

SANDOVAL LODGE No. 76 AF&AM

SEPTEMBER

TRESTLEBOARD



A.:L: 6024

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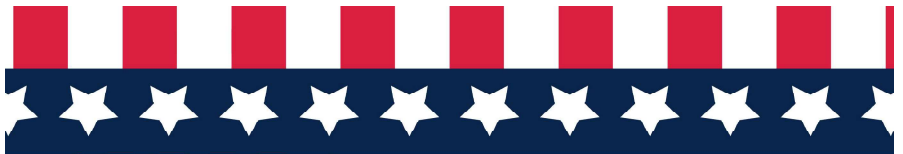
**MEETS IN REGULAR
COMMUNICATION**

**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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TURQUOISE CHAPTER #71

INSTALLATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

**9:00 AM
SANDOVAL LODGE
1420 BARBARA LOOP
RIO RANCHO, NM**

LANA ELDER

WM ELECT

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

KEITH ELDER

WP ELECT



**BROTHER
KEITH &
LANA ELDER**

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FROM THE EAST

*"THE HANDS THAT DO AND THE HEARTS THAT DARE, LEAVE MONUMENTS
UPON THE SQUARE."*

BRO. PALMER COX

GREETINGS BRETHREN,

OUR BRETHREN HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK UPGRADING THE KITCHEN AND GETTING READY FOR DEGREES. AS WE MOVE TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR I MUST EXPRESS MY THANKS FOR ALL OF THE WORK AND LABOR YOU ALL HAVE BEEN PUTTING IN THIS YEAR.

WE HAVE FACED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES BUT HAVE STUCK TOGETHER WITH THAT CEMENT OF BROTHERLY LOVE.

AS WE CLOSE OUT THE YEAR I IMPLORE OUR COMMITTEES TO MEET AND MAKE PLANS TO END THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE WITH AS MUCH ACTIVITY AS WE CAN, AND ALSO THINK ABOUT NEXT YEAR AND HOW YOU CAN HELP AND SUPPORT THE NEXT INCOMING MASTER OF THE LODGE. THE MASTER CAN MAKE ALL OF THE PLANS IN THE WORLD BUT THE REAL WORK IS DONE BY THE BRETHREN WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE TASKS SET FORTH ON THE TRESTLEBOARD. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU ALL.

**S&F,
WM DAVIN**





FROM THE WEST

BRO. BURX NORROD, SENIOR WARDEN

WHAT A BUSY MONTH SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN! A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR DEGREES AND PRACTICES, HELPING US DELIVER THE BEST RITUAL WORK POSSIBLE FOR OUR CANDIDATES AND DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MYSTERIES!

IN ADDITION TO OUR STRONG RITUAL WORK, WE'VE HAD A PRODUCTIVE MASONIC EDUCATION STUDY GROUP ON ESOTERIKA, AND LODGE MEMBERS PROUDLY TOOK PART IN THE PARADE AT THE NM STATE FAIR. PLUS, IF YOU'VE NOTICED THE CHANGES IN OUR SOCIAL HALL, YOU'LL SEE THAT CONSTRUCTION IS IN FULL SWING—OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW KITCHEN RENOVATION IS NEARLY COMPLETE! THIS WILL BE A DREAM COME TRUE FOR OUR JUNIOR WARDENS AND APPENDANT BODY MEMBERS WHO LOVE TO COOK.

AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR TRESTLEBOARD. YOUR ARTICLES DON'T NEED TO BE DEEPLY ESOTERIC—CASE IN POINT, I INCLUDED A PIECE ON THE MAFIA & FREEMASONRY, INSPIRED BY MY LONG-OVERDUE COMPLETION OF *THE SOPRANOS*, WHICH GAVE ME SEVERAL 'A-HA' MOMENTS! SO, IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE, DON'T BE SHY—SEND IT MY WAY FOR EVERYONE TO READ, REFLECT ON, OR EVEN HAVE A LAUGH AT!

LASTLY, THE MASONIC SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES (MSCLD) IS GETTING A FRESH UPDATE. A NEW WEBSITE IS IN THE WORKS, AND A FACEBOOK PAGE IS BEING REVAMPED TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS IMPACTFUL PROGRAM, WHICH BEGAN AT SANDOVAL LODGE OVER A DECADE AGO. CHECK OUT SOME PHOTOS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT [FACEBOOK.COM/SANDOVALLODGE76](https://www.facebook.com/SANDOVALLODGE76)

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO ATTENDS OUR STATED COMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T MAKE IT BUT ARE THERE IN SPIRIT. I'VE TOLD MANY PEOPLE THAT WITHOUT MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, WE DON'T HAVE A LODGE—JUST A BUILDING. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING OUR HIVE THRIVE! /G



THE BEEHIVE IS A SYMBOL IN FREEMASONRY THAT REPRESENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY, HARD WORK, AND PERSONAL GROWTH. IT ALSO SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

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FROM THE SOUTH

FRATERNAL GREETINGS BRETHREN. AS WE MOVE INTO THE LATE SUMMER MONTHS, I AM REMINDED OF HOW FAST TIME FLIES. WE'VE HAD A GREAT YEAR SO FAR AND STILL HAVE A LOT COMING UP.

WITH A RENEWED FOCUS ON CHARITY, THANKS TO WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS EUGENE AND RICHARD, AS WELL AS ALL THE ACTIVITIES COMING UP LIKE THE STATE FAIR PARADE, I THINK WE HAVE PLENTY TO KEEP THE FUN ROLLING THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. THOUGH I TRAVEL A LOT IN THE FALL, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT OUR EVENTS AND IN LODGE!

SINCERELY & FRATERNALLY,

BROTHER JOHN KEEL
JUNIOR WARDEN



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(ALL HAPPENING AT SANDOVAL LODGE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

SEPTEMBER 28:

TURQUOISE CHAPTER 71 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS @ 9AM

SEPTEMBER 30:

EA DEGREE PRACTICE 6PM - 7:30PM

OCTOBER 7:

EA DEGREE PRACTICE 6PM - 7:30PM

OCTOBER 13:

EA DEGREE PRACTICE 6PM - 7:30PM

OCTOBER 14:

**1ST STATED COMMUNICATIONS & EA DEGREE! 7PM
FESTIVEBOARD: 6PM**

OCTOBER 20:

**MASONIC EDUCATION 6PM - 7:30PM
"THE COMPASSES & SQUARE & THE WEAPONS AND BLOWS OF THE ASSASSINS"
(MASTER MASONS ONLY)**

OCTOBER 21:

MM DEGREE PRACTICE 6PM - 7:30PM

OCTOBER 27:

MM DEGREE PRACTICE 6PM - 7:30PM

OCTOBER 28:

**2ND STATED COMMUNICATIONS & MM DEGREE! 7PM
FESTIVEBOARD: 6PM**

NOVEMBER 9:

**METRO CHAPTER DEMOLAY OFFICER INSTALLATION @ 2PM
LUNCH: 12PM**

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JOIN OUR MONTHLY MASONIC EDUCATION STUDY GROUP MEETUP!

OUR MASONIC EDUCATION STUDY GROUP HAS BEEN GOING STRONG FOR MONTHS AS WE EXPLORE 'ESOTERIKA' BY ALBERT PIKE. USING THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN COURSE FORMAT, WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS—IN SEPTEMBER WE COMPLETED SECTION 4 OF 7, COVERING THE PREFACE AND INTRODUCTION. THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN EYE-OPENING, DIVING DEEP INTO THE MODES OF RECOGNITION FOR A MASTER MASON AND GAINING CLARITY ON THE SUBSTITUTE WORD OF A MASTER MASON. WE EVEN EXPLORED HOW MANY MASTER MASONS HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND THE "TRUE WORD."

THIS ISN'T JUST A STUDY GROUP—IT'S A CHANCE TO SHARPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE, CONNECT WITH LIKE-MINDED BROTHERS, AND EXPAND YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRAFT. OUR NEXT SESSION IS ON OCTOBER 20 AT 6PM, WHERE WE'LL DIVE INTO SECTION 5, FOCUSING ON THE COMPASSES & SQUARE & THE WEAPONS AND BLOWS OF THE ASSASSINS.

IF YOU'RE A MASTER MASON EAGER TO DEEPEN YOUR MASONIC JOURNEY, THIS IS FOR YOU! TO JOIN OR LEARN MORE, EMAIL BURXNORROD@GMAIL.COM. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER YOUR MASONIC EDUCATION IN A SUPPORTIVE AND ENGAGING ENVIRONMENT.



(LEFT TO RIGHT)
BRO. KIRK BENSON &
BRO. BURX NORROD

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SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE MEMBERS REPRESENT AT THE NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR PARADE

THE NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR PARADE IS A LONGSTANDING TRADITION IN ALBUQUERQUE, BRINGING TOGETHER VIBRANT FLOATS, MARCHING BANDS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND DIVERSE PARTICIPANTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE. THIS YEAR, MEMBERS OF THE SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE PROUDLY TOOK PART, SHOWCASING BOTH OUR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE RICH HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW MEXICO.

DECKED OUT IN MASONIC REGALIA AND RIDING ALONGSIDE WELL-DECORATED FLOATS BEARING THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES, OUR LODGE BROTHERS MADE A STRONG AND DIGNIFIED PRESENCE AT THE PARADE. PARTICIPANTS MARCHED AND WAVED, SPARKING CURIOSITY AND INTEREST ABOUT THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY.

SANDOVAL MASONIC LODGE'S PARTICIPATION NOT ONLY BROUGHT VISIBILITY TO OUR LODGE BUT ALSO REMINDED PARADE-GOERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BROTHERHOOD, CHARITY, AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT—VALUES THAT FREEMASONRY HOLDS DEAR. IT WAS A PROUD MOMENT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED, FROM THOSE WALKING IN THE PARADE TO THOSE CHEERING FROM THE SIDELINES.

AS WE MARCHED THROUGH THE STREETS OF ALBUQUERQUE, THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT AND POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY WERE HEARTWARMING. IT WAS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH, ALLOWING US TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS WHILE REPRESENTING FREEMASONRY IN A PUBLIC AND FESTIVE SETTING.

THE NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR PARADE IS MORE THAN JUST A YEARLY EVENT—IT'S A WAY FOR US TO REINFORCE OUR BONDS WITH THE BROADER COMMUNITY, SHARE OUR MISSION, AND REMIND PEOPLE THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY CONTINUE TO BE RELEVANT AND VALUABLE IN TODAY'S WORLD.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING AGAIN NEXT YEAR AND CONTINUING TO MAKE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN IN EVENTS THAT BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER!



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PARADE PHOTO ALBUM AND VIDEO CLIP FROM THE NEWS!

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FREEMASONRY AND THE MAFIA

BY BRO. BURX NORROD

THE MAFIA AND FREEMASONRY ARE TWO VASTLY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS WITH DISTINCT PURPOSES, HISTORIES, AND STRUCTURES. HOWEVER, SOME SUPERFICIAL SIMILARITIES CAN BE DRAWN BETWEEN THEM. HERE ARE A FEW POINTS OF COMPARISON:

SIMILARITIES:

1. SECRETIVE NATURE:

- BOTH ORGANIZATIONS OPERATE WITH A LEVEL OF SECRECY. THE MAFIA'S SECRECY IS TO PROTECT ITS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, WHILE FREEMASONRY'S SECRECY IS PART OF ITS TRADITION AND RITUALS.

2. INITIATION RITES:

- BOTH HAVE INITIATION CEREMONIES FOR NEW MEMBERS. THE MAFIA HAS VARIOUS RITES OF PASSAGE, OFTEN INVOLVING CRIMINAL ACTS TO PROVE LOYALTY, WHEREAS FREEMASONRY HAS FORMAL INITIATION RITUALS THAT SYMBOLIZE MORAL AND ETHICAL LESSONS.

3. HIERARCHY:

- BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURES. THE MAFIA HAS A CLEAR CHAIN OF COMMAND FROM BOSSES TO SOLDIERS. FREEMASONRY HAS A STRUCTURED HIERARCHY OF DEGREES AND OFFICES WITHIN ITS LODGES.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT:

- BOTH HAVE CODES OF CONDUCT THAT MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW. THE MAFIA ENFORCES ITS CODE THROUGH FEAR AND VIOLENCE, WHILE FREEMASONRY PROMOTES A MORAL CODE CENTERED AROUND BROTHERHOOD, CHARITY, AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY.

5. MEMBERSHIP BONDS:

- IN BOTH GROUPS, THERE IS A STRONG EMPHASIS ON LOYALTY AND FRATERNITY AMONG MEMBERS. THE MAFIA RELIES ON THESE BONDS TO MAINTAIN TRUST AND CONTROL, WHEREAS FREEMASONRY EMPHASIZES BROTHERLY LOVE AND MUTUAL SUPPORT.

6. INFLUENCE AND NETWORKING:

- MEMBERS OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS OFTEN USE THEIR CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE GROUP TO GAIN INFLUENCE AND ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES. MAFIA MEMBERS MIGHT USE THEIR CONNECTIONS FOR ILLEGAL ENTERPRISES, WHILE FREEMASONS MIGHT LEVERAGE THEIR NETWORKS FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND ADVANCEMENT IN LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS.

DIFFERENCES:

1. PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES:

- THE MAFIA IS A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DRUG TRAFFICKING, EXTORTION, AND MONEY LAUNDERING. FREEMASONRY IS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, CHARITY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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2. LEGAL STATUS:

- THE MAFIA IS AN ILLEGAL ENTITY, OFTEN PURSUED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. FREEMASONRY IS A LEGAL ORGANIZATION WITH LODGES AROUND THE WORLD OPERATING OPENLY AND OFTEN CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITY WELFARE.

3. PUBLIC PERCEPTION:

- THE MAFIA IS WIDELY VIEWED NEGATIVELY DUE TO ITS ASSOCIATION WITH CRIME AND VIOLENCE. FREEMASONRY, THOUGH SOMETIMES MISUNDERSTOOD OR VIEWED WITH SUSPICION, GENERALLY HAS A MORE NEUTRAL OR POSITIVE PUBLIC IMAGE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING ITS CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES.

4. GLOBAL PRESENCE:

- WHILE BOTH HAVE INTERNATIONAL REACH, FREEMASONRY'S GLOBAL PRESENCE IS MORE STRUCTURED AND FORMALLY RECOGNIZED ACROSS DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THE MAFIA, THOUGH HAVING INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS, OPERATES MORE CLANDESTINELY AND IS OFTEN FRAGMENTED ACROSS DIFFERENT GROUPS AND REGIONS.

5. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT:

- THE MAFIA RECRUITS BASED ON FAMILY TIES, LOYALTY, AND CRIMINAL CAPABILITY. FREEMASONRY TYPICALLY REQUIRES A BELIEF IN A HIGHER POWER, A GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, AND AN INTEREST IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

UNDERSTANDING THESE DIFFERENCES IS CRUCIAL AS THEY HIGHLIGHT THE FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT NATURES OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS /G

