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Our New Altar Cloth



Secretary RWB Don Helberg, WB Richard Mares, and WB Michael Mulligan show an altar cloth donated to the Lodge by Hildegard Russell estate of our late Brother WB Richard Russell.

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
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ORGANIZATION

Montezuma Lodge No. 1
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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, June 23rd** at 6:00 PM.

Sickness & Distress

RWB Don Helberg has recently undergone cataract surgery in both eyes and is now seeing much more clearly.

In Memoriam

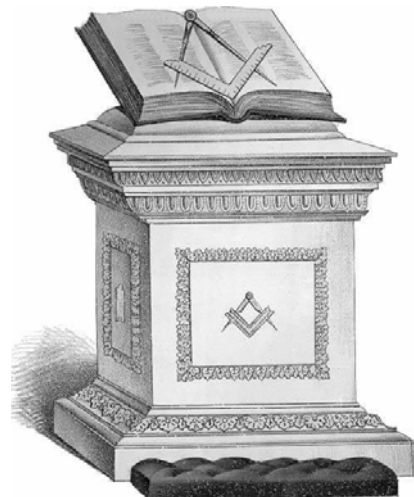
Brother Thomas O. Mueller past away in Forth Worth, TX on February 9, 2021. Our Brother was initiated on 9/5/1956, passed on 11/21/1956, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 11/21/1956. A funeral service was held at the National Cemetery on August 2, 2021.

Memorial Luncheon for Richard Ruessell

There will be a memorial luncheon in honor of WB Richard Russell at noon on October 9, 2021 at the Lodge.

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Message from the Grand Master



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Grand Master 2021

July 30th, 2021

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico:

Owing to the New Mexico Department of Health's latest guidance mirroring the United States Centers for Disease Control's guidance, it seems prudent to provide a letter of clarification to the Freemasons of New Mexico.

As outlined by federal health officials, the more transmissible Delta COVID variant continues to spread through primarily unvaccinated populations and can be carried by unvaccinated individuals. The latest guidance from the state recommends that fully vaccinated New Mexicans wear a face covering in all indoor settings out of an abundance of caution. At this time, there will be no updates to Edict #4. That may change if the state issues new guidance or a new health order.

The state health order still requires masks for unvaccinated individuals, as does Edict #4. Let me remind you to wear a mask if you are unvaccinated.

If you are vaccinated, masks are now recommended indoors, including lodge rooms. Please remember the immunocompromised, our youth groups and those unable to receive the vaccine when deciding whether to follow this recommendation. Any Worshipful Master or Head of Body may elect to enforce a mask mandate within their lodge or organization for any reason.

We're all in this together. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge through the rest of the year. As we move towards fall and cooler weather, the guidance may continue to change. I know that Masons, acting on the level, practicing brotherly love, relief, and truth, will continue to adapt to that guidance and prosper. Thank you all for your continued patience and perseverance.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Andrews, Grand Master

Edict #4



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To all Constituent Lodges and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico: this communication is to be given the widest possible distribution among the Brethren and be placed within your Lodge minutes. As provided in Chapter 11, Powers and Duties of Grand Lodge Officers, Code 20, "Grand Master", Section (g).

Considering an updated Public Health Order from the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), I hereby rescind Edict #3, issued on May 17th, 2021 and issue the following Edict:

Edict No. 4

July 6, 2021

It is my order that all meetings and events that would be held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, including any Appendant Bodies (hereinafter, "in-person meetings") must adhere to the Covid Safe Practices defined by the NMDOH and outlined in the most recent Public Health Order. These practices include masks and social distancing for unvaccinated individuals and reporting of cases to the State. It is the responsibility of the Worshipful Master or Appendant Body head to ensure the Public Health Order is correctly followed for all in-person meetings. Vaccination status relies on an honor system. Remember your obligation to not defraud your lodge.

Additional requirements for in-person meetings are outlined in this Edict and shall be followed. All dispensations normally required while conforming to this Edict are considered granted.

- The Worshipful Master of each Constituent Lodge shall decide whether to conduct in-person meetings or continue virtual meetings. Virtual

meetings are not approved for tyled business, but may be used for presentations, updates, and other untiled business. Virtual meetings may be opened before or after lodge, or during refreshment and must be disconnected or disabled during tyled business.

- The decision to conduct in-person meetings for each Appendant Body organization is at the discretion of the head of that organization but must balance parent organization guidance and building owner-tenant agreements.
- Report any positive cases to both the State of New Mexico and the Grand Secretary.
- Food or drink may be served in masonic facilities. If you are a state permitted food service facility, you must complete the New Mexico COVID-Safe Training Program for Restaurants and complete all items in the COVID-Safe Checklist for Food Service for every in-person meeting.

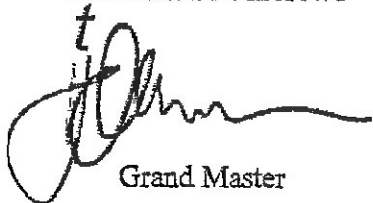
Issuance:

This Edict is to be read at the first regular communication after receipt, and Lodges should share it with their members.

The latest NMDOH Public Health Order can be found at:

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/public-health-orders-and-executive-orders/>

Jonathan R. Andrews



Grand Master

Attest: H. C. Sky Olsen



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August Dinner Menu



Join us on August 2nd for dinner at 6:00 PM before the stated meeting. The entire family is invited. Our chefs have planned an excellent menu.

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Vegetables
Green Salad
Watermelon, Deserts 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
- ☐ Visit our website @ www.montezumalodge.org
- ☐ Ask any Mason