



# The New Mexico FREEMASON

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## **SPECIAL NOTICE FIRST RESPONDER OPPORTUNITY**

### **ACT NOW TO PARTICIPATE!**

#### **Serving Our Communities**

Ceremony and service, cornerstones of the Craft.



Thomas L. Schenk  
Grand Master of Masons  
in New Mexico

Brothers and Sisters of Our Masonic Family,

For the **FIRST TIME EVER**, the National Honor Guard Academy is being hosted in New Mexico in **JUST ONE MONTH** - August 13-18, 2023 by the Bernalillo County Fire Department. This annual nationwide training will actually be in Albuquerque!

This training provides our First Responders (and others) with the ability to properly honor those that give all in the line of duty, flag etiquette, procedures and commands, and the history and traditions that have been accepted across the United States. As this is not "necessary" to do the work, and costs \$625.00, many departments don't allocate money to send their people. Volunteer departments may not keep up with this type of training, and employer departments may have to cover the salaries of those they send.

**WE CAN HELP** - if a Lodge or Masonic Body gives a **LOCAL** department a scholarship for someone to attend, it might help a volunteer force to go, and/or mitigate the cost for an employing department; as well as introduce or solidify your community ties. Further, we are helping to spread the word - and the participation - and prove that New Mexico is a **GREAT** host for these types of training! Maybe they would even come to your next Installation to be the Honor Guard and post the Flags...

May I encourage you to consider this as an opportunity for our many organizations to make an impact on our communities and show that we appreciate the time, dedication, and service our Public Safety personnel give.

Please use the form on the next page to let us know your participation, and the links for further information from the Bernalillo County Fire Department.

**Sponsorship for National Honor Guard Academy Participation**

Organization (Lodge, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Community (City, Town, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Body (Master, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship:

The following choices are available for sponsorship. There are over 30 registered attendees, and the anticipated capacity is 60 personnel for this session. The total cost of hosting is going to be approximately \$20,000.00 – Every bit helps!

<b>Item</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tuition for a Candidate	_____	550.00	_____
Lodging for a Traveling Candidate	_____	700.00	_____
Hosting Fund Contribution	_____	_____	_____
<b>Grand Total of Contribution</b>			_____

This contribution is for particular candidate(s) (Note, if a Candidate is already sponsored, BCFD will use the funds for another Candidate with preference to the Community noted above):

<b>Department</b>	<b>Participant Name</b>
_____	_____
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Please send the completed form to [gndsec@nmmasons.org](mailto:gndsec@nmmasons.org) and [tcx@bernco.gov](mailto:tcx@bernco.gov). Payments accompanying the form should be made to:

Bernalillo County Fire Rescue, 6840 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

Click Here for: [Training Information](#) [MCFNM Matching Fund Request](#)  
[BCFD Donation Request for Sponsoring the Event \(if not scholarship\)](#)