



December 3, 2024

Meeting No. 1883

Sandia Mountain Lodge No. 72 was opened at 7:08 PM on the 1st degree for the conduct of a Regular Communication with WM James Christopher in the East. The following officers were present: WM James Christopher, Bro. Anthony Uchello, Senior Warden, Bro. Paul Flores, Junior Warden, WB Bob Keers, Treasurer, WB Alec Reber, Secretary, Rev. Bro. Noel Underwood, Chaplain, Bro. Jeremy Tarter, Senior Deacon, Bro. Bryan Evans, Junior Deacon, Bro. Adam Smock, Marshal, Bro. Zachary Christopher, Senior Steward, WB Jeremy Parsons, Tyler. See the attached sign-in sheet for all other attendees. There were 22 members and 2 guests present.

After WM led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, a moment of silence was observed for men and women in uniform, first responders, and those in harms way.

Sickness & Distress:

WB Moss - discovered a water leak in his back yard (main line) and has been selected for jury duty.
WB Keers - sister-in-law has stomach cancer and the meds have taken her appetite and is not doing well.

Boons & Blessings:

WB Keers - had corrective eye surgery at the VA which has gone well with the most amazing service.
Bro. Flores - found an opportunity for growth in an obstacle he has overcome.
Bro. Andy Christopher - his pain device surgery has been pushed a couple weeks but is still on deck.

Introductions:

Bro. Charles Rowe, Hiram Lodge No. 13, was introduced at the altar as a first time visitor and given a hearty Sandia Mountain welcome.

The following Grand Lodge of New Mexico officers were introduced at their seats and given a hearty welcome; MWB Adam Hathaway, PGM-2018, WB Brian Moss, Deputy District Grand

Lecturer-District 4, WB Tyler Anderson, Grand Historian, RWB Alex Cosby, Jr Grand Warden, RWB Kevin Fitzwater, Sr Grand Warden

Presentation: 25 Year Service Award for Bro. Gary Budde

Presentation: 2025 Officers - Long Range Planning

- Bro. Uchello (WM-elect) announced his appointed officers;
 - Chaplain, WB Jaime Reynoso
 - Senior Deacon, Zach Christopher
 - Junior Deacon, Noel Underwood
 - Marshal, Adam Smock
 - Senior Steward, Thomas Campbell
 - Junior Steward, Exiquio Cooper-Anderson
 - Musician, Andy Christopher
 - Tyler, WB Jeremy Parsons
- Spoke on the areas of focus for the year; learning, visitations, support of our Rainbow Assembly and other youth groups.
- Spoke on the presentations and events planned; District 4 mixer in Apr, Prince Hall, RWB Jim Combs, MWB Jonathan Andrews, mock-Masonic Trial, Rainbow degree, RWB James Overfelt (truth), WB Randy Geck (security), MWB Hathaway (York Rite), I.S. Gough (Shrine), DeMolay, etc.
- His token will be the beehive, an emblem of the industry practised by the Brethren of this Lodge.
- Lodge philanthropy plans for his allotted \$400; Save the Bees, Joy Junction, one in reserve, and Scholarship/Stipend for Rainbow Assembly. Annual Yard Sale will again support Barrett House. Whiskey and Cigar event is tentatively scheduled for May (after Scottish Rite).
- Bro. Flores (SW-elect) on his goals ... practice, practice, practice. Would like all Brothers to know the opening prayer, particularly for those planning to visit other Lodges.
- Bro. Evans (JW-elect) plans to follow the food traditions of the Lodge meals; English (Jan), New Orleans/Black History (Feb), Irish (Mar), American Traditional (Apr), Cinco de Mayo (May), cookouts (Jun/Jul), Fall (Aug), Past Master Night (Sep), Spooky /w Rainbow/Steward Appreciation Night (Oct), Thanksgiving (Nov), Cold Cuts and Fried Chicken (Dec).

Minutes of Meetings:

Meeting No. 1882, Regular Communication 2024-11-05 were approved as Distributed.

Unfinished Business: None

Reports of Standing Committees: None

Reports of Special Committees:

- Yard Sale: n/a
- Activity: n/a
- Philanthropic Works: n/a
- Lodge polos, correctly spelled, are in!

Petitions for degrees, affiliation, reinstatement:

- Petition for the degrees from Mr. Troy Smith was given a first reading and investigation committee assigned.

Report of Committees on Petitions and Balloting thereon:

- Petition for affiliation from Bro. Charles Rowe was given its second reading with the investigation committee reporting favorably and the ballot was returned bright and clear. Of note, his grandfather was an early master of this Lodge.
- Petition for the degrees from Mr. Nathan Rowe was given its second reading with the investigation committee reporting favorably and the ballot was returned bright and clear. Of note, his great-grandfather was an early master of this Lodge.

Communications and Presentation of Bills:

- NMGL - Notice of Expulsion for Bro. Cameron James Colfax
- NMGL - Reminders for Ritual Sections, Ron Brinkman Award, Ray Carpenter Lodge Excellence Award
- NMGL - proposal sponsored by SML to amend Code 181 has received support from Four Corners Daylight Lodge No. 80.
- DeMolay - request for participation in Wreaths Across America

Treasurer's Report:

Investment: \$136934.54

Checking: \$12669.21

Savings: \$637.65

Motions and resolutions in writing: None

WB Moss presented Proficiency Cards and pins for the following; WM James Christopher (3), MWB Adam Hathaway (6), RWB Kevin Fitzwater (6), Anthony Uchello (3), and Paul Flores (2).

New Business/Good of the Order:

- Sat Dec 7 - Shrine Elections, Noon Lunch, 1:00 PM Elections

- **Tue Dec 10 - EA for Nathan Rowe, 6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Degree**
- Sat Dec 14 - DeMolay Wreaths Across America
- **Sat Dec 14 - SML Installation of 2025 Officers, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
- Fri Dec 20, 6:00 PM - Fitzmas! Brethren and families are welcome.
- Sat Jan 4, 2025 - Shrine Installation

From the West: nothing further

From the South: nothing further

From the Secretary's Desk:

- 2024 Dues, \$150 Regular, were due 01/01/2024. You can pay through your Grandview Member Portal.
- Motion to remit dues for Bro. Donal Redish due to hardship was made, seconded, and approved.
- 2024 SNPDs will be processed on 06/30/2024, 58 pending as of this evening.

WB Moss brought reminders from MWB Andrews, Grand Lecturer, about the Ron Brinkman award and the importance of putting sections on the book.

RWB Cosby noted the installation of Mesa Lodge No. 68 will be Sat 12/7, 10:00 AM, at the Shrine.

Bro. Rowe noted that volunteers for laying wreaths on Sat 12/14 with DeMolay would be welcome. He also thanked the Lodge for having both himself and his son in the Lodge his grandfather helped found.

MWB Hathaway noted the following:

- Code 181 has received approvals from the following Lodges; Sandia Mountain No. 72 (sponsor), Temple No. 6, Albuquerque No. 60, Animas No. 15, San Juan No. 25, and Four Corners Daylight No. 80 to date.
- Reviewed the various installations, elections, and parades coming up at the Shrine.
- Presuming the issue with heat is resolved, Mesa Lodge No. 68 will continue to meet in their building until it sells when they will move to the Shrine.

RWB Fitzwater welcomed Bro. C Rowe to Sandia Mountain and invited all to Fitzmas on Fri 12/20 at 6:00 PM.

From the East: thanked the Brethren for the year and being drama-free! Younger than our usual Masters but DeMolay experience and mentors made it work. Appreciate that they were all up to the best-work and best-agree ideals of Masonry.

Closing: There being no further business to come before the lodge, the lodge was closed at 8:38 PM in form with peace and harmony prevailing.

Fraternally Submitted

Approved by

WB Alec Reber

WM James Christopher