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SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76

MEETS ON THE 2ND & 4TH
MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

FESTIVEBOARD AT 6:00PM

LODGE OPENS AT 7:00 PM

VISITORS - RSVP TO
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDOVAL LODGE'S NEWEST
FELLOWCRAFT, PASSING FROM ENTERED APPRENTICE IN APRIL!**

*DID YOU KNOW ... THAT WHEN THE PREMIER GRAND LODGE
OF ENGLAND WAS FORMED ON JUNE 24, 1717 - THAT THE
FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE WAS THE HIGHEST? THE MASTER
MASON DEGREE DIDN'T COME ABOUT TILL 8 YEARS LATER.*

TO DISCOVER THE LESSONS CONTAINED IN THE SEVEN LIBERAL
ARTS IN FREEMASONRY AND THE WESTERN ESOTERIC
TRADITION AS CONTAINED IN THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE, GET
THE BOOK 'APPROACHING THE MIDDLE CHAMBER' BY
WB JAIME PAUL LAMB.



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FROM THE EAST

“BOYS, BE AMBITIOUS. BE AMBITIOUS NOT FOR MONEY, NOT FOR SELFISH AGGRANDIZEMENT, NOT FOR THE EVANESCENT THING WHICH MEN CALL FAME. BE AMBITIOUS FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF ALL THAT A MAN CAN BE.”

BRO. WILLIAM CLARK

GREETINGS BRETHREN,

IT SEEMS THAT LATELY I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF WHY DID I JOIN FREEMASONRY?

THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS WHY, AND SO MANY GREAT THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN MY LIFE BECAUSE OF THIS JOURNEY OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

SOMETIMES THINGS HAPPEN THAT MAKE US PONDER AND QUESTION IF WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THINGS.

WHEN I LOOK AT ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN, AND ARE A PART OF THIS GREAT FRATERNITY, IT MAKES ME PROUD THAT I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL TRUE BROTHERS...

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO OUR LODGE AND CRAFT.

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,

**DAVIN TEAGUE
WORSHIPFUL MASTER**



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FROM THE WEST

PAMWE CHETE
(TOGETHER ONLY)

THE QUESTION OF FREEMASONRY'S ESSENCE HAS UNDERGONE A TRANSFORMATION FOR ME SINCE MY INITIAL CURIOSITY SPARKED IN 2012 WHEN I RESIDED IN THE D.C. AREA, SURROUNDED BY THE ENIGMATIC SYMBOLS OF THE CRAFT. INITIALLY, I PONDERED IF THERE EXISTED A LINK BETWEEN FREEMASONRY AND THE ILLUMINATI, OR IF IT WAS MERELY A PECULIAR OCCULT WITH BAPHOMET AT ITS CORE, AS SOME ANTI-MASONS SUGGESTED.

DRIVEN BY AN INSATIABLE ITCH TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH HIDDEN BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, I VENTURED INTO THE WORLD OF FREEMASONRY, MOTIVATED NOT BY THE LOFTY IDEALS PROFESSED BY MANY ASPIRANTS, BUT BY A PERSONAL QUEST FOR UNDERSTANDING. TO MY ASTONISHMENT, FREEMASONRY DEFIED MY PRECONCEPTIONS, REVEALING ITSELF AS SOMETHING FAR GREATER.

TO ME, FREEMASONRY EMBODIES THE OLDEST FORM OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT, AKIN TO THE CAMARADERIE I CHERISHED DURING MY TIME IN THE MARINE CORPS. WHILE PHILOSOPHY AND ESOTERIC TEACHINGS WEREN'T INITIALLY MY CUP OF TEA, I SOON REALIZED THAT EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF AGES AND THE GUIDANCE OF THOSE WHO WALKED THE MASONIC PATH BEFORE ME WAS ESSENTIAL FOR MY OWN GROWTH.

HAVING JOURNEYED FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA TO IDAHO AND NOW TO NEW MEXICO, I'VE GARNERED INVALUABLE INSIGHTS NOT ONLY INTO MYSELF BUT ALSO INTO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CRAFT AND THE COLLECTIVE SACRIFICES MADE BY ITS MEMBERS TO ENRICH THEIR LODGES. DESPITE ENCOUNTERING PERSONAL CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY, I'VE COME TO APPRECIATE THAT THE ESSENCE OF FREEMASONRY RESIDES WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL BLUE LODGES.

I TAKE IMMENSE PRIDE IN BEING A MEMBER OF SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76, WHERE MEMBERS WORK HARMONIOUSLY, AKIN TO BUSY BEES IN A HIVE, TO NURTURE PROSPERITY. WITH NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM MEMBERS, WE STREAMLINE OPERATIONS AND FOCUS OUR ENERGIES ON THE CORE ELEMENTS OF RITUAL, EDUCATION, AND FRATERNAL BONDS DURING OUR STATED COMMUNICATIONS.

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND VALUE THE SACRIFICES MADE BY EVERY MEMBER TO SUSTAIN THE VITALITY OF OUR LODGE, WHETHER THROUGH THEIR TIME, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, OR DEDICATED EFFORTS IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES. AS MY ESTEEMED MENTOR WB DICK WALK APTLY STATED, FREEMASONRY IS ABOUT UNITING MEN ON THE LEVEL, ADHERING TO THE SQUARE, AND WALKING UPRIGHTLY IN LIFE, WHILE STRIVING TO ELEVATE GOOD MEN THROUGH MASONIC TEACHINGS AND FOSTERING BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH.

I EXTEND MY SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE CRAFT.

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,

BURX NORROD
SENIOR WARDEN



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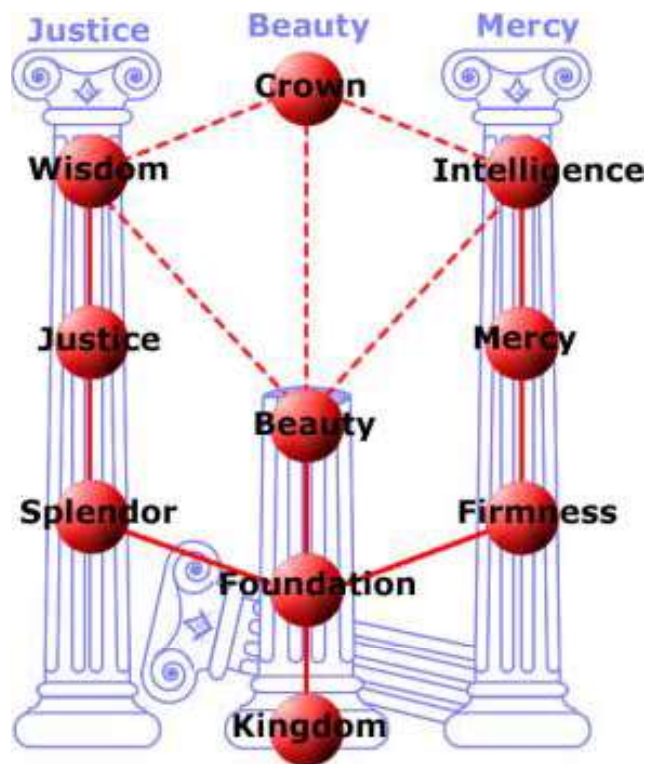
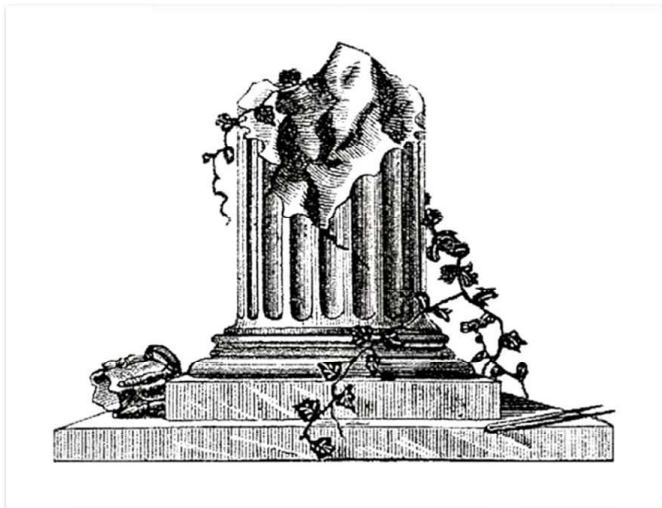


ZOOM CALL WITH THE GRAND MASTER ON SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT 6PM!

WITH THE RECENT EXPLUSION OF MWB DAN IRICK FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO, NO QUESTION A COLUMN HAS BEEN BROKEN, NOT JUST FOR SANDOVAL LODGE, BUT FOR FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL. THE COLUMN IS A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND SUPPORT, AND THE BREAK IN THIS COLUMN REPRESENTS THE LOSS OF A MEMBER OF WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE FRATERNITY.

ON SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, THE GRAND MASTER, MW STEVE ALMAGER, WILL BE FACILITATING A ZOOM CALL AT 6PM AND WILL GO ON AS LONG AS NEEDED. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE QUESTIONS TO BE ON THIS CALL SO CLARITY ON ANY DECISIONS MAY BE HAD.

THIS CALL IS OPEN TO ALL MASONS, AND AN EMAIL WAS SENT OUT BY THE GRAND LODGE WITH THE ZOOM INFO. IF YOU'VE NOT RECEIVED, EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM FOR THE INFO.



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THANK YOU to UNION LODGE No. 4 in WAGON MOUND FOR HELPING TO MAKE SANDOVAL LODGE SHINE BRIGHTER WITH THE DONATION OF THESE 100+ OLD CANDLE HOLDERS PLACED IN A TRIANGULAR POSITION AT THE SIDE OF THE ALTAR!



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SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 COMMITTEES

GOT A QUESTION REGARDING LODGE ACTIVITY? REACH OUT TO ONE OF THESE BRETHREN TO GET IT ANSWERED, OR TO SEE HOW YOU CAN ASSIST!

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SAVE THE DATE



MASONICON

Location: Ballut Abyad Shrine – 6600 Zuni Rd SE 87108



Table Lodge

Friday June 21st

Presentations

Saturday June 22nd



If you are interested in making a presentation on Saturday please contact RWB Harry Jenkins.

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THE PATH WE WALK

BY BRO. ROBERT COWDER

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A PASSAGE FROM THE POEM "KING SOLOMONS CHAIR" THAT WAS WRITTEN BY W. BROTHER CARL DE MONTILLE.

*"THE EVENING IS DONE, THE BRETHREN INVESTED,
I WALK OUTSIDE WITH PRIDE.
A FRATERNITY OF MEN WITH WHOM I BELONG
HAVE HONORED ME DEEP INSIDE"*

WHAT DOES IS MEAN TO WALK WITH PRIDE? IS IT THE LENGTH OF YOUR STRIDE, OR PERHAPS YOUR POSTURE WHILE PREFORMING THIS ACTION? WALKING AS A GENERAL DEFINITION IS PUTTING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER REPEATEDLY TO GET FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. WE RARELY MENTION WHERE WE ARE GOING OR WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM DURING OUR NORMAL VOCATIONS AND EMPLOYMENTS. SOME EVEN HAVE DIFFICULTY TELLING THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WHERE THEY ARE WANTING TO GO OR WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN. SURE THEY TALK ABOUT THE NORMAL COMINGS AND GOINGS, THE STORE, WORK, AND REMEMBER I HAVE A LODGE MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL COMINGS AND GOINGS? WHY DO WE CHOOSE TO WALK THE PATH OF A MASON? DO WE WALK THAT PATH WITH PRIDE? (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



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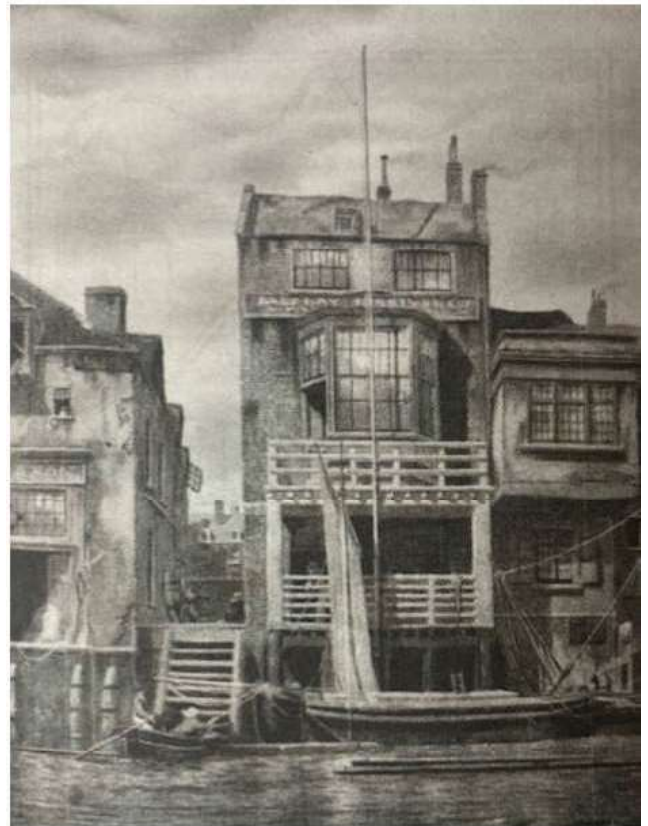
FREEMASONRY AS A RULE INCLUDES BROTHERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. AN EARLY EXAMPLE OF THIS INCLUSIVENESS CAN BE FOUND BY LOOKING AT JUST PART OF THE LIST OF OCCUPATIONS THAT WERE TAKEN VERBATIM FROM THE MINUTE BOOK OF DUNDEE LODGE NUMBER 18 FROM 1785 TO 1808. "SEA CAPTIONS OF ALL NATIONALITIES, DOCTORS, PLUMBERS, SAIL MAKERS, WINE MERCHANTS, BRICK LAYERS, STATIONERS, SURGEONS, AND APOTHECARIES, SHOE MAKERS, CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS". WHEN I FIRST JOINED MASONRY I HAD A LONGING TO BELONG TO SOMETHING GREATER THEN MYSELF. WHAT I FOUND WAS A BROTHERHOOD OF MEN ALL WALKING TOWARDS THE SAME GOAL, JUST FALLOWING DIFFERENT PATHS. THIS IS WHY WE WALK WITH PRIDE. NOT BECAUSE OF OUR WORLDLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR SPIRITUAL PROGRESS. BE PROUD THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO EMBARK ON THIS PATH, BUT HUMBLE TO THE FACT THAT WE ALL NEED ASSISTANCE SOMETIMES.

I AM HONORED TO BE NUMBERED AMONGST YOU ALL. NOT JUST BECAUSE WE INCLUDE IN OUR MEMBERSHIP MANY FAMOUS INDIVIDUALS. BUT BECAUSE EACH OF US MAKES UP A PART OF THE WHOLE. DOING THE WORK THAT IS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED IN THIS WORLD, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND.

FRATERNALLY YOURS
Bro. ROBERT COWDER



BROTHER ROBERT COWDER



**THE OLD DUNDEE LODGE, No. 18
(CONSTITUTED 1722-23)**

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A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO JW BRO. JOHN KEEL FOR YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LAP AROUND THE HELIOS ... WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST FOR A PROSPEROUS YEAR AHEAD!!



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THE JUNIOR WARDEN AND STEWARDS ... MAKING OUR
FESTIVEBOARDS AND REFRESHMENT A SUCCESS!



LEFT TO RIGHT: SENIOR STEWARD BRO.
GABRIEL GONZALES, JUNIOR WARDEN BRO.
JOHN KEEL, JUNIOR STEWARD BRO. CESARIO
ALVILLAR



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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR LODGE SPRING CLEANING!!

COME ON OUT AND JOIN US ON MAY 18 FROM 9AM - 12PM AS WE TAKE THE TIME TO SPRUCE UP OUR LODGE BUILDING AND IT'S SURROUNDINGS - WE'LL COMMENCE WITH PIZZA AND SODAS AFTERWARDS.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

WHILE THERE'S NEVER A SHORTAGE OF CONTENT FOR THE MONTHLY TRESTLEBOARD - HERE'S A FEW REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER SENDING IN YOUR OWN ARTICLE TO THIS:

CONTRIBUTING TO A MASONIC NEWSLETTER CAN OFFER SEVERAL UNIQUE BENEFITS:

1. ****FRATERNAL CONNECTION****: BY CONTRIBUTING TO A MASONIC NEWSLETTER, YOU STRENGTHEN YOUR CONNECTION TO THE MASONIC COMMUNITY, FOSTERING CAMARADERIE AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER FREEMASONS.
2. ****EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT****: MASONIC NEWSLETTERS OFTEN FOCUS ON SHARING KNOWLEDGE, HISTORY, AND TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY. CONTRIBUTING ALLOWS YOU TO DELVE DEEPER INTO MASONIC PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES, ENHANCING YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE CRAFT.
3. ****LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES****: CONTRIBUTING TO A MASONIC NEWSLETTER CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE WITHIN YOUR LODGE OR JURISDICTION, ALLOWING YOU TO TAKE ON EDITORIAL ROLES OR SPEARHEAD CONTENT CREATION INITIATIVES.
4. ****PROMOTION OF MASONIC VALUES****: THROUGH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, YOU CAN PROMOTE THE VALUES OF FREEMASONRY, SUCH AS BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH, TO A WIDER AUDIENCE, INCLUDING BOTH MASONS AND NON-MASONS.
5. ****PRESERVATION OF MASONIC HISTORY****: MANY MASONIC NEWSLETTERS SERVE AS ARCHIVES OF MASONIC HISTORY, DOCUMENTING LODGE EVENTS, RITUALS, AND TRADITIONS. CONTRIBUTING ALLOWS YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS HISTORICAL RECORD, PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF YOUR LODGE AND FREEMASONRY AS A WHOLE.
6. ****INSPIRATION AND REFLECTION****: SHARING PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, INSIGHTS, OR REFLECTIONS IN A MASONIC NEWSLETTER CAN INSPIRE OTHER FREEMASONS AND ENCOURAGE SELF-REFLECTION ON THEIR OWN MASONIC JOURNEY.
7. ****COMMUNITY BUILDING****: BY CONTRIBUTING ARTICLES, ESSAYS, OR REPORTS TO A MASONIC NEWSLETTER, YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN THE FRATERNITY, STRENGTHENING BONDS AMONG MEMBERS AND FOSTERING A SPIRIT OF UNITY.
8. ****EDUCATION FOR NON-MASONS****: SOME MASONIC NEWSLETTERS ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE TO NON-MASONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT FREEMASONRY. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS CAN HELP EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE CRAFT.
9. ****NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION****: CONTRIBUTING TO A MASONIC NEWSLETTER CAN CONNECT YOU WITH OTHER FREEMASONS FROM DIFFERENT LODGES OR JURISDICTIONS, FACILITATING NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND POTENTIAL COLLABORATIONS ON MASONIC PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES.
10. ****PERSONAL GROWTH****: ENGAGING IN WRITING AND SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS ON MASONIC TOPICS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AS A FREEMASON, DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF MASONIC TEACHINGS AND VALUES. -

BURX NORROD
TRESTLEBOARD EDITOR