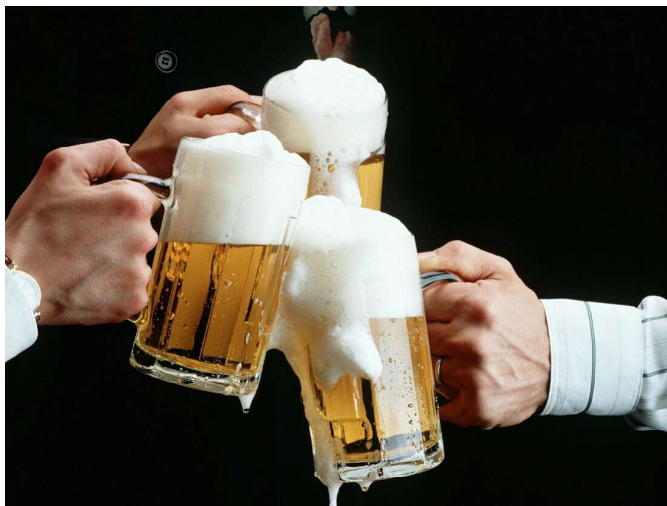
EX. BI-MONTHLY BREAKFAST GATHERINGS, MONDAY OR SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, AND BOWLING NIGHTS. IDEAS ARE ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED. ONCE APPROVED BROTHERS WILL THEN BE GETTING A FORMAL INVITATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION - STAY TUNED VIA LODGE EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS OR EMAIL BROTHER JONATHAN AT [NMSWTEAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NMSWTEAM@GMAIL.COM)



### **THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Masonic Conspiracy for World Domination



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## ***FESTIVE BOARD MENU FOR NOVEMBER 13***

**CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS  
POTATO SALAD  
FRENCH BREAD  
CRANBERRY SAUCE  
PUMPKIN PIE  
DR. PEPPER & BOTTLED WATER**

**SUGGESTIVE FESTIVE DONATION: \$10 CASH ONLY**

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***CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING BRETHREN  
FOR YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LAP IN  
NOVEMBER:***

**WB LEON ALDERETTE (11/30)**

**WB BILL LEWIS (11/16)**

**WB TYLER MCKENZIE (11/21)**

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### *INVEST IN OUR LEGACY, LEAVE A LASTING MARK IN YOUR WILL*

FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR MANY MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE SHRINERS AND THE SCOTTISH RITE, AS WELL AS SUCCESSFUL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WORLDWIDE, RELIES HEAVILY ON THE GENEROSITY OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP. WHILE THESE ORGANIZATIONS UNDOUBTEDLY BENEFIT FROM THE SUPPORT OF MEMBERS DURING THEIR LIFETIME, THEY TRULY THRIVE WHEN MEMBERS CHOOSE TO LEAVE A PORTION OF THEIR ASSETS AFTER THEIR PASSING. THIS IS IN PART BECAUSE, AFTER ONE'S PASSING, THE NEED FOR PERSONAL USE OF WORLDLY POSSESSIONS CEASES.

THE SCOTTISH RITE UTILIZES A FREE ONLINE PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THIS AND ENSURE THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THEIR ORGANIZATION CALLED FREEWILL. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS ITS MEMBERS TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE WILL AT NO COST TO THEM WHICH WE CAN DO IN OUR OWN BLUE LODGE TO HELP ENSURE WE THRIVE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS FOR CONSIDERING THIS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

***SUPPORTING THE LODGE'S LONGEVITY:*** A BEQUEST IN A WILL PROVIDES FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR THE MASONIC LODGE. IT ENSURES THAT THE LODGE CAN CONTINUE ITS CHARITABLE AND COMMUNITY WORK, MAINTAIN ITS FACILITIES, AND SUPPORT ITS MEMBERS FOR YEARS TO COME. THIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT CAN BE ESPECIALLY CRUCIAL IF THE LODGE FACES FINANCIAL CHALLENGES.

***PRESERVING MASONIC TRADITIONS:*** MASONIC LODGES ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR RICH TRADITIONS AND RITUALS. LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT HELPS PRESERVE THESE TIME-HONORED TRADITIONS AND ENSURES THAT THEY ARE PASSED ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF FREEMASONS.

***PERPETUATING MASONIC VALUES:*** MASONIC LODGES PROMOTE CORE VALUES SUCH AS BROTHERLY LOVE, CHARITY, AND MORAL IMPROVEMENT. BY INCLUDING THE LODGE IN THEIR WILL, FREEMASONS EXPRESS THEIR COMMITMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES AND HELP PERPETUATE THEM FOR FUTURE MEMBERS.

***EXPANDING CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS:*** BEQUESTS CAN SIGNIFICANTLY BOLSTER A LODGE'S ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES, WHETHER IT'S SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS, PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS, OR ASSISTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED. THIS EXPANDED FINANCIAL CAPACITY CAN MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON THE LODGE'S CHARITABLE INITIATIVES.

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***STRENGTHENING THE MASONIC COMMUNITY:*** BEQUESTS FOSTER A SENSE OF UNITY AMONG MASONS. THEY STRENGTHEN THE BONDS BETWEEN LODGE MEMBERS AND CREATE A FEELING OF SOLIDARITY, WITH EACH MEMBER RECOGNIZING THEIR ROLE IN SECURING THE LODGE'S FUTURE.

***HONORING ONE'S MASONIC JOURNEY:*** LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT IS A WAY FOR FREEMASONS TO CELEBRATE THEIR MASONIC JOURNEY AND THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THE LODGE HAS PLAYED IN THEIR LIVES. IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS, LESSONS, AND EXPERIENCES GAINED THROUGH FREEMASONRY.

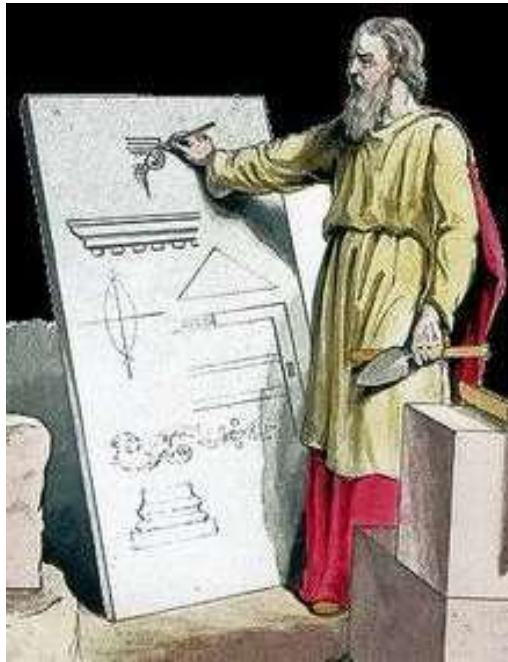
***SETTING AN EXAMPLE:*** BY INCLUDING THE LODGE IN THEIR WILL, FREEMASONS SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER MEMBERS TO FOLLOW. IT ENCOURAGES A CULTURE OF GIVING WITHIN THE MASONIC COMMUNITY AND REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF PHILANTHROPY AND SUPPORT FOR THE LODGE.

***ENSURING PERSONAL VALUES ARE PERPETUATED:*** MANY FREEMASONS HOLD THEIR MASONIC VALUES IN HIGH REGARD. LEAVING A BEQUEST TO THE LODGE ENSURES THAT THESE VALUES CONTINUE TO BE UPHELD AND PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS.

***TAX BENEFITS:*** DEPENDING ON THE JURISDICTION AND TAX LAWS, LEGACY GIFTS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING MASONIC LODGES, MAY HAVE FAVORABLE TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DONOR'S ESTATE. THIS CAN BE AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE TO INCLUDE THE LODGE IN ONE'S WILL.

IN SUMMARY, LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT TO **SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE** IN YOUR WILL IS A WAY TO SUPPORT THE LODGE'S CONTINUED EXISTENCE, PRESERVE ITS TRADITIONS AND VALUES, AND CONTRIBUTE TO ITS CHARITABLE AND COMMUNITY WORK. IT IS A TESTAMENT TO A FREEMASON'S COMMITMENT TO FREEMASONRY AND THE ENDURING IMPACT IT CAN HAVE.

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***LETTER FROM THE EDITOR***

**THIS MARKS MY THIRD EDITION OF THE TRESTLEBOARD AS I ASSUME THE ROLE OF TRESTLEBOARD EDITOR FOR THE PAST MONTH. I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES AND INSIGHTS AIMED AT ASSISTING OUR MEMBERS IN THEIR MASONIC JOURNEYS. WE HAVE RECEIVED SUBMISSIONS FROM BOTH ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFT MASONS, OFFERING GLIMPSES INTO THEIR UNIQUE EXPERIENCES WITH THE CRAFT. I CAN ONLY ANTICIPATE THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE WE COULD GAIN FROM OUR SEASONED MASTER MASONS.**

**I'D LIKE TO OFFER A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO MR. ISAAC TRUJILLO, WHO IS NOT A MASON BUT HAS SHARED HIS ORIGINAL CREATION, A POEM TITLED *"THE STOIC MAN."* MR. TRUJILLO CLEARLY RESONATES WITH OUR VALUES, AND I EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING HIM ON HIS OWN PATH.**

**AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE NEXT TRESTLEBOARD IN DECEMBER, I INVITE ALL READERS TO CONSIDER SHARING THEIR THOUGHTS ON FREEMASONRY OR RECOUNTING ANY MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES THAT OTHERS AMONG US CAN LEARN FROM. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY VALUED, AND I THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PERUSE THIS PUBLICATION. YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FUTURE EDITIONS ARE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WELCOMED.**

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