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# MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



## The Journey

Though I long wandered in darkness I came in search of light.

While that sounds great, that is not how everyone's journey begins. My journey for example did not start that way. I was not seeking anything or looking for something that may have been missing. I came to Freemasonry for a different reason.

Lisa, my bride had been an Eastern Star member for 25 years or more and the Brethren had approached me several times to join the Lodge, yet I had no interest. Although I had told her that I would become a Mason and join her in Eastern Star when she decided to make her journey to the East to be Worthy Matron, full well knowing it would never happen. You would think I had learned my lesson because some time before I asked her if she wanted to move to NM, full well knowing she would never do it, and she said 'maybe'. I was not entirely sure I was ready for that, though I figured what's the worst that could happen. Next thing you know, I'm living in Albuquerque. Once again time for me to put up or shut up. I came to masonry with my only intent to join Eastern Star, join her in the East and ride off into the sunset when that was done.

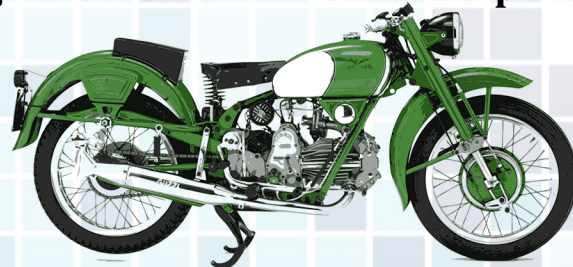


Interestingly, something happened along the way. Much like a motorcycle ride, it's seldom about the destination but about the journey. I relate to motorcycling as it has been more than a passion but a lifestyle, a salvation, a reason for being. I often would straddle my bike and follow the front tire; the wind would lead the way. I was never lost, unless I couldn't find my way home, but the wrong turns, U-turns, and detours were merely bonus roads. Unexpected things happen along the way that weave their way into the fabric

of your life. Freemasonry has had many detours and bonus roads and has woven its way into my life. While on my journey in Freemasonry I have found more than I expected, of course having no expectations, how could I not. While I wasn't seeking anything, I found something. While I thought I was pretty good, I found I could be better. While I thought I was rich with friends and family, I found a whole new family that I care for and cherish.

My journey has just begun. Your journey may be in its infancy, it's middle years or at the end of a long and fruitful life. No matter where you are or where you are going, remember within this Brotherhood you will find more than you imagine. Get out on the road and explore, you never know where the front tire will lead.

David L Bachman  
WM Sandoval76





# MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

Masonry and Parenthood  
By Martin Maldonado



As many of you know, I have become a new parent to a beautiful baby girl named Annalise. My fiancé and I had many challenges trying to bring her here into the world to ensure her a healthy beginning. We spent a torturous 3 months in the hospital due to pregnancy issues but in the end little Annalise came out happy, healthy and tiny. During this time I had missed many meetings and special events.

Despite this my brethren were nothing but supportive and understanding when it came to the well being of my family and myself. Family is a top priority when it comes to Masonry and it truly showed their support for me when I was going through one of the most stressful times of my life. Now is a time I am learning to balance my life between my family, my job, and of course my duties to my lodge. With the support from both my family and my lodge, I know I can accomplish this and much more in the future.

## Remembering Bro. John Barby

Why would anyone want to remember Bro. John Barby? John came to Rio Rancho sometime in the 1970's and settled in a home in the Corrales Heights area. He was a member of a Lodge in New Jersey (I think) and retired to Rio Rancho. John had suffered a stroke and was paralyzed and could not walk. He was confined to a wheelchair and along with his wife, Trudy, spent most of their time at home. I met John at church one Sunday and found out that he was a Mason from back east. I encouraged him to come and visit Sandoval Lodge. In fact, I offered to pick him up and bring him to lodge. He came one meeting and then became a regular visitor and then a member of our Lodge. I took him to Lodge for several years. John was a quiet guy. He spoke well and I had long conversations with him about his life and his activities in the Lodge and in the masonic organization called the Tall Cedars of Lebanon in which he was very active. He talked of parades, parties, charity work and many other things done by what he called the "poor man's Shrine" organization. He talked of his employment with the phone company (Ma Bell), of his illness and its effects on changing his life. He accepted his fate and lived life as best he could. Like so many of our early members, he got sick and died one day. John is one of those masons who I have had a chance to meet, talk to, and learn from. He is a part of who I am. I am better for having known him, a complete stranger, brought together by the ties of brotherhood of our Fraternity. Someday, one of you may want to write about your remembrances of me and how I became a part of you through our association in the Masonic Order.



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-MWB Dan Irick

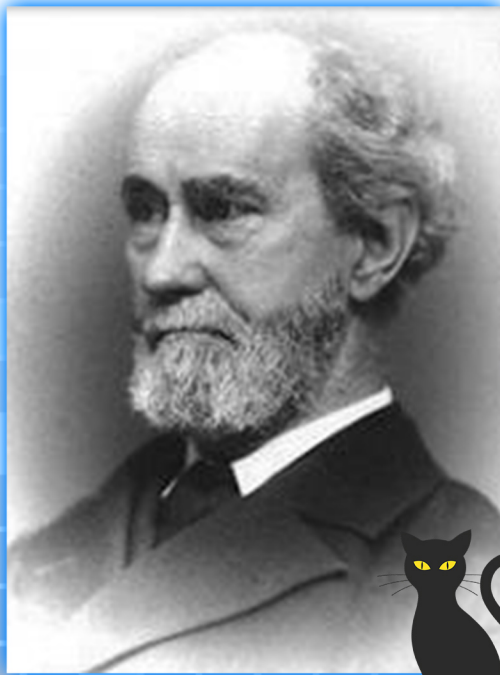




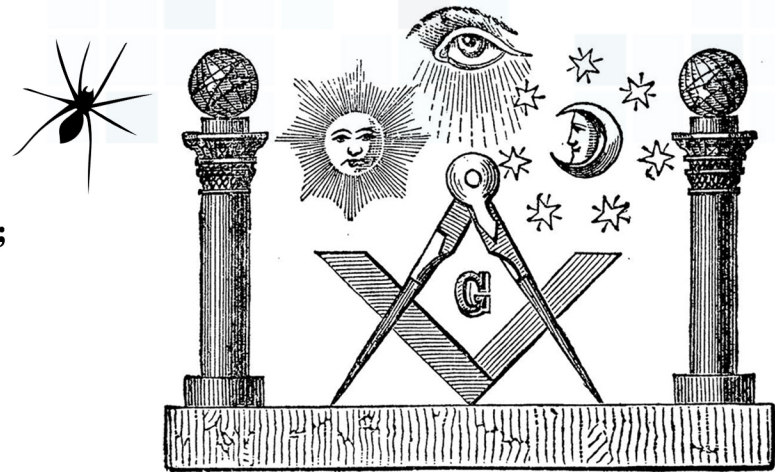
# MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

## The Chamber of Imagery by PGM Rob Morris.

Hail, workmen of the mystic labor, hail!  
To-night let all things that have language speak;  
Here In the imago-chamber of the Craft.  
Where truth and virtue beam on every hand;  
above the spangled Arch, whose diamond rays.  
Twinkle sweet welcome on our road to Heaven:  
Around-emblems of truth eternal, grand,  
Quaint old Imaginings of by-gone days;  
Bef'ore-oh, blest eternally of God,  
Yon book, whose secret is undying hope;  
Beneath-the earth, our mother, whence we sprung,  
And in whose bosom we shall sleep at last:  
All these inspire and move the Poet's heart  
To claim a welcome, Brothers, In your Band.  
And let them speak; those Pillars that look down  
In brazen symbolisms on the scene;  
That golden G., that names the Sacred Name;  
The Sheaf that marks His beauty and His love  
The Gavel ringing: in submissive ears;  
The Level, Plumb, and Square, on faithful breasts;  
The Gauge, wise monitor of fleeting time,-  
Of time, whose sands no mortal may recall;  
The Trowel, with its soothing tale of peace;  
Each has its voice, and let it speak to-night.



Rob Morris became a Mason on March 5, 1846. He wrote The Order of the Eastern Star's first ritual, titled "The Rosary of the Eastern Star." He also organized a "Supreme Constellation" in 1845 to charter Star chapters.



## "But It's More Than That..." by Jim Barr.

**"It's a club.**  
You join it. You attend meetings. Business is conducted at the meetings. You gather socially. You do fundraisers.  
**But it's more than that...**  
**It's a fraternity.**  
You join in brotherhood. You pledge your loyalty to it. You help your fellow brothers, and you receive help from them.  
**But it's more than that...**  
**It's philanthropic.**  
It uses your money and time to help others. It helps the poor. It helps the needy. **But it's more than that...**  
**It's a mystery.**  
You seek it, it doesn't seek you. Its secrets are held in high regard. It imparts timeless wisdom. It uses symbols and allegory to explain itself. It has secret signs and words.  
**But it's more than that...**  
**It's open and visible.**  
Its secrets are published. Its secrets are known. Its buildings are prominent and visible. Its members often wear identifiable pins and rings. **But it's more than that...**  
**It's a system of morality.**  
It teaches good morals. It instructs good ethics. It promotes integrity. It despises falsehood. **But it's more than that...**  
**It believes in God.**  
It finds God in nature. It finds God in Science. It finds God in Mathematics. It finds evidence of God everywhere.  
**But it's more than that...**  
**It's selective.**  
It requires belief in God. It investigates you. It votes on you. It decides if you are worthy for it. **But it's more than that...**  
**It sets aside differences and breaks down walls.**  
It doesn't discuss religion. It doesn't discuss politics. It accepts men of all God-believing theologies. It is open to all denominations.  
**But it's more than that...**  
**It's theater.**  
Its rituals and ceremonies rival many local theater groups.  
**But it's more than that...**  
So what is it? It's Freemasonry! **But it's so much more..."**

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# PAST EVENTS

The month of September brought many events for Sandoval Lodge. First we started the month with Bro. Brian Borowski's Master Mason Degree and Campout at the San Juan Shrine Club Campgrounds. Many brothers from around New Mexico came together to make this Master Mason degree under the stars most memorable for our new brother. Thank you all for your attendance and participation.



*Outdoor Master Mason Degree  
9/8/19  
Bro. Brian Borowski  
Sandoval Lodge No. 76*



Next was the New Mexico State Fair Parade. Bretheren of the lodge as well as some of our youth groups attended the parade. Thank you Bro. Larry Mikkelson for your hard work and efforts by providing a vehicle for the float that the youth groups and bretheren rode on.

The MSCLD held a bowling tournament in Rio Rancho this month which was a huge success. They were able to raise a lot of money that will go to supporting the school and its functions.



*Sandoval Lodge No. 76 Master Mason Degree  
Brother David Stacy Peterson  
September 30, 2019*

We end the month with a new master mason, Bro. Dave Peterson. His master mason degree had a great turn out for our newest brother.

# FUTURE OCCASIONS

DeMolay Metro Chapter Regular Meeting October 10th 7:00PM

DeMolay Metro Chapter Installation of Officers October 12th 11:00AM

Sandoval Lodge Regular Meeting October 14th Dinner: 6:00pm

NM scottish rite reunion October 18th-20th

Cooking for the Ronald McDonald House October 20th

Last MSCLD dinner of the year October 23rd

DeMolay Metro Chapter Regular Meeting October 24th 7:00PM

Job's daughters Bethel 4 Spaghetti Dinner October 27th 5:00PM-7:00PM

Sandoval Lodge Regular Meeting October 28th





# Volunteer work at St. Felix Pantry



On September 21st, 2019 Sandoval Lodge #76 had the privilege of serving the community by doing volunteer work at St. Felix Pantry located on 4020 Barbara Loop SE. St. Felix is a Catholic charity that serves Sandoval County by providing food, clothing, educational, and referral services to those in need.

Our Lodge participated at this outing as part of our Community Outreach program. That Saturday morning, we had 8 people volunteer, including our Worshipful Master David Bachman, Worshipful Brother Richard Cullen, Bro. Larry Mikkelsen Jr., Bro. Richard Mummey of Mesa Lodge 68, Bro. David Peterson, our newest candidate Mr. Daniel Chico and his fiancée Aly, and myself. We had a great time helping to clean and organize their warehouse, loading and unloading food trucks, doing some minor repairs, and sorting clothing. We were well received, and they were very thankful for the help we were able to provide. There were many other volunteers as well, and a colorful collection of Sisters and Nuns who provided a few good stories and laughs. This was a great opportunity for our Lodge to show up in unity and Brotherhood while working with the community, and for our new candidate to see our zeal for charity hands on. After our outing we met back at the Lodge for more fellowship and a delicious lunch of steak sandwiches and fixings provided by Worshipful Master David Bachman. All and all I believe it was a good day for our Fraternity, Lodge, and Community. Next event let's get even more Brethren out and show our love and commitment to good works and charity. Thank you to all who were involved, and special thanks to our Worshipful Master, and Bro. Dave Petersen, and to St. Felix Volunteer coordinator Peggy, and Sister Angela. If any Brethren have any Community Outreach ideas or places they would like to see about helping or visiting, please contact me or Bro. Dave Peterson.

Thank you,  
Bro. Davin Teague







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## Bro. Roger W. McDonald



Brother Roger W. McDonald landed his B.S.P. (Baby Space Pod) in Roswell, New Mexico and was accepted into the McDonald family on December 15th, 1959. Roger's mom and dad's names were Roger and Mary McDonald. He has one younger brother and as of right now Roger is the oldest person in his family. He graduated from Goddard High School in Roswell, NM in 1978. When Bro. Roger grew up he wanted to be a U.S. Marshall. He was inspired by Tesla as a young man because Tesla did all of his greatest work on his own, in a time where assistance should have been needed. Tesla accomplishments were well more advanced for his time period and to Roger that was something to look up to. Now a days he looks up to Bro. Larry Mikkelsen. Roger says that Larry is a brother to look up too, because of all he does for the Lodge, youth and community. He is a great example of what our brotherhood is about. Bro. Larry is always there at lodge and always willing to help and lend a hand when needed. Roger served our nation in the Army for 7 years. He was a Radar Section Chief. Roger was sworn into the Army in December 20th, 1978. He was never deployed as there were no active battles during his time in the military. He is looking forward to retirement from the State of New Mexico work force after 25 years. He has worked for the Department of Transportation Highway Division since 2000 as a building and grounds maintenance crew member. A few more years to go.

Bro. Roger has a few hobbies that take up most of his extra time. He is an amazing Country Western dancer who enjoys the night out and fancies giving the ladies a great night on the dance floor. He goes out ever Friday night and do-se-dohs until the cows come home. He also comes to as many events, degrees and meetings he can for Sandoval Lodge No. 76. He likes to fill in when and where he can. He loves to be useful to the Brethren and Lodge. The rest of his time is at work, loving his cat or doing interesting things on his HAM Radio (he is an Amateur Radio Operator.)

His favorite quote is: "Doing the right thing at the right time for the right reasons." -Bro. Roger McDonald.



Roger likes to listen to Country and Western music above all else. If it's not Country it's Western and vice versa. His favorite artists are Hank Williams Jr, Charlie Daniels and Asleep At The Wheel. His favorite color is blue. He loves Mexican food. His favorite meal is Flat Green Chile Beef Enchiladas. He loves any Dodge vehicle but really enjoys anything with a HEMI. If he had to pick, he would say the Classic models of the Challenger, Roadrunner and Charger would be his favorite vehicles above all. He loves watching episodes of Modern Marvels and enjoys a movie every few years. He says he has no time for the television tube but does enjoy documentaries with Morgan Freeman as the Narrator. He is not into sports that much but will always root for the team that beats the Broncos and upholds above all whom ever beats the Cowboys. Roger is also a Real life Santa Claus, so catch him at the malls during the Holliday season. He also does Christmas parties as well. HO HO HO.

Our Brother has had a long desire to join Masonry but didn't have the opportunity or direction to join until he moved to Albuquerque NM. He wanted to join the fraternity to help make himself the best he could make himself to be for his family and community. He moved to Albuquerque in 2011 and in 2015 he met WB. Dave Motts' brother (Don Motts) who was at the time the President at the Rio Rancho Elks Club. Don directed Roger to meet with WB Dave Motts at Sandoval Lodge No 76. Brother Roger was Entered in July 2015, Passed in April 2016 and Raised in July 2016. The rest is history.

Roger's plans for the future is to make sure he has all his ducks lined up and ready to retire within the next 10 years or sooner. He plans to stay active with the R.R. Elks and Sandoval Lodge. He wants to use his physical abilities and ideas as much as he can to advance Masonry and our Lodge the best way and however he can.

I asked him about his accomplishments and he said 3 of his most important ones to him are, number one raising two wonderful children that turned out very well in his opinion. His daughter (Janet) is 35, lives in Roswell and has 2 wonderful children. Their names are Kandi (19) and Febe (17). They were recently in a bad car collision but are now doing very well. They thank us for our thoughts and prayers. His son (Roger) is 39 and lives in Indianapolis, Illinois. His second accomplishment was getting his license to be a HAM operator, (amateur radio operator.) This has been on his bucket list for a while and he is very happy and proud he was able to obtain this great accomplishment. Last but definitely not least he has put in many years and a lot of hard labor to our community byworking for our great state and is proud that he is now coming to the point in his life where he can retire and relax, while enjoying his family, friends and Brethren.



He'd like all his brethren to know if there is anything they need and he can help, please give him a ring. If the lodge needs anything and he can help, also give him a ring. He also thanks the brethren for all their time and hard work. He hopes for many more years with us, his family, friends and he hopes he can keep all of his fingers and toes. working for our great state and is proud that he is now coming to the point in his life where he can retire and relax, while enjoying his family, friends and Brethren.