

The Trestleboard

Sandoval Lodge 76, Rio Rancho NM
1st Quarter 2016

The Master's Word

First of all I would like to thank the Brethren for giving me this opportunity to be the WM for 2016. Next I would like all brethren to know some of the goals I have for the Lodge.

The most important I believe is communication, in saying that it is my goal to ensure as many brothers as possible have all the information available in a timely and accurate manner. This will aid all of us to be prepared for anything that is scheduled and reoccurring, i.e. lodge meetings, dinners and appendant body functions or events.

Next are progressing candidates through their degrees. I've already spoken in lodge about each candidate and have ensured they have a mentor. I realize each candidate will progress at their ability but we will be tracking them and ensuring that they are progressing. Ultimately we want to make qualified, motivated and energetic Masons.

Fellowship it is a key activity for the lodge. We will attempt to have as many functions as possible to foster this activity. Events we hope to have are picnics, parades and the anniversary dinner in March. I would encourage all brethren to attend as many scheduled events, as their schedule will allow.

We started out the year strong, we were able to raise 2 MM. Congratulations to Br. Maldonado and Br. Romero. I would like to thank everybody who traveled to Wagon Mound and participated in Br. Maldonado's raising and also all the Brothers who participated both in the degree and the sidelines for Br. Romero's raising. Also thank you to RWB James for the excellent meal and program before Br. Romero's degree.

Our 1st meeting is Feb. 8th and RWB Tim and WB Barry will be presenting 2015 financial report and the 2016 budget before lodge. We also might have a visit from the Grand Master of New Mexico not sure but we should be prepared.

Our 2nd meeting is Feb. 22 if all goes well we possibly have a FC Degree. Our March meetings are 14 and 21 we have no pending issues to post at this time. Our Anniversary Dinner will be March 19th at 6:30 pm at Joe's Pasta House on Southern Blvd in Rio Rancho.

Finally as our web site is improved it will be a resource for brethren to access the calendar and ensure they are aware of any upcoming events for either the lodge or any of its appendant bodies. In case you are not aware it is rioranchofreemasons.org. You might want to save to your web browser for easier access.

One parting comment

'If you are not part of the solution, you must be part of the problem' (Eldridge Cleaver) so we should all try to be part of the solution not part of the problem

WM Richard Cullen