



December 14, 2024

Meeting No. 1884

Sandia Mountain Lodge No. 72 was opened at 5:42 PM on the 3rd degree for the conduct of a Special Communication for the purpose of installing the 2025 officers 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. Bryan Evans, Junior Deacon, Bro. Adam Smock, Marshal, Bro. Zachary Christopher, Senior Steward. See the attached sign-in sheet for all other attendees. There were 18 members, 14 guests, and 0 candidates present.

After Bro. Marshal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, a moment of silence was observed for military, law enforcement, first responders, and those in harm's way.

#### **Sickness & Distress:**

#### **Boons & Blessings:**

Bro. Exiquio Cooper Anderson reported feeling a great sense of joy and fulfillment with his new job.

Bro. Paul Flores' wife happily celebrated her 77th birthday.

WM James Christopher reported that of our candidates, Nathan Rowe, graduated with his Bachelors Degree.

#### **Labor to Refreshment at 5:48 PM**

**Installation:**

The following 2025 officers for Sandia Mountain Lodge were installed, and declared installed, with exceptions noted:

WM: Anthony Uchello

SW: Paul Flores

JW: Bryan Evans

Tr: WB Bob Keers

Se: WB James Christopher

Ch: WB Jaime Reynoso

SD: Zachary Christopher

JD: Noel Underwood

Ma: Adam Smock

SS: Thomas Campbell (*absent*)

JS: Exiquio Cooper-Anderson

Mu: Andy Christopher (*absent*)

Ty: WB Jeremy Parsons (*absent*)

**Introductions:**

WM Anthony Uchello introduced his Lady, Gretchen, and offered each officer the chance to introduce their families as well.

**Visiting Masters:**

WB James Bramen - Estancia #33

**From the youth groups:**

Livia Bennett - Worthy Adviser of Sandia Mountain Rainbow Assembly #63

Gabriel Kincaid - State Junior Councilor, NM DeMolay

Wyatt Wilds - State Senior Councilor, NM DeMolay

**From Appendant Bodies:**

Lodge of Research - WB Jaime Reynoso

Amaranth - Honored Lady Pat Thompson

Sir Knight James Bramen

Nile - Denise Dockendorf

Heroes of '76 - WB Larry McDougal

York Rite/Shrine - MWB Adam Hathaway

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

RWB Harry Jenkins II, Deputy District Grand Master-District 4

RWB Tony Christophersen, Grand Secretary

RWB Robin Justice, Deputy Grand Master

WB Tyler Anderson, Grand Historian

RWB Alex Cosby, Jr Grand Warden

RWB Kevin Fitzwater, Sr Grand Warden

WB Chuck Bass, Jr Grand Deacon

MWM Steve Almager was introduced from the East and given a hearty welcome

WM-Elect Uchello introduced his installing team:

Installing Master: Alex Cosby

Installing Chaplain: Adam Hathaway

Installing Marshal: Harry Jenkins

### **Presentations:**

WM Uchello presented his installing team with fine beverages in token of appreciation

WM Uchello and Lady Gretchen presented the Rainbow Assembly with Beehive charms

WB Bob Keers presented the new Worshipful Master with a custom-made gavel

WM Uchello and the 2024 Officers presented WB James Christopher his Past Master's Apron

Bro. John Keel and RWB Alex Cosby gave the new Worshipful Master some fine libations to be enjoyed after the installation.

Sandia Mountain Rainbow Assembly gave WM Christopher and WM Uchello rainbow-themed gift packages in thanks for their support for the last year.

### **New Business/Good of the Order:**

- Fri Dec 20, 6:00 PM - Fitzmas! Brethren and families are welcome.
- Sat Jan 4, 2025 - Shrine Installation

- WM Uchello addressed the lodge and spoke about his themes and insights for the upcoming year. He expressed a desire to call back toward "coffee house masonry," when there was a much greater focus on education, visitation, and collaboration.

- Wyatt Wilds brought greetings on behalf of New Mexico DeMolay Association

- Patricia Thompson brought greetings from Grand Amaranth

- MWM Steve Almager spoke about his thoughts on serving in leadership roles. He stated how honorable it is to be chosen to serve by one's brethren, and that the most beautiful part of masonry is the harmony with which we work together. He spoke highly of the brothers of Sandia Mountain #72 and the things that we do for and within the craft here in New Mexico

**Closing:** There being no further business to come before the lodge, the lodge was closed at 6:59 PM without form with peace and harmony prevailing.

Fraternally Submitted

Approved by

WB James Christopher  
Secretary

WM Anthony Uchello