

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 AF & AM

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MEETS ON THE 2ND & 4TH
MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
LODGE OPENS AT 7:00PM
FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00PM
(\$10 CASH / \$11 CARD)
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THE CHINESE YEAR OF THE SNAKE AND FREEMASONRY: A SYMBOLIC CONNECTION

IN CHINESE CULTURE, THE SNAKE SYMBOLIZES WISDOM, TRANSFORMATION, AND DEEP INTROSPECTION—QUALITIES THAT RESONATE STRONGLY WITH MASONIC PHILOSOPHY. THE SNAKE, OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH KNOWLEDGE AND HIDDEN TRUTHS, MIRRORS THE MASONIC PURSUIT OF ENLIGHTENMENT THROUGH STUDY, SELF-IMPROVEMENT, AND MORAL DISCIPLINE. MUCH LIKE A MASON PROGRESSES THROUGH DEGREES, SHEDDING IGNORANCE IN FAVOR OF WISDOM, THE SNAKE SHEDS ITS SKIN TO EMERGE RENEWED. THIS CYCLE OF RENEWAL ALIGNS WITH THE MASONIC IDEAL OF CONTINUAL SELF-REFINEMENT, REMINDING BRETHREN THAT GROWTH IS AN ONGOING JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION.

FURTHERMORE, THE SNAKE IS REVERED FOR ITS ABILITY TO MOVE SILENTLY YET POWERFULLY, MUCH LIKE THE INFLUENCE OF FREEMASONRY IN SHAPING INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY WITHOUT THE NEED FOR GRAND PROCLAMATIONS. FREEMASONS, THROUGH THEIR QUIET ACTS OF CHARITY, BROTHERHOOD, AND MORAL GUIDANCE, EMBODY THE STRATEGIC AND DELIBERATE NATURE OF THE SNAKE. IN ESOTERIC TRADITIONS, THE SNAKE IS ALSO LINKED TO THE ANCIENT CONCEPT OF THE OUROBOROS—THE SERPENT EATING ITS OWN TAIL—SYMBOLIZING ETERNITY, UNITY, AND THE UNENDING CYCLE OF LEARNING. FOR MASONS, THIS SERVES AS A POWERFUL REPRESENTATION OF THE LODGE AS A SPACE WHERE KNOWLEDGE IS CONTINUALLY PASSED DOWN, ENSURING THE PERPETUATION OF WISDOM AND VIRTUE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



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FROM THE EAST



BRETHREN,

WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED THREE STATED COMMUNICATIONS THIS YEAR, AND I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START! OUR COMMITMENT TO MASONIC EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK CONTINUES TO SET THE TONE FOR THE LODGE, AND AS A RESULT, WE ARE SEEING A STEADY INCREASE IN PETITIONS AND DEGREE WORK. THIS IS A TESTAMENT TO THE DEDICATION OF OUR BRETHREN WHO NOT ONLY ATTEND OUR DEGREE NIGHTS BUT ALSO COMMIT THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO THE PRACTICES IN BETWEEN. YOUR PARTICIPATION STRENGTHENS THE LODGE AND ENSURES THAT OUR CANDIDATES RECEIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE

EXPERIENCE AS THEY PROGRESS THROUGH THE CRAFT.

THAT SAID, WE'RE NOT JUST ABOUT HAVING A SERIOUS TONE AS RITUALISTS AND ESOTERIC THINKERS—OUR LODGE IS ALSO A PLACE FOR LEVITY. STARTING IN APRIL, WE'LL BE HOSTING OUR FIRST OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE LODGE, A POTLUCK GATHERING WHERE BRETHREN, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS CAN SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS IN MUSIC, SPOKEN WORD, OR COMEDY. THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RELAX, SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, AND BUILD DEEPER BONDS WITHIN OUR LODGE COMMUNITY. OVER TIME, THIS EVENT COULD EVEN EVOLVE INTO A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY, FURTHER SUPPORTING OUR CHARITABLE EFFORTS WHILE CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY AND CAMARADERIE THAT MAKE OUR LODGE UNIQUE.

OUR RITUAL WORK REMAINS PARAMOUNT, AND AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW, THE NEED FOR BRETHREN TO LEARN LECTURES, CHARGES, AND ADDITIONAL PARTS OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER. THE QUALITY OF OUR RITUAL WORK REFLECTS THE RESPECT WE HAVE FOR OUR TRADITIONS, AND I ENCOURAGE ALL WHO ARE ABLE TO TAKE ON A NEW ROLE OR REFINE THEIR EXISTING ONE. THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF OUR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IS WHAT MAKES OUR LODGE A PLACE OF EXCELLENCE, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR EACH OF YOU WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO BE PRESENT, TO LEARN, AND TO LEAD. LET US CONTINUE ON THIS PATH, ENSURING THAT THE WORK WE DO TODAY LEAVES A LASTING IMPACT ON THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW.

SINCERELY & FRATEERNALLY,

BURX NORROD
MASTER

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DEFINING FREEMASONRY IN THE MODERN AGE

WITH FREEMASONRY GAINING MORE VISIBILITY THROUGH THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL BE ASKED, “WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?” BEING ABLE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, ESPECIALLY AS MANY OTHER FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS PROMOTE SIMILAR VALUES. IF WE SIMPLY DEFINE IT AS “INCULCATING CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE, AND FIDELITY; RECOGNIZING A BELIEF IN GOD; AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF ITS MEMBERS,” THEN WE ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE ELKS LODGE OR OTHER CIVIC GROUPS. WHILE THESE PRINCIPLES ARE IMPORTANT, THEY DO NOT FULLY CAPTURE WHAT MAKES FREEMASONRY UNIQUE.

WILLIAM PRESTON, WHO HELPED STANDARDIZE MASONIC RITUAL, DEFINED FREEMASONRY AS “A BEAUTIFUL SYSTEM OF

MORALS, VEILED IN ALLEGORY, AND ILLUSTRATED BY SYMBOLS.” THIS HIGHLIGHTS WHAT TRULY SETS OUR CRAFT APART—ITS DEEP SYMBOLIC TEACHINGS THAT GUIDE MEN TOWARD SELF-IMPROVEMENT. FREEMASONRY DOES NOT IMPOSE RIGID DOGMA BUT INSTEAD PRESENTS ITS LESSONS THROUGH ALLEGORY, ALLOWING EACH BROTHER TO INTERNALIZE THEM IN HIS OWN WAY. EVERY WORKING TOOL, EVERY LECTURE, AND EVERY DEGREE CONTAINS WISDOM MEANT TO SHAPE MEN INTO BETTER VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES.

BEYOND HISTORICAL DEFINITIONS, EVERY MASON EVENTUALLY DEVELOPS HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT. ONE OF THE BEST DEFINITIONS I’VE HEARD CAME FROM MY FIRST MASONIC MENTOR, WB DICK WALK. WHEN I ASKED HIM TO EXPLAIN FREEMASONRY IN HIS OWN WORDS, HE SAID:

“WE’RE A GROUP OF MEN WHO MEET ON THE LEVEL, ACT UPON THE SQUARE, AND WALK UPRIGHTLY IN LIFE. WE TAKE GOOD MEN AND MAKE THEM BETTER THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF MASONRY, AND WORK TOWARDS BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH.”

THAT SIMPLE YET PROFOUND STATEMENT HAS STAYED WITH ME, AS IT CAPTURES BOTH OUR PURPOSE AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

AS MASONS, WE ARE NOT JUST MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION; WE ARE CUSTODIANS OF ITS TEACHINGS. WHEN ASKED, “WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?” WE MUST BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER THAT REFLECTS ITS DEPTH AND MEANING. MISCONCEPTIONS STILL EXIST, AND IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE CRAFT IS UNDERSTOOD FOR WHAT IT TRULY IS—A TRANSFORMATIVE PATH TOWARD MORAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH. SO, WHEN THE QUESTION COMES TO YOU, HOW WILL YOU DEFINE FREEMASONRY?



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BRETHREN AND FRIENDS, FROM NOW UNTIL MARCH 10TH, WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE **MASONIC SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES (MSCLD)** IN ITS MISSION TO HELP STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA OVERCOME THEIR CHALLENGES. THE SCHOOL IS WORKING TO MATCH FUNDS UP TO A TOTAL OF \$5,000, AND WITH OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORT, WE CAN ENSURE THESE CHILDREN RECEIVE THE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION AND RESOURCES THEY NEED TO THRIVE. EVERY DONATION, NO MATTER THE AMOUNT, BRINGS US CLOSER TO OUR GOAL AND MAKES A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THESE STUDENTS.

LET US STAND TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF MASONIC CHARITY AND HELP MSCLD CONTINUE ITS LIFE-CHANGING WORK—BECAUSE WHEN WE INVEST IN EDUCATION, WE INVEST IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE. DONATE TODAY AND BE PART OF THIS VITAL CAUSE!

TO HELP, GIVE IN PERSON AT THE LODGE OR MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76
c/o MSCLD
P.O. Box 15114
RIO RANCHO, NM 87174

OR IF YOU PREFER TO DONATE VIA CREDIT CARD, SCAN THIS QR CODE:



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MASTER MASON CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY AWARDED!

BROS. JOHN KEEL, BILL WHELCHER, WALEED ASHOO, AND BRIAN BORAWSKI HAVE EACH DEMONSTRATED THEIR DEDICATION TO THE CRAFT BY SUCCESSFULLY EARNING THEIR MASTER MASON CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY. THIS SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT REFLECTS THEIR COMMITMENT TO MASONIC EDUCATION, THEIR DILIGENCE IN STUDYING THE TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY, AND THEIR PROFICIENCY IN THE OBLIGATIONS AND LECTURES THAT DEFINE THE MASTER MASON DEGREE. THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT SERVES AS A TESTAMENT TO THEIR PERSEVERANCE AND RESPECT FOR THE TIMELESS TRADITIONS OF THE FRATERNITY.

WHILE BROS. KEEL, WHELCHER, AND ASHOO RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES IN PERSON, BRO. BRIAN BORAWSKI'S CERTIFICATE WAS MAILED TO HIM, AS HE HAS SINCE MOVED AND AFFILIATED WITH A NEW LODGE IN OHIO. DESPITE THE DISTANCE, HIS DEDICATION TO COMPLETING THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CRAFT. BY ATTAINING THIS CERTIFICATION, THESE BRETHREN HAVE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED THEIR OWN MASONIC JOURNEY BUT HAVE ALSO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS IN THE LODGE TO FOLLOW. WE CONGRATULATE BROS. KEEL, WHELCHER, ASHOO, AND BORAWSKI ON THIS WELL-EARNED RECOGNITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO FREEMASONRY.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

**BRO. JOHN KEEL
BRO. WALEED ASHOO
BRO. BILL WHELCHER**

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NEWLY INSTALLED JUNIOR WARDEN, SENIOR DEACON, AND TILER!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED JUNIOR WARDEN, BRO. BILL WHELCHER, FOR STEPPING INTO THIS VITAL LEADERSHIP ROLE. HIS DEDICATION TO THE CRAFT AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY STRENGTHEN OUR LODGE AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW AND UPHOLD OUR MASONIC TRADITIONS. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE HARMONY AND WELL-BEING OF THE LODGE, AND WE APPRECIATE BRO. WHELCHER'S COMMITMENT TO FULFILLING THIS DUTY WITH DILIGENCE AND INTEGRITY.

WE ALSO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR APPOINTED OFFICERS, TILER BRO. WALEED ASHOO AND SENIOR DEACON BRO. JONATHAN MUNIZ, FOR TAKING ON THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN SERVICE TO THE LODGE. THEIR EFFORTS ENSURE THAT OUR MEETINGS RUN SMOOTHLY AND THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY ARE UPHELD WITH PRECISION AND CARE. THESE THREE BROTHERS WERE INSTALLED INTO THEIR OFFICES BY RWB DANNY LUCERO, WITH WB LARRY MIKKELSEN SERVING AS THE INSTALLING MARSHAL. BY ACCEPTING THESE RESPONSIBILITIES, THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFICIENCY AND SUCCESS OF OUR LODGE, REINFORCING THE UNITY AND DEDICATION THAT KEEP OUR FRATERNITY STRONG.



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***TILER
BROTHER WALEED ASHOO***

***SENIOR DEACON
BROTHER JONATHAN MUNIZ***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

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***CONGRATULATIONS TO BRO. TODD ON BEING RAISED TO THE
SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON!***

SANDOVAL LODGE PROUDLY CONGRATULATES BRO. TODD ON HAVING BEEN RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON! THIS MARKS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN HIS MASONIC JOURNEY, ONE THAT REFLECTS HIS DEDICATION, PERSEVERANCE, AND COMMITMENT TO THE CRAFT. HIS RAISING, THE FIRST OF THE YEAR FOR OUR LODGE, WAS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION, ENRICHED BY THE PRESENCE AND SUPPORT OF OUR BRETHREN. WITNESSING HIS PROGRESS THROUGH THE DEGREES HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL, AND WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME HIM AS A MASTER MASON.

AS BRO. TODD EMBARKS ON THIS NEW CHAPTER, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIS CONTINUED GROWTH WITHIN THE FRATERNITY. HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR MASONIC EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP HAS ALREADY BEEN EVIDENT, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL MAKE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LODGE. THE JOURNEY OF A MASTER MASON IS ONE OF LIFELONG LEARNING AND SERVICE, AND WE ENCOURAGE HIM TO EMBRACE THE DEEPER TEACHINGS OF THE CRAFT WITH THE SAME ZEAL THAT HAS BROUGHT HIM TO THIS POINT.

IN DUE TIME, WE EAGERLY ANTICIPATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT BRO. TODD WITH HIS MASTER MASON CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY, A TESTAMENT TO HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK AND THE VALUES WE UPHOLD. HIS RAISING IS NOT JUST A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT, BUT A REMINDER TO US ALL OF THE ENDURING STRENGTH OF FREEMASONRY AND THE BONDS WE SHARE AS BRETHREN. ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS, BRO. TODD—MAY YOUR PATH IN MASONRY BE FULFILLING AND EVER ENLIGHTENING!



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A NEW SEEKER WALKS THE PATH

THE LODGE STANDS ILLUMINATED AS A NEW BROTHER STEPS ACROSS THE THRESHOLD, SEEKING LIGHT IN THE SACRED MYSTERIES OF OUR CRAFT. BROTHER BOB, THE FIRST OF THIS YEAR TO KNEEL AT THE ALTAR OF MASONRY, HAS EMBARKED UPON THE INITIATORY PATH, GUIDED BY THE STEADY HAND OF THOSE WHO HAVE TRAVELED BEFORE HIM. THE WORKING TOOLS OF THE ENTERED APPRENTICE ARE NOW HIS TO WIELD, SYMBOLS OF LABOR AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT, WHISPERING THEIR ANCIENT WISDOM TO THE ATTENTIVE EAR. AS HE BEGINS HIS ASCENT, HE IS REMINDED THAT THE JOURNEY OF A MASON IS ONE OF CONTINUOUS REVELATION, WHERE EACH STEP FORWARD UNVEILS NEW DEPTHS OF UNDERSTANDING AND UNSEEN DOORS OF THE MIND ARE UNLOCKED.

WITH FAITH IN THE GREAT ARCHITECT AND TRUST IN HIS BRETHREN, BROTHER BOB'S PATH IS ILLUMINATED BY THE GUIDING LIGHT OF OUR SACRED TRADITIONS. THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN LAID, THE FIRST STONE SET—NOW, THROUGH DILIGENCE AND PATIENCE, THE STRUCTURE OF HIS MASONIC JOURNEY SHALL RISE. AS WE EXTEND OUR HANDS IN BROTHERHOOD, WE STAND READY TO AID HIM IN HIS LABOR, KNOWING THAT IN HIS GROWTH, THE LODGE TOO IS ENRICHED. WELCOME, BROTHER BOB, TO THE BOUNDLESS JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY; MAY YOUR STEPS BE STEADY, YOUR HEART TRUE, AND YOUR LIGHT EVER INCREASING.



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THE DEDICATION BEHIND SANDOVAL LODGE'S GREAT DEGREE WORK

BEHIND EVERY MASTERFUL DEGREE CONFERRAL AT SANDOVAL LODGE LIES AN IMMENSE DEDICATION OF TIME, EFFORT, AND PRECISION. WHILE THE BEAUTY OF OUR RITUAL WORK MAY SEEM EFFORTLESS TO THOSE WITNESSING IT, THE REALITY IS THAT COUNTLESS HOURS OF PRACTICE TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH TO PERFECT EACH MOVEMENT, EACH WORD, AND EACH LESSON. THE COMMITMENT OF OUR BRETHREN TO UPHOLDING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF MASONIC RITUAL IS A TESTAMENT TO OUR LODGE'S DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE. EVERY ROLE, FROM THE OFFICERS

TO THE SIDELINER WHO PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTES TO THE SEAMLESS EXECUTION OF OUR DEGREES.

THESE REHEARSALS ARE MORE THAN JUST PREPARATION; THEY ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, UNITY, AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT. EACH TIME WE GATHER TO REFINE OUR WORK, WE STRENGTHEN NOT ONLY OUR PROFICIENCY BUT ALSO OUR BONDS AS BRETHREN. IT IS THROUGH THESE MOMENTS OF COLLABORATION—CORRECTING SMALL DETAILS, FINE-TUNING OUR DELIVERY, AND ENSURING THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES THE MOST IMPACTFUL EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE—THAT WE ELEVATE OUR LODGE'S WORK TO SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. THE TIME SPENT IN PRACTICE IS A REFLECTION OF OUR LOVE FOR THE CRAFT AND OUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING ITS TRADITIONS.

TO EVERY BROTHER WHO DEDICATES HIS TIME, ENERGY, AND PASSION TO ENSURING OUR DEGREES ARE AMONG THE FINEST THE CRAFT HAS EVER SEEN, WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION.

YOUR EFFORTS DO NOT GO UNNOTICED, AND YOUR SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO THE LODGE HELP SHAPE THE MASONIC EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHO PASS THROUGH OUR DOORS.

SANDOVAL LODGE'S REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE IS BUILT UPON THE DEDICATION OF ITS MEMBERS, AND TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF RITUAL AND TRADITION.

THROUGH DILIGENT AND PURPOSEFUL RITUAL PRACTICE, WE REFINE OUR DISCIPLINE, UNITY, AND DEDICATION TO THE CRAFT, ENSURING THAT WE PASS DOWN THE LIGHT OF MASONRY IN ITS PUREST FORM WHILE HONORING OUR LODGE, OUR BRETHREN, AND OUR SACRED TRADITIONS /G



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BROTHER KENNETH FREEMAN'S VISIT TO MONTEZUMA LODGE No. 1

EARLIER THIS MONTH, ENTERED APPRENTICE BROTHER KENNETH FREEMAN HAD THE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT MONTEZUMA LODGE No. 1 IN SANTA FE, WHERE HE WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY THE BRETHREN. THIS VISIT WAS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL, AS MONTEZUMA LODGE WAS THE MASONIC HOME OF HIS LATE GRANDFATHER. THE LODGE'S IMPECCABLE RECORD-KEEPING ALLOWED BRO. KENNETH TO CONNECT WITH HIS FAMILY'S MASONIC LEGACY IN A PROFOUND WAY—HE WAS ABLE TO VIEW HIS GRANDFATHER'S ORIGINAL PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP, ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS CONFIRMING HIS IMPRESSIVE 62-YEAR JOURNEY AS A MASON OF MONTEZUMA LODGE. SEEING THESE HISTORICAL RECORDS FIRSTHAND WAS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE ENDURING BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD THAT SPAN ACROSS GENERATIONS.

AS IF WITNESSING HIS GRANDFATHER'S MASONIC LEGACY WASN'T MEANINGFUL ENOUGH, THE EXPERIENCE WAS FURTHER ENRICHED WHEN BRO. KENNETH HAD THE RARE PRIVILEGE OF HOLDING A PIECE OF MASONIC AND WESTERN HISTORY—THE RIFLE GIFTED TO MONTEZUMA LODGE BY NONE OTHER THAN BROTHER KIT CARSON. THIS TANGIBLE CONNECTION TO THE PAST SERVED AS THE PERFECT CULMINATION OF AN ALREADY UNFORGETTABLE VISIT. SUCH MOMENTS HIGHLIGHT THE DEPTH OF OUR FRATERNITY'S HISTORY AND THE LASTING IMPACT OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. SANDOVAL LODGE IS PROUD OF BRO. KENNETH FOR EMBRACING THE JOURNEY OF MASONRY AND FOR STRENGTHENING HIS TIES NOT ONLY TO THE CRAFT BUT ALSO TO HIS OWN FAMILY'S MASONIC HERITAGE.



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BROTHER ROBERT BURNS SUPPER

SANDOVAL LODGE MEMBERS BRO. JOHN KEEL, BRO. KENNETH FREEMAN, RWB JAMES IRICK, AND WM BURX ATTENDED A MEMORABLE ROBERT BURNS SUPPER, CELEBRATING SCOTLAND'S MOST FAMOUS CITIZEN AND ONE OF FREEMASONRY'S MOST RENOWNED POETS. THE EVENING WAS RICH WITH TRADITION, INCLUDING THE ADDRESS TO THE HAGGIS, TOASTS TO BURNS' IMMORTAL MEMORY, AND RECITATIONS OF HIS TIMELESS WORKS, SUCH AS AULD LANG SYNE. AMIDST THE LAUGHTER, POETRY, AND CAMARADERIE, THE SPIRIT OF FREEMASONRY SHONE BRIGHTLY, REMINDING ALL PRESENT OF THE ENDURING BONDS THAT CONNECT MASONS ACROSS GENERATIONS. IT WAS A NIGHT OF CULTURE, FELLOWSHIP, AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE LEGACY OF BROTHER ROBERT BURNS. ICING ON THE CAKE WAS A TOUR OF THE SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE BY RWB JAMES IRICK!



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AS MASTER OF SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE THIS YEAR, I WASN'T CREATIVE ENOUGH HAVE A PIN, PEN, COIN, OR POKER CHIP MADE TO GIVE OUR FIRST-TIME VISITING BRETHREN TO ADD TO THEIR COLLECTION. BUT WHAT I DO HAVE SPEAKS TO THE HEART OF OUR CRAFT.

EVERY FIRST-TIME MASONIC VISITOR TO OUR LODGE THIS YEAR WILL RECEIVE A PERSONAL COPY OF MEDITATIONS BY MARCUS AURELIUS. THIS TIMELESS WORK, WRITTEN BY A PHILOSOPHER-KING, IS A GUIDE TO SELF-DISCIPLINE, VIRTUE, AND INTROSPECTION—VALUES THAT RESONATE DEEPLY WITH THE TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY. JUST AS WE LABOR TO PERFECT OUR ASHLARS, MEDITATIONS CHALLENGES US TO REFINE OUR CHARACTER, EMBRACE DUTY, AND WALK THE PATH OF WISDOM.

VISITING BRETHREN, WE WELCOME YOU TO SHARE IN OUR LIGHT, OUR FELLOWSHIP, AND THIS GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE. OUR NEXT STATED COMMUNICATIONS IS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH AT 7PM, WITH A DINNER AT 6PM. WE'LL HEAR AN INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION ON PRINCE HALL FREEMASONRY, ITS HISTORY, AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE WITHIN THE CRAFT.

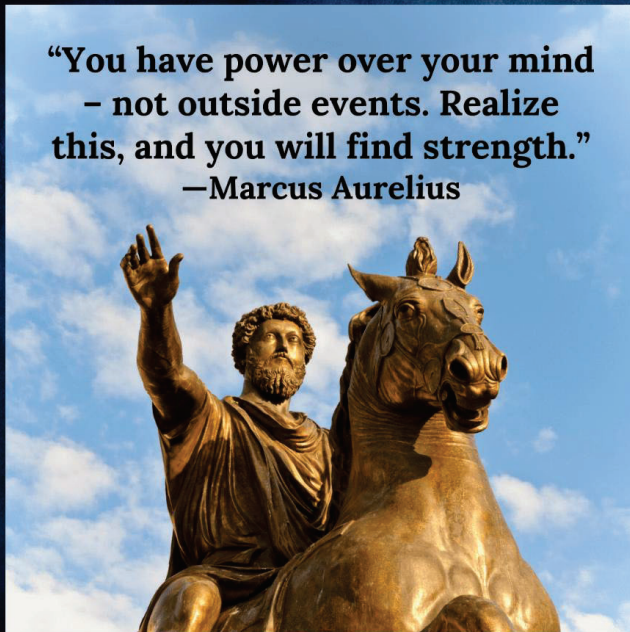
"THE HAPPINESS OF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON THE QUALITY OF YOUR THOUGHTS."

— MARCUS AURELIUS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU IN LODGE SOON!

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,
BURX

**"You have power over your mind
- not outside events. Realize
this, and you will find strength."
—Marcus Aurelius**



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***WIDOWS SONS – SONS OF LIGHT CHAPTER: SEPTEMBER 2024 TO
JANUARY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS***

THE FOLLOWING UPDATE WAS CONTRIBUTED BY A PROUD MEMBER OF OUR LODGE AND FELLOW SONS OF LIGHT BROTHER, STUART "SASQUATCH" MILES:

SEPTEMBER 2024

THE SONS OF LIGHT PARTICIPATED IN THE COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION 47-3 PHIL'S RUN, A MEMORIAL RIDE BENEFITING A VETERAN UNDERGOING CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS.

PHIL'S RUN BEGAN AS A BENEFIT RIDE FOR PHIL DURING HIS CANCER TREATMENT, BUT AFTER HIS PASSING, IT BECAME AN ANNUAL MEMORIAL EVENT. THIS YEAR, THE RIDE STARTED AT THE MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION (MEPS), WOUND THROUGH THE EAST MOUNTAINS, AND CONCLUDED AT THE MOOSE LODGE IN BELEN.

THIS YEAR'S BENEFACTOR, DESPITE HER ILLNESS, JOINED THE RIDE AS A PASSENGER. OVER 65 MOTORCYCLES PARTICIPATED, AND THANKS TO ENTRANCE FEES, RAFFLES, AND AUCTIONS, \$18,000 WAS RAISED TO ASSIST HER WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES.

DECEMBER 2024

WE HELD OUR QUARTERLY MEETING AND ELECTED NEW OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: LARRY "HEY F.E." WILLINGHAM
VICE PRESIDENT: CHRISTOPHER "KIDD" CAFFEY
SECRETARY: LARRY "LARRDAWG" MICHELSON
TREASURER: ROBERT "PHANTOM" COWDER
ROAD CAPTAIN: BILL "ROOSTER" WHELCHER
SGT. AT ARMS: STUART "SASQUATCH" MILES

OUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT HEY F.E.'S WAS A FESTIVE AND WELL-ATTENDED CELEBRATION, BRINGING BROTHERS AND FAMILIES TOGETHER FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

JANUARY 2025

FULFILLING ONE OF OUR CORE MISSIONS, THE SONS OF LIGHT ATTENDED A CVMA 47-2 BENEFIT RIDE TO SUPPORT THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF TOBY GUTIERREZ, A VETERAN WHO TRAGICALLY SUCCUMBED TO VETERAN SUICIDE.

STARTING AT ROUTE 66 CASINO AND ENDING AT BIBO BAR AND GRILL IN LAGUNA, NM, ABOUT 50 BIKES PARTICIPATED. DONATIONS FROM THE RIDE RAISED \$1,300 TO HELP TOBY'S FAMILY WITH THEIR EXPENSES.

THERE'S TALK OF MAKING THIS RIDE AN ANNUAL MEMORIAL EVENT IN HIS HONOR. TO OUR BROTHERS AND SUPPORTERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO FELLOWSHIP, CHARITY, AND SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED.

(SEE PICTURES OF PHIL & TOBY'S RIDE ON NEXT PAGE)

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THE SONS OF LIGHT PARTICIPATED IN THE COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION 47-3 PHIL'S RUN, A MEMORIAL RIDE BENEFITING A VETERAN UNDERGOING CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS.

PHIL'S RUN BEGAN AS A BENEFIT RIDE FOR PHIL DURING HIS CANCER TREATMENT, BUT AFTER HIS PASSING, IT BECAME AN ANNUAL MEMORIAL EVENT. THIS YEAR, THE RIDE STARTED AT THE MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION (MEPS), WOUND THROUGH THE EAST MOUNTAINS, AND CONCLUDED AT THE MOOSE LODGE IN BELEN.

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Toby's Ride

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FULFILLING ONE OF OUR CORE MISSIONS, THE SONS OF LIGHT ATTENDED A CVMA 47-2 BENEFIT RIDE TO SUPPORT THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF TOBY GUTIERREZ, A VETERAN WHO TRAGICALLY SUCCUMBED TO VETERAN SUICIDE.

STARTING AT ROUTE 66 CASINO AND ENDING AT BIBO BAR AND GRILL IN LAGUNA, NM, ABOUT 50 BIKES PARTICIPATED. DONATIONS FROM THE RIDE RAISED \$1,300 TO HELP TOBY'S FAMILY WITH THEIR EXPENSES.

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EXPAND YOUR MASONIC KNOWLEDGE WITH THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN COURSES

FOR THOSE SEEKING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT, THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN COURSES OFFER AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE PROFOUND TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY. COVERING THE SYMBOLIC LODGE, SCOTTISH RITE RITUAL & HISTORY, AND MASONIC PHILOSOPHY, THESE COURSES PROVIDE STRUCTURED, IN-DEPTH EDUCATION THAT ENHANCES BOTH PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE MASONIC GROWTH. COMPLETING THESE STUDIES WILL NOT ONLY REFINE YOUR COMPREHENSION OF RITUAL AND SYMBOLISM BUT WILL ALSO ILLUMINATE THE DEEPER ESOTERIC CURRENTS THAT RUN THROUGH FREEMASONRY. THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN OUR CRAFT AND THE ANCIENT SCIENCES OF HERMETICISM, ROSICRUCIANISM, ALCHEMY, AND THE KABBALAH BECOME STRIKINGLY CLEAR, REVEALING WHY THESE TRADITIONS HAVE INFLUENCED MASONIC THOUGHT FOR CENTURIES.

BEYOND THE INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT THESE COURSES PROVIDE, SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION COMES WITH TANGIBLE RECOGNITION.

EACH COURSE AWARDS A UNIQUE PIN, MARKING YOUR DEDICATION TO MASONIC EDUCATION, AND COMPLETING ALL THREE EARNS YOU THE DISTINGUISHED MASTER CRAFTSMAN MEDAL—A TESTAMENT TO YOUR COMMITMENT TO LEARNING AND PRESERVING THE DEEPER MYSTERIES OF OUR FRATERNITY. WHETHER YOU ARE A NEWLY RAISED MASTER MASON OR A SEASONED BROTHER LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE, THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN PROGRAM IS A PATH WELL WORTH TRAVELING, OFFERING INSIGHTS THAT WILL FOREVER DEEPEN YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THE CRAFT.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.MASTERCRAFTSMANCOLLEGE.ORG
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SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTER, MWB ROBERT G. DAVIS ON MARCH 24TH!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT OUR SECOND STATED COMMUNICATION ON MARCH 24TH, AS WE WELCOME MWB ROBERT G. DAVIS—RENOWNED MASONIC SCHOLAR AND AUTHOR OF *THE MASON'S WORDS* AND MANY OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKS. HOSTED VIA ZOOM, MWB DAVIS WILL TAKE US ON A FASCINATING JOURNEY INTO THE ORIGINS OF OUR RITUAL, EXPLORING WHERE IT CAME FROM AND HOW IT EVOLVED INTO WHAT WE PRACTICE TODAY. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN DEEPER INSIGHT INTO THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CRAFT FROM ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED VOICES IN MASONIC RESEARCH. OPEN TO ALL MASONS, THIS IS A NIGHT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!

ONLY AT SANDOVAL LODGE!

THE MASON'S WORDS

THE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION
OF THE AMERICAN MASONIC RITUAL

ROBERT G. DAVIS, 35° G. C.

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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY OUR LODGE CHAPLAIN!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 1ST STATED COMMUNICATION ON MARCH 10TH, AS WE WELCOME A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM OUR NEW LODGE CHAPLAIN, REV. LOGAN JEFFERS. HE WILL PROVIDE AN INSIGHTFUL EXPLANATION OF THE ROLE OF THE LODGE CHAPLAIN, SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE SPIRITUAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS IMPORTANT OFFICE WITHIN OUR LODGE. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE CHAPLAIN'S DUTIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE HARMONY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR BROTHERHOOD. WE ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHERN TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT REV. JEFFERS AS HE SHARES HIS WISDOM WITH US!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SANDOVAL LODGE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

BRETHREN, WE HAVE A FULL CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT LODGE EVENTS COMING UP—YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT ARE ESSENTIAL TO KEEPING OUR WORK STRONG AND MEANINGFUL.

FEBRUARY 23RD – EA DEGREE PRACTICE AT 6 PM. ALL OFFICERS AND PARTICIPATING BRETHREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO ENSURE EXCELLENCE IN OUR RITUAL WORK.

FEBRUARY 24TH – 2ND STATED COMMUNICATION FEATURING AN ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE. JOIN US AS WE INITIATE A NEW BROTHER INTO OUR CRAFT!

MARCH 2ND AT 6 PM – MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING FOR OFFICERS, HEADS OF APPENDANT BODIES, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THIS MEETING IS DESIGNED TO KEEP OUR STATED COMMUNICATIONS FOCUSED ON EDUCATION AND RITUAL WORK. ALL LODGE MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND—EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM FOR THE ZOOM LINK.

MARCH 10TH – 1ST STATED COMMUNICATION OF MARCH, FEATURING A PRESENTATION BY BRO. LOGAN JEFFERS ON THE ROLE OF THE LODGE CHAPLAIN AND A FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE CONFERRAL.

MARCH 24TH – 2ND STATED COMMUNICATION OF MARCH, WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY MWB ROBERT G. DAVIS ON MASONIC RITUAL—A NIGHT OF MASONIC EDUCATION YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

WE ENCOURAGE ALL BRETHREN TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS, SUPPORT THE CANDIDATES, AND ENGAGE IN THE RICH TRADITIONS OF OUR LODGE. SEE YOU THERE!

