



# Albuquerque Lodge No. 60

of Ancient Free & Accepted Mason of New Mexico

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## Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 Minutes: Regular Communication

January 14, 2026

The Lodge was opened, in form, on the Fellow Craft Degree at 7:08 o'clock P.M.. The following Officers were in their Stations and Places:

W.∴B.∴ Matt Rader

*Worshipful Master*

Bro.∴ Jeremy Sanchez

*Junior Deacon*

Bro.∴ Tristian Ortiz

*Senior Warden*

Bro.∴ Salomon Aguilar

*Senior Steward*

Bro.∴ Gilbert Morales

*Junior Warden*

Bro.∴ Antonino Tenorio

*Junior Steward*

R.∴W.∴B.∴ Wade Villanueva

*Treasurer*

Bro.∴ Anthony Castillo

*Chaplain*

W.∴B.∴ Byron Webster

*Secretary*

W.∴B.∴ Andrew Montoya

*Tyler*

Bro.∴ Christopher Fleischer

*Assistant Secretary*

*N/A*

*Marshal*

Bro.∴ Antonio Ortega

*Senior Deacon*

The lodge was opened with 21 brothers present, including a special guest, Right Worshipful Brother James E. Bungard, Grand Junior Warden for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico, A.F. & A.M. For a full list of guests and visitors, please see the register.

After opening, the Worshipful Master raised the lodge for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all serving in harm's way.

**Sickness and Distress:** The Worshipful Master asked for prayers for W.∴B.∴ Webster for ongoing challenges with sciatic pain.

**Special Guest:** The Worshipful Master ordered the Senior Deacon to escort R.∴W.∴B.∴ Bungard, Grand Junior Warden, to the alter for Grand Recognition. After Grand Recognition, R.∴W.∴B.∴ Bungard was escorted to the East and offered the gavel. R.∴W.∴B.∴ Bungard graciously declined, requesting an opportunity to address the brethren at the end of the evening.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the Regular Communication held on Wednesday, November , 2025, the Regular Communication held on Wednesday, December , 2025, and the Special Communication held on December , 2025 were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. Amendments were requested to correct misspelling. Upon amendment, a motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by the Senior Warden and seconded by the Assistant Secretary. After a vote by the usual sign of a Master Mason, the Worshipful Master declared the minutes adopted as amended.

**Unfinished Business:** The Worshipful Master reminded the Lodge that the installation of Bro. Johnson as Marshal was still outstanding. Worshipful Master Rader also informed the lodge that he will be installing Bro. Emiliano Perez as Assistant Marshall and R. W. B. James Overfelt as Assistant Tiler at a future date.

**Treasurers Report:** R. W. B. Treasurer distributed ledger information prior to the meeting for review. Please see attached document.

**Finance Report:** Bro. Senior Warden announced that the report and 2026 Budget would be presented during the February Regular Communication.

**Charity Report:** Bro. Junior Warden announced that the Lodge is accepting new applications for charitable contributions. The Worshipful Master asked if information and an application could be provided so that it might be added to the website, making it easier to distribute the information to interested parties. Bro. Senior Warden reminded the Lodge there are roll-over funds available from 2025 which are available for use in 2026.

**Audit Report:** M. W. B. Johnson provided the following report:

### **AUDIT REPORT 2026**

This audit report was prepared for the calendar year 2025. Having reviewed the investment reports from Eagle Strategies for the year, no inconsistencies were found. Having reviewed the Checking account ledger from Bank of Albuquerque as supplied by our treasurer nearly monthly and comparing that to bank statements also sent regularly, no inconsistencies were found.

Therefore the audit committee reports a favorable and clean assessment of the financial books of Albuquerque Lodge #60 for 2025. I note the following items of interest: 1) there are a lot of checks paid to Jeff Johnson for reimbursement of food and drink. You guys eat too much and drink too much. However, this may be due to several candidates' degrees being performed and is therefore to be applauded. 2) your treasurer not only makes an audit easy and clean, but also has the most transparent records and processes ever. Future treasurers should follow his example and we thank him for that.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Johnson

**Education Report:** Bro. Senior Steward reported that WB Montoya will be presenting the Educational session during the March Regular Communication and that he is looking forward to presenting later in the meeting.

**Building Report:** Bro. Senior Warden reported that the search is ongoing and that its time to schedule some visits. An inquiry was made about the sale of Mailpais and M. W. B. Johnson asked for additional information. Bro. Senior Warden plans on presenting additional information in February.

**Proficiency Examination:** The Worshipful Master called Bro. Joseph Jansen to the West-side of the Alter with his examiner, Bro. Aguilar. Bro. Jansen proceeded to examine himself in the Fellowcraft Degree. Upon completion, M. W. B. Johnson moved the Lodge accept Bro Jansen as proficient. R. W. B. Villanueva seconded the motion. After a vote by the usual sign of a Master Mason, the Worshipful Master declared Bro. Jansen proficient in the Fellowcraft degree.

The Worshipful Master announced that January 28 had been set aside as the date for Bro. Jansen to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason - pending the opportunity for the degree

team to demonstrate the level of delivery the Lodge has set. The Worshipful Master encouraged the degree team to participate in the upcoming practices so that we might give Bro. Jansen a memorable and worthy experience.

**Affiliations:** N/A

**Bills:** N/A

**Motions:** Bro. Fleischer presented a motion which was read before the lodge. The motion appears below:

Motion in Writing – Albuquerque Lodge #60 – Brother Chris Fleischer

The Secretary is the face of the lodge and is responsible for the day-to-day communication between the Public at large and Albuquerque Lodge #60. They also carry the additional burden of ensuring the Lodge is administratively sound, usually on their own time and money. The Treasurer carries the burden of ensuring the financial health of the Lodge so that we may continue to do our good works for as long as we shall exist. This Motion seeks to codify the Allowances Given to those elected officers who are responsible for the financial and administrative well-being of the Lodge and provide a reward for the fulfillment of their duties. Under Article VII of the Albuquerque Lodge #60 bylaws, I propose the following amendment.

Proposition

### Article III

#### Allowances

Section 1. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Tyler may receive a stipend if deemed appropriate by the lodge for the proper discharge of their duties.

Section 2. Starting December 1, 2026, and continuing each year, the lodge will credit 1/5 th of an Endowed Membership with Albuquerque Lodge #60, as described in code 395 §(b) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, for the elected Secretary and Treasurer, in exchange for the successful discharge of their duties for the prior year.

- (a) The Lodge will confirm the successful discharge of duties for the prior year by a 2/3 rd majority vote of the participating members during the annual Election of Officers.
- (b) Credits for an Endowed Membership are not transferable to any other Lodge in any Jurisdiction. If the Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge fail to remain in good standing with the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, they will forfeit all credits made in their name.
- (c) A payment will be made for all credits due for an endowed membership to the Grand Secretary, per Code 62 (e) (1), no later than 30 June, when either of the following conditions is met:

1. Completion and accreditation of Five (5) years of service as the

Secretary and/or Treasurer.

2. A combination of credit earned and a Brother's own financial investment that meets the total cost of an Endowed membership.

I. Example: If the cost for an endowed membership is set at \$3000 during the first year in office, a sitting secretary who chooses not stand for election after 3 consecutive years could have the Lodge make a payment of \$1800 (3 of 5 years) while the Brother contributes the remaining \$1200 through their own means.

(d) The elected Secretary and Treasurer must continue to pay regular dues and per capita payments as described in Code 395 §b until after the full payment of the endowed membership is received by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

(e) Credit toward endowed membership expires after two (2) years from the date the elected officer leaves office.

After discussion, Bro. Fleischer pointed out that this proposal was submitted for consideration without personal gain, having been recently serving as the Secretary, he made it a point to set the start of this process outside of his term. Bro. Fleischer was asked to consider some modifications to improve the motion. R. W. B. Villanueva asked about Treasurers or Secretaries who were endowed. Bro. Senior Warden stood in support of the resolution and offered to assist in the amendment process. Bro. Junior Warden also stood in support, recognized Bro. Fleischer for the proposal and asked the Lodge to consider recognizing Bro. Fleischer's service, even though it is outside of the proposed change. M. W. B. Johnson commented that this formalized a practice that had been informally practiced, and thanked Bro. Fleischer for his proposal in formalizing this practice as well as his prior service.

The Worshipful Master directed Bro. Fleischer to present an amended motion in the February Regular Communication.

The Worshipful Master then reminded the brethren that 2026 dues were now due and said that Barb Drescher had contacted him indicating there were aprons she wanted to donate to Albuquerque Lodge No. 60. The letter read by the Worshipful Master suggested that the aprons are from a different jurisdiction. R. W. B. Villanueva offered that depending on the name of the lodge, there may be some historical interest. M. W. B. Johnson offered to contact Ms. Drescher to discuss the apron retirement program.

**Education Moment:** The Worshipful Master called upon Bro. Senior Steward to conduct the educational moment for the evening. Bro. Aguilar started the conversion with a clip from Mayberry R.F.D. in which Deputy Fife is attempting to demonstrate his proficiency in memorizing the teaching of modern law enforcement to Sheriff Andy Taylor. Bro. Aguilar then guided the lodge to a compelling and thought provoking series of questions and conversations, all of which are appended to these minutes.

**Closing:** The Worshipful Master asked if any brothers had anything to offer for the good of Masonry before closing. The following thoughts were offered:

The Secretary asked anyone with current dues to stop by after closing to retrieve their dues cards and that he would remain available for anyone interested in paying their 2026 dues.

M.:W.:B.: Johnson complimented the officers for the best January opening he has observed at Albuquerque Lodge No. 60.

R.:W.:B.: Villanueva wished the brethren a Happy New Year and pointed out that January 14 is the start of the Julian calendar.

There being nothing further to bring before the Lodge, the Worshipful Master turned over the gavel to R.:W.:B.: Bungard, Grand Junior Warden for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico, A.F. & A.M., for his final comments and, upon completion, to close the Lodge.

R.:W.:B.: Bungard presented a lively and moving presentation on the importance of Language in the Masonic Context and the responsibilities each of us have in using language properly.

The lodge rose in standing ovation for the wise words offered by our Grand Junior Warden.

The Lodge was closed, in form, on the Fellowcraft Degree at 8:48 o'clock P.M. with the same Officers in their Stations and Places.

By:

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Worshipful Master

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Secretary

# The Art of Memorization and Coaching in Freemasonry

## Introduction

From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been a living tradition, transmitted from Brother to Brother through memor, repetition, and instruction. Memorization and coaching are not merely procedural requirements - they are methods by which the Craft preserves its teachings and strengthens fraternal bonds.

### I. The Purpose of Memorization

Memorization serves multiple purposes within Freemasonry:

- Preservation of ritual integrity
- Development of mental discipline
- Deep internalization of moral lessons
- Equalization of Brethren regardless of background

*Group Discussion I - The Meaning of Memorization (5 - 10 Minutes)*

### II. Mental Discipline and Personal Growth

The discipline required to memorize ritual develops patience, perseverance, and humility. Progress is rarely immediate, and the struggle itself becomes part of the lesson.

*Group Discussion II - Discipline and Growth (5 - 10 Minutes)*

- What personal qualities are strengthened through ritual memorization?
- How does the effort required mirror challenges outside this lodge?
- Can frustration during learning be transformed into growth?

### III. Understanding Versus Recitation

True proficiency requires more than perfect words. Understanding the symbolism and intent behind the language allows the ritual to live within the Brother.

*Group Discussion III - Understanding the Work (5 - 10 Minutes)*

- Why is understanding important even when the goal is word-perfect delivery?
- How has understanding the symbolism helped you remember the work? ● Should understanding come before or after memorization - or both?

### IV. The Role of the Coach

The coach serves as mentor, encourager, and guardian of the ritual. Coaching is a form of

service and an expression of brotherly love.

#### *Group Discussion IV - Coaching as Leadership (10 Minutes)*

- What qualities make an effective ritual coach?
- How does coaching build trust between Brethren?
- How can correction be firm yet charitable?

#### V. Best Practices of Memorization

Effective memorization relies on consistency, repetition, vocal practice, and breaking work into manageable sections. Every Brother learns differently, and flexibility is key..

#### *Group Discussion V - Learning Styles (5 - 10 Minutes)*

- What memorization techniques have worked best for you?
- How can coaches adapt to different learning styles?
- How can lodges better support Brothers struggling with proficiency?

#### VI. The Spiritual and Fraternal Impact

Learning and teaching the work strengthens not only individual Brothers but the lodge as a whole. The shared effort creates bonds that transcend words.

#### *Group Discussion VI - The Brotherhood in Learning (10 Minutes)*

- How does coaching strengthen fraternal relationships?
- What responsibilities do experienced Brothers have toward newer members?
- How can group learning improve lodge culture?

#### Conclusion

Memorization and coaching are not obstacles but essential working tools of the Craft. Through discipline, patience, and mutual support, the Brotherhood preserves its traditions and develops stronger Masons.

When we teach, we reinforce our own understanding. When we learn, we honor those who came before us.

**Albuquerque Lodge #60**  
**Checking Account Ledger**  
**Calendar Year 2025**

Post Date	Issue Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
					\$8,684.34
1/2/2025	12/29/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (2#)		\$310.12	\$8,994.46
1/9/2025	1/8/2025	Check #2809 – Ballut Abyad Shrine, rent for 1st half year 2025	\$2,500.00		\$6,494.46
1/10/2025	12/9/2025	Deposit – Masonic Charity Foundation, Matching Funds		\$10,000.00	\$16,494.46
1/10/2025	12/18/2025	Deposit – Online Dues Payments from Grand View 2025 (4#)		\$620.00	\$17,114.46
1/10/2025	12/27/2024	Deposit – Endowed Membership Fund Distribution for 2024		\$2,393.00	\$19,507.46
1/13/2025	1/10/2025	Check #2811 – Jeffrey D. Johnson, for Bro. Douglas Gerhardt	\$5,000.00		\$14,507.46
1/14/2025	1/9/2025	Stripe – Online Petition for Degrees Fee: Mr. Anthony Angelo Castillo		\$200.70	\$14,708.16
1/17/2025	1/8/2025	Check #2810 – Matt Rader, WP Engine website hosting for 6 months	\$180.00		\$14,528.16
1/23/2025	1/17/2025	Stripe – Online Petition for Degrees Fee: Mr. Antonio Tenorio		\$200.70	\$14,728.86
1/24/2025	1/20/2025	Check #2812 – Grand Lodge of New Mexico, Annual Returns	\$3,465.00		\$11,263.86
1/30/2025	1/30/2025	Deposit – Dues Receipts from Secretary 2025 (4#)		\$625.00	\$11,888.86
2/3/2025	1/30/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (1#)		\$155.06	\$12,043.92
2/4/2025	1/30/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (1#)		\$155.06	\$12,198.98
2/11/2025	2/7/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (1#)		\$155.06	\$12,354.04
2/12/2025	2/10/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (2#)		\$310.12	\$12,664.16
2/19/2025	2/19/2025	Deposit – Online Dues Payment from Grand View 2025 (1#)		\$155.00	\$12,819.16
3/13/2025	3/12/2025	Check #2813 – Jeffrey D. Johnson, Dinner at Cervantes for 2 EAs	\$192.00		\$12,627.16
3/25/2025	3/12/2025	Check #2814 – Masonic Charity Foundation (Walk@GL)	\$500.00		\$12,127.16
4/7/2025	4/2/2025	Check #2816 – Jeffrey D. Johnson, Dinner at Cervantes for 2 EAs	\$250.00		\$11,877.16
4/22/2025	4/22/2025	Deposit – Transfer from Investment Account (approved 4/9/2025)		\$20,000.00	\$31,877.16
4/28/2025	4/24/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (2#)		\$310.12	\$32,187.28
4/29/2025	3/19/2025	Check #2815 – Ron Johnson, Electronic Filing of IRS Tax Form 990	\$1,200.00		\$30,987.28
5/8/2025	5/5/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (1#)		\$155.06	\$31,142.34
5/14/2025	5/11/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (1#)		\$155.06	\$31,297.40
5/15/2025	5/14/2025	Check #2819 – Sandia Mountain Assembly #63 (Charity)	\$2,000.00		\$29,297.40
5/22/2025	5/14/2025	Check #2818 – TEDxABQ, TED Talks Albuquerque (Charity)	\$10,000.00		\$19,297.40
6/4/2025	6/1/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (1#)		\$155.06	\$19,452.46
6/4/2025	4/22/2025	Refund – New Primetime Hospitality (ABQ Marriot Pyramid North)*		\$2,000.00	\$21,452.46
6/4/2025	6/4/2025	Deposit – Dues Receipts from Secretary 2025 (6#)		\$725.00	\$22,177.46
6/4/2025	6/4/2025	Deposit – Online Dues Payment from Grand View 2025 (2#)		\$310.00	\$22,487.46
6/4/2025	6/4/2025	Deposit – Petition for Reinstatement from Bro. Henry Harrison		\$210.00	\$22,697.46
6/4/2025	6/4/2025	Deposit – Petition for Degrees from Mr. Josef A. Jansen		\$200.00	\$22,897.46
6/6/2025	6/4/2025	Withdrawal - Deposited Check for Dues Bounced	\$100.00		\$22,797.46
6/16/2025	6/11/2025	Check #2820 – Hurley Toevs Styles Hambin Panter (Wiggins Estate)	\$10,000.00		\$12,797.46
6/17/2025	5/14/2025	Check #2817 – First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe (Charity)	\$10,000.00		\$2,797.46
6/18/2025	6/14/2025	Check #2821 – Carrizozo Lodge #41 AF&A&M, Lincoln Lodge 2026	\$1,500.00		\$1,297.46
6/25/2025	6/24/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (1#)		\$100.00	\$1,397.46
7/10/2025	6/11/2025	Deposit – Transfer from Investment Account (approved 6/11/2025)		\$20,000.00	\$21,397.46
7/10/2025	7/9/2025	Deposit – Transfer from Investment Account (approved 7/9/2025)		\$6,000.00	\$27,397.46
7/11/2025	7/9/2025	Check #2823 – Matt Rader, WP Engine website hosting for 6 months	\$180.00		\$27,217.46
7/28/2025	7/23/2025	Check #2824 – Tristian Ortiz, Dinner on 7/9/25 from Buca di Beppo	\$120.00		\$27,097.46
7/29/2025	7/25/2025	Stripe – Online Dues Payments to Secretary 2025 (1#)		\$155.06	\$27,252.52
7/29/2025	7/23/2025	Check #2822 – Ballut Abyad Shrine, rent for 2nd half year 2025	\$2,500.00		\$24,752.52
7/30/2025	7/23/2025	Check #2825 – Masonic School for Children w/Learning Disabilities	\$6,000.00		\$18,752.52
7/31/2025	6/9/2025	Deposit – Ulrich Investments, NM Gross Receipts Tax Refund		\$5,191.40	\$23,943.92
8/15/2025	8/13/2025	Cash – Tickets Purchased for Annual Gala 2025 (3#)		\$300.00	\$24,243.92
8/15/2025	8/13/2025	Cash – Overage Collected for Dinner from Giovanni's Pizza		\$20.00	\$24,263.92
8/22/2025	8/13/2025	Check #2826 – Grand Lodge of New Mexico, Liability Insurance	\$1,003.62		\$23,260.30
9/18/2025	9/17/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (1#)		\$100.00	\$23,360.30
9/29/2025	9/24/2025	Check #2827 – Jeffrey D. Johnson, Dinner at Cervantes MM degree	\$130.00		\$23,230.30
10/3/2025	10/1/2025	Check #2828 – Jeffrey D. Johnson, Dinner at Cervantes MM degree	\$115.00		\$23,115.30
10/8/2025	10/1/2025	Check #2829 – Jeffrey D. Johnson, 6 monitors and 8 ciphers	\$114.00		\$23,001.30

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10/30/2025	10/30/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (3#)		\$300.31	\$23,301.61
11/5/2025	11/5/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (1#)		\$100.00	\$23,401.61
11/7/2025	11/7/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (2#)		\$200.00	\$23,601.61
11/12/2025	11/12/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (1#)		\$100.00	\$23,701.61
11/13/2025	11/13/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (1#)		\$100.00	\$23,801.61
11/14/2025	11/14/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (6#)		\$600.00	\$24,401.61
11/17/2025	11/17/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (2#)		\$200.31	\$24,601.92
11/18/2025	11/18/2025	Stripe – Tickets Online for Annual Gala 2025 (5#)		\$500.92	\$25,102.84
11/21/2025	11/17/2025	Street Food Institute, Catering for Gala, Invoice #2206	\$6,370.28		\$18,732.56
12/3/2025	12/3/2025	Check #2832 – Andrew Montoya, Lodging in Hobbs for Grand Lodge	\$226.47		\$18,506.09
12/9/2025	12/3/2025	Check #2833 – Signature Sweets and Flowers, Invoice #749	\$344.40		\$18,161.69
12/24/2025	12/10/2025	Check #2834 – Jeffrey D. Johnson, Dinner at Il Localetto Rossi	\$660.00		\$17,501.69