

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 AF&AM

DECEMBER

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2024 LODGE OFFICERS

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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
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 LODGE OFFICERS!

A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR A.:L.: 6025! A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL THE BROTHERS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS PAST YEAR, WITH PARTICULAR APPRECIATION TO OUR SOON-TO-BE PAST MASTER, WORSHIPFUL MASTER DAVIN TEAGUE. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE!

ELECTED OFFICERS:

MASTER-ELECT: BURX NORROD
SENIOR WARDEN-ELECT: JOHN KEEL
JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT: RICHARD CULLEN, PM
TREASURER: RW TIMOTHY DONOVAN
SECRETARY: EUGENE MORSE, PM

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

SENIOR DEACON: BILL WHELCHER
JUNIOR DEACON: CESARIO ALVILLAR
SENIOR STEWARD: KIRK BENSON
JUNIOR STEWARD: BENJAMIN COTE
CHAPLAIN: LOGAN JEFFERS
MARSHAL: LEON ALDERETTE, PM
TYLER: TYLER MCKENZIE, PM

You're INVITED!

**JOIN US FOR THE LODGE OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY ON:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, AT 10:00 AM**

SCHEDULE:

**9:20 AM: LODGE MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE TO OPEN THE
LODGE IN THE MASTER MASON DEGREE BEFORE THE INSTALLATION.**
10:00 AM: INSTALLATION BEGINS.

REFRESHMENTS:

**ENJOY COFFEE, ICED TEA, A FRUIT TRAY, AND TURKEY ROLLUPS DURING
AND FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY**

NOTE ON HEADSHOTS:

**WE'LL BE TAKING HEADSHOT PHOTOGRAPHS OF LODGE OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS TO UPDATE PROFILES ON GRANDVIEW. PLEASE COME DRESSED
IN YOUR BEST! WEATHER PERMITTING, PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN OUTSIDE BY
THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES IN FRONT OF THE LODGE.**

**LET'S COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW LEADERSHIP AND
PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AHEAD!**

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FROM THE EAST
MASTER-ELECT BURX NORROD

I AM HONORED TO SHARE THAT I HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY SANDOVAL LODGE NO. 76 TO SERVE AS THE MASTER OF THE LODGE FOR 2025. I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, SHARE MY VISION FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FIND WAYS I CAN ASSIST YOU ON YOUR MASONIC JOURNEY—NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU’VE BEEN A MASON OR HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE YOU LAST ATTENDED LODGE.

MY MASONIC JOURNEY

UNLIKE MANY BRETHREN, I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY DIRECT MASONIC LINEAGE IN MY FAMILY, THOUGH THERE ARE STORIES OF RELATIVES WHO FOUGHT ON OPPOSITE SIDES DURING THE CIVIL WAR BUT WERE UNITED AS MASONIC BROTHERS. BORN IN MAUI, HAWAII, I SPENT MY EARLY YEARS IN RHODESIA (NOW ZIMBABWE), WHERE MY FATHER, A U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN, SERVED IN THE RHODESIAN SAS. IN 1982, WE RETURNED TO HAWAII, WHERE I LATER JOINED THE MARINE CORPS, SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN AND IN A DRILL PLATOON IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

IT WAS DURING MY TIME IN D.C. THAT MY CURIOSITY ABOUT FREEMASONRY DEEPENED. SEEING SYMBOLS LIKE THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL AND THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE INSPIRED ME TO EXPLORE THE CRAFT. IN 2012, I WAS INITIATED, PASSED, AND RAISED AT HERNDON LODGE No. 264 IN VIRGINIA, WHERE I SERVED IN SEVERAL OFFICER ROLES AND DEVELOPED A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR RITUAL WORK AND MASONIC EDUCATION. MY MENTORS, INCLUDING WB KIRK McNULTY AND WB ANDREW HAMMER, PROFOUNDLY SHAPED MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT.

AFTER MOVING TO BOISE, IDAHO, I CONTINUED MY MASONIC JOURNEY AT IDAHO LODGE No. 1 AND CAPITAL CITY LODGE No. 93, WHERE I SERVED AS JUNIOR WARDEN. EVENTUALLY, IN 2019, I RELOCATED TO ALBUQUERQUE AND JOINED SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 IN 2021, SERVING IN PROGRESSIVE ROLES LEADING TO SENIOR WARDEN IN 2024.

MY VISION FOR 2025: “BUILDING THE INNER TEMPLE”

MY FOCUS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR WILL BE MASONIC EDUCATION AND RITUAL EXCELLENCE, GUIDED BY THE THEME OF “BUILDING THE INNER TEMPLE.” THIS THEME EMPHASIZES PERSONAL GROWTH, INTROSPECTION, AND SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT, WITH THE LODGE SERVING AS A FOUNDATION FOR THESE PURSUITS.

HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN 2025:

ENHANCED LODGE MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS WILL OPEN ON THE MASTER MASON DEGREE TO ALLOW FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION TOPICS.

BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS WILL BE MINIMAL, WITH MOST ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS HANDLED BY DEDICATED COMMITTEES. THIS ENSURES LODGE TIME IS FOCUSED ON EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK.

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MASONIC EDUCATION INITIATIVES

MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS WILL COVER TOPICS RANGING FROM ESOTERIKA TO HISTORICAL AND SYMBOLIC LESSONS.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE A ZOOM PRESENTATION BY RWB ANDREW HAMMER, AUTHOR OF OBSERVING THE CRAFT, DURING OUR FIRST STATED COMMUNICATION.

RITUAL EXCELLENCE - DEGREE WORK WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PRIORITY, WITH FREQUENT PRACTICES TO MAINTAIN PRECISION AND QUALITY.

SPECIAL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO CREATE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CANDIDATES AND PARTICIPANTS.

ATMOSPHERE AND TRADITION

SUBTLE ENHANCEMENTS LIKE THE USE OF FRANKINCENSE DURING MEETINGS WILL ADD A SENSORY CONNECTION TO THE TRADITIONS OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL BRETHREN - WHETHER YOU LIVE LOCALLY OR OUT OF STATE, THERE ARE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE, SUCH AS JOINING COMMITTEES VIA ZOOM OR ASSISTING WITH PRESENTATIONS. YOUR INVOLVEMENT ENRICHES OUR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE.

COMMITTEES AT SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76

TO HELP ENSURE THE LODGE RUNS EFFICIENTLY AND CONTINUES TO THRIVE, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED FIVE COMMITTEES THAT MEET ONCE A MONTH VIA ZOOM. THESE COMMITTEES ALLOW ALL BRETHREN—WHETHER LOCAL OR OUT OF STATE—TO GET INVOLVED AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE LODGE'S SUCCESS.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING ANY OF THESE COMMITTEES OR HAVE AN IDEA FOR A NEW COMMITTEE YOU'D LIKE TO CHAIR, LET ME KNOW! HERE ARE OUR CURRENT COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MANAGES THE LODGE'S FINANCES, INCLUDING BUDGETS, EXPENSES, AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

CONDUCTS REVIEWS OF THE LODGE'S FINANCIAL RECORDS TO MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

OVERSEES THE MAINTENANCE, UPKEEP, AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR LODGE BUILDING AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

PLANS AND EXECUTES ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT LODGE OPERATIONS, CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS, AND SPECIAL PROJECTS.

TRESTLEBOARD / SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE - PUTS TOGETHER THIS MONTHLY TRESTLEBOARD (AKA NEWSLETTER), AND REGULARLY UPDATES OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE76

PARTICIPATION IN THESE COMMITTEES IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A COMMITTEE THAT YOU BELIEVE WOULD BENEFIT THE LODGE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO PROPOSE IT AND TAKE THE LEAD AS CHAIR.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

TO ENSURE EVERYONE STAYS INFORMED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR LODGE COMMUNICATIONS, SUPPLEMENTED BY UPDATES THROUGH THE GRAND VIEW SYSTEM. IF YOU'RE NOT RECEIVING EMAILS, PLEASE NOTIFY ME DIRECTLY TO ENSURE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO OUR TRESTLEBOARD.

I ENCOURAGE ALL BROTHERS TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO OUR EDUCATION EFFORTS BY SHARING YOUR INSIGHTS OR LESSONS LEARNED IN FREEMASONRY. LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE A TOPIC TO PRESENT, SO WE CAN SCHEDULE IT INTO A STATED COMMUNICATION.

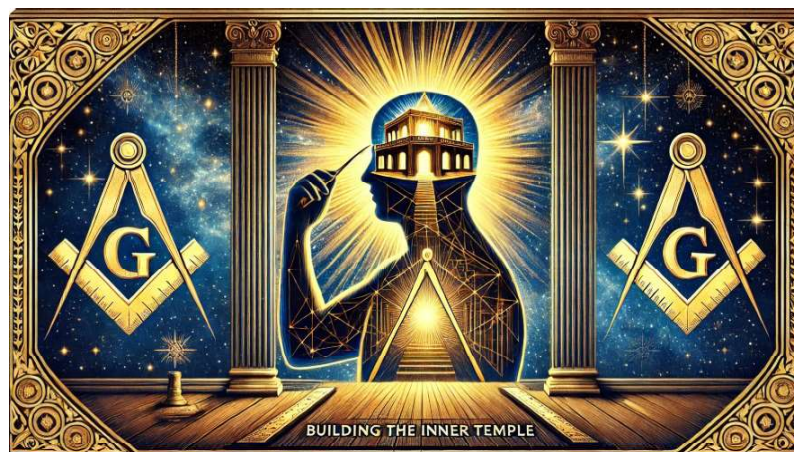
ABOVE ALL, I AM HERE TO SERVE AND SUPPORT YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR IDEAS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT. CLEAR AND DIRECT COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR AVOIDING MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND FOSTERING HARMONY WITHIN THE LODGE.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 6025 A.L.

I AM THRILLED TO LEAD SANDOVAL LODGE IN THE YEAR AHEAD AND AM COMMITTED TO MAKING IT A TIME OF GROWTH, ENLIGHTENMENT, AND EXCELLENCE FOR ALL. TOGETHER, WE WILL STRENGTHEN OUR BONDS AND CONTINUE THE TIMELESS WORK OF "BUILDING THE INNER TEMPLE."

SINCERELY & FRATEERNALLY,

BURX NORROD, MASTER-ELECT



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FROM THE WEST

FRATERNAL GREETINGS BROTHERS!

WITH THE HOLIDAYS IN FULL SWING AND THE ELECTIONS IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR, I AM SINCERELY THANKFUL FOR OUR BROTHERS WHO HAVE HELPED US MAKE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR. I HOPE TO BEGIN SEEING MORE OF YOU IN LODGE AND COMING OUT FOR OUR UPCOMING DEGREES.

WE LOVE THE FELLOWSHIP AND LIFE EACH OF YOU BRING TO THE LODGE. WE HAVE LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO SO I'LL SEE YOU THERE!



**BRO. JOHN KEEL
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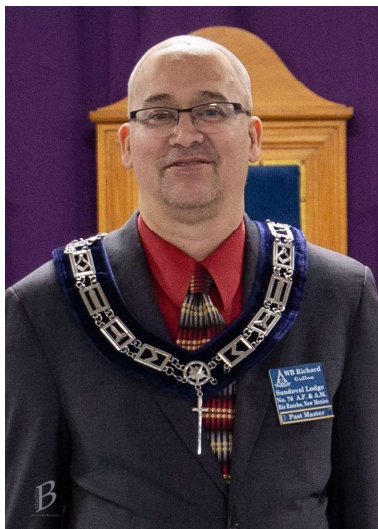
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FROM THE SOUTH

BRETHREN,

SINCE THE NEW YEAR AND INSTALLATIONS ARE COMING UP QUICKLY I WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW WITH THE KITCHEN RECONSTRUCTION HOPEFULLY BEING COMPLETED SOON WE CAN RETURN TO KITCHEN COOKED MEALS. I AM NOT A GREAT CHEF SO I WILL LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF PASTA TYPES DISHES.

BRETHREN I HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO READ THE WM-ELECT'S AGGRESSIVE AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR,

I ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHREN TO SUPPORT THIS AGENDA.

EACH ONE OF US CAME TO THE DOOR OF MASONRY FOR OUR OWN REASONS AND PASSIONS , CURIOSITY, FAMILY TRADITION, EDUCATION, MENTORSHIP , FELLOWSHIP, THE BASE TO JOIN OTHER MASONIC GROUPS (SHRINE, SCOTTISH RITE ETC.) AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. I WOULD ENCOURAGE EACH BROTHER TO LET THE WM-ELECT AND THE BRETHREN BE AWARE OF THAT PURPOSE AND ENCOURAGE THE LODGE OF YOUR PLANS TO FULFILL THAT PASSION. OF COURSE THERE ARE ALWAYS BUDGET CONCERNS, HOWEVER IF THE LODGE IS AWARE OF YOUR PASSIONS HOPEFULLY WE CAN CREATE A PLAN TO COMPLETE THOSE PLANS.

MYSELF I WOULD LIKE US TO BE MORE CONNECTED TO THE RIO RANCHO COMMUNITY. VOLUNTEER WORK AT ST. FELIX, STOREHOUSE WEST, BIKES FOR BOOKS AND MORE PARTICIPATION IN CITY EVENTS, (CITY PARADES AND EVENTS.) WE NEED THE RIO RANCHO CITIZENS TO KNOW WE ARE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY AND ARE WILLING TO HELP AS FAR AS OUR CABLE-TOW WILL LET US.

SINCERELY & FRATEERNALLY,

**RICHARD CULLEN, PM
JUNIOR WARDEN - ELECT**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO WM DAVIN TEAGUE AND CAILYN!

WE ARE OVERJOYED TO CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL, PILAR LUMINA TEAGUE, BORN ON NOVEMBER 15! SHE MADE HER GRAND ENTRANCE WEIGHING 9 POUNDS 12 OUNCES AND MEASURING 20 INCHES LONG.

MAY YOUR FAMILY BE BLESSED WITH LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND CHERISHED MOMENTS AS YOU EMBARK ON THIS EXCITING NEW CHAPTER.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD, PILAR LUMINA!



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MORE NOVEMBER BOONS & BLESSINGS

CONGRATULATIONS RW TIMOTHY DONOVAN!

WHAT WONDERFUL NEWS! WE ARE OVERJOYED TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF YOUR THIRD GRANDCHILD, MASON RICHARD WILLIAM DONOVAN, BORN ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024! HOW FITTING THAT YOUNG MASON ARRIVED JUST A DAY BEFORE PILAR LUMINA TEAGUE—A TRULY SPECIAL TIME FOR FAMILIES WITHIN THE LODGE!

MAY YOUR NEWEST GRANDSON BRING ENDLESS JOY, LAUGHTER, AND LOVE TO YOUR FAMILY. WE KNOW HE WILL BE SURROUNDED BY THE WISDOM AND GUIDANCE THAT ONLY A PROUD GRANDFATHER LIKE YOU CAN PROVIDE.

BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU WELCOME MASON INTO THE WORLD. ENJOY EVERY PRECIOUS MOMENT WITH YOUR GROWING FAMILY!



**RW TIMOTHY DONOVAN
*LODGE SECRETARY***

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A NOVEMBER INITIATION

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER KENNETH FREEMAN!

WELCOME TO THE JOURNEY OF FREEMASONRY AS OUR NEWEST ENTERED APPRENTICE! YOUR INITIATION MARKS THE BEGINNING OF AN INCREDIBLE PATH OF PERSONAL GROWTH, BROTHERHOOD, AND THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH AND ENLIGHTENMENT.

AS YOU EMBARK ON THIS TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY, REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE NOW PART OF A TIME-HONORED TRADITION ROOTED IN INTEGRITY, WISDOM, AND FRATERNITY. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK, ASK QUESTIONS, AND EMBRACE THE LESSONS AND SYMBOLS YOU ENCOUNTER—THEY WILL SERVE YOU WELL AS YOU PROGRESS.

YOUR BROTHERS ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. MAY YOUR MASONIC JOURNEY BE AS REWARDING AS IT IS ENLIGHTENING.

WELCOME TO THE CRAFT, BROTHER! WE ARE PROUD TO CALL YOU ONE OF US.



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A NOVEMBER RAISING

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER LOGAN JEFFERS!

WE ARE THRILLED TO CELEBRATE YOUR RAISING TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON! THIS MOMENTOUS STEP IN YOUR MASONIC JOURNEY REPRESENTS YOUR GROWTH, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR ANCIENT CRAFT.

AS A MASTER MASON, YOU NOW STAND AMONG BROTHERS WHO SHARE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FRATERNITY'S TEACHINGS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. EMBRACE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD, TO LEARN, AND TO CONTINUE YOUR PURSUIT OF LIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE.

WE ARE PROUD TO CALL YOU BROTHER AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS YOU WILL MAKE TO OUR LODGE AND THE GREATER MASONIC COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS WELL-DESERVED ACHIEVEMENT!



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A HISTORIC GATHERING OF BROTHERHOOD

ON NOVEMBER 15, WE WITNESSED AN EXTRAORDINARY CELEBRATION OF UNITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT AS MASONS FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO AND THE PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO CAME TOGETHER TO COMMEMORATE THE 1996 SIGNING OF THE NEW MEXICO COMPACT. THIS MONUMENTAL AGREEMENT CONTINUES TO SYMBOLIZE THE ENDURING BOND BETWEEN OUR TWO GRAND LODGES, BUILT ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, RESPECT, AND SHARED MASONIC VALUES.

THE EVENT, PUT TOGETHER BY WB LEON ALDERETTE WITH THE LODGE OF RESEARCH, WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, ATTENDED BY BROTHERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE, ALL COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THIS HISTORIC MOMENT. IT WAS A NIGHT FILLED WITH FELLOWSHIP, REFLECTION, AND A REAFFIRMATION OF THE TIES THAT BIND US AS MASONS.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALICIA MCKENZIE FOR CAPTURING THE EVENING IN STUNNING PHOTOS. YOUR WORK ENSURES THAT THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION WILL BE PRESERVED AND CHERISHED FOR YEARS TO COME.

HERE'S TO THE CONTINUED JOURNEY OF UNITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR GRAND LODGES. TOGETHER, WE STAND STRONGER, EXEMPLIFYING WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO BE A MASON.

GROUP PHOTO OF THE GATHERING, YOU CAN VIEW/DOWNLOAD ALL PICTURES VIA OUR ONLINE PHOTO ALBUM AT [FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE76](https://www.facebook.com/sandovalldodge76)



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MEDALLIONS FOR MASTER MASON PROFICIENCIES!

IF THERE'S ONE CHALLENGE COIN YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE IN YOUR WALLET, IT'S THIS ONE! THANKS TO WB LARRY MIKKELSEN, WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE WAY TO HONOR AND MEASURE THE RITUAL PROFICIENCY OF OUR MASTER MASONS. THIS BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED COIN NOT ONLY REPRESENTS SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 BUT CAN ALSO BE PERSONALIZED WITH YOUR INITIATION, PASSING, AND RAISING DATES. ONCE YOU'VE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED YOUR MASTER MASON PROFICIENCY AND THE LODGE VOTES TO APPROVE IT, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED COIN—A LASTING SYMBOL OF YOUR JOURNEY IN FREEMASONRY.

IF YOU'VE ALREADY COMPLETED YOUR MASTER MASON PROFICIENCY AND HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED THIS COIN, LET ME KNOW SO WE CAN ENSURE YOU GET YOURS. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET COMPLETED YOUR MASTER MASON PROFICIENCY, REACH OUT VIA EMAIL TO BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM SO WE CAN CONNECT YOU WITH A RITUAL COACH. THEY WILL HELP YOU COMPLETE THIS IMPORTANT FEAT. WHILE IT IS A VALUABLE MEASURE OF ONE'S DEDICATION TO THE CRAFT—ALLOWING YOU TO FULLY IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE TEACHINGS OF THE 3RD DEGREE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE FIRST TWO DEGREES—IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT MANDATED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO UPHOLD AND STRENGTHEN OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO MASONIC EXCELLENCE!

MEDALLION WILL BE ENGRAVED WITH YOUR NAME, AS WELL AS YOUR DATES OF DEGREE COMPLETIONS





MASONIC EDUCATION AND RITUAL EXCELLENCE AT SANDOVAL LODGE!

ONE OF THE DEFINING ELEMENTS THAT SETS FREEMASONRY APART FROM OTHER FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS IS OUR COMMITMENT TO MASONIC EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK. WHILE MANY ORGANIZATIONS EMPHASIZE CHARITY, FRATERNITY, RELIEF, AND TRUTH, IT IS THESE TWO PILLARS THAT TRULY DISTINGUISH OUR CRAFT. AT SANDOVAL LODGE, WE HAVE MADE IT OUR MISSION TO PUT EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK AT THE CENTER OF OUR ACTIVITIES, ENSURING THAT WE UPHOLD THE TRADITIONS AND TEACHINGS THAT MAKE FREEMASONRY UNIQUE.

MASONIC EDUCATION AT THE CORE

GIVEN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE DURING STATED COMMUNICATIONS, WE'VE CREATED ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASONIC EDUCATION. THROUGH THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN SERIES ON ESOTERIKA, WE'VE BEEN EXPLORING THE EVOLVING SYMBOLISM, HISTORY, AND PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY. HAVING COMPLETED THE SIXTH OF SEVEN INSTALLMENTS IN THIS SERIES, WE WILL SOON CONCLUDE WITH OUR FINAL TOPIC: THE 47TH PROBLEM OF EUCLID.

THIS PRESENTATION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH. THESE SESSIONS ARE HELD AT THE LODGE, AND ALL MASTER MASONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DIVE DEEP INTO THE FOUNDATIONS OF MASONIC PHILOSOPHY, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PICTURED: BRO. KIRK BENSON, WB TYLER MCKENZIE, AND BRO. BURX DURING NOVEMBER'S SESSION, WHERE THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE THREE GRIPS AND THE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE MASTER'S WORD.



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RITUAL EXCELLENCE THROUGH DEDICATION

SANDOVAL LODGE HAS BEEN THRIVING, WITH CONSISTENT DEGREE WORK AS WE WELCOME NEW CANDIDATES TO THE CRAFT. TO ENSURE THAT WE DELIVER NOTHING LESS THAN EXCELLENCE, WE HOLD REGULAR DEGREE PRACTICES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. THESE SESSIONS NOT ONLY PREPARE US TO PERFORM EACH ROLE WITH PRECISION BUT ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THE DEGREES THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF WB BERT DALTON, A BLUE CARD HOLDER AND OUR GRAND LODGE MUSICIAN WHO IS ALWAYS READY TO STEP IN WHEREVER NEEDED, AND RWB DANNY LUCERO, GRAND LECTURER EMERITUS, WHO HAS LENT HIS EXPERTISE TO ENSURE OUR WORK MAINTAINS THE HIGHEST STANDARD. THEIR DEDICATION AND GUIDANCE INSPIRE US TO GIVE OUR BEST TO EVERY CANDIDATE.

AS A GROWING LODGE, THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR DEDICATED BROTHERS TO STEP UP AND FILL ROLES—ESPECIALLY FOR THE MASTER MASON DEGREE. WHETHER YOU’RE A SEASONED RITUALIST OR EAGER TO REFINE YOUR SKILLS, YOUR PARTICIPATION IS INVALUABLE. TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL DEGREES WHILE STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT.

AT SANDOVAL LODGE, WE BELIEVE THAT EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK GO HAND IN HAND. BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL IN FULFILLING OUR MISSION TO PRESERVE AND PASS ON THE PROFOUND TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY. JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO.



PICTURED: BRO. BURX, BRO. LOGAN JEFFERS, WB BERT DALTON, WB RICHARD CULLEN, BRO. KIRK BENSON, RWB DANNY LUCERO, AND WB ERIC MOSES DURING THE PRACTICE FOR THE UPCOMING MASTER MASON DEGREE ON 12/9.

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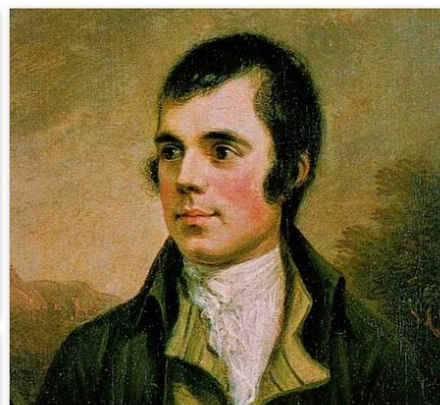
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ROBERT BURNS AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO FREEMASONRY - AND ROBERT BURNS SUPPER ON JANUARY 25, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ROBERT BURNS, BORN ON JANUARY 25, 1759, IN AYRSHIRE, SCOTLAND, IS CELEBRATED AS SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL POET. KNOWN AS THE BARD OF AYRSHIRE, BURNS PENNED TIMELESS WORKS SUCH AS AULD LANG SYNE, TO A MOUSE, AND TAM O' SHANTER. HIS POETRY, RICH IN THEMES OF LOVE, NATURE, EQUALITY, AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT, RESONATES ACROSS CULTURES AND GENERATIONS. A CHAMPION OF THE COMMON MAN, BURNS DREW DEEPLY FROM HIS HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AS THE SON OF A TENANT FARMER, WEAVING UNIVERSAL TRUTHS INTO HIS VERSES.

BURNS' CONNECTION TO FREEMASONRY BEGAN IN 1781 WHEN HE WAS INITIATED INTO ST. DAVID'S LODGE No. 174 IN TARBOLTON. FREEMASONRY HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON HIS LIFE AND WRITINGS, OFFERING HIM A NETWORK OF BROTHERHOOD AND INTELLECTUAL CAMARADERIE. ITS IDEALS OF EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY ARE EVIDENT IN HIS WORKS, WHICH OFTEN CHAMPION THE DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE. FOR BURNS, LODGE MEETINGS WERE MORE THAN JUST GATHERINGS; THEY WERE SPACES WHERE HE FOUND INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT FOR HIS CREATIVE ENDEAVORS, MAKING FREEMASONRY AN INTEGRAL PART OF HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY.

THE ANNUAL ROBERT BURNS SUPPER IS A GLOBAL TRADITION CELEBRATING THE POET'S LIFE AND LEGACY, AND THIS YEAR, THE SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY IN SANTA FE WILL HOST A BURNS SUPPER ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25—BURNS' BIRTHDAY ITSELF. THE EVENT, OPEN TO ALL (YOU NEED NOT BE A SCOTTISH RITE MASON OR EVEN BE SCOTTISH!), IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF BURNS THROUGH POETRY, HAGGIS, AND FELLOWSHIP. TICKETS ARE \$75, WITH MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW, BUT MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY! ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO DON KILTS OR OTHER SCOTTISH REGALIA IF THEY HAVE IT, ADDING TO THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE. THIS EVENING PROMISES TO BE A CELEBRATION OF BROTHERHOOD, HERITAGE, AND THE ENDURING VALUES OF FREEMASONRY AND ROBERT BURNS.



*For as long as but a hundred of us
remain alive, never will us on any
conditions be brought under English
rule. It is not for glory, nor riches, nor
honours that we are fighting, but for
freedom -- for that alone, which no
honest man gives up but with life itself.
From The Declaration of Arbroath
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