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SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76

MEETS IN REGULAR COMMUNICATION

On the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month

FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00 PM

LODGE OPENS AT 7:00 PM

VISITORS: TO RSVP, EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM



A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR FIRST STATED COMMUNICATIONS
THIS MONTH WILL BE THE RETURN OF GRAND MUSICIAN
WB BERT DALTON, WHO WILL ONCE AGAIN GRACE US
WITH HIS PRESENCE AND A PRESENTATION OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC!

JOIN US FOR THE FESTIVE BOARD AT 6 PM AND THE MEETING AT 7 PM. IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO EXPERIENCE OUR LODGE'S ACTIVITIES.



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FROM THE EAST

"TAKE EVERYTHING YOU LIKE SERIOUSLY, EXCEPT YOURSELVES." — BRO. RUDYARD KIPLING,

BRITISH (INDIAN-BORN) AUTHOR (1865-1936)
HOPE AND PERSEVERANCE LODGE NO. 782. E.C., LAHORE, INDIA

GREETINGS BRETHREN,

HOPE EVERYONE IS HAVING A BLESSED AND SAFE SUMMER. THE YEAR IS QUICKLY GOING BY BUT WE STILL HAVE A LOT LEFT TO DO. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE EMAILS AND THE TRESTLEBOARD.

AUGUST WILL BE FULL OF ACTIVITIES, AND WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL "SUNDAY IS FUNDAY" WHICH

TAKES PLACE ON AUGUST 18TH THIS YEAR WHERE WE GET TO GO OUT AS A GROUP AND PROMOTE FREEMASONRY IN THE PUBLIC. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE TEAMING UP WITH OUR OES CHAPTER SO LET'S COME TOGETHER AND SHOW THE COMMUNITY WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT. I AM PROUD OF OUR LODGE AND EVERYTHING WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR AND I THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO OUR LODGE AND FRATERNITY.

I CAME ACROSS THIS ARTICLE IN "SCIENCE" MAGAZINE AND FELT THAT IT ALIGNED WITH THE WAY MY PERSPECTIVE CHANGED WHEN I HEARD SOME OF THE TENETS OF FREEMASONRY.

S&F, WM DAVIN

ASTRONAUT SHARES THE PROFOUND 'BIG LIE' HE REALIZED AFTER SEEING THE EARTH FROM SPACE

THIS CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE COULD CHANGE HUMANITY.
BY TOD PERRY

SIXTY-ONE YEARS AGO, YURI GAGARIN BECAME THE FIRST HUMAN TO MAKE IT INTO SPACE AND PROBABLY THE FIRST TO EXPERIENCE WHAT SCIENTISTS NOW CALL THE "OVERVIEW EFFECT." THIS CHANGE OCCURS WHEN PEOPLE SEE THE WORLD FROM FAR ABOVE AND NOTICE THAT IT'S A PLACE WHERE "BORDERS ARE INVISIBLE, WHERE RACIAL, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC STRIFE ARE NOWHERE TO BE SEEN."

THE OVERVIEW EFFECT MAKES MAN'S SQUABBLES WITH ONE ANOTHER SEEM INCREDIBLY PETTY AND PRESENTS THE PLANET AS IT TRULY IS, ONE INTERCONNECTED ORGANISM.

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In a compelling interview with Big Think, astronaut, author and humanitarian Ron Garan explains how if more of us developed this planetary perspective we could fix much of what alls humanity and the planet. Garan has spent 178 days in space and traveled more than 71 million miles in 2,842 orbits. From high above, he realized that the planet is a lot more fragile than he thought. "When I looked out the window of the International Space Station, I saw the paparazzi-like flashes of lightning storms, I saw dancing curtains of auroras that seemed so close it was as if we could reach out and touch them. And I saw the unbelievable thinness of our planet's atmosphere. In that moment, I was hit with the sobering realization that that paper-thin layer keeps every living thing on our planet alive," Garan said in the video. "I saw an iridescent biosphere teeming with life," he continues. "I didn't see the economy. But since our human-made systems treat everything, including the very life-support systems of our planet, as the wholly owned subsidiary of the global economy, it's obvious from the vantage point of space that we're living a lie."

IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT HE REALIZED THAT HUMANITY NEEDS TO REEVALUATE ITS PRIORITIES.

"WE NEED TO MOVE FROM THINKING ECONOMY, SOCIETY, PLANET TO PLANET, SOCIETY, ECONOMY. THAT'S WHEN WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE OUR EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS," HE ADDED.

GARAN SAYS THAT WE ARE PAYING A VERY "HIGH PRICE" AS A CIVILIZATION FOR OUR INABILITY TO DEVELOP A MORE PLANETARY PERSPECTIVE AND THAT IT'S A BIG REASON WHY WE'RE FAILING TO SOLVE MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS. EVEN THOUGH OUR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY MAY IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE ON ONE END, IT'S ALSO DISASTROUS FOR THE PLANET THAT SUSTAINS OUR LIVES.

IT'S LIKE CUTTING OFF OUR NOSE TO SPITE OUR FACE.

ACTOR WILLIAM SHATNER HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE TO GARAN'S WHEN HE TRAVELED INTO SPACE.

"IT WAS AMONG THE STRONGEST FEELINGS OF GRIEF I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED," SHATNER WROTE. "THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE VICIOUS COLDNESS OF SPACE AND THE WARM NURTURING OF EARTH BELOW FILLED ME WITH OVERWHELMING SADNESS. EVERY DAY, WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF EARTH AT OUR HANDS: THE EXTINCTION OF ANIMAL SPECIES, OF FLORA AND FAUNA ... THINGS THAT TOOK FIVE BILLION YEARS TO EVOLVE, AND SUDDENLY WE WILL NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN BECAUSE OF THE INTERFERENCE OF MANKIND."

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"WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE PEACE ON EARTH UNTIL WE RECOGNIZE THE BASIC FACT OF THE INTERRELATED STRUCTURE OF ALL REALITY," GARAN SAID.

HOWEVER DIRE THE SITUATION LOOKS FROM THE SURFACE OF EARTH, THE ASTRONAUT HAS HOPE THAT WE CAN COLLECTIVELY EVOLVE IN CONSCIOUSNESS AND WAKE UP AND EMBRACE A LARGER REALITY. "AND WHEN WE CAN EVOLVE BEYOND A TWO-DIMENSIONAL US VERSUS THEM MINDSET AND EMBRACE THE TRUE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL REALITY OF THE UNIVERSE THAT WE LIVE IN, THAT'S WHEN WE'RE GOING TO NO LONGER BE FLOATING IN DARKNESS ... AND IT'S A FUTURE THAT WE WOULD ALL WANT TO BE A PART OF. THAT'S OUR TRUE CALLING."

EARTH FROM SPACE (THANKS TO NASA)



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FROM THE WEST

ONE UNEXPECTED PERK OF DIVING INTO OUR MASONIC RITUALS AND THEIR MYRIAD CHARGES AND LECTURES IS THAT I'VE DEVELOPED A NEW VOCABULARY THAT OFTEN SENDS ME SCRAMBLING FOR A QUICK ONLINE EXPLANATION. TAKE "VICISSITUDES," FOR EXAMPLE. A GOOGLE SEARCH REVEALS IT MEANS:

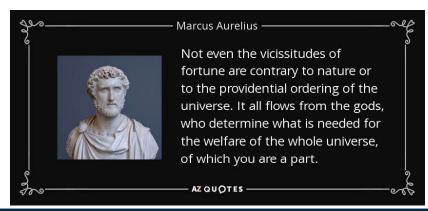
- 1. THE STATE OF BEING CHANGEABLE—BASICALLY, LIFE'S ROLLERCOASTER.
- 2. A CHANCE EVENT OR SITUATION—BE IT GOOD OR BAD, LIKE THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE.

SPEAKING OF UPS AND DOWNS, MY USUAL GIG AS A MORTGAGE BROKER HAS BEEN A WILD RIDE LATELY. WITH MORTGAGE RATES DROPPING, I'VE BEEN SWAMPED WITH REFINANCING REQUESTS, WHICH MEANS A LOT OF TRAVEL (EXPLANATION FOR MY OCCASIONAL ABSENCE) AND A DESPERATE NEED FOR SLEEP AND REFRESHMENT—MY FAVORITE PARTS OF THE 24-INCH GAVEL.

I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE IN FACING THESE VICISSITUDES. EACH OF YOU DEALS WITH YOUR OWN ROLLERCOASTER—BE IT WORK, FAMILY LIFE, OR OTHER UNCONTROLLABLE LIFE EVENTS. WHAT I TRULY APPRECIATE ABOUT OUR FRATERNITY IS THE GENUINE BROTHERHOOD WE SHARE. IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW WE CAN RELY ON BROTHERLY LOVE TO NAVIGATE THESE TWISTS AND TURNS.

COMING TO THE LODGE ISN'T JUST ABOUT RITUALS FOR ME; IT'S ALSO A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MYSELF THROUGH OUR INTERACTIONS. EVEN THOUGH IT'S ALL VOLUNTEER—EXCEPT FOR THE OFFICERS WHO BEAR A BIT MORE PRESSURE—NONE OF THIS WOULD WORK WITHOUT THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF EVERYONE HERE. SO, A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE CRAFT!

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY - BURX NORROD, SENIOR WARDEN



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FROM THE SOUTH

OUR EVER-WANDERING JUNIOR WARDEN, BRO. JOHN KEEL, IS OFF ON HIS TRAVELS AGAIN, SO NO SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HIM IN THIS ISSUE. BUT REST ASSURED, WE'RE ALWAYS ON HIS MIND, AND HE'S ALREADY PLANNING ANOTHER FANTASTIC FESTIVE BOARD WITH REFRESHING SPIRITED BEVERAGES FOR OUR NEXT STATED COMMUNICATIONS.

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF BRO. JOHN BRINGING HIS CHARM TO THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK. I BET WE'LL GET THE FULL SCOOP ON HIS ADVENTURES IN SEPTEMBER'S TRESTLEBOARD, COMPLETE WITH SOME NEW TALES AND MAYBE A TRAVEL TIP OR TWO!



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HERE'S A LIST OF HAPPENINGS AT SANDOVAL LODGE NO. 76 THIS MONTH. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE A VERY ACTIVE LODGE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE EVENTS FROM OUR APPENDANT BODIES THAT ALSO MEET AT THE LODGE. NOTE THAT THESE EVENTS ARE UPDATED IN REAL TIME ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT **FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE76** OR VIA OUR LODGE GOOGLE GROUPS EMAIL LIST.

AUGUST 12 (MONDAY)

1ST STATED COMMUNICATION. FESTIVE BOARD AT 6PM, MEETING AT 7PM.
PRESENTATION OF THE EVENING WILL BE GIVEN BY WB BERT DALTON ON THE STAR SPANGLED
BANNER, AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THE LODGE AT IT'S
FINEST TO FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

AUGUST 17 (SATURDAY) @ 9AM

THE MATERIALS FOR THE KITCHEN REMODEL IS IN, AND READY TO BE INSTALLED! HOWEVER, BEFORE INSTALLATION CAN TAKE PLACE, WE'LL NEED TO REMOVE WHAT IS THERE NOW BY AIDE OF AVAILABLE VOLUNTEERS THAT CAN ASSIST WITH REMOVAL OF WHAT'S THERE NOW. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. BRING WORK GLOVES. EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO OR TO RELAY AVAILABILTY.

AUGUST 18 (SUNDAY)

SUNDAY IS FUNDAY! SANDOVAL LODGE NO. 76 WILL BE TEAMING UP WITH THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR TO REPRESENT FREEMASONRY TO THE PUBLIC AT HAYNES PARK ON AUGUST 18. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE - EMAIL WB RICHARD CULLEN AT CULLENRJN@GMAIL.COM WEBSITE TO EVENT IS AT RIORANCHOFUNDAY.COM

AUGUST 19 (MONDAY) 6PM - 7:30PM

THE MASONIC BOOK STUDY GROUP WILL BE CONVENING AT THE LODGE TO CONTINUE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BOOK 'ESOTERIKA' BY ALBERT PIKE. WE'LL COVER THE MASONIC EXPOSE 'JACHIN & BOAZ'. OPEN TO MASTER MASONS ONLY. FOR MORE INFO OR TO PARTICIPATE, EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM

AUGUST 26 (MONDAY)

2ND STATED COMMUNICATIONS. FESTIVE BOARD AT 6PM, MEETING AT 7PM.

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UPDATE ON STUDY GROUP ON BOOK 'ESOTERIKA'

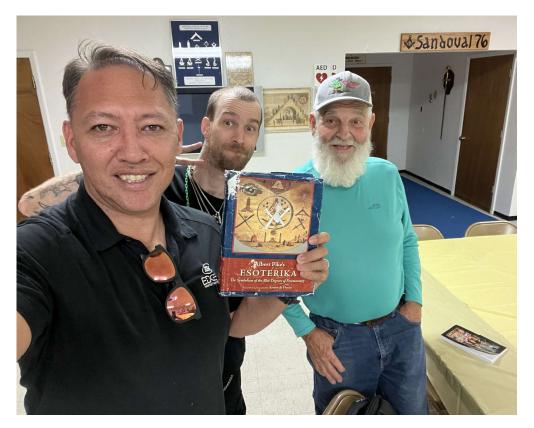
A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, WE KICKED OFF A MASONIC BOOK STUDY GROUP DESIGNED TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT. OUR INAUGURAL BOOK IS "ESOTERIKA" BY ALBERT PIKE, WHICH DIVES INTO THE SYMBOLISM AND RITUALS OF FREEMASONRY WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF A RUBIK'S CUBE. WE'RE TACKLING IT MASTER CRAFTSMAN-STYLE, BREAKING IT INTO SEVEN PARTS: FIRST IN JUNE, SECOND IN JULY, AND THIS MONTH, WE'RE DIVING INTO PART 3, WHICH EXPLORES THE RITUAL EXPOSE OF JACHIN & BOAZ.

BECAUSE OF THE BOOK'S 3RD DEGREE CONTENT, THIS STUDY GROUP IS OPEN TO MASTER MASONS ONLY—THINK OF IT AS AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB WITH A SECRET HANDSHAKE.

WE GATHER ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE LODGE FROM 6 PM TO 7:30 PM. WHILE THE BOOK ISN'T MANDATORY, IT'S HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO HAVE IT IN YOUR LIBRARY AND TO ACTUALLY READ IT—TRUST US, IT'S WORTH IT!

FOR MORE INFO, OR IF YOU'RE WONDERING HOW TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE BOOK OR JOIN US, SHOOT AN EMAIL TO BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM

* This is NOT exclusive to Sandoval Lodge members*



A FEW ATTENDEES AT THE END OF JULY'S SESSION

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
BRO. BURX NORROD,
WB TYLER
MCKENZIE,
BRO. KIRK BENSON

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THE BINDING POWER OF THE MASONIC OBLIGATIONS BY BRO. BURX NORROD

A MASONIC OBLIGATION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SYMBOLIZES A FREEMASON'S COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES OF FREEMASONRY. THIS COMMITMENT HELPS TO BIND MEMBERS TOGETHER AND MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY AND ETHICAL STANDARDS OF THE ORGANIZATION. HERE'S WHY IT MATTERS:

1. MORAL FOUNDATION: THE OBLIGATION REPRESENTS A PROMISE TO UPHOLD THE MORAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS OF

FREEMASONRY. IT ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO LIVE BY PRINCIPLES SUCH AS HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

- 2. MUTUAL TRUST: BY TAKING AN OBLIGATION, MEMBERS AGREE TO TRUST ONE ANOTHER AND TO ACT IN WAYS THAT SUPPORT THE COLLECTIVE GOOD OF THE FRATERNITY. THIS TRUST IS ESSENTIAL FOR FOSTERING STRONG, SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.
- 3. Unity and Identity: The obligation helps to create a sense of unity and shared identity among Freemasons. It reinforces the idea that members are part of a larger brotherhood with common goals and values.
- 4. ACCOUNTABILITY: THE OBLIGATION HOLDS MEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE TO THEMSELVES AND TO EACH OTHER. IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR SELF-DISCIPLINE AND PERSONAL GROWTH, ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO LIVE UP TO THE IDEALS OF FREEMASONRY.
- 5. TRADITION AND CONTINUITY: THE PRACTICE OF TAKING OBLIGATIONS IS A LONGSTANDING TRADITION IN FREEMASONRY. IT CONNECTS MEMBERS TO THE HISTORICAL ROOTS OF THE FRATERNITY AND HELPS TO PRESERVE ITS CUSTOMS AND RITUALS.

SO, HERE'S THE DEAL WITH THE MASONIC OBLIGATION: IT'S THE SECRET SAUCE THAT KEEPS THE FREEMASONRY RECIPE FROM TURNING INTO A BLAND MESS. IT'S WHAT MAKES YOU A BONA FIDE MASON AND NOT JUST SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO PULL OFF A SNAZZY APRON. THIS OBLIGATION IS LIKE THE GLUE THAT STICKS THE FRATERNITY TOGETHER, MAKING SURE EVERYONE'S ON THE SAME PAGE—OR AT LEAST IN THE SAME BOOK.

Now, when a Mason gets his degree, he's basically asked to parrot back what the conferring Master says. Think of it like karaoke, but with more ancient symbols and less singing. You don't get to ask questions, just repeat after me. Then, with the help of a mentor, you learn the ins and outs of what you just recited and why breaking the rules might lead to some serious symbolic consequences.

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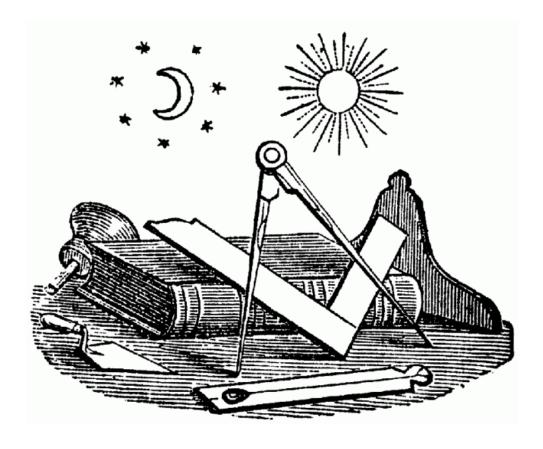
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BUT HERE'S THE TWIST: THE 3RD DEGREE'S OBLIGATION ISN'T ALWAYS A POP QUIZ IN NEW MEXICO. IT'S LIKE THE FINAL EXAM THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE. WHY? NO CLUE, BUT IT MIGHT BE WHY FINDING SOMEONE WHO CAN ACTUALLY PERFORM THE CHARGE OR LECTURES IS LIKE SPOTTING A UNICORN. WHEN WE MAKE THINGS TOO EASY, SOMETIMES WE END UP WITH RESULTS THAT ARE, WELL, LESS THAN STELLAR.

RECENTLY, A GROUP OF MASONS FACED THE MUSIC FOR NOT FOLLOWING THEIR MASTER MASON OBLIGATION. AND LET'S BE REAL—IF YOU PULLED A RANDOM MASTER MASON OUT OF A HAT, HOW MANY COULD EXPLAIN WHAT THE OBLIGATION REALLY MEANS? IT'S LIKE ASKING SOMEONE TO DESCRIBE A MOVIE THEY'VE NEVER SEEN.

SO, LET'S GET WITH THE PROGRAM! THESE RITUAL WORDS ARE MORE THAN JUST FANCY PHRASES—THEY'RE THE SECRET HANDSHAKE OF FREEMASONRY. IF WE REALLY WANT TO UP OUR GAME, LET'S MAKE LEARNING THE MASTER MASON PROFICIENCY AS MANDATORY AS LEARNING THE FIRST TWO DEGREES BY HAVING THIS MOTION ADDED AND APPROVED AT THE NEXT GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATIONS /G\



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APPENDANT BODIES THAT MEET AT THE LODGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EITHER OF THESE BODIES, REACH OUT TO THE CHAPTER LEADERS



THE WIDOW'S SONS "SONS OF LIGHT" CHAPTER'S SECRETARY IS WB LARRY MIKKELSEN AND HE CAN BE REACHED AT L.MIKKELSEN@YAHOO.COM

THE WIDOWS SONS MASONIC RIDERS ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1999 IN WITH THE INTENTION TO OFFER AID AND ASSISTANCE TO MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.



THE METRO CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY'S CHAPTER DAD IS BRO. ROBERT GLASS, AND HE CAN BE REACHED AT (505) 330-7217

DEMOLAY, THE PREMIER INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION, STRIVING TO SHAPE YOUNG MEN INTO LEADERS OF CHARACTER.



THE TURQUOISE CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IS HEADED BY WORTHY MATRON LANA ELDER, SHE CAN BE REACHED AT SUNNYLANALEE@HOTMAIL.COM

THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ARE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN WHO SINCERELY REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNAL LOVE AND THE DESIRE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD BY GIVING THEIR TIME TO MEANINGFUL PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT MANKIND.



BETHEL NO. 4 IS HEADED BY DENISE CORIZ, FOR MORE INFO ON JOBS DAUGHTERS, EMAIL YAMIMANDOANA@GMAIL.COM

Job's Daughters' mission is to create confident young women, respect tradition, and shape the future. Our members learn invaluable skills that increase their confidence and prepare them to lead. We teach girls to use their voice.

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GUESS WHAT?

OUR VERY OWN BRO. DANIEL CHICO MOONLIGHTS AS GEORGE HARRISON IN THE BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND, TWIST & SHOUT! THAT'S RIGHT, HE'S STRUMMING HIS WAY TO FAME.

CATCH THEIR NEXT GIG ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 4 PM WHEN THEY ROCK THE NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR! COME CHEER FOR HIM AND HIS BAND—BECAUSE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SEE A LOCAL LEGEND IN ACTION? FOR MORE DEETS, HIT UP BRO. DANIEL DIRECTLY.

AND DON'T FORGET TO STALK THEM AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ABQBEATLES/ FOR ALL THE LATEST UPDATES!

BRO. DANIEL CHICO PICTURED 2ND FROM LEFT (IF YOU COULDN'T ALREADY TELL)



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



JULY HAS COME AND GONE, AND THANKS TO OUR HARDWORKING COMMITTEES AND EVERYONE WHO PITCHES IN, WE'RE CHARGING FULL STEAM AHEAD INTO AUGUST!

Now, our Trestleboard is packed with the activities and contributions from all of you. Sure, I could just throw together a one-page events calendar, but where's the fun in that? If you're not on our Lodge email list, get on it! Otherwise, you'll miss out on all the juicy updates.

I'M ALWAYS ON THE HUNT FOR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT FREEMASONRY AND OUR LODGE. FOR BETTER OR WORSE, YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS US

GROW AS A FRATERNITY. GOT SOMETHING TO SAY? SPILL IT! AS THE EDITOR, I'VE GOT THE POWER TO 'BLEEP' OUT ANYTHING TOO SPICY.

TOO OFTEN, ISSUES ARISE BECAUSE SOMEONE AVOIDS DIRECTLY CONFRONTING A BROTHER MASON. LET'S REMEMBER WE'RE FAMILY—SOMETIMES WE FIGHT, BUT WE ALWAYS MAKE UP. IT'S WAY MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN SNEAKING AROUND WITH ANONYMOUS GRIPES. IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH A BROTHER, REACH OUT AND WHISPER SOME GOOD COUNSEL.

AFTER ALL, OUR TENETS ARE BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH.

LASTLY, IF YOU'VE BEEN MEANING TO WRITE AN ARTICLE BUT HAVEN'T FOUND THE TIME TO PERFECT IT, TAKE A PAGE FROM MY BOOK. I USE CHATGPT TO POLISH MY WORDS, SAVING ME A TON OF TIME. SEND ME YOUR UNFINISHED ARTICLE, AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A QUICK 3-SECOND INPUT CAN DO. IF YOU HAVEN'T STARTED ONE YET, GET CRACKING FOR SEPTEMBER—IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION (WITH A PIC OR TWO) TO BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,
BURX NORROD
SENIOR WARDEN & TRESTLEBOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR