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Dear Brethren of Montezuma Lodge No.1,

Fare greetings to you wherever you are. As always, I'd like to send you a personal invitation to attend one of our Lodge meetings this year. I am truly honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Worshipful Master of our lodge. I am also grateful for the many efforts and accomplishments by the Past Masters that have allowed us to continue promoting our cause. On the fraternal side, we have an exciting agenda for the 2020 year which will include: Family Involvement in Masonry, Enhancing Ritual Work with Music, and Collaborating with other Lodges and Masonic Bodies. I am hoping that you will participate in the events in accordance with this agenda and that you will walk away with a sense of intrigue, brotherly love, and belonging. I am currently preparing a calendar of events to be presented at the January 2020 regular communication to lay out some of the goals and objectives for the year.

The Property Management Board (PMB) has been in discussion about upgrading our lobby area with new furniture and layout. As fiduciaries of our Lodge properties and possessions, the PMB have a duty to ensure that they are in good condition and cared for. The PMB has made a lot of improvements on the landscaping of our grounds and the exterior side of our Lodge. For 2020, the PMB would like to expand the improvements to the interior of our Lodge. I am confident that these upgrades will give you a sense of pride and inspiration when you invite your family and friends for dinner and to other Masonic events. These upgrades may also serve to provide a more welcoming space for our community members who use our property in keeping with modern times and in accordance with our tenets and values. You are always welcomed to attend the PMB meetings which are scheduled for the

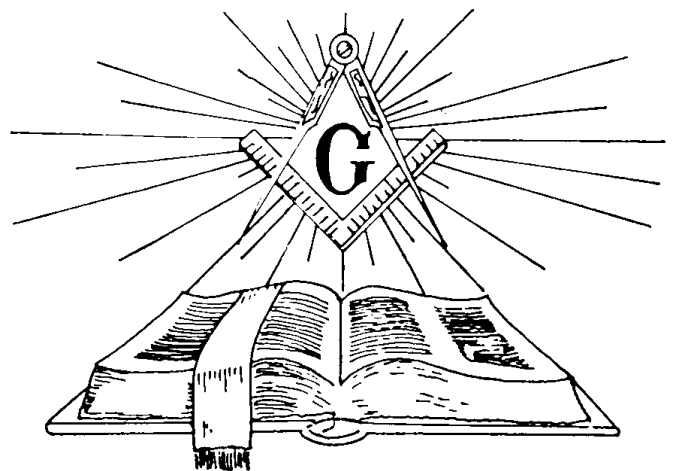
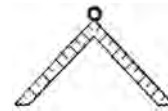
4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm, barring holidays, to let us know your thoughts about the management of our properties. Your opinion is important to the PMB and you are encouraged to send any questions or concerns to the Secretary or myself directly.

I am excited about the new year and what we can accomplish. I look forward to seeing you and want you to know that having you as a brother is something the Lodge always cherishes and appreciates.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jee W. Hwang

Worshipful Master



Change in Time of Stated Meetings

Worshipful Brother Jee Hwang has given timely and legal notice of his decision that the stated communications of Montezuma Lodge No. 1 will open at 7:00 PM instead of the time of 7:30 PM as given in our bylaws..

Regular Meetings

RECURRENCE

First Monday
Fourth Wednesday
Second Tuesday
Third Tuesday
Second Wednesday
First Thursday

EVENT

Regular Communication at **7:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM**
Property Management Board at 6:00 PM
Regular Communication at 7:30 PM
Regular Communication at 5:30 PM
Regular Communication at 7:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM
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ORGANIZATION

Montezuma Lodge No. 1
Montezuma Lodge No. 1
York Rite Bodies
Santa Fe Shrine Club
Cerrillos Lodge No. 19
Santa Fe No. 19 Eastern Star

We have been holding our Quest meetings every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. Quest Club is a forum for everyone. Mason and non-Mason alike can voice ideas and discuss any topic.



Special Notices And Events

Property Management Board

The monthly meeting of the Property Management Board is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 26th** at 6:00 PM in the library.

Degrees Conferred

Brother John Arthur Brady was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 10, 202.

In Memoriam

Brother Monte R. Shriver passed to the Great Architect of the Universe on 1/12/2020 in Las Cruces. He was born on 9/28/1934. Our brother was Initiated on 1/25/1963, Passed on 3/8/1963, and Raised on 4/5/1963. He presented his Master Mason's proficiency examination on 5/6/1963 and received his 25-year pin on 2/21/1995.

Registration for Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Registration for the Annual Communication is now available on the Grand Lodge website at www.nmmasons.org

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Lodge Committees

Audit

Doug Ottersberg, PM (Chairman)
Mike Mulligan, SW
Charles Hannaford, JW

Scholarship

Richard "Tippie" Mares, PM (Chairman)
TBA

Quest Club

Yudi Wong, PM (Chairman)

The Gavel

Bob Sherman, PM (Chairman)

Lodge Website

Jee Hwang, WM (Chairman)



Master's Goals

Worshipful Master Jee Hwang presented his goals for the coming year at the January Stated Communication.

Enhancing Ritual Work using Music

Goal 1: Compile a preliminary list of music to be used for ritual work by no later than March regular communication.

Goal 2: Incorporate at least one piece of music into the opening and closing ritual by no later than March regular communication.

Goal 3: Perform the Entered Apprentice Degree with music during the May regular communication.

Goal 4: Perform the Fellowcraft Degree with music during the June regular communication.

Goal 5: Perform the Master Mason Degree with music during the July regular communication.

Masonic Family and Community Outreach

Goal 1: Sponsor, organize, or participate in at least 2 promotional events with an appendant Masonic body and Grand Lodge in 2020.

Goal 2: Sponsor, organize, or participate in at least 2 volunteer events to benefit the local community in 2020.

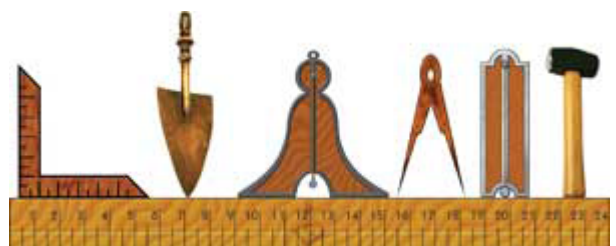
Goal 3: Organize at least 2 Movie Night or Matinée events in 2020.

Property Management Board: Lobby Upgrade

Goal 1: Obtain an estimate to redesign and upgrade the lobby area and furniture so as to be an inviting and interesting area for the brethren and visitors by February PMB meeting.

Goal 2: Develop a plan to finance and purchase all necessary items needed for the lobby upgrade by March PMB meeting.

Goal 3: Have all lobby upgrades installed by no later than June PMB meeting.



Photograph of the Raising of Brother John Arthur Brady





Left: Newly raised Brother John Arthur Brady with his long time friend and colleague, WB Jeffery Schimsky. Worshipful Brother Schimsky surprised Brother Brady as they had not seen each other in 30 years. Worshipful Schimsky is a Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of California.



WB Jeffrey Schimsky holds the Hawkin's rifle of Brother Kit Carson. Looking on are Brothers John Brady and Secretary, RWB Don Helberg.

PIETRE-STONES REVIEW OF FREEMASONRY

1813 ARTICLES OF UNION: The Physical Documents R W Bro YASHA BERESINER LL.B.

The United Grand Lodge of England will this year celebrate the bicentenary of the Union between the Ancients and the Moderns Grand Lodges in 1813. The Union was formally celebrated on 27 December, in accordance with Article I of the Articles of Union, which states:

I. There shall be, from and after the day of the festival of Saint John the Evangelist next ensuing (*i.e. 27 December 1813*) a full, perfect and perpetual union of and between the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons of England . . . represented in one Grand Lodge, to be solemnly formed, constituted and held, on the said day . . . "

The word 'celebrated' needs emphasising. The Union had in fact been 'consummated', so to speak, on 25 November and 'ratified' and confirmed on 1 December 1813. These three key dates have caused some confusion among historians, made worse by the loss of two documents, one of which has since been retrieved and which are the subject of this article.

On 25 November 1813, the Grand Masters of both Grand Lodge, the two Royal brothers, the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of Kent, representing the Moderns and the Antients respectively and their commissioners, six in total, met at Kensington Palace for the sole purpose of signing the two identical manuscript original Articles of Union, one for each Grand Lodge. The original document belonging to the Antients is extant in the Library and Museum of Freemasonry in London. It is 205mm wide and 324mm in height, consisting of a total of 10 pages with text on both sides of each page and the last three sides left blank. They are signed on page 7, each signatory's wax seal added, under the legend: 'Done at the Palace of Kensington, this 25th Day of November, in the year of our Lord 1813, and of Masonry, 5813', as follows: on the left hand side for the Antients -

Edward G.M. (H R H Edward, Duke of Kent & Strathearn)

Thos Harper D G M (Thomas Harper Deputy Grand Master)

Ja Perry P.D.G.M. (James Perry Past Deputy Grand Master) and

Jas Agar P D G M (James Agar Past Deputy Grand Master)

and on the right side, for the Moderns (or Premier) Grand Lodge, additional four signatures:

Augustus FrederickGM (HRH Duke of Sussex Installed 12 May 1813)

Waller Rodwell Wright ProG.M. Ionian Isles (Provincial Grand Master of the Ionian Islands)

Arthur Tegart PJGW (Past Junior Grand Warden)

J Deans PJGM (James Deans Past Junior Grand Warden)

Although the Duke of Kent was only Grand Master Elect at this time, it would have been felt that he was qualified to sign the document as 'Edward G.M.'. Each Grand Lodge retained their copy of the original signed and sealed Articles of Union.

Two particularly significant alterations, among a few minor ones, were made to Article II on these documents. They are revealed in Companion Douglas Burford's 1993 Royal Arch Batham Lecture 'The Anomalies of the Royal Arch - Craft Connection': the words 'four degrees' were altered to read 'three degrees' and the words 'Supreme Degree' in the next line were altered to read 'Supreme Order'. The indirect consequence of these changes is that these same original documents had to be 'ratified' by each Grand Lodge and this was done separately at the 'Especial Grand Lodge' meetings, which followed the Duke of Kent's installation and sumptuous dinner on 1 December.

The requirement for such ratification was also incorporated in the first paragraph of Clause IX of the Articles of Union which read:

IX. The United Grand Lodge being now constituted, the first proceeding
after solemn prayer shall be to read and proclaim the act of Union, as
previously executed and sealed with the great seals of the two Grand Lodges;
after which the same shall solemnly accepted by the members present.

(The second paragraph of Article IX does not appear to have been complied with and is outside the scope of this brief article). Thus the 1st December meeting was to fulfil a pre-determined requirement of the Articles of Union. As incredulous as it may sound, late at night after a long day's ceremonies and lots of food and drink, the Moderns retired to reassemble at Freemasons' Hall and the Antients remained at the Crown and Anchor Tavern and they each opened their respective 'Especial Grand Lodges'. Here the Articles of Union were ratified and also confirmed with a second signature of each Grand Master applying his Grand Lodge's seal. The almost identical ceremonies took place in totally separate locations more or less simultaneously, when each Grand Master acted on behalf of his own Grand Lodge. The added text under which each of the Grand Masters signed, reads: 'In Grand Lodge this first day of December A.D. 1813, Ratified and Confirmed, and the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed'.

Thus at this stage of events, on 1 December 1813, the two copies of the Articles of Union are signed and sealed, ratified and confirmed and seals of the two Grand Lodges applied, legally binding the parties to the Union. *Fait accompli*. As mentioned, this original document of the Articles of Union belonging to the Antients is extant. The Moderns' (or Premier) Grand Lodge's version is missing.

It was now time to prepare for the Grand Assembly of Freemasons celebrations on 27 December, as required by Article I of the Articles of Union. Among these preparations a decision was taken to produce two larger and engrossed manuscript facsimile copies of the original Articles of Union, one for each Grand Lodge, with a view of their being ceremonially carried into Grand Lodge and signed during the proceedings of 27 December. Both copies of these facsimiles survive and are housed in the archives of the Library and Museum of Freemasonry in London. They are larger than the originals, measuring 300mm x 420mm and elaborate and attractive, with part of the title on the first page highlighted in gold. The corrections to Article II have been incorporated, although clearly these facsimile copies have no legal value or standing. They are not original documents and cannot change the status of the Union already achieved on 1 December nor can they add anything to the agreement of the Union. As facsimile copies of the Articles, they include both date-legends that appear on the original, namely: 'Done at the Palace of Kensington, this 25th Day of November, in the year of our Lord 1813, and of Masonry, 5813' and : 'In Grand Lodge this first day of December A.D. 1813, Ratified and Confirmed, and the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed'.

The facsimiles, when presented to the two Grand Masters preceding the 27 December ceremonies, were blank without signatures or seals. As recorded in the proceedings describing the procession into the Grand Hall, each of the two Grand Masters was laden 'with the Act of Union, in duplicate' i.e. one for each Grand Master. They are now signed by the two Grand Masters and their respective Grand Secretaries below the legend reading: 'In Grand Lodge this first day of December A.D. 1813, Ratified and Confirmed, and the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed'. They are witnessed and countersigned: 'In the presence of Count Jacob Pontusson De la Gardie 1st Grand Master of the North'. They were then solemnly and ceremonially placed inside the Ark of the Covenant. It must be borne in mind and emphasised that these two manuscript facsimile copies of the original Articles of Union were representative only, cosmetic copies, so to speak, for show purposes alone. They were, of course, accurate and identical to the signed and sealed originals but the legal aspects of the Union had by now already taken place.

Both documents, now available for inspection, show that they are signed by the Grand Masters and by the Grand Secretaries (the Moderns have an added signature) and witnessed by De la Gardie, on the inside back cover of each document, below the legend that reads: 'In Grand Lodge this first day of December AD1813 Rectified and Confirmed and the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed'. As expected, there are no seals or signs that any seals were ever applied. There was no need for seals. Furthermore although the event was taking place on 27 December 1813, the document being signed was dated, quite correctly, 1 December 1813. The events of 27 December 1813 were a symbolic show and celebration of unity, the Union already having been achieved on 1 December.

The facsimile copy of the Articles of Union belonging to the Antients was subsequently selected for use as the 'Master' or official document of the Union and was accordingly handsomely bound in a decorated and embossed velvet cover. The copy was signed by the four signatories of the Antients (it is presumed the Moderns never bothered to sign this document or may never have been asked) and, until recently, it was carried into Grand Lodge at each Quarterly Communication in the special satchel still in use today and on display at the Museum of Freemasonry.

The facsimile belonging to the Moderns (or Premier) Grand Lodge has an interesting pedigree, as reported to the author in private correspondence by Susan Snell, Archivist and Records Manager at the Library and Museum of Freemasonry and a former British Records Association (BRA) archivist. She writes that the document concerned, accessioned as 'BRA 1607' together with a large quantity of other unrelated documents, was deposited with the BRA on 12 August 1968 from the College of Arms via the Historical Manuscripts Commission (HMC) as a gift. The British Records Association acts as an archives clearing house for London solicitors' papers and other records of potential historical interest. On 16 January 1976, Janet Foster, then the BRA archivist, wrote to Grand Lodge and the document was subsequently delivered to James Stubbs, Grand Secretary at the time, at Charterhouse where he was residing. The receipt of the document 'despatch number 1662' is acknowledged with thanks in a letter from the United Grand Lodge of England addressed to the BRA dated 5 February 1976. The relatively late discovery of the document may explain why it has not been referred to by several authors who have written on the subject, and who may have reached different conclusions had the existence of a Moderns' version of the facsimile copy been known to exist.

Articles of Union

Between

The two Grand Lodges of England

In the name of God Amen

The Most Worshipful His Royal Highness Prince Edward Duke of Kent and Strathearn Earl of Dullen Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter and of the Most Mostacious Order of Saint Patrick's Field Marshall of His Majesty's Forces Governor of Gibraltar Colonel of the First or Royal Scots Regiment of Foot and Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Deputy Grand Master The Right Worshipful James Perry past Deputy Grand Master and The Right Worshipful James Agar past Deputy Grand Master of the same Fraternity for themselves and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of England

The Most Worshipful His Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick Duke of Sussex Earl of Inverness Baron Vichy Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter and Grand Master of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons under the Constitution of England The Right Worshipful Walter Redwell Knight Provincial Grand Master of Masons in the Ionian Isles The Right Worshipful Arthur Tregon past Grand Warden and The Right Worshipful James Deans past Grand Warden of the said Fraternity for themselves and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Society of Free Masons under the Constitution

lines below the signatures and seals are the ratification and confirmation 'in Grand Lodge' (namely of the Antients) dated 1 December 1813 and signed by 'Edward' Grand Master of the Antients. The large seal to the left centre of the document is also that of the Antients Grand Lodge. This document is preserved in the archives of the Library and Museum of Freemasonry in London. An identical document with the signature of the Duke of Sussex at its base and the large seal of the Moderns (or Premier) Grand Lodge of England is currently missing.

Photograph by David Peabody.

to the said Festival of Saint John, which shall
be the form to be observed on that occasion

21st A revision shall be made of the Rules and
Regulations now established and in force
in the two Fraternities and a Code of
Laws for the holding of the Grand Lodge and
of private Lodges, and, generally for the
whole conduct of the Craft, shall be
faithfully prepared, and a new Book of
Constitutions be composed and printed under
the superintendence of the Grand Officers,
and with the sanction of the Grand Lodge

Done at the Palace of Kensington
this twenty fifth day of November
in the year of our Lord 1813 and of
Masonry 5813.

Edward G. M. Augustus Frederick G. M.

Thos. Harper
S. G. M.

Walter Rodwell Wright
Right Warden

La Perry P. D. G. M. Arthur Legard P. M.

J. M. ... P. D. G. M.

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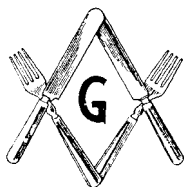


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February Dinner Menu



Join us on February 3rd for dinner at 6:00 PM before the stated meeting. The entire family is invited. As our chef will be busy cooking for the legislature, the dinner will be obtained from Dion's. If you have any dietary restrictions please contact the secretary so that we may arrange suitable alternatives.

Pizzas
Salads
Pies and Other Desserts and Ice Cream
Lemonade, Coffee, and Ice Tea



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What is the purpose of Freemasonry?

"To admit, make and pass Freemasons according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. To advance the moral and social interests of its membership; to foster good citizenship, honest industry and upright living; to cultivate the exercise of charity in its best and broadest sense; to assist the widows and orphans of its deceased members; to stimulate friendship, harmony and Brotherly love and generally to promote, in its own way, the happiness of mankind — it is a fraternity of good men, linked together by honorable and indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes, eschewing all interests in factional politics and sectarian religion and free from the dictation of both."

For more information about Masonry:

- ☐ Call the Lodge at 982-0971
- ☐ Stop by the Lodge
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- ☐ Ask any Mason