



# Albuquerque Lodge No. 60

of Ancient Free & Accepted Mason of New Mexico

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## Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 Minutes: Regular Communication

May 13, 2026

The Lodge was opened, in form, on the Master Mason Degree at 7:08 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 17 brothers present. For a full list of members and visitors, please see the register.

Bro·: Marshal led the lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the Worshipful Master asked for a moment of silence for all those serving in harm's way.

After opening, M·:W·:B·: Johnson made the motion that the lodge accept the proficiency of Bro·: Josef Jansen in the Master Mason work. The motion was seconded by R·:W·:B·: Villanueva. After the affirmative vote, the Worshipful Master declared Bro·: Jansen proficient in the Master Mason degree.

The Worshipful Master then notified the lodge that Bro·: Trevor Donaldson was ill and the scheduled fellowcraft degree would be moved to Wednesday, May 27.

The Worshipful Master also asked that the lodge keep Brother Gil Morales in their prayers.

### **Blessings and Boons:**

Brother Aquilar congratulated everyone who participated in the recent Scottish Rite reunion, making a special point to mention that M·:W·:B·: Johnson and R·:W·:B·: Overfelt both did an amazing job bringing back a degree that had not been exemplified in a very long time.

R·:W·:B·: Villanueva welcomed Bro·: Johnson back to the lodge.

Bro. Johnson shared information about his travels and commented that it was interesting to see the differences in the work. He is looking forward to visiting more lodges when traveling in the future.

### **Visitors:**

The Worshipful Master asked that the Senior Deacon escort Brother Gene Cunningham to the alter for recognition. Brother Cunningham in a Master Mason visiting from Monroe Lodge in Bloomington, Indiana. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Florida before moving to Indiana.

### **Approval of Minutes**

M. W. B. Johnson moved that the minutes for the Regular Communication of Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 be accepted as amended. Brother Senior Warden seconded the motion. After an affirmative vote, the Worshipful Master declared the minutes accepted.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Worshipful Master informed the lodge that Brother Morales would be out for the foreseeable future and commented the plan would be to ask Brother Ortega to protem as Junior Warden for the rest of the masonic year.

### **Standing Committees**

The Worshipful Master asked for reports from the standing committees.

### **Building Committee**

Brother Senior Warden informed the lodge that an offer had been received from the city for the Shrine building. The offer included the option for the Shrine to rent the building from the city after June 30 at a cost of approximately \$6 per square foot. This would result in an increase in rental costs to the lodge of 2,000 to 3,000 per month. As a result, it was the plan of the lodge to move out of the building by the end of June and the lodge would need to determine where to meet. The Worshipful Master mentioned that he expected to be able to provide options this evening, but would defer until the Special Communication on May 27.

**Treasurer's Report - R. W. B.** Treasurer distributed his report via email prior to the meeting. The Lodge has \$8,306 in the Bank. The lodge also approved \$100,000 to be transferred to the Masonic Cemeteries Property Foundation.

**Finance - N/A**

**Charities - Bro.** Senior Warden made the motion to disburse \$1,500 to support the purchase of cannons for the upcoming festive board dinner. W. Bro. Jones seconded the motion. After a vote, the Worshipful Master declared that Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 would donate \$1,500 to support the purchase of cannons.

### **Education**

The Worshipful Master mentioned that Bro. Emeliano Perez would deliver his educational moment in June.

### **Closing**

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

M. W. B. Johnson discussed the upcoming Lincoln Lodge on June 20th. He mentioned that Karisoso Lodge uses this event for most of their fundraising, that it is a pretty cool event, and that there

may be some hard feelings because smaller lodges have a harder time bidding against larger lodges, preventing them from the opportunity of in the ceremonies as lodge officers. He encouraged as many people as possible to join, and that the lodge should finalize plans in how to best handle the upcoming event during the June meeting.

R.·W.·B.· Overfelt reminded everyone that Masonicon would be held on June 26, including a table lodge.

There being nothing further to bring before this Master Mason lodge, the Worshipful Master closed this Regular Communication of Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 at 7:57 o'Clock PM, with the same Officers in their Stations and Places, peace and harmony prevailing.

By:

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Worshipful Master

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Secretary