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Grand Master's Message



Ernie Shoup
Grand Master of Masons
in New Mexico 2017-18

Brethren,

I will start off with a heartfelt thank you for confidence by electing me as your Grand Master at the 140th Grand Lodge Annual Session. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it such a great event. The Craft have been set to work and are diligently beginning their labors.

As we start the new Masonic year, personally it brings

many thoughts of serenity, fulfillment, and some sadness. With the loss of my Dad, this leaves a loss of not only my Dad but a Mentor as well. We both had great plans for my year as Grand Master and he as Master of our

home lodge in Iowa. No doubt with Dad as my Guardian Angel, it will be a great year.

Membership will be a main focus this year with our 140 Master Mason Membership Challenge for our 140th Anniversary. The idea here is to get back to the basics and principals of Freemasonry. In reality we need more in the order of 300 new Master Masons to have a positive gain.

With the traveling season well in full swing, many of our traveling Grand Lodge Officers are hitting the roads. So far, it has been my pleasure to visited 12 or so lodges. Several have performed degrees; many have read or voted on petitions. I could not be more pleased with the start to the year regarding new members and advancing them. If we keep up at this rate, the 140 new Master Masons set forth as challenged just might be attained. Well done Brothers!

Unfortunately, it again is the time of the year for us to review our records for those who maybe have not

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Deputy Grand Master



Adam Hathaway
Deputy
Grand Master

Good Brothers,

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. I am deeply honored and humbled to serve as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and as I said when I accepted this position, "Thank you for your faith in me. I will give it everything I've got." I will do

my best to promote unity and harmony in this of ours, the greatest Brotherhood in the world. To this end, my plans for this year include attending as many lodges and Masonic events as possible, teaching when asked, and learning from all of you.

Since the Annual Communication in March:

I had the honor of joining the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the Scottish Rite Valley of Santa Fe Ceremony

of Remembrance and Renewal; Job's Daughters, DeMolay, Rainbow Barbecue; an Entered Apprentice degree at Mesa Lodge No. 68; the Grand York Rite Sessions; and the Scottish Rite Valley of Santa Fe Reunion. I also attended the Bethlehem Lodge No.54 Fried Chicken Dinner

I thoroughly enjoy making educational presentations. Thank you to Worshipful Master Jose Montañó for inviting me to present *Meeting Management with Mackey* at Cerrillos Lodge No. 19, and to Worshipful Master Sean Sullivan for inviting me to present a three-month series for Hiram Lodge No. 13 addressing *Masonic Symbolism and Meaning* in each of the Blue Lodge degrees. If anyone would like me to make any presentations, please let me know. In this vein, for the best of educational programs, be sure to attend MASONICon to be held June 8 and 9, 2017 at the Ballut Abyad Shrine in Albuquerque. Thanks to RWB Bob Clark for coordinating this year.

Finally Brethren, the unity we share with each other

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From the Editor



This is the first of four planned Fraternity in general, send us an article. If you have photographs to go with your article, send them also but, please, make sure you let us know who and what we are seeing.

With a previous issue of *The New Mexico Freemason* we introduced our new OpEd feature. Here is an opportunity for you to sound off

on what’s bugging you. Whatever is on your mind, this is the place to let everyone know. Remember, non-Masons also read this publication, so keep things ‘within due bounds.’ Send your articles to thefreemason@nmmasons.org.

General guidelines for an article are 750-800 words (about 1½ pages) in Times New Roman 12 point font, with 1” margins top, bottom and both sides. Please check with me for available space should your article exceed the recommended length. For accompanying photographs, please identify the location, name, and date of the event, and list the people shown from left to right. At the top left of your article, please include your name, your lodge name and number, your phone number, and your email address. If your article does not conform to these guidelines, or if it contains ‘special’ formatting, it may be returned to you for correction.

The deadlines for submission for the remaining three editions are as follows:

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paid their dues. Please use all your Masonic etiquette in conversations with these Brothers. We all know our membership has been declining, NPD's is one area we might be able to help ourselves. By this, I suggest we try to contact current members who might be on your list to NPD, find out what might be going on. Do they need help for the year? What can we do something to assist them? Same might be said for those we have lost to NPD in some years past. If you or your Secretary has not done so, maybe it is a good time to contact lost Brothers, see if they might want to re-instate their membership.

Here is some news on a couple of our lodges. Melrose Lodge No. 39 determined they could no longer sustain a viable lodge, so they have turned in their Charter. A sad day for Masonry for sure. The members have been given a Demit so they are able to join a lodge of their choice.

Cimarron Lodge No. 37 has sold their building to a wonderful local family. The Davis Family has deep roots in the Cimarron area and will ensure the building will be well taken care of for many years to come. The sale has given the Lodge a renewed sense for a great future. Thanks to WM Carter and all who took the initiative to take the Lodge into the next chapter and its well-being.

It is with deep sadness I report the loss of one of our own. WB James "Jim" Herbert Rixon, Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico passed away May 1 2017 in an auto accident in Farmington, NM. His services were held May 13, 2017 in Farmington. Jim was also serving Masonry as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico. WM Jim will certainly be missed in many of his capacities, but his wonderful humbleness and friendship will be sorely missed.

Does your lodge have the new and approved Petitions available? Are they being used? Have all the old ones been destroyed? By now, all Lodges should have received the new Petitions and accompanying forms. A gentle reminder; with the new petitions being approved at the most recent Grand Lodge Sessions, *all* other petitions and forms, etc. are invalid and will not be accepted. Take due notice and govern your accordingly.

Two upcoming summer events to be sure our on your calendar, if not already. MasoniCon will be June 9-10 at the Shrine Center in Albuquerque. It is a great event for you to raise your Masonic knowledge and have friendly Masonic conversation.

The 66th Annual Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference

(RMMC) will be hosted by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico on July 20-22 at the Marriott Uptown on Louisiana. The Keynote speaker will be MW Michael Halloran, P.G.M. of Kansas. Our own RW Gary Baker will have a presentation on the History of the Arlington Cemetery and its connection to Masonry (open to the ladies).

Fraternally,
Ernie Shoup
Grand Master



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extends beyond the grave and to the families of our brothers who have been called to the Grand Lodge above. There have been several Masonic funerals of late, and all those I have attended have been performed with honor, love, and respect. One of the widows told me, in tears, that she couldn't believe that that her husband's lodge would go to the trouble of providing both services and a reception. Efforts like those provide some comfort to the families of our departed brethren. I ask that you attend every Masonic funeral you can, even if you didn't know the Brother personally. Our unified support makes a big difference to the grieving family. As our ritual teaches "Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful."

Thank you for doing all that you do.

May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Adam Hathaway
Deputy Grand Master



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For more information on submitting an article, or if I can be of help to you in any way, write to me at thefreemason@nmmasons.org.

We may not be able to publish everything you send, but we'll do our best for you.

Fraternally,
Noah Shapiro
Editor

Senior Grand Deacon

Jonathan Andrews
Senior
Grand Deacon

As the month of May draws to a close, I am thankful for another great year in Masonry in New Mexico. I had an enjoyable Grand Lodge Annual Communication. It was great seeing so many brethren from throughout the state attend the business meeting and engage in the affairs of the Grand Jurisdiction with peace and harmony prevailing.

I had the pleasure of being installed as the Senior Grand Deacon for the 2017-18 year, and thank the brethren again for their trust. Again, you all have my eternal gratitude for the opportunity, and I hope to serve you in your best interests.

Many of my visits so far this year have been unofficial. I have had a great opportunity to present several invited talks on various topics; as always, I would love to present at any lodge, with due notice. We finished a Hot Sands at the Ballut Abyad Shrine and also a Scottish Rite Reunion where we took 10 candidates through the degrees and elevated them to Masters of the Royal Secret in the Valley of Santa Fe. It has been a busy few months.

On a more personal note, I want to share with you a tragedy that has befallen one of my best friends and taken most of my personal time outside after business. In early April, my best friend's daughter was diagnosed with a rare and inoperable brain cancer called Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma. As I am writing this, she has just started radiation therapy, which will improve her quality of life for the next few months, but she will most likely succumb to this disease within the year. She will be turning 5 years old in May and will not see her 6th birthday.

I have been overwhelmed at the outpouring of support and assistance to the family that I've witnessed from everyone I know. I am reminded of our principles of faith, hope and charity, which admonish me to have faith in God, hope of her immortality, and thankful of the charity extended by my extended friends, family and brothers. If you are willing to help the family get through this tough time, please contact me at jonathan.r.andrews@gmail.com, and I will send you their GoFundMe page information.

Please continue the work you do. I am proud each and every day to wake up as a Freemason in this Grand

Jurisdiction. When life is tough, the sanctuary of a lodge room is invaluable, and I thank each of you that have ensured the sanctity of the lodge over the last few months by your actions and behavior.

Jonathan Andrews
Senior Grand Deacon

**Chaplain's Corner**

James D. Krass
Grand Chaplain

Greetings brethren,

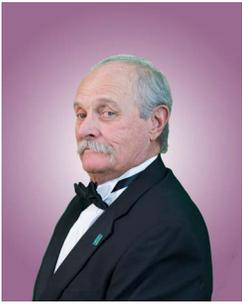
“This is the day that the Lord has made and we shall rejoice in it.” First I want to lift up our prayers for MWGM Brother Ernie Shoup and his Grand Officers as the travel throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and elsewhere spreading the cement of brotherly love to all mankind. As many of you know,

the craft has lost RW Brother Jimmy Rixon our Grand Marshall suddenly and tragically in a car accident. As masons we understand that we are traveling upon that level of time when we, each one of us will “travel to that undiscovered country whose borne traveler does not return”. My message today is a message of life not death, of hope not despair, of joy not grief, in the hope and assurance in a resurrection and eternal life. Next to a belief in God for a Mason, is the belief in a resurrection to a life eternal so “death where is thy sting?” The grave cannot hold us for the Great Architect of the universe has circumscribed all of us with his love and grace. This year as in years past, we will lose many brothers of our affections, the companions of our choice. Let us not grieve but rejoice that we have been given the honor of knowing them and that our brothers whom we have lost and who we will lose, have made our lives better with their presence. I will close with this scripture, “May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other”.

James D. Krass
Grand Chaplain



Grand Historian



David L. Millis
Grand Historian

THOUGHTS ON BILLY THE KID

The buck-toothed kid named William Harrison Bonney, alias Henry McCarty, Henry Antrim, and Billy the Kid's actual birth date and birth place are not known. Bro. Pat Garrett and Ash Upson, who wrote a biography of Billy, came up with the date November 23, 1859 in

either New York or Indiana. Billy's father died when he was quite young and Billy may never have known him. His mother died when he was 13 or 14 years of age. His stepfather, from whom he got no paternal care, put he and his younger brother in separate foster homes and left them. About a year after his mother's death he was arrested for the first time for petty theft. After he escaped he began a short career in the horse stealing business in Arizona. That career ended when he shot a man named Windy Cahill who had been abusing and teasing young Billy. That's when he returned to New Mexico because he was wanted for the murder. He wound up tagging along with a gang of rustlers and gunfighters on the L.G. Murphy & James Dolan Company side of the Lincoln County War, known as "The Boys." He ended up leaving "The Boys" to team up with the opposition, Mr. John Tunstall.

The Lincoln County War, as it has been defined, was not a war in the strict sense of the word, but intense and brutal feuding between opposing "gangs." On one side, the Dolan (L.G. Murphy died of cancer before the feud had begun) gang and the Tunstall gang on the other. Make no mistake, both Dolan and Tunstall, competitors in business, were trying to monopolize Lincoln County. These two businessmen were actually quite young and driven toward the practice of making money. Dolan's various businesses were well established with the Santa Fe Ring, the County Sheriff, and "The Boys" on his side. Using his father's money, John Tunstall opened a store and bought a ranch as a competitor to James Dolan. John Tunstall, not being a truly honest businessman, antagonized James Dolan whenever possible. He hired gunmen ranch hands and assumed the law would protect him and his holdings, not understanding that James Dolan and the Santa Fe Ring were the law. Alex McSween was John Tunstall's lawyer and partner. With the Murphy & Dolan Company struggling and on the verge of bankruptcy, Dolan had McSween arrested on some trumped up charges and had

"The Boys" rustle some of Tunstall's horses. Tunstall retaliated in an article published in a local newspaper by accusing Sheriff Brady of default tax collecting. In the middle of all of these goings on, Billy was having his own problems with "The Boys" gang and left them. In retaliation he was arrested as the perpetrator of the Tunstall horse theft. John Tunstall bailed Billy out of jail and hired him. Billy was on the path of a new beginning.

Make no mistake that these were bad and dangerous times. Very rough and dangerous men were sometimes outlaws and at other times deputized and acting as officers of law enforcement. Billy became quite close to John Tunstall who took an interest in Billy. Billy seemed to settle down while in the employ of Mr. Tunstall. If the Lincoln County War hadn't happened, Billy probably would have followed in Mr. Tunstall's footsteps and may have become a rancher or partner with him. He may have become a Master Mason as did John Tunstall, Pat Garrett, and Alex McSween. He was surrounded by Free Masons as well as thugs. Even Alex McEwen's wife remarked that Billy had the makings of a fine man in him. It is said that Billy had a great sense of humor. He was good natured, quite generous, smart, cunning, and reckless. On the other side he was stubborn and cocky and had a can't-catch-me attitude that caused him to be reckless. However, he was loyal and would defend someone he cared about even with risk to himself. He loved singing and dancing. He also loved to party and play card games such as Monte and Poker. Oh yeah, he really loved to play with his guns. It is said that he could twirl two pistols at the same time, each in opposite directions. His favorite gun was his Winchester 73' rifle, a gift from John Tunstall.

The teenaged Billy dove into the Lincoln County War when his dear friend and employer, Mr. John Tunstall was murdered at the age of 24 by supposed deputies who were sympathetic to the opposition. If it were not for the Lincoln County War, Billy probably would not even be remembered. But he and other Tunstall supporters formed the "Regulators" that consisted of deputized gunmen. When the "Regulators" disbanded after the end of the Lincoln County War, Billy continued his horse stealing and cattle rustling to support himself. He particularly stole from his enemies who were involved in the Lincoln County War. He was arrested in December of 1880 and convicted of the murder of Sheriff Brady during the Lincoln County War. He was convicted and sentenced to death. In April of 1881 he broke out of jail

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and killed his two guards, Jim Bell and Bob Olinger. After the break out and murders, he was tracked down by his friend and former companion, Pat Garrett, who killed him in a bedroom at the home of Pete Maxwell in Fort Sumner, on July 14, 1881. Billy's actual birth date is unknown but he was born between 1859 and 1861. He was actually about 19 to 20 years old. If it hadn't been for the Lincoln County War, his activities with "The Regulators," and his continued horse theft and cattle rustling from his Lincoln County War enemies who continually reported the same to the press who built him up as the Terrorist of New Mexico, Billy probably would not have been remembered.

This murderous young man's activities have been greatly exaggerated. He was one of six men that shot Sheriff William Brady and Deputy George Hindman. Please understand that this was no face-off gunfight like the movies try to show us. Billy and his cohorts were hiding behind some bales or other barrier and stood up as a group when the Sheriff passed in the street. The shooters jumped up from behind the barrier and started shooting. Which bullets actually hit Sheriff Brady? Only modern day forensics could determine from which gun the killing bullets actually were shot. The four deaths that he alone was responsible for include Windy Cahill and Joe Grant, in self-defense, and Jim Bell and Bob Olinger while escaping jail. He was part of a posse that together shot execution style Bill Morton, Frank Baker, and William McCloskey. It seems that every time someone was shot in the area, the press made sure to name Billy as the shooter extending his reputation. It is doubtful that Billy actually killed 21 men before he turned 21 as his legend purports!

Many skirmishes and clashes occurred during the Lincoln County War and this brief paper does not attempt to cover all of the issues. Billy was very much a victim of circumstances and his infamy has been greatly exaggerated by the press. A story well told has to be embellished to make it more interesting. The main point is that Billy may have become a Master Mason if John Tunstall had survived and the feud between Tunstall and Dolan had not occurred. The reader is encouraged to further study this fascinating topic.

David Millis
Grand Historian



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Noah Shapiro, Editor

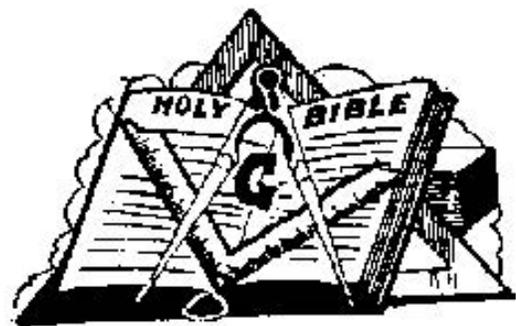
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"Even within an Order built upon Knowledge, there can be found ignorance."



"Some men, even when holding the candle of Masonry, are unable to see the Light."

~Dyson Jeda





Masonic Youth News
May 2017

We are excited and pleased to announce the creation of a website specifically for our New Mexico Masonic Youth, nmmasonicyouth.com.

We encourage you to bookmark this website on your computers and check in often, we will announce many events and items here and we also house a calendar for statewide youth events to you may take the opportunity to visit with your youth as often as possible

We are also pleased to announce the selections for this year's youth awards at Grand Lodge for those of you who could not be in attendance.

Outstanding Youth Advisor for 2016

Louise Phillips
Bethel 2
Job's Daughters International
Albuquerque

Outstanding Supportive Masonic Body 2016

Sandia Mountain Lodge # 72
Albuquerque

Outstanding Masonic Youth of the Year 2016

Miss Dory Moryosef
Past Honored Queen
Bethel 4
Job's Daughters International
Rio Rancho

We have a strong schedule of events coming up. A Masonic Youth Events weekend for June 3-4. June 3 we will host a prospecting movie event, youth who bring a prospect for their group get free admission to the movie theater along with snacks. On the evening

of June 4 we are hosting a Graduation Party for our Masonic Youth Graduates at Temple Lodge No. 6. We will be happy to seek accommodations for any out of town Masonic Youth Graduates.

We will have displays for all three youth groups and the committee at MasoniCon this year. Please feel free to drop by and visit, we will be available to answer any questions on how you can become involved with our wonderful young people and/or sponsor a youth group at your Lodge.

Bethel 4, Job's Daughters International is sponsoring a Masquerade Ball on June 17 at Temple Lodge No. 6 in Albuquerque. Admission will be one unwrapped toy to begin the collection of toys for our annual Toys for Tots event later this year.

Please feel free to join in with your young people at any of these events.

Your presence at youth group meetings and events sends an important message that you are supportive of our young people. Masonic Youth groups have a long and proud history of developing fine young people and adults ... always remember these are YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE! You are more than just adults to them you are the finest role models they have —be true to that calling. As Freemasons we committed ourselves to enabling others to become the best they can be, a vital important calling in the lives of young men and women.

Bruce Baily
Chair
Masonic Youth Committee



A brief history and background on the Masonic Charity Foundation of NM

In 1974, MW Fred E. Prevost, Jr. Grand Master, spoke on Masonic Charity, relief, and the community. Various projects had been suggested with none being successful. He suggested that each mason give a penny a day, \$3.65 a year toward the Masonic Hospital Visitation program on a voluntary basis to be given along with the yearly dues payment.

In 1975, Grand Master Stuart B. Tracy appointed the "line officers" to the charity relief study committee as he felt that this was something that every lodge and every brother could willingly support and espouse. He knew that this could not be accomplished in one year, and the project could develop under the direction of the line officers. He named WB George F. Wright, Jr. Grand Deacon, as chairman.

In 1975, a bylaws change was proposed to establish the charitable project fund. While in 1976, MW John R. Mendius re-appointed the committee and the committee was to continue its work toward establishing a corporation to administer the funds and set up the Masonic Charities, Inc. of New Mexico. The articles of incorporation were received and as of November 9, 1976, the foundation was created and came to life.

In December 31, 1978, the ending balance in the checking account was \$51,208.87 and total disbursements for the year totaled \$376.32. This past year we gave approximately \$200,000.00.

In the 1978 Grand Lodge proceedings, this committee recommended a residence hall for patients and families to stay in while receiving treatment for cancer in Albuquerque. Apparently nothing was done concerning this idea.

The foundation has grown considerably since its inception and is no longer a part of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. The Foundation is almost entirely a separate entity unto itself, and will in the foreseeable future be completely independent from the Grand Lodge. This is highly advantageous as it limits the "fingers in the pie." The foundation is now controlled and operated under a board of directors composed of a brother from each Masonic district in the state.

Brethren, it is an indescribable honor to be a member of this board, and be allowed to share with you a few comments about this fantastic organization. Our single purpose for existence is to help you advance your

charitable causes with matching funds that are available to you and your lodge through money that we are stewards of. These funds come from the donations that are given by the lodges and individuals during the Charity Walk during Grand Lodge each year, endowments from various members, living and deceased, and interest earned from investing these funds. Although we do not own some of these accounts, we do get the interest from them. Also, we have had some very generous members down through the years and even into the current active craft.

Although not all lodge requests are granted, we have guidelines that we feel are an integral part of good stewardship of your money. We do not, for instance, fund research projects or travel expenses except in the cases of medical necessity. We have acceptable requests listed on the application form, and if you read it, you will be able to conclude whether your request will be funded or not.

This is what we, as a board, do...and it is ALL that we do! Your causes are of the utmost importance to us and we ask that you and your lodge join with us in insuring the continuance of this incredible foundation by contributing as much as you can afford, especially during the Charity Walk. Our financial committee has done a fantastic job of maintaining our basic funding accounts, but as you are aware, no investment is 100% guaranteed income. Investments rise and fall according to the stock market, but we keep a close eye on the fluctuations to avoid any disastrous events and so far we have been successful in our endeavors.

You have very good and competent Brothers as board members who are dedicated to the successful and continuing assistance to you and your lodge concerning your charity projects. We would welcome and support any fundraising projects that you can develop to assist in building up our financial base. We are currently only able to fund the Blue Lodges, Order of the Eastern Star, and Amaranth. Sometime in the future, with your help, we may be able to build and safeguard a large enough reserve to re-visit our funding opportunities.

Fraternally and Respectfully,
RW Dick Ribble
President

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GRAND LODGE TENTATIVE CALENDAR 2017-2018
 For details and local events see **EVENTS** tab at Grand Lodge website www.nmmasons.org

April 6-8	Grand York Rite Annual Sessions Shrine Center, Albuquerque		
April 28-29	SR Spring Reunion	Las Cruces Scottish Rite	
May 5-7	SR Spring Reunion	Santa Fe Scottish Rite	
May 20	Masonic Charity BOD Meeting	GL Offices, Albuquerque	9:00am
May 12-13	GL Regional Meeting	San Juan No. 25 - Aztec	
June 9 - 10	MASONIcon	Shrine Center - Albuquerque	
June 21 - 24	Grand Assembly - Rainbow Girls	Albuquerque	
June 24	St. John the Baptist Day		
June 26-27	Prince Hall Annual Communication	Albuquerque	
June 30	Funding Requests for 2017-18 due to Accounts, Ways & Means		
July 7 - 9	DeMolay State Convention	SR Temple - Santa Fe	
July 15	Masonic Charity BOD Meeting	GL Offices, Albuquerque	9:00am
July 20-22	Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference	Albuquerque	
August 4 - 5	York Rite - Land of Enchantment Festival	Santa Fe	
August 7	Grand Lodge Founders Day (August 7, 1877)		
August 11 - 12	Regional Communication	Montezuma No. 1, Santa Fe	
	Founders Day Celebration 140 th Year		
Sept. 9	SR Red, White & Black Banquet	SR Temple - Santa Fe	
Sept. 15 - 16	GL Regional	Clovis No. 40, Clovis	
Sept. 16	Masonic Charity BOD Meeting	GL Offices, Albuquerque	9:00am
Sept. 16	SR Feast of Tishri	SR Temple - Santa Fe	
Sept. 29 - 30	SR Fall Reunion	SR Temple Las Cruces	
October 7	York Rite Four Corners Festival	Farmington	
October 18 -21	OES Grand Chapter	Albuquerque	
October 20-22	SR Fall Reunion	SR Temple Santa Fe	
November 3-4	Amaranth Grand Session	Albuquerque	
November 18	Annual Budget Communication	UNM Continuing Ed., Albuquerque	
November	Masonic Charity BOD Meeting	GL Offices, Albuquerque	
December 27	St. John the Evangelist Day		
January 20	Lodge Annual Returns Deadline		
February 15, 2018	GL Committee Annual Reports Due		
February 17- 20, 2018	GM Conference	Indianapolis, Indiana	
March 3	Grand Lodge Open Houses		
March 15-17, 2018	GL Annual Communication	San Juan College, Farmington,	



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May 3, 2017

Brethren,

On behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico, I wanted to extend to you and your members a cordial invitation to attend the 66th Annual Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. The Conference is scheduled for July 20-22 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The conference is composed of the Grand Jurisdictions of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico. In attendance will be the Grand Lodge officers of the various jurisdictions and any of their general members that have a desire to attend. The sessions are very informal and discussions are concentrated on issues common to all jurisdictions. It is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with Brethren from other states and to learn what approaches they are or have taken to address issues of concern to all of us.

The enclosed registration packet should provide you with all the details you need to register. So make your arrangements early and join us in welcoming our visiting Brethren to the great state of New Mexico and sharing with them our southwestern hospitality.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Ernie D. Shoup
Grand Master



66th Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference

July 20-22, 2017

Albuquerque Marriott, Albuquerque, NM

Grand Jurisdictions of:

Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

Schedule:	July 20 Registration	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Albuquerque Marriott
	Social & Light Dinner	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Ballut Abyad Shrine (6600 Zuni Rd., SE)
	July 21 Conference	8:30 am to 4:00 pm	Albuquerque Marriott (reg. 7-9 AM)
	July 22 Conference	8:30 am	Business, Elections, Installation, Close Close at noon if possible.

Where: **Albuquerque Marriott**
2101 Louisiana Blvd., NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
TEL: (505) 881-6800
Cost: \$91.00 per night

Reservations must be made by 6/29/17

(RMMC)

Website: www.rmmc2017.org

For event Registration forms & Hotel Reservations (on line).

Meals: Included in meal package with registration are:
Thursday evening light dinner, Friday lunch & Friday dinner (Breakfasts are on your own)

Meal schedule:

- Thursday Social 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Ballut Abyad Shrine Center
- Friday Lunch 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm Albuquerque Marriott (Men & Ladies)
- Friday Dinner 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Albuquerque Balloon Museum

Ladies:

Ladies Program includes Thursday night Social, Friday lunch & Program and Friday Nights Banquet.

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