



# Albuquerque Lodge No. 60

of Ancient Free & Accepted Mason of New Mexico

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## Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 Minutes: Special Communication

February 25, 2026

The Lodge was opened, in form, on the Master Mason Degree at 7:07 o'Clock P.M.. The following Officers were in their Stations and Places:

W.:B.: Matt Rader  
*Worshipful Master*

Bro.: Tristian Ortiz  
*Senior Warden*

Bro.: Gil Morales  
*Junior Warden*

R.:W.:B.: Wade Villanueva  
*Treasurer*

W.:B.: Byron Webster  
*Secretary*

Bro.: Antonio Ortega  
*Senior Deacon*

Bro.: Jeremy Sanchez  
*Junior Deacon*

Bro.: Salomon Aguilar  
*Senior Steward*

*Junior Steward*

Bro.: Anthony Castillo  
*Chaplain*

W.:B.: Robert Jones *PT*  
*Tyler*

*N/A*  
*Marshal*

The lodge was opened with 15 brothers present. For a full list of members, please see the register.

The Worshipful Master asked Brother Kirk Johnson to lead the lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for a moment of silence for all those serving in harm's way.

**Sickness and Distress:** M.:W.:B.: Johnson shared details of standing in the International terminal awaiting travel to India receiving concerning news of the health of his wife Nan. She had a stroke roughly six weeks prior, and the tests showed a concentration of plaque in her lungs, making travel, more especially to a foreign country, unfavorable.

The Worshipful Master expressed his sympathies, stating the importance of families, and raised the lodge in a moment of silence for M.:W.:B.: Johnson and his wife.

Brother Senior Deacon shared that his department had recently lost a team member and Deputy, who represented a significant part of their team, in a routine traffic stop.

**Boons and Blessings:** The Worshipful Master shared that this daughter had been recently recognized for her artwork and had a piece chosen for display in the APS Art Exhibit. Brother Junior Deacon expressed pride in his daughter for her academic recognition.

The Worshipful Master then asked Brother Fleischer to present the Grand Old Book to Brother Jansen.

The Worshipful Master then called upon M.:W.:B.: Johnson to install Brother Kirk Johnson as Marshal with the assistance of W.:B.: Danny Lucero as the installing Marshal. At the conclusion of the installation, W.:B.: Lucero declared that Brother Kirk Johnson had been duly and constitutionally installed.

The Worshipful Master then announced that during the Officer Meeting, discussions suggested that the existing Bylaws provided the ability to accomplish what Brother Fleischer proposed, and there were a number of other changes which needed to be reviewed within the Bylaws to address differences between lodge operations and the text. He suggested that we defer the vote on making the changes until we have had an opportunity to make all the necessary changes to the Bylaws at a single time.

The Worshipful Master then called upon Brother Senior Warden to discuss the budget. Brother Senior Warden provided explanation of the methodology, citing the use of a 3-year rolling average of earnings from investments, and the fact that 2022 resulted in the loss of nearly \$700k, that when the formula was applied to 2023, 2024, and 2025, the income of \$1.3MM, according to our existing Bylaws, would suggest an immediate expenditure of over \$347k. Due to the incredibly likely pursuit of the purchase of a building, the current shortfall in dues, that these expenditures would not seem prudent. Instead, Brother Senior Warden suggested that we allocate a portion of this money to charity this year, reserve a portion for ourselves and/or future disbursement, because if we spend it today, we could exhaust our charity in the future. He also mentioned that our Bylaws allow up to \$18k on our operating budget.

Discussion continued on adjustments to specific line items. See attached for amended budget.

Brother Senior Warden moved the budget to be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Right Worshipful Brother Treasurer. After a vote of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master declared the budget accepted as amended.

M.:W.:B.: Johnson cautioned the lodge that discretion would be required for the 2027 Budget - especially if we adopt the proposed resolution to the Bylaws relating to the Secretary and/or Treasurer.

The Worshipful Master shared his thanks for Brother Fleischer's Grand Old Book and asked if anyone had anything to bring before the Lodge before closing.

Brother Senior Warden expressed his appreciation of Brother Fleischer's Grand Old Book - declaring it an "Amazing Job!" and one of his favorite parts of our work.

Right Worshipful Brother Treasurer warned Brother Secretary to be prepared with paperwork in the event attendance at the Grand Annual Communication required it.

M.:W.:B.: Johnson shared that he had received a call from the Potentate and that there would be a meeting to discuss the sale of the Shrine building, but that no date had yet been set.

The Worshipful Master volunteered Brother Senior and Brother Junior Wardens to attend.

Brother Fleischer shared that he had heard at York Rite that the Shrine had been floating two possible changes to rent - that it might increase by \$1,000 and another that it might double.

There being nothing further to bring before this Master Mason Lodge, the Worshipful Master closed this Special Communication of Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 at 8:05 pm O'Clock, with the same Officers in their Stations and Places, with the exception of our newly installed Marshal, peace and harmony prevailing.

By:

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Worshipful Master

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Secretary