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and those who carry on.

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MASTER'S CORNER

Hello brethren,

The month of August was a great time for the lodge. We had a successful Sunday Funday with many brethren showing up to help set up, run the booth and raffle, as well as clean up. Thank brothers that helped make this event very successful.

We had a high number of participants in our "Bikes for Books" raffles held on Sunday Funday. This allowed us to distribute our last two bikes we've had in the lodge to a couple of great kids in our community.

We had the pleasure of RW Steve Almager JGW joining us on our first lodge meeting of the month as his official Grand Lodge visit. Thank RW for coming down. The next page covers a couple of events we will be doing in September so make sure to take a look. Keep up the great work and motivation into this next month.

- Eric Moses WM Sandoval Lodge No. 76



From the West

Hello brethren,

I'd like to address some events going on in the month of September for the lodge. Details are below:

New Mexico State Fair September 11th, 2021

We meet at the Shrine Center (6600 Zuni SE) at 7:00AM. Please be on time. The parade starts at 8:30AM, and we need to be at the parade staging area well in advance.

Masons, wear aprons and Lodge officers should wear officer aprons and Jewels. Grand Lodge officers should wear their Grand Lodge aprons and Jewels. Appendant bodies should wear their regalia if approved by their Grand organizations.

The Shrine Choristers will be serving breakfast burritos (they are delicious) at the Shrine Center Saturday morning. YOU NEED TO ORDER IN ADVANCE. You can order them at Ballut Abyad Store. The link is below.

Also, the Grand Lodge has acquired a booth at the State fair they are operating from September 10th to September 12th. OES will be helping to run it, but they could use assistance from any of you over the course of the 3 days they are there. The booth is on Main between the Beer Garden and the stage. If you are attending the fair during those days, stop by for some fellowship.

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Entered Apprentice Degree Monday September 13th, 2021

We will be holding an EA degree Monday September 13th, 2021. Dinner starts at 6:00pm and the degree starts at 7:00pm

From the South

Dinner Menu For September 13th, 2021

Tacos, Spanish Rice, and Beans



September Birthdays

David Peterson - 9/1

Ben Frataccia - 9/6

John "Ziggy" Bosarge - 9/6

Stewart Miles - 9/15

September Masonic Birthdays

Dave Mott - 9/17/1984

David Peterson - 9/30/2019



Overview of RW Moises I. Gomez Past Master's 9/11 Remembrance Talk

By: Bro. Tyler McKenzie JW

Well brethren, we're coming up on the 20 year anniversary of that terrible day in our nations history. It was a difficult time for everyone especially our first responders; some of which were brethren of the craft. This particular brother stood out to me and I wanted to share his story. RW Moises I. Gomez Past Master Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, No.10, and Grand Historian of The Grand Lodge Of New Jersey for 2019. He is also apart of many other Masonic bodies and organizations.

RW Gomez has traveled the world telling his story titled, "My 9/11 Experience." In this presentation, he talks about how he was an employee for The Port Authority during the first trade tower attacks where he lost fellow co workers in 1993 and also his first hand experience 8 years later as a first responder in 2001. He goes into detail about each of these events, however most of us also remember those statistics all too well including the long term effects it had on many survivors and first responders.

Aside from the all too real and grim statistics in RW Gomez's speech, he shows a liter side of facts and information. During clean up, metal girders from the building formed what became known as the World Trade Center Cross. They recovered the structure and built a memorial in which people from all religions visit quite frequently. About a month after the catastrophe, a tree was found at ground zero which was sent to recover for 9 years. In 2010 it was returned to ground zero full of life and thriving.

I hope this story has inspired you in some way as we continue to deal with the difficulties we face today as a result of that fateful day. I wanted to take a moment to honor all of those that have lost their lives since 2001 until now and remind everyone to cherish your loved ones.

The main article I read was posted on the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow website were RW Moises I. Gomez held a live presentation in 2019 which was attended by over 300 brethren and their families plus more. You can find the link here:

<https://pglglasgow.org.uk/index.php/provincial-news/227-rw-moises-i-gomez-past-master-remembrance-my-9-11-experience-talk-glasgow-2019>



A Cable Tow's Length

Greetings Brethren!

Back in the olden days, a Cable Tow's length was measured by a 3 mile diameter from the Lodge ... it was expected for a Brother to attend Lodge meetings or other various Masonic events if he lived or worked within that 3 mile radius. Of course - it was easier back then - no cars or major highways ... and most would end up being by horse & buggy or the like. Indeed, times have changed with the evolution of technology ... and now this Cable Tow's symbolic interpretation has become a measure of our ability to do anything, regardless of distance.

As a reminder - to those interested in Masonic Education & such, the Albuquerque Scottish Rite club's next meeting is on the 1st Monday of September commencing at 6pm, going over the Master Craftsman course / quizzes, as well as a presentation from Brother Davin on 'Ancient Egyptian Geometry'. I've received notifications of brethren from other Lodges signing up - if you've not ordered the Master Craftsman course, and would like to participate - you can do so at the link below.

The point of all this is to take a deeper dive into our mysteries, seeing how & why it is from whence we came (like the Cable Tow as mentioned in the beginning).

<https://www.scottishritestore.org/master-craftsman-symbolic-lodge-and-esoterika-online-course.html>



Tips on Memorizing Ritual

No question we have a lot of ritualists in our Lodge, all wanting to help a Candidate on his journey through our mysteries, and help transform him from that Rough Ashlar to Perfect Ashlar. Of course - we are ALL Rough Ashlars, but the journey is one of self-improvement - as we learn, we've come to Freemasonry to learn to improve ourselves.

Memorizing ritual isn't something that comes easy to most ... yours truly included. It took me nearly 2 weeks for me to first learn the first 5 of the Q&A .. it only clicked with me after I started to learn the 'why's and the background of the allegories that made zero sense to me the first time around, I almost feel like I needed to go back and be re-initiated to I could understand it again!

Not wanting to reinvent the wheel - here's a fantastic link to a few tips on how you yourself can learn to memorize our ritual. Everyone does it differently (some are audio, vs visual learners), so these examples will help to provide a solution to most.

The link to it is here:

http://www.themasonictrowel.com/education/memory_files/memorization_tips.htm



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The Mystic Tie

From “In Search of Grand
Master Hiram” Chapter 83 pg. 501-502

Many symbols, as well as the several tenets of Freemasonry that they represent, are termed “mystical,” because they are known and understood best by those men who have received the rites of the Order. In a similar sense, the term “mystic tie” refers to the sacred and inviolable bond that unites Masonic brethren. This tie stems from the vows of eternal brotherhood made by each Mason, irrespective of differences in religion, race, or nationality. Men of the most discordant opinions in worldly matters are united into one fellowship, meet at one altar, combine their energies to work charity and are thus called “Brethren of the Mystic Tie.”

Freemasons are reminded of that mystic tie during the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree, as the candidate for initiation is conducted once around the lodge room to demonstrate to the Worshipful Master and brethren that he is duly and truly prepared for inclusion into membership. As the initiate takes his vows and the cable tow is removed, the brethren are also reminded that the physical ties among people are less significant than the spiritual bonds of loyalty and fraternal affection. Those spiritual ties are emblematic of the tenderness with which the Supreme Architect of the Universe embraces all of His children with the affluence of His love. Care and concern for a brother in Freemasonry, then, inclines the spirit of man to a sense of caring for God. The mystic tie in Freemasonry, unlike the symbolic silver chord referred to in the Old Testament of the Holy Bible, which is severed upon man’s death, once forged is never broken-it is truly eternal. As a reminder of that truth, Freemasons celebrate a ritualistic memorial for a departed brother uniting themselves with that brother’s passing to the Celestial Lodge above.

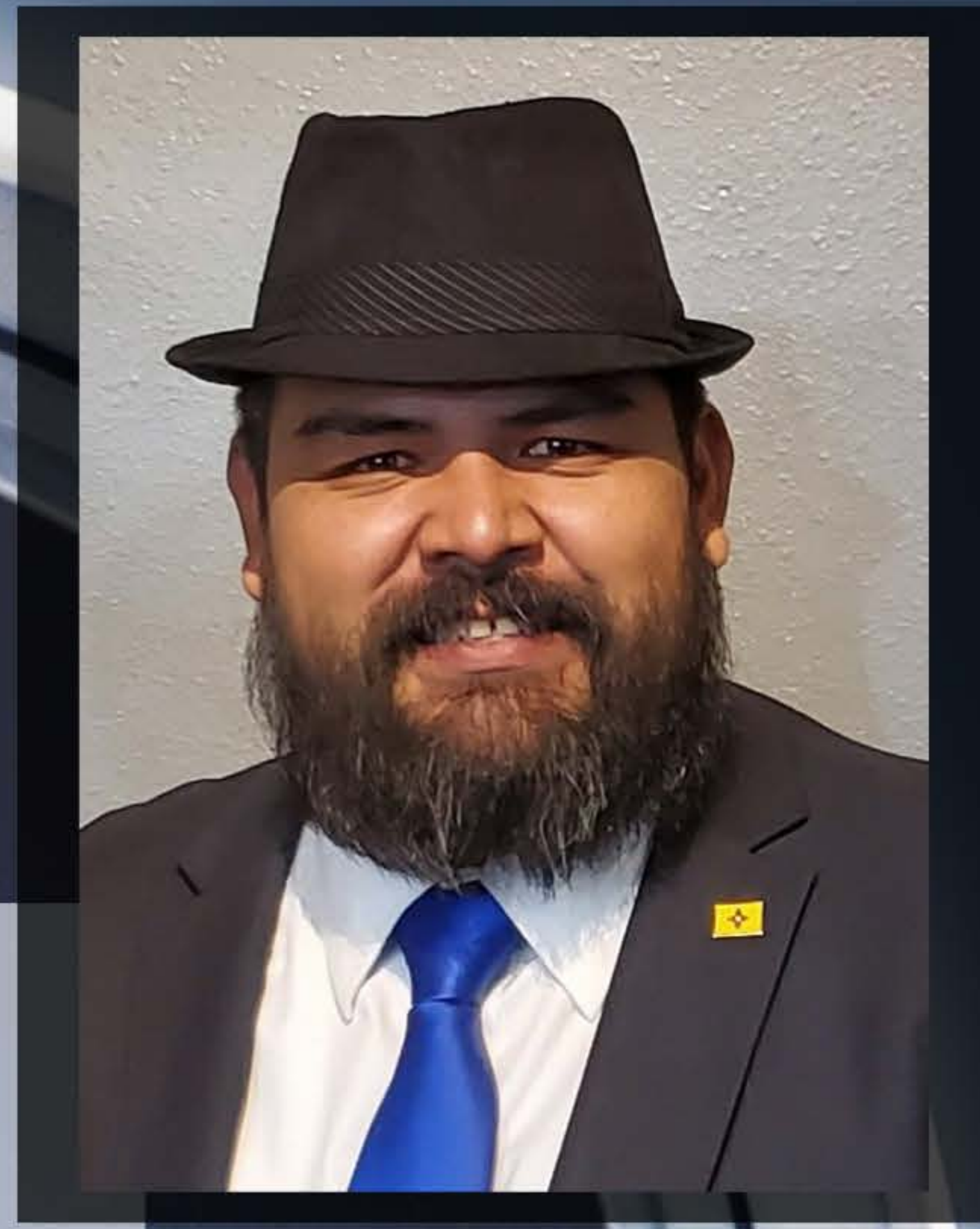
Freemasons are also reminded of their strong ties of brotherhood when they read and absorb Masonic writings, learn about the good deeds performed by past great Masons and marvel at the numerous institutional charities established by Freemasons long before the living were born. Indeed, the very practice of Masonic ritual reminds every Freemason that mankind is destined to participate in the greatest mystery of all-the gift of eternal life. When it is understood that all men are so destined, it becomes easier to also understand that it is incumbent upon us to accept men as God has made them, the world as He has made it, and make the best we can of all.



Get to Know a Brother

Bro. Jonathan Muñiz

Written by: Bro. Tyler McKenzie



Bro. Jonathan was born in Grants New Mexico on April the 5th in 1982 to David and Silvia. Bro. Jonathan also has a brother named David. He attended Robertson High School in Las Vegas New Mexico and graduated in 2000.

When Bro. Jonathan was young he dreamed of becoming a Dental Hygienist. His cousin was a dental assistant and it caught his attention to maybe pursue it as a career. He was able to obtain his certificate to head in that direction and also worked for six months as an assistant after school before turning his career path to something that really grabbed at his desires in the work field. He always looked up to Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta (which he actually had a chance to meet) as they were Hispanic advocates and "growing up there were not very many to look up to in our education system." He also looked up to how they were making waves and changes for Hispanics and other people that were disproportionately treated.

Bro. Jonathan married Kristin who was born on December 26th, 1981 in Albuquerque New Mexico. They met at a detox center. They love this story because it's not how you may first think. They both worked for the facility and met as they worked on the same floor at Mats Detox Facility for Individuals that are addicted. Their first date was in Santa Fe in 2013. They were Married about 3 years later on April 16th, 2016 in Mora, New Mexico at a mission church that Jonathan's Great Grandparents built. They had the first wedding in that church in about 100 years. It's so unique as there is no electricity and they had to use oil lamps and only fit 20-30 attendees. And after this wonderful wedding for their honeymoon they went to Denver Colorado for a recreational tour that was being held at the time.

After High School Jonathan obtained his Bachelors, Associates and Masters Degree after attending college for Social Work for 4 years. He now works for himself as a Political Consultant and has been doing this for 2 years now.

Bro. Jonathan has 6 children. Their names are Haley, Fabien, Elijah, Denise, Isabelle and Ava, they range in age from 11 to 21.

Brian Colon is a New Mexico State Auditor and a good friend of Jonathan, a great mentor and inspiration. He helps philanthropists grow, better themselves and work on how to be a man in society. He runs a Group called "Be A Man" and it just gives people a place to connect to further themselves in life and in their communities. As a grown man Jonathan highly looks up to this man. Bro. Jonathan would like to quote Brian as it's one of his favorite quotes:

"our success is directly proportional to the success we help others achieve"
Jonathan Muñiz's favorite animal is a Brown Bear but he has settled on a dog named Chester. They just got him recently and he is a American Pit mixed with a Lab. He is making a great new addition to the household.

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Get to Know a Brother

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Written by: Bro. Tyler McKenzie

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Bro. Jonathan has travelled all over the Western states, Colorado and Missouri. But his favorite place he visited was Durango Colorado as he found that the people there were very hospitable and kind. The environment was beautiful with a wonderful atmosphere.

Jonathan's favorite hobby is smoking meat. He has a dinner club called 'Panza Llena Dinner Club' in English it means 'the full stomach club'. They meet once a month when he can host it and he raises money to help his mother's medical funds. He also loves to DJ so he is open to all music genres but he loves rap music and his favorite artist as of now is Berner Man.

He loves art as we all do in New Mexico. But his favorite artists are Bob Ross because of his happy energy and his paintings of trees and his favorite artist is the historical Frida Kahlo.

When he is on his down time Jonathan likes to watch anything with Edward James Olmos in it, Breaking bad or Pulp Fiction. But when TV isn't doing it and he needs that full on mental interaction he likes to read and his favorite book for recommendation is Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya.

As any sports fan Jonathan has a favorite number which is 5. His favorite sport to watch is Football and he roots for The 49ers. When he was a teen he was a wrestler and attended Shot-put.

Bro. Jonathan's main future plan in life is to become an elected official at one point in New Mexico. His main future plan in Masonry is to be some one that can be counted on to be called on in times of need; if and when anyone may need his help, you can call Bro. Jonathan.

Jonathan's thirst for different perspective and different understandings in how he could conduct himself and better himself in life is what lead him to aspiring to become a Mason. He was seeking and he found. He emailed and it was answers he knocked and now he is a Brother of Sandoval Lodge No. 76.

Jonathan has three main accomplishments he would like to share with us as a new Brother of the lodge.

1. He helped raise \$50,000 for the Muscular Distrofy Association in 2019.
2. He graduated Suma Cumlati for his advanced outstanding performance in gaining his Masters Degree.
3. In 2020 he helped distribute \$10,000 worth of goods to Church Rock Chapter House in Gallup New Mexico.

Bro. Jonathan was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 26th, 2021 after a long wait because of the lockdowns of 2020. We will revisit Bro. Jonathan's story in a few years to see how things have progressed in his personal and Masonic journey.

