



Albuquerque Lodge No. 60

of Ancient Free & Accepted Mason of New Mexico

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Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 Minutes: Regular Communication

March 11, 2026

The Lodge was opened, in form, on the Master Mason Degree at 7:17 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.: Antonio Ortega *PT*
Junior Warden

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

W.:B.: Byron Webster
Secretary

Bro.: Jeremy Sanchez *PT*
Senior Deacon

Bro.: Salomon Aguilar *PT*
Junior Deacon

Bro.: Antonio Tenorio *PT*
Senior Steward

N/A
Junior Steward

Bro.: Anthony Castillo
Chaplain

W.:B.: Andrew Montoya
Tyler

Bro.: Kirk Johnson
Marshal

The lodge was opened with 20 brothers present, including two visiting brothers: Right Worshipful Brother Victor Perez from Temple Lodge No. 6 and Worshipful Brother Lawrence Willingham from Chama Lodge No. 17 and Socorro Lodge No. 9. For a full list of members and visitors, 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: N/A

Blessings and Boons: Brother Jansen shared that his mother-in-law was soon to be installed in the Daughters of the Nile.

W.:B.: Webster shared joy in receiving the epidural shot which has helped his nerve pain, that his seedlings for the garden are sprouting, and that his recent participation in the Storytellers of New Mexico was something others should consider.

Worshipful Master Rader told the lodge that Brother Fleischer was expecting.

Approval of Minutes

The Woshshipful Master mentioned the minutes of the Regular Communication held on February 11,

2026 and the Special Communication held on February 25, 2026 had been distributed via email, and noted that he had corrected Brother Robert Collin's name in the draft of the minutes for the Regular Communication held on February 11, 2026, and asked if anyone else had noted any changes.

Bro. Senior Warden moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by W.B. Andrew Montoya.

The minutes were approved by vote of the lodge.

Standing Committees

The Worshipful Master asked for reports from the standing committees.

Treasurer's Report - R.W.B. Treasurer distributed his report via email prior to the meeting. Please see the report, appended to these minutes. R.W.B. Treasurer offered additional printed copies for any brothers who were interested in reviewing the report.

Finance Committee Report - Bro. Senior Warden stated he had nothing further to report, noting that the 2026 budget had been approved during the Special Communication held on February 25, 2026.

Charity Committee Report - Bro. Junior Warden was not available to report, so Bro. Senior Warden informed the Lodge that there was nothing specific to report at the time.

Education Committee Report - Bro. Junior Deacon reported there were no updates to the Education program.

Building and Investment Committee Report - Bro. Senior Warden asked M.W.B. Johnson to share information he had obtained. M.W.B. Johnson informed the Lodge he had spoken with W.B. Dennis Kirkpatrick, Potentate of the Ballut Abyad Shrine and W.B. Blair Kaufman, Recorder. The Shrine is taking a leadership position and leaning in on helping the tenants find new homes as the building undergoes the process of sale. It appears that the City of Albuquerque wants the property and there are hopes the Shrine will receive a cash offer. It is believed the property has been appraised at \$2.1MM and, if an offer of that amount is received, it is expected it will be accepted. M.W.B. Johnson shared that he felt the strength of the Shrine came from the units, and since they were shut down a few years ago, there has been, in his opinion, fewer reasons for the Shrine to require a facility to meet. In his opinion, it would make sense for the Shrine to defer acquiring a new building until a future time. The tenants, however, need to go somewhere. M.W.B. Johnson encouraged the Lodge to consider its position of leadership in the area, and consider stepping up. There were multiple efforts underway to find buildings by the various lodges, and there was a possibility that we could pool our efforts and help to strengthen masonry in the region.

R.W.B. Treasurer reminded the Lodge that we do have a building in Grants.

Communication and Outreach - The Worshipful Master reported that he is heading up the efforts to develop appropriate cardstock and letterhead for use in the Lodge, and he is reviewing some materials from vendors.

Special Committees

The Worshipful Master announced the formation of an Arrears Committee for 2026 and asked W·B· Secretary to head the committee. After recognition, W·B· Secretary shared that the purpose of the Arrears Committee is to reach out to brothers who were not current in their dues, to inquire about their health and wellbeing, verify contact information, and only after those points were addressed, to inquire about their intent to pay. He then asked for volunteers, and the following brothers made themselves available:

Brother Salomon Aguilar
Brother Antonio Tenorio
Most Worshipful Brother Jeff Johnson

Receiving and Referring of Petitions

The Worshipful Master asked if there were any petitions. Having none, the Worshipful Master asked Bro· Senior Warden to report on the Investigation of R·W·B· Victor Perez. Business was briefly held to allow R·W·B· Perez to exit the lodge during this portion.

The Committe Chair, Bro· Senior Warden, reported that the committee met with R·W·B· Perez and he seemed surprised that he was being investigated after so many years in the craft. The committee was in favor of welcoming R·W·B· Perez as a member. During their discussion, he was asked why he was interested. His answer was that he was impressed by the energy exhibited in the lodge - it was very attractive, and it seemed to put a “pep” in his step participating with Albuquerque Lodge No. 60. The Worshipful Master called for a vote. Brother Senior Deacon performed his duties, the Lodge conducted its vote, and Brother Junior Warden reported the ballot was Bright in the South, Brother Senior Warden reported the ballot was Clear in the West, and the Worshipful Master declared the ballot Bright and Clear in the East. R·W·B· Perez was welcomed back into the Lodge as a member and asked if he had any words to share.

R·W·B· Perez said it was nice to be a visitor, but it was important to be a member. He expressed his appreciation to everyone, and said he can cook, perform ritual, and is available to help in any way possible.

Bills: N/A

Grand Lodge Communications: The Worshipful Master called upon W·B· Secretary to present the Grand Master’s Recommendations to the Lodge. Please see attached. After the presentation of the proposed changes and rationale, W·B· Jones moved that the Master and Wardens vote in the affirmative for this recommendation, with the freedom to adapt to any changes presented during the Grand Annual Communication. The motion was seconded by W·B· Tyler.

The Worshipful Master called for a vote, using the usual sign of a Master Mason, and declared the motion passed.

The Worshipful Master then asked who was planning on attending the Grand Annual Communication to be held next week. Worshipful Brothers Robert Jones and Don Schossow both indicated they would be present. The Worshipful Master asked W·B· Jones if he would serve as Proxy during session.

R·W·B· Villaneuva stated that the Masonic Charity session would be Thursday evening and that the Worshipful Master is the only member with voting status, and no proxies may be assigned.

Bro· Senior Warden moved that \$500 be set aside for donation to the Masonic Charities Walk.

Brother Junior Deacon seconded the motion. After the vote, the Worshipful Master declared the motion passed.

W·:B·: Jones asked if there would any other business requiring discussion about the Grand Annual Communication, reminding the Lodge there was a resolution to change how Masonic Charges were handed. W·:B·: Jones had spoken to M·:W·:B·: Johnson and suggested that he comment.

M·:W·:B·: Johnson shared that there have been several Grand Masters who feel their station entitles them to expel masons for cause and without trial. It was his opinion that the Master and Wardens should, on behalf of Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 and all of the masons in New Mexico, propose an amendment to add “NO Mason can be expelled without a masonic trial.” W·:B·: Jones seconded the motion, and the lodge voted to accept the motion. It is expected that Brother Senior Warden will offer the amendment front the floor.

Education

The Worshipful Master then called W·:B·: Tyler before the lodge to present an educational discussion.

W·:B·: Andrew Montoya lead the lodge in a discussion on the Tyler’s sword. This discussion shared old Masonic texts pointing to the age-old tradition of using a flaming sword, symbolic of the sword used to protect the Tree of Life within the Garden of Eden. At the conclusion of the educational moment, W·:B·: Montoya presented Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 with a beautiful flame bladed sword. He indicated that he commissioned its creation by a local sword smith, and that it was made entirely from local materials. The sword could easily be fashioned to be a working blade, but it was currently in ceremonial form.

Closing

Prior to closing, the Worshipful Master asked if anyone had anything to bring before the Lodge.

R·:W·:B·: Jones shared that John Keel, Worshipful Master of Sandoval Lodge No. 76 is holding a Concealed Carry class on Friday and Saturday.

M·:W·:B·: Johnson introduced W·:B·: Larry Wellingham.

W·:B·: Wellingham informed the Lodge that on April 4, 2026 at 10:00 am, the Widows Sons would be holding a fundraiser for the widows and orphans of Brother Lee Truit, the First Officer of UPS flight number 2976, who lost his life when the plane crashed in Louisville Kentucky on November 4, 2025. W·:B·: Wellingham encouraged everyone to stop by, encourage the Sons in Light, meet other masons, and help to support the family of the late Brother Truit.

M·:W·:B·: Johnson encouraged the Lodge to step up in getting their sections. Mesa Lodge No. 66 already has 9 sections in the books and Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 has none. M·:W·:B·: Johnson is always available, but the members can work on their proficiencies with each other, and learning the Master Mason proficiency section should be an excellent setup to learning the Master Mason conferral. The Stationed officers should also demonstrate their proficiency in the openings and closings of the Lodges. If we do this, we should easily have 27 or more sections in the books.

The Worshipful Master announced that on Wednesday, March 18, the focus will be on practicing for sections.

Bro·: Senior Warden asked who can listen for sections.

M·:W·:B·: Johnson reported that it can be the Master, the Lodge Ritual Officer, and the District Deputy Grand Lecturer.

R.:W.:B.: Treasurer encouraged those attending the Grand Annual Communication to make sure the Lodge banner was present in Santa Fe.

The Worshipful Master asked W.:B.: Secretary to take the banner on Thursday.

There being nothing further to bring before this Master Mason Lodge, the Worshipful Master closed this Regular Communication of Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 at 8:35 o'Clock PM, with the same Officers in their Stations and Places, peace and harmony prevailing.

By:

Worshipful Master

Secretary