



# The New Mexico FREEMASON

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## Grand Lodge of New Mexico Annual Communication

**MARCH 14th, 15th, & 16th, 2024**

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## 'Tis the Season

New Lodge Leadership, Holidays and a New Year.



Thomas L. Schenk  
Grand Master of Masons

It is once again that time of year where one season ends and another one begins. Spring and summer are long gone, fall is now behind us, and we prepare for winter.

So is the same within our Lodges. As one year of masonry comes to an end, another begins. The seasons of this past year were full of growth, direction and great accomplishments. Each Lodge has weathered a season like no other in our history: the long season of Covid.

Congratulations to all the newly Elected and Appointed Officers for 2024.

Covid created an extended dormancy. A season of years instead of months. But, like the animals that hibernate for a long winter, our lodges have come out of the Covid hibernation hungry and eager to move on past the harshness of their longest season.

I hope each of you have that hunger and will apply it to what next spring has in store for us. Next year is already looking to be very exciting, RWB Steve Almager / Grand Master-Elect is sure to satisfy.

The past few years have created a newfound motivation to excel and conquer what each lodge needs and recognize the importance of our Craft and its meaning. It is said "you don't know what you've got till it's gone". We were lucky. We were challenged and reminded, but we did not have to lose it to be awakened to appreciate what we have as Masons. We are better for it.

As winter comes, we are also entering the winter of our Grand Lodge year. We have just over 3 months to prepare for the spring of our new Masonic year in March, a new year, a new chapter, and a time in which new growth and ideas will begin.

Having just gone through the Thanksgiving season, I was very thankful for many things. The annual budget meeting was amazing. Every mason who was a part of it came together and truly worked as Brothers. Everything concerning our financial future was addressed and great discussions were had. Each attendee involved showed dedication, fortitude, and determination to accomplish balancing the budget and bringing forth new ideas for the future.

I want to personally thank all the Committees, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Masonic Youth and Bro Nic Coriz & family for making this possible. Thank you to RWB Robin Justice, Senior Grand Warden & Chair of Long-Range Planning for being willing to address and bring many financial issues to the table and allow the brethren, who are what make up the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, the opportunity to share in coming up with solutions and solving these issues.

More especially I would like to thank RWB Steve Balke for taking the time out of his busy life and promoting, helping and making the “New Mexico Freemason” possible and available to you each month.

Moving forward, let us take the lessons, knowledge and determination we have learned and carry them into the next season and years to come.

Thank you to all, and have a Merry Christmas!

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## Best Work to Best Agree

Budget and Plans in Full Swing for 2024.



Steve Almager  
Deputy Grand Master

Howdy Brethren,

We all know the hardest subject to talk about is “finances” and we successfully accomplished this at the 2023 Annual Budget Meeting. We had one line item that was mistakenly inputted, and it was called out at the meeting. This was quickly resolved, and the rest of the budget was fairly painless. The Accounts, Ways and Means committee put in many hours on this budget and they should be applauded for their efforts. Cuts were made to stay within our means, and we closed the Budget meeting with it balanced.

As Deputy Grand Master, we are tasked with picking our officers and committees for the upcoming year. This has been an extremely difficult task. How do you pick Good Men, from Good Men??? Well let me tell you, it has kept me up at night and caused some more grey hair. But I do believe the Team that has been assembled will accomplish big things.

The dictionary defines Foundation as the body or ground upon which something is built up or overlaid. The foundation in Freemasonry is the Blue Lodge, without the Foundation, all other bodies will fail. I ask each of you to attend your Blue Lodge and put in the work that is needed to build up our Foundation. In the last few years, I have witnessed consolidations and recently a charter was surrendered. This is always hard to witness for me and I always think to myself, what could I or we have done differently? I am not sure there is anything we could do, but we should never stop trying. If we have Brothers that have not showed up to Lodge, ask them to join you. Bringing a Brother back to Lodge should be our focus. Remember, we have Brothers that would love to come to Lodge but cannot drive at night. It is incumbent on us to take care of all of our Brothers. We are our Brothers Keeper!

I am pleased to say the rollout of Grand View is going well. Not seamlessly but better than I would have thought. We still have a way to go, but slowly but surely, we will have all Grand View options up and running. RWB Tony, our Grand Secretary has done a great job taking the lead on this.

I have been working on a new award for next year. It will be called the “Ray D. Carpenter Lodge Excellence Award”, this award will recognize the Lodges that are doing the necessary commendable work that Lodges should be doing. More details on this will come in March.

Brethren, as always, it is my pleasure to serve you and the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. I am always available to each of you, if you have any questions, concerns, or issues, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

## United in the Idea of Innocence and Joy

Music in Masonic Ceremonies



Bert Dalton  
Grand Musician

It is a great honor, very humbling, and a pleasant surprise to be asked to return to the office of Grand Musician. There are many moments in Lodge meetings where music is appropriate. We hope to encourage more use of live or recorded music, and in the near future will be making available recordings and suggestions of music appropriate for lodge use.

The purpose of music in the [Masonic] ceremonies is to spread good thoughts and unity among the members" so that they may be "united in the idea of innocence and joy," wrote L.F. Lenz in a contemporary edition of Masonic songs. Music should

"inculcate feelings of humanity, wisdom and patience, virtue and honesty, loyalty to friends, and finally an understanding of freedom." <sup>1</sup>

For this issue, I hope you might enjoy this 1789 painting by Ignaz Unterberger depicting Brother Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart attending a lodge initiation in the lodge "New Crowned Hope" in Vienna, Austria. He is seated in the lower right hand corner next to his friend Emanuel Schikaneder, librettist for "The Magic Flute." The lodge is believed to be "New Crowned Hope" ("Zur Neugekrönten Hoffnung").



Mozart was initiated in the Viennese lodge "Zur Wohltätigkeit" ("Beneficence") on Dec. 14, 1784, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Jan. 7, 1785, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason "shortly thereafter." <sup>2</sup> "Beneficence" Lodge was consolidated with two other lodges in 1785, the newly consolidated lodge being named "New Crowned Hope." Mozart's father, Leopold, joined the same lodge that in 1785.



Mozart incorporated Masonic symbolism in many of his works, most notable "The Magic Flute." An excellent book for further reading on this painting, and on Mozart's relationship with Freemasonry, is "Mozart and the Masons; New Light on the Lodge "Crowned Hope"" by H.C. Robbins Landon.

A copy of this painting hangs at the Austrian Museum of Freemasonry in Schloss Rosenau (Waldviertel).

<sup>1</sup> Thomson, Katherine (1977). *The Masonic Thread in Mozart*. London: Lawrence and Wishart. [ISBN 0853153817](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0853153817)

<sup>2</sup> Deutsch, Otto Erich (1965). *Mozart: A Documentary Biography*. Stanford: Stanford University Press

## The Northwest Corner is Active!

District 1 DDGM Update



Virgil Brumbelow  
 District Deputy Grand  
 Master  
 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic District

Brethren, it is my pleasure to serve as DDGM for District 1. It has been great seeing the Brotherhood, the charity and recognition that I have witnessed thus far this year.

Chama Lodge 17 has been busy with their charity work supporting the clubs at Cuba High School and the Lindrith Rodeo.

It was my pleasure to attend the recognition of Brother Homer Warren of Farmington, a Texas Mason, for his 70 year pin at his home. In attendance were 3 Past Grand Masters, 3 Past DDGM's /DDGL's. It was a special moment for him.

Animas Lodge continues to support their community and recognize their First Responders and Law Enforcement with a summer cookout.

San Juan Lodge held a Car Show to generate revenue and bring the public to meet the Masons. The Learning Center at San Juan Lodge continues to change the lives of these children that are our future.

TBA, visits to Four Corners Daylight, Malpais and Lebanon Lodge.

Keep up the great work and continue with the fellowship.

## Installations and Opportunities!

District 4 DDGM Update



Harry W. Jenkins II  
District Deputy Grand  
Master  
4<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

Well, it is installation time again, the change of the guard for each Lodge. I have or will have attended District No. 4's six Lodges' installations plus Sandoval No. 76 and Edgewood No. 82, Scottish Rite, and ABQ York Rite.

One of the members of my Lodge asked me why I attend other Lodges installations. I said besides being the DDGM for District 4, I feel it is the responsibility of all members of each Lodge to get to know the members of other Lodges.

Just think about what you could learn from them. The idea is a synergistic concept that we can do more with others than ourselves. Think of all the great ideas that are out there. If we work with other Lodges, we can get a lot more done. He asked like what? Well, how they do fundraisers and what they raise funds for. Things like scholarships, money or food for food banks, bikes for books

I recommend all Brothers should go to as many installations as you can. It shows support for others and think of the Brothers and friends you could make, let alone the knowledge.

I hope everyone has/had a Wonderful Holiday Season!

## 2024 ANNCOM

Registration is LIVE for the Annual Communication!

The invitation brochure, schedule, and printed registration form for the Annual Communication are attached as an addendum at the end of this month's edition.

If you would like to register online, please follow the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-lodge-of-new-mexico-af-am-147th-annual-communication-tickets-768655187357>



## New Year New Challenges

District 7 DDGM Update



Chuck Bass  
District Deputy Grand  
Master  
7<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

This time of year I make time to set down and plan my next year. I've had the privilege for the last couple of years to serve as the DDGM for our District. I still have about 3 more months in this capacity, and then I'm starting a new exciting chapter in Freemasonry. I never really thought that this would ever happen, but in June RWB Steve Almager honored me by asking if I would serve as the Junior Grand Deacon for 2024.

At Lincoln Lodge Brother Steve made this announcement, and that is when I realized that is actually going to happen. That is when I felt a greater appreciation for all of the past Grand Lodge officers. For the last 13 almost 14 years I have thought about how I can help my Lodge and my District. Now I still have them in my thoughts, but now my focus needs to be how can I improve Masonry in New Mexico. The good thing for me is that the people before me have paved the road for me.

In the time from June till now I have had many Past Grand Masters tell me that they are there for me and all I have to do is ask. I am amazed at how these Brothers have given all for Masonry and are still willing to give more. This should not be a surprise to any of us; this is what Masons do. I am so looking forward to this journey, but I am going to need help from all of the Brothers in New Mexico. As I travel to the Lodges in the State I need your input on how to move Masonry forward.

Our foundation, in my opinion, is our Tenants and Cardinal Virtues. Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. We also need to have ways to get wives and families involved. At Masonicon the table lodge was open to all. Watching the Ladies slamming a cannon on the table was great. We need to make sure we are following up with our EAs and Fellow Crafts. The average age of Master Masons in the 7th District is 72.34, EAs 44.48, FCs 30.4, from these numbers you can see we need to help these younger men become Masters. They are our future!!

I want to thank all of you for listening to me and allowing me to rant. I know that this is not much about the District, but MW said we could write on any subject, category, or our Masonic future. After this he may not give me this much latitude. I do want him to know that I thank him for what he has done for Masonry and for being a true Brother to me. In closing I am looking forward to meeting all of you and receiving all of your input!



## A Traveling Man's Report

Visits to places near and far.

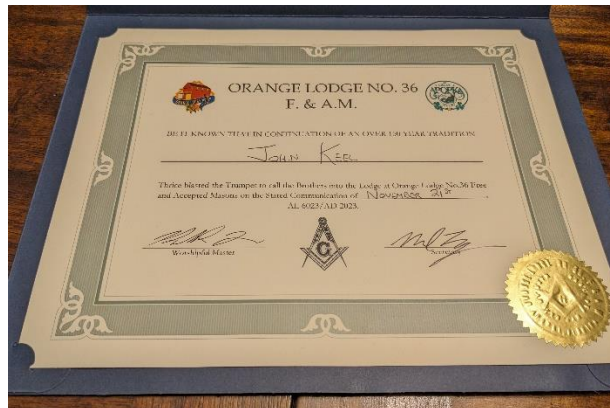


John P. Keel  
 Sandoval Lodge No. 76

Salutations to all my Brethren and thank you for reading this, the first of what I would like to make a regular periodical. I enjoy attending lodges and meeting brothers all around our Country as I travel for work or pleasure. It always seems that I find fascinating brothers and historical information every time I visit new lodges and I thought that it would be fun to share some of the cool things I discover along the way. Recently, I visited Orlando Florida and had the opportunity to attend Orange Lodge #36 in Apopka as well as revisit Mokanna Lodge #329 for a very special "Lodge of Sorrows" ceremony.

I visited Orange Lodge on Tuesday November 21 and had dinner with the brethren where I learned that Orange lodge has the distinction of being the oldest lodge in Florida that still meets in its original building, though the lodge was lifted to become the second story of a new building built under it many decades ago.

Additionally, the building has been there so long that the City of Apopka Florida was founded based on the lodge, with the original town limits being established exactly one mile in each of the cardinal directions from the Northeast corner of the lodge. In fact, the first town hall, post office and school used to be located in the ground floor structure that was built when the lodge was raised to the second story.



Orange lodge is also a moonlight lodge and in the early days of the lodge, Masons and their families would travel to the lodge and set up camp in the field surrounding the lodge. When the lodge was ready to open, one of the brothers would step out onto the front porch of the lodge and blow a brass horn three times to let the rest of the brothers know it was time for the meeting. This is a tradition that is

still carried on today with a brass horn that replaced the original one more than 100 years ago. WB Patrick Tessier, Worshipful Master of Orange Lodge brought the original 200+ year old horn out of the archives for me to see as he was giving me the tour and history of the lodge. I was pleasantly surprised when the Tyler asked me to accompany him to the porch and give the ceremonial blasts of the horn. Not being a musician, the “blasts” I gave would more approximate a librarian’s warning to noisy patrons than that of a horn, but the bothers still gave me an applause and I was further surprised when I was presented with a certificate commemorating the occasion. The rest of the meeting was wonderful, with a presentation from two of their EAs and, afterwards we met for fellowship, which capped off a great evening.



The second Lodge I attended was Mokanna Lodge #329 on Monday November 27. Though I had visited this lodge before in 2022, this night was very special since they were putting on a Lodge of Sorrows which was a humbling and moving experience for me. The Lodge of Sorrows, for those unfamiliar as I was before this, is much more than the remembrance ceremonies we perform at our lodges each year.

The ceremony is put on in the name of a Brother who has left us to be with the Grand Architect but on this occasion was for all of the Brethren who have passed away in the preceding years. This ceremony truly reminds us of our mortality through a reading of scripture and performance of masonic ritual, to serve in many ways as a ceremonial memento mori, leading me to think again upon the lessons hammered home so effectively in our third degree. The ceremony also reminds us to be humble in our stations and to keep ourselves on the right paths so that when we go to the house not made with hands above, we do so with a soul as spotless as our aprons. Though funeral-like in its performance, I left the ceremony with a renewed appreciation for all the things we take for granted in this life and for this fraternity.

This was the first time the brethren in the Orlando area had hosted a Lodge of Sorrows in recent years so, the lodge was almost completely full of brothers from all over Florida and even a few traveling men like me. The ritual team did a phenomenal job on the ceremony and without a doubt, left me with an unforgettable experience.

## Join us for ... A Memorable Experience

Guest WB Brian Ragain, OK and a Masonic night for Fellows of the Craft.

**REGISTER NOW**

Thursday, January 11, 2024  
Temple Lodge No. 6  
3801 Osuna Road, NE, Albuquerque

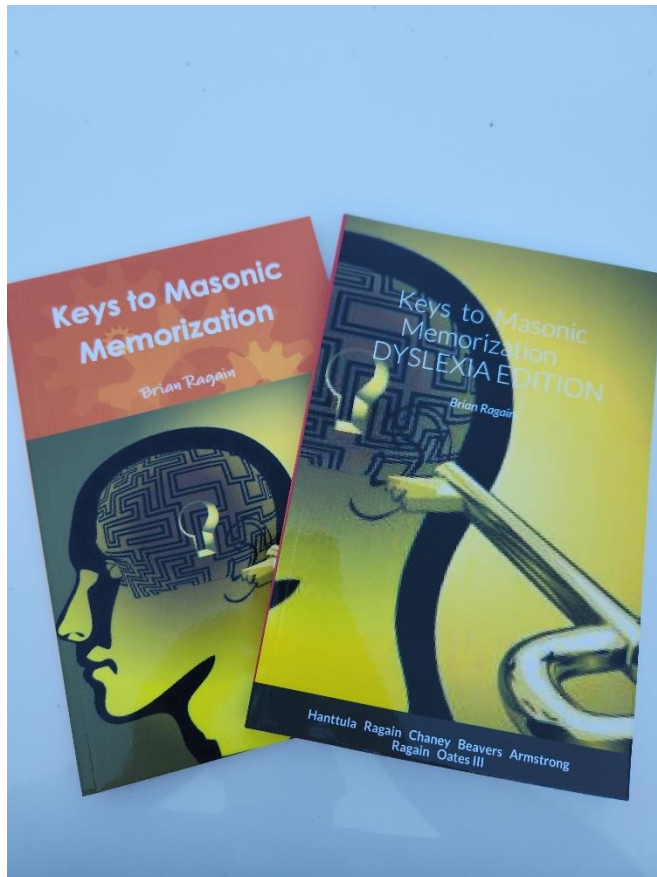
- Italian Food Dinner (Veg. Plate Available)
- A Fellowcraft Degree Performance
- Guest Speaker WB Brian Ragain from Oklahoma

Enjoy a dinner with your Brethren followed by some of the best ritualists in our Jurisdiction performing a Fellowcraft degree – with a surprise twist.



Brian Ragain  
Oklahoma Mason and Author

Immediately following the Degree, WB Brian will present on the Keys to Masonic Memorization. Not only did he write the book, he wrote it again – for people with Dyslexia!



A great night is planned for all, any Fellowcraft is welcome to join us in this fun, fraternal, and fantastic event!.

***RSVP by January 7, 2024, or we cannot guarantee your dinner!***

Please RSVP here if you plan to pay in cash (you must login):

<https://nm.grandview.systems/events/920/registration>

RSVP here to pay by credit card:

<https://nmfreemason.org/events/a-memorable-experience/>

Join us for an outstanding start to 2024!

## The Chapel – November/December 2023

Good and Faithful Servants Called Home

Our Dear Brothers who have laid aside their working tools and have Passed To The Grand Lodge Above. May it be their portion to hear from him who sitteth as Judge Supreme ...

“Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter now into the joys of thy Lord.”



<b>Brother</b>	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
Kimerick F. Hayner	Felix Lodge	11/2/2023
James Theodore Miller	Felix Lodge	11/4/2023
Gary Weber	Animas Lodge	11/6/2023
Ted Sneed Lucas	Temple Lodge	11/6/2023
Carl R. Allen	Albuquerque Lodge	11/8/2023
Ronald R. Ball	Montezuma Lodge	11/23/2023
Huburn P. Benjamin	Temple Lodge	12/12/2023

Please let us know if there are additions to the list above. We will add them in subsequent issues. Please keep these Brother’s families in your thoughts and prayers.



“Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.”

## Showcasing Our Gentle Craft

Installations are our best opportunity to include to our family, friends, and communities.



Stephen Balke  
Editor

If everyone (or even 10% of the population) knew and understood our ritual, the world would be a MUCH better place. As it is, we are best known to be associated with world domination or stigmatic icons that can be easily sensationalized on websites. Our system of education gives a clear path for learning, and most of our ritual is only given when one has at least been exposed to the preceding degrees and has a support system in place with their Lodge. But we do have some things we can share!

- Memorial Services
- Cornerstone Laying
- Installation of Officers

The Memorial leaves family and friends comforted in many cases and the Cornerstones are well received, and both are services to others and the community. Both, however, are not “schedulable” so they may be performed for circumstances and by invitation. The onus is upon us to reach out to our Brothers’ families and to the community to know that these need to or are desired to be done.

Our Installation of Officers ritual is our opportunity to shine! We schedule it, we have time to prepare, we are allowed to invite anyone to be present. We can make it a show to be seen.

Worshipful Brother Greg Stihel made his “debut” at the Estancia and Edgewood 2024 Installations working closely with “veteran Installer” Right Worshipful Brother Dan Lucero. He started in September committing it to memory, worked with Dan on the floorwork, and kept the audience interactive with the performance. It wasn’t a recitation, it was a show where the power and significance of the meanings came through.

If the goals are to garner respect within the community, impress our friends and family, attract those who may find a worthwhile journey through Masonry, and be proud of the work we do, this is one appropriate method. Everyone in both Lodges was proud and impressed with the experience. The next opportunity to show off is less than a year away...

Please consider sharing what you do with all of us – it may inspire greater and more activity in Masonry in NM!

*We look forward to helping you to share all the things you’re doing to help Masonry and your Lodge or group grow!*

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# Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas Lee Schenk

Invites You To Ruidoso, New Mexico  
for the

147th Annual Communication

March 14 - 16, 2024



All Events Held At  
Inn of the Mountain Gods  
Resort & Casino  
287 Carrizo Canyon Rd.  
Mescalero, NM

**NO ONLINE ROOM RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED:** Lodging is your responsibility. Those attending need to make your own room reservations by calling the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino **575-464-7777** or **800-545-9011**. Reduced room rates are available if booked by February 16, 2024. Basic room rate is \$139.00 per night plus tax, etc.

You must identify yourself with the following: The Grand Lodge of New Mexico, Event code 1377

RESERVATIONS FOR RV SPOTS CALL: 575-464-9779

THURSDAY MARCH 14th — Grand Master's Reception for all attendees in Exhibition Halls B, D and F

No Host Happy Hour 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Grand Master's Reception 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

FRIDAY MARCH 15th - Ladies Lunch in the Cochise Presidential Suite 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Men's Lunch in the Exhibition Pre-Function Area 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Grand Master's Banquet - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm No Host Happy Hour from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Exhibition Halls B, D, and F

Eventbrite On-line Registration for Annual Communication

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-lodge-of-new-mexico-af-am-147th-annual-communication-tickets-768655187357>

For Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries or Designated Representatives:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/768655187357/?discount=GM%2FGS2024](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/768655187357/?discount=GM%2FGS2024)

For mail registration please fill out and mail the attached registration form with your check to;

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico - PO Box 25004, Albuquerque, NM 87125-0004

# **147<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication**

Of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Of New Mexico AF & AM

## **Inn of The Mountain Gods Resort & Casino - Ruidoso, New Mexico**

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **All Activities to be held on main casino floor level**

Hospitality / Presidential Suite to be open thought event for Snacks & Beverages

Daytime Host – Sierra Blanca Court No. 5 - Order of Amaranth

Evening Host – RWB Harry Jenkins / District Deputy Grand Master – District 4

### **Thursday – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

(Breakfast & Lunch on your own)

10:00am – 4:00pm Registration & Credentials / Exhibition Hall Lobby

12:00pm – 12:30pm Treasurers Meeting / Mescalero B

12:30pm – 1:30pm Secretaries Meeting / Mescalero B

1:30pm – 3:00pm GL Officers, DDGMs & DDGLs Meeting / Mescalero B

3:00pm – 5:00pm Masonic Charities Foundation Annual Meeting / Mescalero B

(Open to all members, only 2024 Worshipful Masters may vote.)

6:00pm – 7:00pm No Host Happy Hour / Exhibition Pre-Function Area

7:00pm – 9:00pm Grand Masters Reception / Exhibition B, D, F & Pre-Function Area

#### **(Business Casual Attire)**

Introduction of Appendant Bodies

9:00pm – 11:00pm Hospitality / Cochise Presidential Suite – Main Level

## **Friday – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

(Breakfast on your own)

7:00am – 4:00pm Registration & Credentials / Exhibition Hall Lobby

**8:30am Public Opening Ceremony of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico /  
Exhibition Hall**

**(Grand Lodge Officers – Tuxedo or dark suit)**

**(Attendees – Business Attire)**

United States and New Mexico Flag Presentation / New Mexico Knights Templar

Parade of Lodge Banners / Constituent Lodge Representatives

White Mountain Territorial Lodge No. 5 Banner to be carried by MWB Bill Pogue / Junior Past  
Grand Master

Playing of the Star-Spangled Banner / Audio Presentation

**Welcome to the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New  
Mexico AF & AM / MWB Thomas L. Schenk / Grand Master**

Host Greetings: Mescalero Apache Tribal Representative

Response: RWB Robin Justice / Senior Grand Warden

### **Introductions**

By RWB Patrick Moroney / Grand Marshall

Escorted by RWB Alex Cosby / Senior Grand Deacon

Line up by RWB Jim Bungard / Junior Grand Deacon

**Heads of Appendant Bodies and visiting Dignitaries / Grand Masters or their Representatives**

**2024 Worshipful Masters**

**2023-2024 District Deputy Grand Masters & Lecturers**

**Past Grand Masters of New Mexico**

Final Remarks / MWB Thomas L. Schenk / Grand Master

**9:30am Closing of the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of  
New Mexico Public Opening Ceremony**



\*Call for Constitutional Number of Lodges Present\*

**10:00am Formal Opening of the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF & AM**

\*Call for preliminary Credentials Report by RWB James Overfelt / Chairman Credentials Committee\*

\*Introduction of 2023-2024 Juris Prudence Committee\*

RWB Patrick Moroney – Chairman, WB Peter Hackett, RWB Alex Cosby-Senior Grand Deacon, RWB Jim Bungard-Junior Grand Deacon, RWB Michael Freitas

Grand Masters Address – MWB Thomas L. Schenk / Grand Master

\*Call on Committee on Reference Chairman / PGM Adam Hathaway\*

Assignment of Grand Masters Address to appropriate Committees for review

11:00am Masonic Charities Foundation of New Mexico Charity Walk

**Call To Refreshment**

12:00pm – 1:00pm Men's Lunch / Exhibition Pre-Function Area

11:00pm – 1:00pm Ladies Lunch & Program / Cochise Presidential Suite – Main Level

(Ladies please bring a current photo of your Mason on your cell phone)

**Call to Labor**

1:30pm Resumption of Work

\*Call on Credentials Report by RWB James Overfelt / Chairman Credentials Committee\*

Election of 2024-2025 Grand Lodge Officers & Open Board of Directors Position

**\*2023-2024 DDGMs to act as tellers - distribute, collect and tally ballots and report results.\***

\*Past Grand Masters to adjourn for PGM meeting after elections / Mescalero B\*

**Committee Reports**

Account Ways and Means – RWB Charles Bass

Appeals and Grievances – MWB Bobby Arther PGM  
Audit – Casper Brown  
Foreign Correspondence – WB Jay Williams  
Insurance – MWB David Baker PGM  
Investment Advisory – WB Bob McNeil  
Juris Prudence – RWB Patrick Moroney  
Long Range Planning – RWB Robin Justice – Senior Grand Warden  
Masonic Education – WB Davin Teague  
Membership – RWB Steve Almager – Deputy Grand Master  
Masonic Youth – WB Leon Alderete  
Ritual – MWB Jonathan Andrews – PGM  
Technology – WB Len Roughgarden  
Kit Carson Award – MWB Bill Pogue – PGM  
\*Legal Advisement – WB Tom King\*

### **3:00pm Call to Refreshment**

#### **4:00pm Public Installation of 2024-2025 Grand Lodge Officers / Exhibition Hall**

Installing Master – MWB Ralph Easley PGM

Installing Marshal – MWB Bobby Arther PGM

Installing Chaplain – MWB David Baker PGM

**(Grand Lodge Officers - Tuxedo or Dark Suit)**

**(Attendees - Business Attire)**

6:00pm – 7:00pm No Host Happy Hour / Exhibition Pre-Function Area

7:00pm – 9:00pm Grand Masters Banquet & Awards / Exhibition B, D, F & Pre-function Area

**(Business Attire)**

9:00pm -11:00pm Hospitality/Cochise Presidential Suite – Main Level

## **Saturday – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

(Breakfast on your own)

7:00am - 9:00am Registration & Credentials / Exhibition Hall Lobby

8:00am – 8:45am Memorial Service

9:00am Introduction of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico Masonic Youth Leaders

### **9:30am Call to Labor / Resumption of Work**

\*Call on Final Credentials Report by RWB James Overfelt / Credentials Committee Chairman\*

\*Oration by Grand Orator MWB Ralph Easley PGM\*

Juris Prudence Committee – Grand Masters Recommendations and Resolutions by RWB Patrick Moroney / Chairman Juris Prudence Committee

**(All Legislation to be displayed on screen as well as paper copies to be provided)**

\*Committee Report on the Grand Masters Address / MWB Adam Hathaway PGM\*

**Vote to be held on the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of  
New Mexico AF & AM**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**Hobbs, New Mexico**

**Closing of the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New  
Mexico AF & AM**

**(MWB Steve Almager / Grand Master to call on RWB Matt Stevenson / Grand Marshal to  
Declare Officers Duly Installed\***

**\*\*\*Saturday Evening After Party in the Cochise Presidential Suite\*\*\***

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# 147<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO AF & AM 14 – 16 March 2024



## REGISTRATION

**Each Mason attending MUST REGISTER (this form or online)**

**(Please print your NAMES and TITLES)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: h / c \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle One Number

*Service to Masonry* Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_ Past Grand Master: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes / No

Current Grand Lodge Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Past Grand Lodge Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Current DDGM/DDGL – List Office If Past DDGM/DDGL – List Office

Designated Representative YES/NO (Circle One)

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Past Master: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Lodge If a Current Lodge Officer Yes / No

### Registration and Meals

**Meal selections for registrations received after March 1, 2024, CANNOT be guaranteed.**

ALL Breakfast is on your own.

	<u>Brother</u>	<u>Lady or Guest</u>	<u>2nd Guest</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration Fee Masons – on or before March 1, 2024					\$40.00
					<b>G.M. Reception included with paid Registration fee – please list total for meal count.</b>
Grand Master's Reception Dinner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>No-host Bar and Grand Master's Reception</b>	_____	_____	_____	<u>FREE</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Friday – March 15, 2024</b>					
Mason's Lunch Cider Bourbon Pork Tenderloin	_____	_____	_____	\$28.00	_____
Ladies Lunch Mescalero Chicken Marsala	_____	_____	_____	\$28.00	_____
<b>Grand Master's Banquet and No Host Bar (Pick One)</b>					
Slow Roasted Prime Rib	_____	_____	_____	\$48.00	_____
Corn meal & Parmesan Crusted Chicken	_____	_____	_____	\$48.00	_____

Advise of Dietary Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registration and Payment Options</b></p> <p>Mail this form and check to: New Mexico Grand Lodge <i>Check Memo: 2024 Grand Lodge</i> P.O. Box 25004 Albuquerque, NM 87125</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please contact us with any further questions:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RWB Chuck Bass 575-808-0706 <a href="mailto:Cbass60.cb@gmail.com">Cbass60.cb@gmail.com</a> RWB Jim Bungard 575-635-5606 <a href="mailto:jbungard@zianet.com">jbungard@zianet.com</a></p>
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