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From the East...



From the East.

Clyde Kluckhohn, one of my favorite Anthropologists, was just under 20 years old when he was sent to New Mexico for ill health. Clyde was just one of many individuals to be sent to the Southwest in the hopes of finding the cure in the dry climate for his bout with tuberculous, a terrible ailment that was sweeping the country in the 1920s. This experience was to become a defining moment in shaping his career as an Anthropologist. He found himself on a small ranch in Ramah, New Mexico on what he described as "the fringes of Indian Country". Here he found himself surrounded by five diverse communities living in very close proximity. These included two Native American communities, the great Navajo Nation and the Pueblo village of Zuni. In addition, there was a Mormon settlement, a Spanish Catholic community, and an area of Texas primarily Protestant homesteaders. This diverse cultural milieu quickly brought into focus that people held very different beliefs, values, morals, and world views compared with the English settlement in Iowa, where Clyde had grown up. Iowa is sometimes referred today as a "fly-over state". Even now these Heartland world views are recognized as contrasting with those prevailing on both coasts. New Mexico had exposed Clyde to a cross-cultural experience. People's attitudes, values, morals, personalities, and behaviors are very much influenced by the particular social and cultural context in which they are born. Language, religion, and many other cultural factors determine an individual's world view. These culturally influenced values may not be harmonious across different communities, and they may become sources of stress and frustration. Finding the balance, the middle ground, across seemingly contradictory viewpoints can become a true quest for wisdom. Clyde's exposure to a unique New Mexico concentration of diverse cultures facilitated him to become one of the great cross-cultural Anthropologists. Today, just a brief exposure to the evening news on television can bring to light the "great divide" that often separates peoples behaviors and understandings on an even wider regional and global scale.

How can these "great divides" between culturally influenced values be bridged? Is it possible in a world of diverse cultures, and a world of free and independent thinkers to establish relationships with others whose views and values may be dramatically opposed to mine? Over the past years of the pandemic, I have become very conscious of this problem. I would like to throw out for discussion that during these times of heightened tensions across many matters, that the time is ripe for Masonic values to take the vanguard in bridging these divisions. The first value to come to mind of course is "On the Level". The level is a symbol of equality, and how Masons meet. It should be a basic value kept constantly in the back of the head, while confronting the concerns and employments of the world. However, a word that has bounced around in my head more and more is "Tolerance". Tolerance is defined in the dictionary as: being patient and indulgent toward those whose opinions or practices differ from one's own. In the Thesaurus, tolerance has the following synonyms: broad mindedness, open mindedness, lenience, acceptance, forbearance, charity, patience, and easiness. Freemasons are men drawn from

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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 was held on **Wednesday, February 23rd** at 6:00 PM. in the library.

Sickness & Distress

RWB Jose Montano has suffered a bout of food poisoning.
 Secretary RWB DionHelberg has been diagnosed with macular degeneration,

Proficiency Examinations

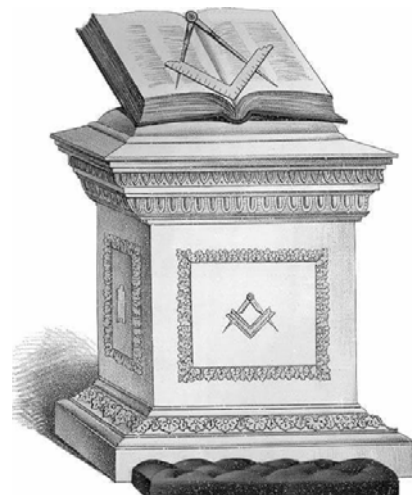
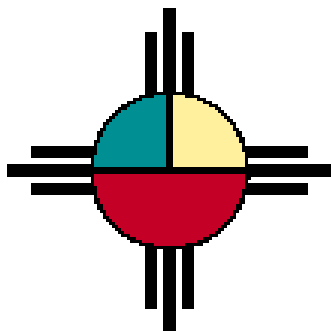
Brother Nathan Methany passed a satisfactory examination as a Fellowcraft.

Election

Brother William Frederick Koch was elected to membership in Montezuma Losge #1.

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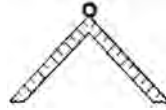
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all walks of life, and should therefore have a head start in understanding and demonstrating tolerance in a world of differing characteristics and opinions. Bringing about a more tolerant world may be a tall order, but I argue that it is one for which Freemasons are uniquely qualified. The time seems right for Masonic values to shine in the world. So my Brothers, be Diligent, Prudent, Temperate, Discrete.....and Tolerant.

Fraternally
Charles Hannaford
Worshipful Master



District-wide Ritual Festival

We are set to hold a District-wide Ritual Festival! This will take place the first weekend in March (4th and 5th). I intend to send an invitation out to every Mason in the State and I expect we will get a decent turn-out; even if each of our Lodges bring 10 Brothers, we will have 50 people present! It looks like we will have at least one candidate for each of the three degrees.

The rough schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 4th

18:00 - Open Lodge on the First Degree
Conferral of the First Degree (run by Montezuma Lodge No. 1)
Break to Refreshment
19:30 (-ish) - Formal Table Lodge (hosted by Cerrillos No. 19)
Adjourn for the evening

Saturday, March 5th

08:00 - Breakfast (hosted by Montezuma #1)
09:00 - Resume Labor
1st Deg. Lecture
10:00 - Conferral of the Second Degree (run by Pajarito Lodge No. 66)
2nd Deg. Lecture
12:00 - Lunch (simple: sandwiches, etc.)
13:00 - Conferral of the Third Degree (run by Bent Lodge No. 42)
3rd Deg. Lecture
Everyone goes home

A few items of admin.:

By “run a Degree,” I mean that the Lodge takes responsibility for putting together a Degree Team and holding practices. If there are gaps, there are enough Brethren in the District to supplement/support the respective Lodges and their Degrees; you need only ask.

The Lodges will have to request dispensation for meeting at a non-standard time and place, but MW Grand Master Andrews has already pledged his support and will approve all or our requests.

I would like to eliminate as many barriers as we can for the individual Brothers attending. To that end, I don't think we should charge for the meals; we will leave a suggested donations basket to help offset the cost. I am asking each of the Lodges to put together some money, as much as works within respective budgets, so that we might pool our resources and make this a truly memorable event.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me here, or by phone: (505) 470-0301

I am looking forward to a excellent weekend of Brotherhood and Masonic Work! I believe this will be a substantial moral boost for the individual Brothers who attend, for our respective Lodges, and for Masonry as a whole.

Thank you all for your support in this endeavor!!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael Freitas, PM
DDGM, DDGL, Dist. 2

Grand Master's Mask Order



THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW MEXICO

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Jonathan R. Andrews
Grand Master 2021

February 17th, 2022

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico:

The New Mexico Department of Health released an updated Public Health Order today, February 17th, 2022, that removes the requirement to wear masks indoors, effective immediately. Masks are still recommended, but no longer required. As Edict #4 is still in effect and requires that all in-person meetings must adhere to the latest Public Health Order, the discretion to wear masks is now up to the Worshipful Master or Appendant Body Head.

Please remember the immunocompromised 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. Thank you all for your continued patience and perseverance, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication March 17-19th in Albuquerque, NM.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Andrews, Grand Master

Invitation to Grand Lodge



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Grand Master 2021

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico:

Lady Amy and I are looking forward to seeing you at the 145th Grand Lodge of New Mexico Annual Communication, which will take place IN-PERSON for the first time since 2019. **All events will be held at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel, 2600 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque NM.** The Thursday evening Grand Master's reception will be gratis with a no-host bar. There are activities planned for the ladies on Friday, including a ladies lunch, crafts and the Friday Grand Master's Banquet, so please invite your ladies as well.

THURSDAY:

- GL Officer Meetings, Secretaries/Treasurers Meeting, DDGM/DDGL Meeting, Masonic Charities Meeting
- The Grand Master's Reception for all attendees is scheduled for Thursday evening, March, 17th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Cost is free, with registration.

FRIDAY:

- Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF&AM Opening and Business Meeting
- The Ladies Lunch will be held on Friday, March 18th at 12:00pm.
- The Mens Lunch will be held on Friday, March 18th at 12:00pm.
- Ladies Paper Craft Activity will be held on Friday afternoon after the lunch.
- The Grand Master's Banquet will be held on Friday evening, March 18th, 7:00pm – with A Social Hour starting at 6:00pm.

SATURDAY:

Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF&AM Memorial Service and Resumption of Work

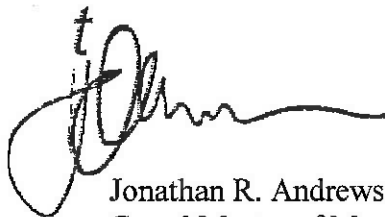
Those traveling to Albuquerque will need to make their own room reservations by calling the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown or using the link below. The reduced room rates are available on or before February 24, 2022. You must identify yourself as being with the 'Masonic Grand Lodge of New Mexico' to obtain the reduced rates. Call: (local) 505-830-5781 (toll free) 800-252-7772 and ask for Sales Dept. The basic room rate is \$129 per night plus tax. You can click the following link for reservations:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1637260289936&key=GRP>

If you will be joining us for the Annual Communication, please register by either filling out and mailing the attached form with payment, or by using the online link below and registering as an attendee at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-lodge-of-new-mexico-af-am-145th-annual-communication-tickets-248304905657>. Note that registering online will include additional fees. Registration must be received by March 5th 2022 to guarantee meal choices.

We look forward to a wonderful weekend of friendship and fellowship, for the good of the masonic family of New Mexico.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan R. Andrews', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jonathan R. Andrews
Grand Master of Masons in New



**145th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO AF & AM
17 – 19 March 2022**



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

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

Registration and Meals

Meal selections for registrations received after March 5, 2022 CANNOT be guaranteed.

Breakfast is on your own, breakfast tickets for \$14 can be purchased in advance from the hotel.

	<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 5, 2022	_____	_____	_____	\$30.00	_____
Masons – March 6, 2022 and later	_____	_____	_____	\$40.00	_____
Lady's Registration					
Includes Paper Craft Activity on Friday				\$20.00	_____
Thursday – March 17, 2022					
Grand Master's Reception Dinner (Included with registration, must register to attend)					
Heavy Hor D'oeuvres and Tapas, No-host Bar	_____	_____	_____	\$0.00	_____
Friday – March 18, 2022					
Mason's Lunch Beef Enchiladas & dessert	_____	_____	_____	\$28.00	_____
Ladies Luncheon Chicken Enchiladas & dessert	_____	_____	_____	\$28.00	_____
Grand Master's Banquet No-host Bar & dessert					
Flank Steak, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables	_____	_____	_____	\$48.00	_____
Or					
Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables	_____	_____	_____	\$48.00	_____

Advise of Dietary _____
Concerns _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

Registration and Payment Options	<i>Please contact us with any further questions</i>
Mail this form and check to: New Mexico Grand Lodge P.O. Box 25004 Albuquerque, NM 87125	Leon Alderette 505-818-3847 leontalderette@hotmail.com Alex Cosby. 505-850-3597 alxcsby@gmail.com
<i>Check Memo:</i> 2022 Grand Lodge	

Grand Master's Recommendations

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

2022

(Strike through text is language to be deleted. Underscored text is language to be added.)

Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1

Code 320. PROFICIENCY OF A MASTER MASON.

(d) All Master Masons raised after July 1st, 2022, will be required to pass satisfactory proficiency on the Master Mason degree. Satisfactory proficiency must be completed consistent with Code 191. The timeline for completion of the proficiency will be 1 year after receiving his Master Mason degree. If not completed within the allotted timeframe, the brother will have to re-petition the lodge, as in the preceding degrees. All Master Masons receiving their degree prior to July 1st, 2022, will NOT be required to pass suitable proficiency unless required by the Lodge bylaws. Master Mason proficiencies from other recognized jurisdictions will be accepted. The Grand Master may waive this requirement.

Rationale: Once was the standard in New Mexico to hold a Master Mason Certificate of Proficiency to hold the Office of Warden or Master of a Lodge. This recommendation, if passed would provide some level of proficiency requirement before he is elected to hold Office of Warden or Master of a Lodge. This would not affect the status of any current Master Mason. The Grand Master might be provided some leeway to waive the requirement if, for example a Brother in Military Service is transferred.

Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2

Code 20. GRAND MASTER.

(j) For good cause shown, to suspend or expel any member. Suspended or expelled members may seek restoration to their home lodge consistent with Code 417 or be automatically restored consistent with Code 418.

Rationale: There are numerous precedents of Grand Masters suspending or expelling Masons for egregious or illegal actions in our history by decision or edict. However, these previous decisions have not been incorporated into the Bylaws consistent with Code 20, section (g) after discussion at the next Grand Lodge Annual Communication. There is debate among the craft on whether the Grand Master has the power to expel or suspend for those that violate their obligations or break the law. This code change will clarify that the Grand Master does have the power to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge, and any suspended or expelled masons have options to restore their membership.



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*March Dinner
 Menu*



For those interested in grabbing a bite to eat before the stated meeting, we will be meeting for dinner at the El Sabor Restaurant at the Alley at DeVargas Mall at 5:30.



2022 Officers

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- Tyler** - Jerry Noedel, PM

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