



January 7, 2025

Meeting No. 1885

Sandia Mountain Lodge No. 72 was opened at 7:10 PM on the second degree for the conduct of a Regular Communication with WM Anthony Uchello in the East. The following officers were present: WM Anthony Uchello, Bro. Paul Flores, Senior Warden, Bro. Bryan Evans, Junior Warden, WB Bob Keers, Treasurer, WB James Christopher, Secretary, Bro. Zachary Christopher, Senior Deacon, Bro. Noel Underwood, Junior Deacon, Bro. Adam Smock, Marshal, Bro. Exiquio Cooper-Anderson, Junior Steward. See the attached sign-in sheet for all other attendees. There were 16 members and 2 guests present.

After Bro. Marshal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, a moment of silence was observed for men and women in uniform, first responders, those in harm's way, and those affected by harsh weather.

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

Bro. Keers requested prayers for his sister in law. She has been moved to assisted living. Today was the first day in two months that she has been able to eat solid food.

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

WB Pedro Navarette has received a new judge in his legal battle in Mexico. He has been able to see his children more frequently. Still a long battle ahead, but he is more hopeful now.

WB Christopher expressed great joy at having successfully finished his term as Worshipful Master and handing the reins over to WM Uchello.

#### **Introductions:**

WB Nick Stamets, Animas Lodge No. 15/Mesa Lodge No. 68, was introduced at the altar as a first time visitor this year and given a hearty Sandia Mountain welcome.

The following Grand Lodge of New Mexico officers were present, introduced at the altar and given a hearty welcome;

MWB Adam Hathaway, PGM-2018  
WB Tyler Anderson, Grand Historian  
RWB Jim Combs, District Deputy Grand Master, District 5

**Minutes of Meetings:**

Meeting No. 1883, Regular Communication 2024-12-03 were approved as Amended  
Meeting No. 1884, Special Communication 2024-12-14 were approved as Distributed

**Presentation:** RWB Jim Combs: Esoteric Aspect of the G Lecture

- Rousing conversation was had by the lodge.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

- Finance - Will be presenting our annual budget at our February Communication
  - Members: Paul Flores (Chair), Zachary Christopher, Noel Underwood, James Christopher, Bob Keers
- Audit - Will be presenting the report on the audit of our 2024 lodge books at our March Communication
  - Members: Bryan Evans (Chair), Exiquio Cooper-Anderson, Thomas Campbell

**Petitions for degrees, affiliation, reinstatement:**

Petition for the degrees from Mr. Gabriel Kincaid was given a first reading and an investigation committee was assigned.

- Noel Underwood (Chair), WB Tyler Anderson, Zachary Christopher

**Report of Committees on Petitions and Balloting thereon:**

Petition for the degrees for Mr. Troy Smith was given its second reading with the investigation committee reporting favorably and the ballot was returned Bright and Clear.

**Communications and Presentation of Bills:**

- [2024 Trial Results Letter](#)
- [Grand Lodge of Alabama BOLO](#)

**Treasurer's Report:**

Unavailable - Will be presented at February Regular Communication.

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

WB Christopher requested the lodge authorize the purchase of new ritual ciphers.

- lodge voted to purchase 10 books for \$60

Bro. Russ began a lodge conversation about ways that we could help new brothers who struggle with dyslexia. Many valuable insights were shared.

### **SML Calendar Things**

January 14, 2025 - Entered Apprentice degree for Mr. Nathan Rowe

January 21, 2025 - Entered Apprentice degree for Mr. Troy Smith

February 4, 2025 - Regular Communication - Visitation from Mount Everest Lodge No.1, PHM

February 10, 2025 - Sandia Mountain No.63 Rainbow shadow night

### **Other Calendar Things**

February 14/15/16, 2025 - Shrine Circus

### **From the Secretary's Desk:**

- 2025 Dues, \$150 Regular, were due 01/01/2025. You can pay through your Grandview Member Portal.
- 2025 SNPDs will be processed on 06/30/2025.
- Polo Shirts are in. If you ordered one, please contact me to pick them up. Cost is \$20. If you want to purchase one, email [secretary@sandiamountainlodge.org](mailto:secretary@sandiamountainlodge.org) and I will add you to the next order that we make.

### **From the East:**

- September Presentation is currently being re-planned due to a schedule conflict
- Worshipful encouraged brothers to attend Rainbow shadow night. It is a lot of fun
- Mesa Lodge has accepted an offer on their building and, pending inspections, will be selling. They will be moving their meeting place to the Shrine
  - Worshipful read Code 137 and the lodge had a brief discussion.
  - **Code 137. LODGE REMOVALS.**
    - When, after due notice to all resident member of the Lodge, two-thirds of the members present at a regular communication shall vote therefore, a Lodge may remove from one hall to another in the same town, after obtaining permission from the Grand Master so to do, and after the proposed new hall shall have been inspected and approved by the resident District Deputy Grand Master and duly dedicated.
  - Mesa DeMolay and La Mesa Amaranth have also voted to move

**Closing:** There being no further business to come before the lodge, the lodge was closed at 8:50 PM in form with peace and harmony prevailing.

Fraternally Submitted

Approved by

WB James Christopher

WM Anthony Uchello