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The Green Dragon Tavern Original Sign... take a look at - The Tea Party Party. Photo by John Keel

Monitoring the Work

Landmarks, Charges, and Regulations Help Us.



Thomas L. Schenk
Grand Master of Masons

Brethren all,

I hope that each of you had a great holiday season, and it was spent with family and friends!

January 1, 2024, marked the beginning of a new year, and for most Lodges the beginning of a new masonic year with new officers.

I wanted to share something that you may find both useful and educational. Recently, the Grand Officers and I were faced with trying to figure out a difficult situation and come up with a solution that was in line with our Constitution and Bylaws. After much research, we still had not found the answer we were looking for, then finally, EUREKA, the answer lay within our Ancient Landmarks.

Some, especially our newer Masons, and newer Officers of the Constituent Lodges may not be familiar with those Ancient Landmarks, as well as our Ancient Charges, Old Regulations and Prerogatives and Duties of the Worshipful Master.

All of these "Usages" were established in the 1700's as the rules and guides to our faith and practices. Constitutions can be written, and over time, even be amended, but they may never conflict with these "Charges".

Why you might ask, is because they are set in stone and can NEVER be changed. Nothing can be subtracted, and Nothing can be added.

They are as follows:

Prerogatives and Duties of the Worshipful Master – 9 Duties & 13 Prerogatives.

By the prerogatives of the Worshipful Master is meant the inherent right and authority he possesses by reason of the position he occupies, giving him, as it does, extraordinary powers and privileges which belong to the presiding officer of no other association. He presides during business as well as the Work of Masonic labors of the Lodge. Etc....

THE LANDMARKS – Twenty-Five (25) in total.

The Modes of Recognition are, of all the Landmarks, the most legitimate and unquestioned. They admit no variation, and if ever they have suffered alteration or addition, the evil of such violation of the ancient law has always made itself subsequently manifest. An admission of this is to be found in the proceedings of the late Masonic Congress at Paris, where a proposition was presented to render these modes of recognition once more universal – a proposition which never would have been necessary, if the integrity of this important Landmark had been rigorously preserved. Etc.....

THE ANCIENT CHARGES – I through VI & 1 through 6.

The Charges of a Free-Mason extracted from The Ancient Records of Lodges beyond the Sea, and of those in England, Scotland, and Ireland, for the Use of Lodges in London: to be read at the making of New Brethren, or when the Master shall order it.

“These charges have always been held in the highest veneration by the Fraternity, as embodying the most important point of the ancient Written as well as Unwritten Law of Masonry”. Etc....

THE OLD REGULATIONS - I thru XXXIX

The Old Regulations of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The most complete history that could be given of these General Regulations is to be found in the title which precedes them in the first edition of Anderson’s Constitution, and which is continued in these words.

“General Regulations, compiled first by Mr. George Payne, anno 1720, when he was Grand Master, and approved by the Grand Lodge on St. John Baptist Dat, anno, 1721, at Stationer’s Hall, London, when the Most Noble Prince John Duke of Montagu, was unanimously chosen our Grand Master for the year ensuing, which chose John Beal, M.D., his Deputy Grand Master, and Josiah Villeneau and Thomas Morris Jr., were chosen by the Grand Lodge as Wardens.

And now, by the command of our said Right Worshipful Grand Master Montagu, the author of this book has compared them with, and reduced them to the ancient records and immemorial usages of the Fraternity, and digested them into this new method, with several proper explications, for the use of the Lodges in and about London and Westminster”.

All of this information can be found within the OFFICIAL MONITOR AND CEREMONIES of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF & AM and would make great Lodge presentation material as well as educate our brethren as to ALL of the regulations to which we are so sacredly bound above and beyond our Constitution and By-laws.

I hope this will be found useful and implemented within your Lodge.

[Here is a direct link to the OFFICIAL MONITOR AND CEREMONIES of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF & AM.](#)

Please see links to other GREAT resources from the Grand Lodge on Page 27.

Reflections of the Junior Grand Deacon

A Year of Contributing and Learning.



James Bungard
Junior Grand Deacon

The 2023-2024 Masonic year is drawing near, and as I reflect upon the Master Mason lecture, I can't help but point to the hourglass; one of the monitorial emblems of our craft. The hourglass is an emblem of human life. Behold how swiftly the sands run and with astonishment, behold how the little particles contained within the hourglass, how they pass away almost imperceptibly, and yet to our surprise in the short space of an hour, they are all exhausted. Consequently, the end of the Masonic year is swiftly approaching.

As I consider on my time as Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude. Serving in this esteemed position was not only an honor, but also a valuable learning experience that helped shape me into a better Mason and leader.

One of the most significant aspects of my time as Junior Grand Deacon was the opportunity to work closely with the Grand Master and the other senior officers. This allowed me to witness firsthand how decisions were made, rituals were conducted, and lodges were governed. I gained a deep understanding of the organizational structure and the responsibilities that come with holding such a position. This experience taught me the importance of unity and collaboration in Freemasonry, as well as the need to lead by example.

During my tenure, I had the privilege of representing the Grand Lodge at various events and ceremonies. This included visiting different lodges across the state and other jurisdictions participating in Masonic events and rituals. These experiences not only allowed me to witness the diversity and richness of Freemasonry in New Mexico, but also provided me with the opportunity to connect with Masons from different lodges, jurisdictions and backgrounds. Building these connections and fostering fraternal relationships was an incredibly rewarding aspect of my role.

Additionally, as Junior Grand Deacon, I also had the responsibility of mentoring Masons. This was an important duty, as it allowed me to guide and support members as they traveled on their Masonic journey. It was a privilege to be a source of knowledge and assistance to these individuals, helping them understand the principles and teachings of Freemasonry and encouraging them to actively participate in lodge activities.

Overall, my time as Junior Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was a transformative experience that deepened my understanding and appreciation of Freemasonry. It allowed me to connect with fellow Masons, learn from experienced leaders, and contribute to the growth and development of the fraternity. I am grateful for the opportunities I had during my tenure and the lasting impact it has had on my Masonic journey.

Pleyel's Hymn

The Only Prescribed Music in Our Ritual.



Bert Dalton
Grand Musician

I've been curious about the only piece of music used in New Mexico lodges, which is the dirge in the third degree. Where did it come from? Why this particular piece? And, how did it come to be adopted by the Fraternity?

It turns out that the brother who wrote the music gave up his successful composing career to build pianos, and the brother who wrote the words wound up getting kicked out of Masonry. And some states use an entirely different piece of music. And the composer and lyricist lived on different continents at different times and never knew each other. What? It makes for an interesting story. In this newsletter, we'll look at the composer, and in the next, we'll look at the lyricist.

The music for the song "Solemn Strikes the Funeral Chime," more commonly known as "Pleyel's Hymn," was composed by Ignaz Pleyel (1757-1831) who was a Freemason. Pleyel was a prolific composer who wrote 42 symphonies, 70 string quartets, several operas, and was enormously popular in his lifetime. One of his contemporaries, Francois-Joseph Fetsis, commented, "What composer ever created more of a craze than Pleyel? Who enjoyed a more universal reputation or a more absolute domination of the field of instrumental music? Over more than twenty years, there was no amateur or professional musician who did not delight in his genius."



Ignaz Pleyel

His string quartets, in particular, were very popular as they were fairly easy to perform by non-professional musicians. Yet for some reason, today he is not well-known outside of music circles.



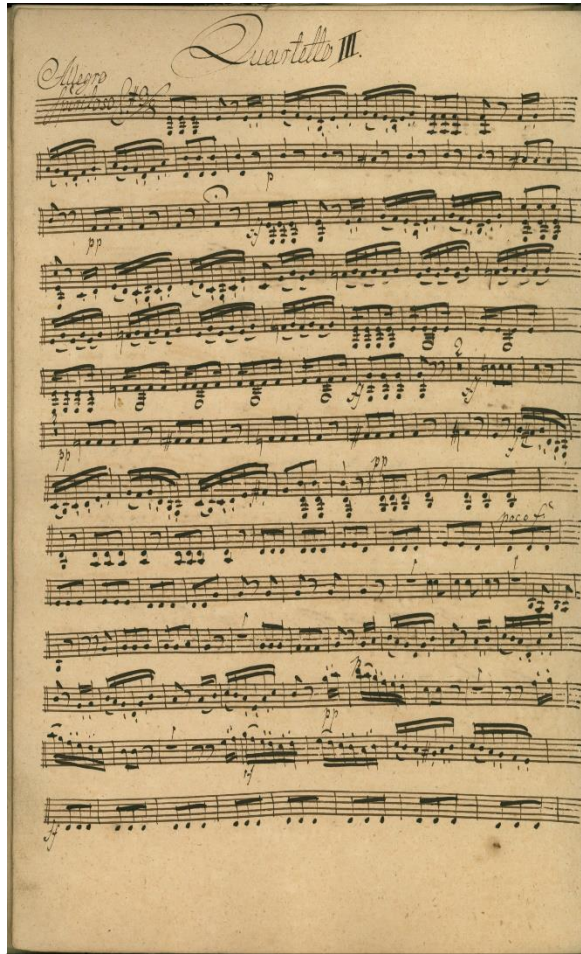
Strasbourg Cathedral

Brother Ignaz Pleyel was born in Rupperthal in lower Austria in 1757. He became a pupil of Brother Franz Joseph Haydn, also a Freemason, who evidently considered him a superb student. As a young man, Pleyel accepted the position of organist at the Strasbourg Cathedral in France to work as assistant music director (maître de chapelle) under Franz Xaver Richter. The cathedral was appealing to him because it had a full orchestra, choir, and a substantial budget devoted to performances. Pleyel composed most of his works during his tenure there, 1782-1793, and assumed the full position of music director following Richter's death in 1789.

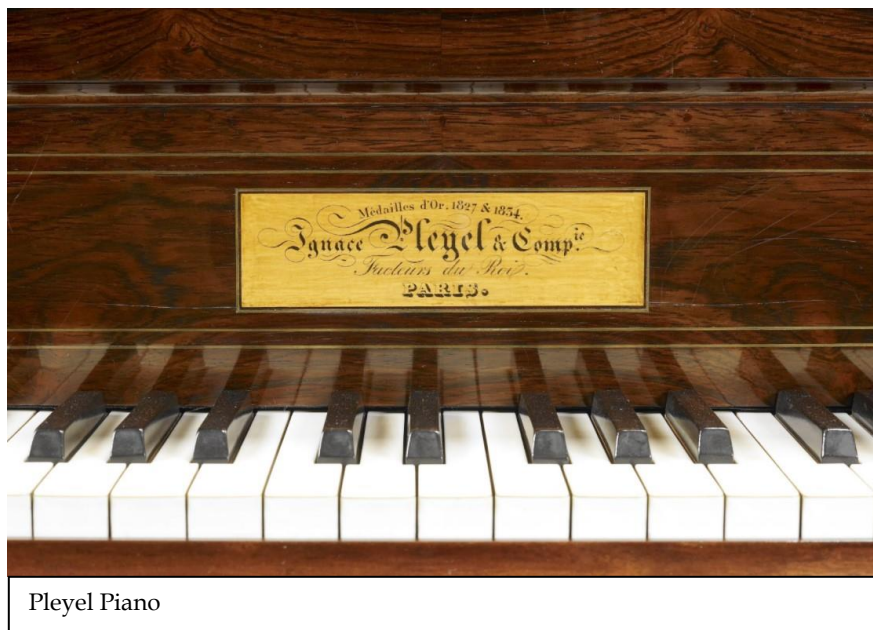


In 1784, Pleyel is listed as a Fellowcraft in “Zum Goldened Rad Lodge” in Eberau, Hungary, under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hungary, which worked under the Grand Lodge of Austria until the suppression of Freemasonry by Emperor Joseph II, 1793-1795. Although he composed Masonic works, ironically the dirge was not among them. The melody of “Pleyel’s Hymn” is a theme from his 4th Quartet, op. 7, published in 1791.

After the French Revolution, musical performances in churches were abolished as well as public concerts. Pleyel moved to London where he led a successful concert series and apparently did quite well there musically and financially. Upon his return to France during the Reign of Terror, he was brought up on charges seven times by the Committee on Foreign Safety. He was accused of being a “royal collaborator” because of his recent purchase of a chateau, his foreign status, and ties with Strasbourg Cathedral. Had he been convicted; he would have faced imprisonment or even execution. He escaped punishment by composing a series of pieces in honor of the new republic, including an eight-hour long piece entitled “The Revolution of August 10, 1792.”

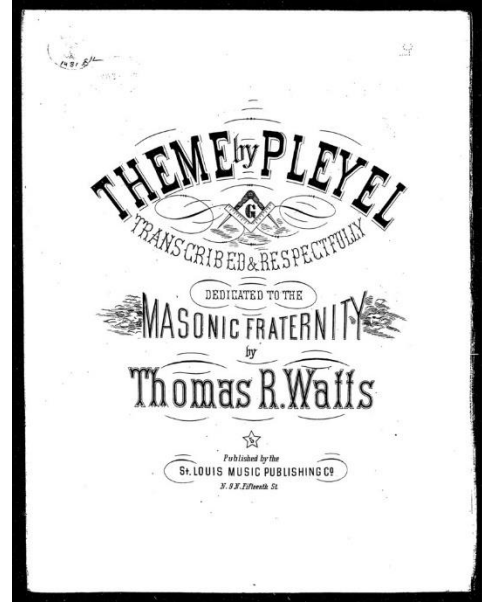


String Quartet manuscript in Pleyel's hand



Pleyel Piano

Pleyel moved to Paris where he set up a music publishing business that ran successfully for 39 years. His company published about 4000 works including a complete edition of Haydn's string quartets and compositions of Boccherini, Beethoven, Clementi, and Mozart. As if that wasn't enough, he began a successful piano manufacturing business in 1807. His pianos were the first to use a metal frame and were of such high quality that they were the choice of Chopin, Debussy, Saint-Saëns, Ravel, and Stravinsky. Pleyel's son Camille took over the business which has thrived for 210 years and is still producing fine pianos today. Chopin's favorite piano was his Pleyel Grand and was the last piano he performed on. "When I feel in good form and strong enough to find my own sound, I need a Pleyel piano", Chopin liked to repeat.



Pleyel retired in 1824 and moved to the countryside outside of Paris where he died in 1831.

¹ Keefe, Simon P. "Preface", in *Ignaz Pleyel: Six String Quartets*

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www.masonmusic.org

www.arteria.com



Chopin's Piano

Memorization Mechanics

“...time, patience, and perseverance accomplish all things”



Scott Jaquith
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Lecturer
2nd Masonic District

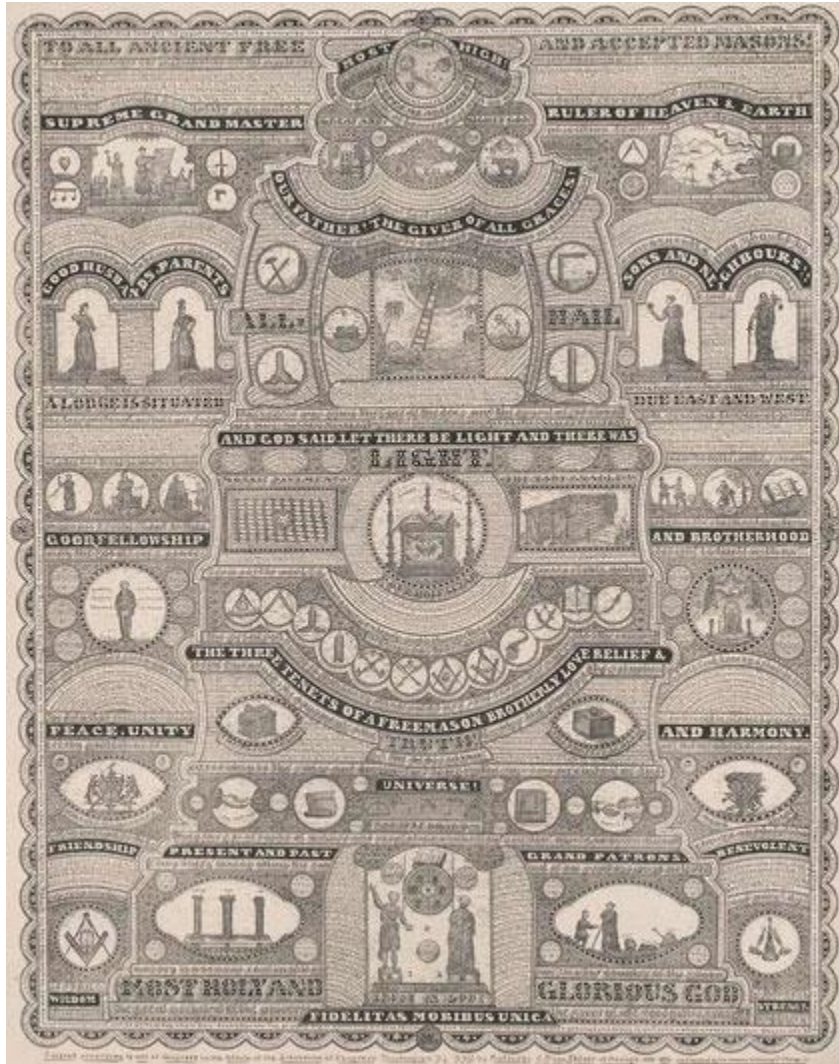
It recently occurred to me that memorization, and the mental act of memorizing the written word, and then reciting Masonic ritual verbatim to our candidates is something that we speak about often as one of the more difficult exercises that we perform. The mechanics, however, are infrequently addressed. Therefore, I would like to explore my memorization habits with you in the hope that it might inspire a few more brethren to pick up the mantle and learn more of our ceremonies.

First, the place and time where you work on your memorization exercises (I'll also be referring to ritual work as memorization exercises throughout this essay) are of paramount importance. Find a quiet place where you will be undisturbed for no less than 30 minutes per day until you have the ritual you propose to recite committed to memory. Solitude is the only way to free up your thoughts and allow your mind to quiet itself to fully absorb and comprehend the gravity of the words you'll be speaking. You might find peace in the kitchen, with your first cup of coffee that day, out on a walk, in the shower, or any number of places that offer you the opportunity to separate yourself from the frenzy of daily life.

The time when you perform your memorization exercises is just as important as the setting. I like to work on my memorization exercises in the morning, before I go to work, while I'm getting ready for the day. I've found that once I commit to memorizing a particular set of our rituals I'll get into a routine where the discipline of preparing for work goes hand-in-hand with reciting Masonic ritual. Mornings for me are when I experience the most profound quiet, before the emails begin, before the phone calls start, and when I can conduct my memorization with the utmost effectiveness. Springtime is my favorite time of year to memorize ritual because it signifies, to me, rebirth and renewal; it's a time of new beginnings and boundless opportunities. You might be the opposite type of person and nighttime is your most peaceful and contemplative period of the day and fall is the best time of year for you to dedicate yourself to memorization. Whenever you find yourself most at peace, select that as your time to perform your memory work and stick with it. Consistency is key!

Now that you've found the time and place that you are most at peace you are ready to begin. You're now probably asking yourself, "How do I do it, then? How do I begin memorizing the Entered Apprentice lecture or the Master Mason Degree conferral?" Just like climbing a mountain...you do it one step at a time.

My method is to dive right in and read the first paragraph of the ritual that I've committed to memorizing. Even if I've heard that ritual over and over again for many years I try to clear my thoughts and start the memorization exercises from scratch. I read only the first paragraph and



stop. Then I return to the first sentence and re-read it. I then focus on the first three to four words of that sentence; I'll read and then re-read them twice. I'll then set my cipher down, close my eyes, and then recite those three to four words from memory four to five times. Then I'll pick my cipher back up and compare what I just recited to what's actually written. Assuming that I've recited those three to four words correctly, I'll read the next three to four words, recite them, commit them to memory, set down my cipher, close my eyes, then recite them from memory. Once I have an entire sentence memorized, I'll stop for the day and that one sentence will become my mantra for the day; I'll say it over and over and over again during my commute to

work. My usual vocations require thorough concentration throughout the day and I generally don't have any time to revisit the ritual memorization until after work. On my commute home from work I'll test myself to see if I can recall the ritual passage that I memorized that morning. Assuming that I've committed that passage to memory, I'll set aside my cipher until the following morning when the exercises begin again.

This is how I commit Masonic ritual to memory, and I'll do it day after day after day until I memorize half the ritual. Then I stop. I'll put down my cipher for a week and deliberately forget the ritual so I can attempt to recall the words from the deep recesses of my immediate memory. If I need to touch up any of my memorization I'll focus on the words, phrases, and sentences that require it and then recite the entire first half of the ritual work before I continue.

Once I've gotten the first half of the ritual work committed to memory, I'll continue with this same method until I've memorized the entire conferral, lecture, presentation, charge, or funeral service. After a few weeks of having the ritual as my constant companion, I'll stop reading and reciting it for a few days, return to it and recite it over again. I'll then give myself a week or so

between recitations and then attempt to recite it from memory. This goes on and on until I can set down the ritual work for six months or longer and recall the ritual work entirely from memory without a prompt. That's when I know that I've gotten it memorized completely and thoroughly. The entire process may take a year to completely and thoroughly memorize a whole lecture.

The idea is to exercise your mind like a muscle. Once you've committed Masonic ritual to memory it's nearly impossible to forget it. I've found that the most difficult ritual can easily be recited even a year or more after I last performed it.

To recap my memorization exercise method in outline form:

- Place (find a quiet and peaceful setting in which to practice)
- Time (allocate a solid block of time to work on your ritual, ideally 30 minutes per day)
- Repetition (remember that small gains turn into large ones in short order)
- Consistency! (continue with your routine until you have accomplished your goal)

So that's the trick. It really boils down to commitment and discipline. It's a lot like Freemasonry itself. It used to be a common practice for American students to memorize poems, Bible verses, and historical texts; learning and reciting Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to your classmates being one of the most common memorization exercises. I recall reciting the Gettysburg Address to my sixth-grade classmates after performing exercises just like the ones I've described above.

I'm not certain whether students are required to memorize in school any longer. Hopefully it's not considered a dying art form. Certain jurisdictions don't memorize their Masonic ritual, but in New Mexico we pride ourselves on reciting ritual from memory and as close to written text as possible. There's no substitute for delivering a candidate his obligation, lecture, and charge from memory and I hope that it remains that way in perpetuity.

If you find it difficult to memorize anything I encourage you to look to your lodge's ritualists for guidance and inspiration. I'm certain that they'll tell you that there's no hack for memorizing ritual. It's a long, difficult, frustrating process. But at the end of your fight with your ritual cipher, when you've exhausted your mind and you're certain that you can't fit another syllable into your brain, just set it down and pick it up again in a few days when you're fresh and well rested. You'll find yourself amazed by your own capacity to recall the ritual, word for word. It really is an exhilarating feeling!

I wish you all the best of luck and success in your future memorization exercises. It's the best (and only) way to fully understand what lessons our traditions convey. Oftentimes I've been reciting our ritual when a particular symbol or turn of phrase resonates with what I'm experiencing in my own life. It's as though our Masonic ancestors are speaking to me across the span of time and the serendipity is thrilling. Once you experience the wonder of exercising your own mind it'll prepare you for a journey of self-discovery that is truly incomparable.



2024 Announcement

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Here Ye-

All the details regarding the 2024 Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico have been released!

Please check your emails, NM Freemasons Facebook page, Grand Lodge of New Mexico webpage and each edition of the New Mexico Freemason for information and links to register and make reservations.

This year's event will be held in beautiful Ruidoso. March 14th, 15th and 16th, at the:



Inn of The Mountain Gods Resort and Casino

287 Carrizo Canyon Road

Mescalero, New Mexico 88340 (located in Ruidoso, New Mexico)

- **Registration** is available online through our [“Eventbrite” link \(Click Here\)](#) or by mail by contacting the office of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. (and, see attached at end of NM Freemason)
- **Room reservations** (MUST) be made directly with the Inn of The Mountain Gods by calling: (**NO ONLINE RESERVATIONS**)
- Local: 575-464-7777 Toll Free: 800-545-9011

Identify yourself as attending the “Grand Lodge of New Mexico, EVENT CODE 1377”, to receive the discounted room rate of \$ 139.00 per night, plus tax & fees.

Room rates are available from Wednesday night, March 13th, 2024, through Saturday night, March 16th, 2024. There will be an “After Party” Saturday night, in the Cochise Presidential Suite to celebrate the incoming 2024-2025 Grand Officers!

- ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2024 TO RECEIVE DISCOUNTS.
- RV RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE AS WELL BY CALLING 575-464-9770 (NO DISCOUNTS OFFERED)

Lodges, please remember to bring your Banners and Bases, there will be a “Parade of Banners” during the public opening ceremony!

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Prudent and Prosperous in 2024

Let's Lead ALL of Our Lodges to Participate.



Committee on
Jurisprudence

Happy New Years from Juris Prudence!

Along with the New Year comes those dreaded New Years Resolutions.

Congratulations to all the newly installed officers of the constituent Lodges of New Mexico. Just a friendly reminder of the obligation that each of us took to "promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice, and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry, on convenient occasions".

Last year many Lodges were not represented at the Annual Communication, and for some, this potentially puts them in violation of:

Code. 125 FORFEITURE OF CHARTER. (Which states),

When a Lodge fails to meet for (12) consecutive months or fails to file the Annual Return on or before the 1st day of February for two (2) consecutive years or to pay per capita dues for two (2) consecutive years, or fails to have a voting member or proxy in attendance at three (3) Annual Communications, it shall there by forfeit its Charter and it shall not thereafter resume labor except by authority of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

At this past Annual Budget meeting in November, the Credentials Committee reported that sixteen (16) Lodges were not represented to exercise their voting rights in approving the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle. These are concerning statistics even with the option of attending via ZOOM.

Brethren all, let's begin this New Year and take the steps needed to return Freemasonry in New Mexico to its intended glory, both within the Lodge as well as out of the Lodge, and together be proud of our accomplishments.

It was ... A Memorable Event

Over 60 NM Masons Present for a Guest Speaker, a Fellowcraft Degree, and Fraternal Visiting!



Stephen Balke
Event Coordinator

On Thursday, January 11, 2024, over sixty New Mexico Masons gathered at Temple Lodge No. 6 for a presentation by Worshipful Brother Brian Ragain of Oklahoma on his book *Keys to Masonic Memorization*, a Fellowcraft Degree performed by noted ritualists, and fellowship with Brethren from across the jurisdiction. This event was four months in the making and was more successful than many anticipated.

On a weekday impacted by weather in many parts of the state, we gathered to experience Freemasonry. Worshipful Brother Len Roughgarden made sure we had great food from Joe's Pasta House in Rio Rancho, serving a Lasagna, Southwest Chicken Alfredo, and Eggplant Parmesan; the weather likely stopped some from being hungry. Right Worshipful Brother Tony Christopherson and Worshipful Brother Brian Moss stepped up to register people and we were off.

It was fantastic to see Brethren from across the state, and due to an event cancellation, the Grand Master was able to be in attendance as well! With everyone gathered in Temple's ample dining area, the fellowship started. In consideration of travelers and the weather, Worshipful Brother Brian Ragain gave his presentation during the latter half of the dinner hour. He introduced the reason for his book, and for the second "dyslexic" edition, and encouraged Brothers to keep working and help others to create the easiest path for their journey. Every attendee that wanted one received a copy of his book. It was well received by the Brethren.



Why was the degree special? Because noted ritualists from across the state came together to give the degree – but did not know what their role would be until we were in Lodge. Right Worshipful Brother James Bungard led the Conferral team including Right Worshipful Brothers Chuck Bass, Don Bovia, Alex Cosby, Robin Justice, and James Overfelt and Worshipful Brothers Steve Bell and Greg Stihel (RWB Robin Justice was unable to attend). Most Worshipful Brother Jonathan Andrews led the Lecture team including Right Worshipful Brother Kevin Fitzwater and Worshipful Brothers Bert Dalton and Keith MacRae. All of these Brothers were ready to do “whatever” they drew.



At 7:00 PM, Worshipful Master Peter Hackett brought Temple Lodge to Labor and we started the degree. The teams then drew their tiles from a bag at random, which gave them their role for the night.

The Lecturers went first, drawing a tile from the cloth bag; then the Conferral Team. After choosing the tile with the Station, Place or part they were to do, the Conferral Team relieved the Officers in their Places or Stations. Two prompters, Most Worshipful Brother Jeffrey D. Johnson and Right Worshipful Brother Dan Lucero, one on each side of the Lodge, agreed to serve. This started an amazing courtesy Fellowcraft Degree for Brother Matthew Vigil of Chapman Lodge. The Second Section was divided into four parts and took the handoff from the Conferral Team after the first section was done. It would have been considered a very well performed degree had that team been practicing and working together in Lodge and was incredible because few of them had ever worked together before that night – at all.

When the degree was over, Most Worshipful Grand Master Tom Schenk commended the ritualists for a job well done, greeted our new Fellowcraft, and mentioned that he had enjoyed the experience. After the Lodge was closed, most left quickly to get through any weather and home. Special thanks to Brothers Joel McIntosh, Cameron Barnes, and Ryan Bailey of Temple Lodge, who ensured that the Lodge might be open to allowing courtesy events in the future by leaving the dining area, kitchen, and lodge room at least as well as we found it.

This was a great effort and gave many a great experience. In addition to those mentioned, thanks go to Temple Lodge for being the host, and Hiram, Estancia, and Edgewood Lodges for contributing financially to defray expenses so we could keep the costs low for those attending.



And to Brothers Austin Norris and Jeff Fulton who were a part of the logistics team to ensure food and table ware, etc. were in place. And, thank you, Michele Balke for some great photos!

Of the 71 Masons that registered, 64 attended. Of the 64, 19 responded (a respectable 29.69%) to a survey which asked the following:

The following were rated 1-5, 1 being "Needs Improvement", 5 being "was GREAT!"

"Thank you for joining us at Temple Lodge for the Fellowcraft Degree, guest speaker, and dinner. Please let us know your impression of the event on Thursday."

AVG	"Grade"	
4.53	90.53%	The dinner and fraternal time
4.68	93.68%	The education opportunity
4.68	93.68%	The degree

To the one Yes/No question: "Would you be inclined to attend similar future events?", 18 of 19 or 94.74% said "Yes."

There were two open ended questions as well, giving various suggestions for improvement for an event such as this, and many saying what a great time was had. The plan is to have the report in full for our Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Thank you to everyone for A Memorable Experience!

The Mystery of Memory

Journeying through Palaces, Mnemonics and Beyond.



Benjamin Cote, EA
Sandoval Lodge No. 76

Throughout history, humans have relied on their memory to save and share information and relied on this communication to spread their culture, their knowledge, and their wisdom. A sacred role or office arose for the communication and preservation of their traditions, a member of the community dedicated to preserving through living memory their way of life and communicating that to the proceeding generations which generated archetypes such as The Storyteller, The Bard or Minstrel and The Village Elder. This trickles down even today into the family with the parents and grandparents being the sacred keepers of their family history or the family memory.

Since primordial times, memory has played a role in our lives and the lives of the community. There exists an individual as well as a collective memory of the people of a community which in ancient times was expressed through Myth, Poetry, Music, and Ritual. The Greeks, for instance, gave this a name and place in their divine

hierarchy, calling her Mnemosyne, Titan Goddess of Memory, Mother of the 9 Muses who represented the arts of poetry, history, comedy, tragedy, sacred hymn, and dance and astronomy. The Egyptians expressed this through their scribal priesthood, temple science, and festivals. This art was also practiced by the Christian Mystics of the Medieval and Renaissance periods and embedded in their architecture with prominent figures being Giordano Bruno who wrote several treatises on the art of memory and Teresa of Avila's work on the Interior Castle and traveled through the songs of the troubadours and the architecture of the chapels and cathedrals.

We can see an example of this relationship very clearly in music and poetry with people expressing their feelings and ideas about life and events often in a structured rhyming verse which itself is an aid to memory by associating certain words and giving them a certain mathematical harmony through language. We can see this on a grander scale through epic poetry and mythology where certain truths about life are expressed poetically through the journeys of great characters representing the greatest concepts, archetypes, and greatest feelings known to man such as Time, Nature, Eternity, Love, War, Strife, Elation, The Hero's Journey, The Harvest Cycle of the Year, Family Life, the rich and the downtrodden, etc. Cosmic Dramas about life and the human condition re-enacted in great plays and rituals, told and retold by great poets and embedded into local customs and festivals, hidden in great works of art like those of the Renaissance masters and written into our very architecture and political systems.

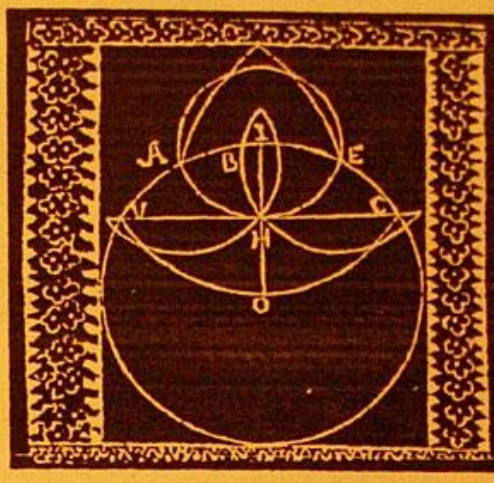
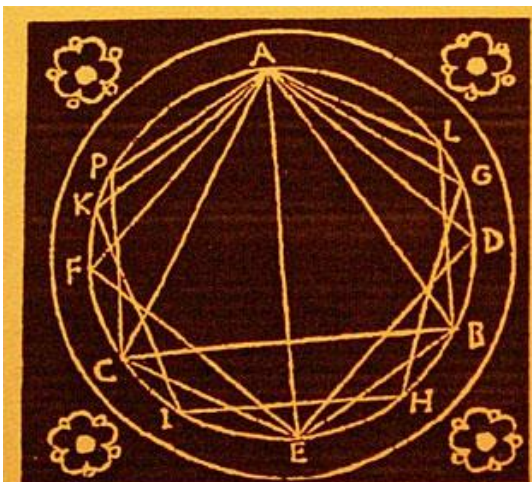
This also happens to be part of how we structure our psyche and worldview. The unconscious part of our mind houses a tapestry of all the things we learn and experience, all the things we receive from the external world through our senses as well as all the things we've contemplated and felt internally and accepted as knowledge. The results of all this we call our lives and our truth. A lot of memory is automatic for us, we regularly experience memory in a passive way



when things are "happening to us". Certain moments like traumatic experiences can even get written automatically to long-term memory bypassing short-term memory because of its seriousness and emotional content. The rest of the time we must actively seek to get information into our heads and hope that it sticks in there somehow. Well, I hope to shed some light on a few ways to go about that.

In certain models of Esoteric Psychology, it is said that the mediator and harmonizing place between the conscious and unconscious mind resides in the imagination. The conscious mind is likened to a little scientist who actively observes the world and makes decisions about what to do in life, while the unconscious mind passively records all the information that is received and stores it in a great library of data. In this model, for us to visualize and imagine things both the conscious and the unconscious mind need to meet in the middle. When we actively seek recollection, the unconscious mind goes and looks up the records and hands us a series of images and information related to what it is we were trying to recollect for our careful consideration until we feel we are satisfied. That information retrieval is what is visualized in the landscape of the imagination and new images can also be formed there.

Using our imagination, we can visualize and create our own new records, bridge connections between thoughts, feelings, and concepts, write our own stories, and generate our works of art. It is a whole internal landscape where we play the role of creator, preserver, and destroyer if we so choose to. It is a great power, and it is well known if not very well understood. The police know this very well, witness testimonies at the same event can be different, people remember different things about it and sometimes try to fill in the rest when nothing comes to mind immediately; they can actively change their story over time just by trying to piece everything together, even the most honest of people can do this. We can and do alter our memories to serve certain purposes, be it to preserve the dignity of a loved one who's done a perceived wrong or to satirize and slander them for it, and it all happens in that magical place called the imagination.





This is where our big technique comes in. It's a technique called The Mind Palace or Mind Journeys and it uses something called Spatial Memory. You build up a scene in the imagination for something you wish to remember and populate it with events and senses that have corresponding meanings. Spatial memory also has a time dimension to it that works hierarchically, kind of like walking up a flight of steps. "This happened and then this happened", walking up the staircase. Then you can say "This is why that happened and this is what I think it meant." You begin with a certain populated landscape and then time starts and events start happening. This is another way of associating certain images or symbols with concepts or specific words you need to be able to recall at a later time. They say ancient Man required a clear memory of where to go to find water sources, plants, hunting grounds, or places of danger like natural hazards or hostile territories, so we developed a greater capacity that makes it quicker and easier to memorize certain details of events and traversal through spaces rather than specific information like words from a book or math formulas. The secret is that they are images in the mind that recall more details.



The fun part about this is that it doesn't even have to be a real place or event. It can be entirely symbolic and mnemonic. You can build King Solomon's Temple in your mind and populate it with all sorts of figures and events that have entirely symbolic meanings and associations. Each symbol and symbolic act is a prompt for another set of ideas meant to house certain profound life lessons or philosophical concepts. This is, in fact, a great key to mystery plays, myths, fairy tales, and allegories. If you can get the story and props down right and understand its esoteric or philosophical elements, it will keep bearing fruit through one's relationship to it and meditation or contemplation upon its mysteries. This is also to say that we learn through association, so understanding what a text means will allow you to remember it more clearly and fully than if you had tried to memorize something that doesn't mean anything to you, that you don't understand and thus can't associate with anything. Think, "spirit of the law vs. the word of the law".

In Freemasonry, we have the Trestle boards which in operative masonry were the building plans on the drawing board that the master craftsman would draw up which would act as the labor plans for that day. In our degree work, we have just such a trestle board or roadmap that explains the tools and symbols of the work for each degree but it is up to the Mason to investigate those symbols and tools and learn to apply them to their personal lives. The old Alchemists also practiced this, devising emblematic maps for the great work of the transformation of matter, often understood esoterically to be the steps and processes involved in the transformation of the soul. The bulk of alchemical symbols are derived from nature itself in the form of classical elements, various animals, and things taken from astronomy like the planets and zodiac. A

microcosmic mind palace filled with the entirety of the macrocosm so that one might more readily perceive the occult or hidden relationships between their inner nature and that of the outer nature which afforded them a mystical relationship with both realms and with that of the eternal realm of ideal forms. Pursuing these ideal forms allows us to strive for greater and greater being and self-mastery and generate that into the world. The way of perfection that countless mystics have talked about.

In our moral lives, we recall these ideal symbols and associated feelings to make moral decisions about what to do in life which equally rests upon our philosophies to inform us about what our ideals and values mean to us personally and what results we think they will have on the world. Through studying philosophy we can answer the great question, "What should I do and why?". Memory plays a large role in this naturally, we work through our existing knowledge and experience to sort out what we ought to do based on reason and rationale. Giordano Bruno wrote about this by giving certain memory mandalas that allow us to have better working relationships with people through better decision-making. I would highly recommend anyone interested in the art of memory to look him up. The Stoics, have great symbols and sayings that show them how they ought to live and what's important when deciding on how to react and interact with the world through their stoic virtues also known as the cardinal virtues which are often represented by certain symbols or images that recall those virtues such as a Lion for Courage, an Owl for Wisdom, Scales for Justice and a goblet for Temperance. We find this with the stoic mottos such as Amor Fati, "The love of fate", often found with the symbol of a rose, or Memento Mori, "Remember that you, too, shall perish." often found with the image of a skull.



These are memory devices that remind a person of the philosophies they've adopted and strive to follow often because this is what they believe to be right and just or at least useful to their lives. In that, I hope that this paper has also been useful to you. While conducting additional research for this paper, I was opened to quite a larger world than I initially anticipated. I knew about the memory palace and the use of mnemonics and stories to improve memory retention but what I found was more profound and meaningful than that. I didn't even get into a lot of what I found and I would encourage anyone to conduct their research into the world and mystery of memory, you may be surprised at how relevant it is to our everyday lives /G\.

The Tea Party Party

A Traveling Man's Report Volume II



John Keel
Sandoval Lodge No. 76

Fraternal greetings and Happy New Year to all of our brethren reading this. I am excited to write this article since the latest in this series covers a recent trip to Boston, Massachusetts for the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and all of the events of that weekend both within as well as external to the masonic bodies there. The Tea Party was a significant event in American History and for a bit of backstory, I included an excerpt from WB Robert Huke, Communications & Development Director for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

“The Boston Tea Party was a political protest organized and executed by the Sons of Liberty. The Sons of Liberty, as well as Boston Committee of Correspondence and the Boston Caucus, often met in the basement of the Green Dragon Tavern on Union Street (then known as Green Dragon Lane) in the North End. The Boston

Tea Party was planned at the Green Dragon Tavern. Daniel Webster, the statesman and U.S. Secretary of State, claimed it was “the Headquarters of the Revolution”.

The Green Dragon Tavern was purchased by the Freemasons of The Lodge of Saint Andrew in 1764. Among the Sons of Liberty's notable members who belonged to The Lodge of Saint Andrew were John Hancock, Paul Revere, and Joseph Warren. When the Boston Tea Party occurred, Warren was Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. Revere served as Grand Master between 1795 and 1797.

On December 16, 1773, The Lodge of Saint Andrew was scheduled to meet. The Lodge's Secretary made a notation in their records that reads:

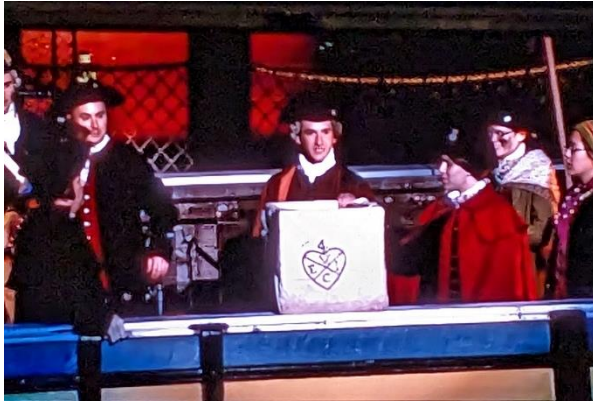
Lodge Closed (on account of the few Members present) untill tomorrow Evening.

In Howard Giles Unger's 2011 book, American Tempest: How the Boston Tea Party Sparked a Revolution, he identified 21 Freemasons who participated, or who were believed to have participated, in the Boston Tea Party. Hancock and Warren are generally acknowledged as not having participated; however, the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum have designated them as “Architects of the Boston Tea Party” as part of their Grave Marker Commemoration program.”



Outside the Green Dragon Tavern

By the time the Boston Tea Party happened in 1773, Freemasonry in Massachusetts was well established. As a matter of fact, the Grand Lodge and oldest lodges had already been around for decades. Among these masons were many of the men who would be instrumental in the events leading up to and throughout the American Revolution. I plan to give a much more in-depth presentation on this at Masonicon this year so, stay tuned for more Brothers.



Tea Party Reenactment



The Destruction of the Tea

For the Tea Party weekend, there were lots of events going on and unfortunately, I was unable to attend everything but, I managed to use my time wisely. On Friday, I was able to tour the Grand Lodge with Bro. Kristopher J. Crosse who shared the story of his Masonic journey with me as we walked. The Grand Lodge building itself is a huge building and for decades was the tallest building in Boston after its final reconstruction in 1899. The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts started as St. John's Grand Lodge in 1733 and the members met at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern initially, the original sign of which is still in the possession of St. John's Lodge. The Grand Lodge got its own home when the first official Grand Lodge building was built in 1830. It was rebuilt again twice in 1867 and 1899 after fires destroyed the buildings. The current structure houses many lodges and has some of the most exquisite lodge rooms I've ever seen.



Tea Party Ships

After the tour of the Grand Lodge, I went to Copps Hill Burial Ground to pay my respects to Most Worshipful Prince Hall, the founder of Prince Hall Masonry. There is a beautiful memorial placed at his gravesite. From the burial ground, I went down the street to Old North Church, where the famed lanterns were hung at MW Paul Revere's orders, warning the minutemen that the redcoats were coming by sea.



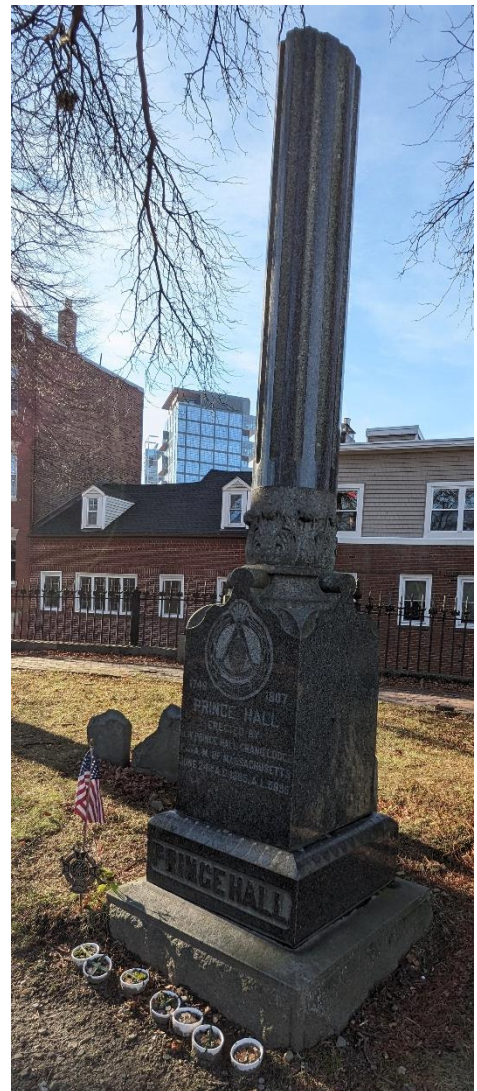
Corinthian Lodge Room



Ionic Lodge Room

In the evening on Friday, the Masons and Sons of the American Revolution teamed up for a Tavern Tour which was a wonderful way to get to meet many of the brethren from around Massachusetts and beyond. Some Masons even came from the UK to participate in the festivities of the weekend. I was welcomed by many Brothers and quickly became friends with some Brothers from the Wampatuck Masons in Southern Massachusetts who became my pub buddies as we enjoyed the fellowship at the historic taverns on the tour. After the first couple taverns, I had to break away from the group to attend the installation of officers for St. Johns Lodge.

Many of our Brothers from around the country were in attendance at St. John's Lodge for the installation of officers. It was a real treat to see the ritual work as the oldest lodge in the Western Hemisphere opened for business and went to recess to receive the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Most Worshipful George Hamilton. I found it fascinating that the Grand Master is received in an English style procession of the Grand Lodge Officers, flanked on both sides by the officers of the lodge. It made for a brilliant show and was fun to observe. I was fascinated to hear that the installation of Officers was the 290th in the lodge's history and that they will be celebrating their 300th anniversary in 2033. I hope to go back and attend that incredibly historic occasion. For the installation, the lodge even brings out the original carved wooden bunch of grapes that hung outside the tavern of the same name.



Prince Hall Gravesite.



Most Worshipful Grand Master George Hamilton with Grand Officers and newly installed officers of St. John's Lodge.

After the installation ceremony, I went back to catch up with the Wampatuck Masons who had made it to the famed Green Dragon tavern where many of our forefathers and fellow Masons had planned the Tea Party and events subsequent. The carved wooden Green Dragon from the original sign is still in the possession of the Grand Lodge and was on display throughout the weekend.

The next morning and for most of Saturday, the Grand Lodge hosted presentations from historians who have become subject matter experts on the events of 1773 and the revolution. I was intrigued to be able to speak with Dr. James Fichter, who has taught at Harvard and Cambridge Universities. When I asked about the Masons involved in the Tea Party and noted the lack of damage to the boats or the crew, he said that it was reasonable to assume that the only reason the mob stayed under control as they did, was because they were mostly Masons and would have kept the other non-masons in line throughout the event. The men there that night were there to make a political statement and not to be ruffians.



WB Mark T. Davis, Worshipful Master St. John's Lodge



MWGM George Hamilton and WM Mark Davis.



2000 Masons Process to the Meeting House.



The Old South Meeting House.

The evening of Saturday was the highlight of the weekend and involved an estimated 2000+ Masons meeting at the Grand Lodge before marching down to the Old South Meeting House, in aprons specially designed for the historic event. At the Old South Meeting House, where Samuel Adams spoke out against the taxes being levied against the colonists and the problem of the tea on board the ships in the harbor, we met an estimated 8000+ additional people who eagerly awaited the rolling rally to the harbor. Though we couldn't hear it outside the Old South Meeting House, reenactors recited the speech given by Samuel Adams on the night of 1773 which preceded the march to the harbor. Afterwards, the whole crowd of 10,000+ people marched down to the harbor chanting phrases that would have been heard 250 years before. The air was cold but electrified with the pride of everyone there participating in such a historical celebration.

(Left) With Sons of Liberty Brothers and Wampatuck Masons.

(Right) Fellowship with Wampatuck Masons.



As we reached the harbor, the crowd quickly filled in all the space available, so many of us had to watch the dignitary speeches and reenactment on large screens which had been put out for the event. The Mayor of Boston, the Governor of Massachusetts, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and even a representative from the British Consulate all gave speeches to commemorate the event, with the latter even jokingly threatening to invoice the City of Boston for the tea destroyed in 1773. With the speeches over, the reenactment commenced, with over 2000 pounds of tea being dumped into the harbor from the ships. One amazing fact is that the tea dumped was sent from numerous countries around the world and from states all across the US as well as from every Mason Lodge in Massachusetts. Even the Rainbow Girls gave each of us a bit of tea to dump in the harbor! It was a lot of fun and I got to spend a wonderful evening with our Brethren.

On Sunday, the morning events started with an Ecumenical Service hosted at the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain. It was a beautiful service, with a Brother Rabbi and the Grand Chaplain sharing stories from the sacred texts relating to the actions of our forefathers which still ring true today. We must do what's right for our families and our communities even if it may not be the popular choice. Keep in mind that the destruction of the tea in Boston was not popular initially, even among Brethren such as Ben Franklin and George Washington.

After the service, we all went to breakfast and enjoyed fellowship with the Grand Lodge Officers, the Sons of the American Revolution and even a direct descendant of MWB Paul Revere. I enjoyed the chance to speak with more brethren and even learned about some of the traditions held in Massachusetts Freemasonry.



With the Brethren of Azure Lodge.

On Monday, my flight out of Boston was cancelled due to a severe storm and I wasn't able to get another flight until Thursday so, I was provided some additional opportunities to tour Boston and hang out with some Brethren. This led to attending Lodge with Azure Lodge in Walpole, Massachusetts where I had a great time! This Lodge had many Brothers in attendance and welcomed me with open arms. On this night in particular, the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Thomas McClintock was making an official visit and invited me to be his guest. I soon learned that the District Lodges receive their DDGMs much like the Grand Master was received in St. John's Lodge so, I was a part of the procession and was called upon to announce the DDGM. I was thrown under the bus and it was fantastic! The business meeting for the lodge involved many of the Military Veteran members of Azure Lodge being awarded a medal from the Grand Master commemorating their military service. After the meeting, we had dinner and fellowship to cap off the amazing evening.

This trip was an unforgettable experience, and I would not have been able to do it without our fraternity. I met so many brothers and had a wonderful time experiencing the anniversary of one of the most significant events in our Country's history. Fellowship, travel and history all rolled into one trip? Why would I not go as a Traveling Man? Thank you for reading Brothers and keep an eye out for more.



The Chapel – December 2023/January 2024

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.”



Brother	Lodge	Deceased
Oscar W. Hillman	Valley Lodge	12/3/2023
John C. Huffman	Animas Lodge	12/8/2023
James T. Cassan	Portales Lodge	12/13/2023
Leonard Ray Schaffer	Mimbres Lodge	12/15/2023
Samuel G. Jack	Temple Lodge	12/18/2023
Robert J. Harris	Eddy Lodge	12/20/2023
Roy Erwin Patton	Temple Lodge	12/23/2023
Carroll Jay Wysong	Mimbres Lodge	12/24/2023
John Gilbert Marrs	Eddy Lodge	12/29/2023
George Edward Moss	Hiram Lodge	1/1/2024
Donald Ray Balkcom	Temple Lodge	1/5/2024
Thomas J. Williams	Temple Lodge	1/6/2024
Lerry D. Bond	Carrizozo Lodge	1/7/2024
Donald Franklin Pruitt	Tucumcari Lodge	1/8/2024
Charles David Warner	Tularosa Lodge	1/11/2024
Franz J. Lehmkuhler	Temple Lodge	1/11/2024
Earl Wayne Allison	Ruidoso Lodge	1/14/2024
Thomas L. Williams	Animas Lodge	1/15/2024
Robert J. Kemp	Bethlehem Lodge	1/17/2024

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.

Masonic How To's:

It's Certainly Easier to Follow and Reference Rules When You Know What/Where They Are.



Stephen Balke
Editor

After talking with officers from various lodges across the jurisdiction I have found that some of the resources provided by the Grand Lodge were not known by some of the Brethren, they just hadn't received them, or didn't know how to find them. Much like the Official Monitor and Ceremonies mentioned by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his article, these are references that are useful to all of our Brethren.

As my Coach, MWB Ernie Hazelwood used to say, "We spend \$1000 every year to make our rules, so why not just follow 'em. If you don't like it, we have a way to change it." These are here for our use and reference and have what we, as a jurisdiction, have agreed to.

Please find what you may find are some useful resources by following the links below.

- [CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS and ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of NEW MEXICO](#)
- [The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of New Mexico OFFICIAL MONITOR AND CEREMONIES](#)
- [Masonic Parliamentary Law: or, Parliamentary Law Applied to the Government of Masonic Bodies, by Albert G. Mackey, M.D.](#)
- [The Master's Guide to Masonic Parliamentary Law](#)
- [Lodge Officers Handbook](#)
- [Grand Lodge, AF & AM of New Mexico Public Relations Guide](#)
- [The Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference Social Media and Freemasonry](#)
- [NEW MEXICO - MENTOR MANUAL](#)
- [2016 CHARITY FOUNDATION MATCHING FUND - GUIDELINES](#)
- [Requirements for Sections](#)

Something missing? Have a question? Check with your officers and find out! Secretary -> Master -> DDGL (especially for ritual) -> DDGM -> Grand Secretary -> Grand Master.

Don't know how to get ahold of one of them? Register on the GrandView APP, all you need is your current dues card (for your number). [CLICK HERE!](#)

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 share all the things you're doing to help Masonry and your Lodge or group grow!

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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

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

147th Annual Communication

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

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

March 14th, 15th & 16th, 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 14th, 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 15th, 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 147th 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 147th 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 147th 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 16th, 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 148th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
New Mexico AF & AM**

March 20th, 21st & 22nd, 2025

Hobbs, New Mexico

**Closing of the 147th 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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147th 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
					G.M. Reception included with paid Registration fee – please list total for meal count.
Grand Master's Reception Dinner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
No-host Bar and Grand Master's Reception	_____	_____	_____	FREE	\$0.00
Friday – March 15, 2024					
Mason's Lunch Cider Bourbon Pork Tenderloin	_____	_____	_____	\$28.00	_____
Ladies Lunch Mescalero Chicken Marsala	_____	_____	_____	\$28.00	_____
Grand Master's Banquet and No Host Bar (Pick One)					
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;">Registration and Payment Options</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 Cbass60.cb@gmail.com RWB Jim Bungard 575-635-5606 jbungard@zianet.com</p>
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