



On the Level

SAN JUAN LODGE 25 TRESTLEBOARD

From the East

Brethren,

I am very excited about the year we have before us. I am filled with hope that this will be another year of fast paced growth for our Lodge and a year of coming together to form the strongest fraternal ties yet.

I am asking each brother to join the officers of San Juan 25 as we embark on our tasks within the Lodge, including publishing of this newsletter.

Starting this year, we are going to be having a quarterly Trestleboard, both electronically distributed and on paper. If you have anything of interest to the brotherhood, please submit it to us for inclusion. Deadlines for submitting articles and info will be 2 weeks prior to each issue. This, the first issue being put out April 1st (hmmm, that's April Fools Day, I hope that isn't indicative of anything), the following issues will be put out on July 1st, October 1st and January 1st.

Again, thank you for your articles, photos, points of interest and anything else suitable for print in the Trestleboard.

Fraternally,

Darryl L. Dunlap, WM



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SAN JUAN LODGE 25 OFFICERS 2010

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 15-17 | Grand Yorkrite Annual Session in Albuquerque |
| April 24 | District 1 Officers Conference @ SJ25 8am-2pm |
| April 30-May 2 | Scottish Rite Spring Reunion in Santa Fe |
| May 9 | Mother's Day |
| May 11 | Honor Masons OES Dinner @ SJ25 6pm (prior to mtg) |
| May 21 | Masonic Prospect Night @SJ25 7pm |
| June 20 | Father's Day |
| June 26 | Animas 15 Outdoor Communication and Dinner 5pm |
| July 31 | SJ25 Masonic Family Ice Cream Social & BBQ 4pm-9pm |

Letter from the Master

Brethren,

It is an honor to be the Master of San Juan Lodge #25. We have achieved many successful things in this Lodge over the past many years. We have been a lodge of growth in membership, diversity and charitable contributions. Our lodge is blessed with some of the most talented Masons who can assure that our lodge will continue to be first in many things that will ensure the prosperity of Freemasonry.

I have many goals for our lodge this year, but one of my long-time goals has been to ensure that we keep both our experienced and our newly raised master masons interested and active in masonry. To achieve this goal I challenge, each officer and Past Master of San Juan Lodge #25, to teach and mentor another within the lodge. It is every member's duty to assist in bringing all of our brethren to a true understanding, light if you will, of the Freemasonry's workings and goals.

Throughout the coming year, I wish to see the brotherhood of this lodge, continued to be brought together, and cemented with brotherly love, charity and truth. I urge all of you to invite members that have been absent, to attend and partake of the splendid events this lodge promotes. I also invite the brethren to attend other local lodges, to get to know your other brethren and to invite them to visit our lodge. This year, I require my installed officers to visit at least one other lodge during the calendar year and invite their brethren to visit us.

Also this year, we will host Invite-a-Prospect nights. These nights are to serve as an introduction to who and what we are as Freemasons. Persons throughout the community, that meet well with the tenets of our brotherhood, will be invited to attend one of these events. I would ask that all members attend if possible, to give the prospects a good perception of our fraternity. There will be a program given, along with questions and answers.

This year will also give rise to more social events for Masons and their families. Some of these events will include all appendant bodies and their families. One is the Masonic Ice Cream and BBQ Social on July 31st. We will have games, presentations and other fun activities as well as plenty of good BBQ and ice cream. Stewards, now is the time for you as well as the appropriate committees to start planning your parts of this.

Finally brethren, never forget this is your lodge. Your active participation is requested when possible. Join me in working to make this a wonderful and memorable year for all.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Master of your lodge.

Fraternally,

Darryl Dunlap, WM



Grand Lodge Report

133rd GRAND LODGE SYNOPSIS

The 133rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held March 19 and 20, 2010 in Carlsbad, New Mexico at the Pecos River Valley Community Center.

Numerous Appendant and Coordinate Body leaders and Distinguished Guests from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming were welcomed, introduced and brought fraternal greetings during the course of the session.

Past Grand Master George F. Wright led a contingent of 15 Past Grand Masters and 1 honorary Past Grand Master to the session. There were 49 Lodges represented with 38 Masters, 16 Senior Wardens, 16 Junior Wardens, and 67 Proxies. Lodges not represented were Gate City 11, Carrizozo 41, Springer 45, Mount Moriah 54, Hurley 55, and Malpais 71. A total of 201 Brethren were registered.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1 Code 172 ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Officers shall be elected at ~~a either the last~~ regular communication in November or ~~the first regular communication in~~ December as specified in the Lodge By-Laws. ADOPTED

The Grand Lodge of Croatia was extended fraternal recognition.

Gary M. Deck of Eunice Lodge No. 67 was elected Grand Master and Jefferson H. Jordan of Temple Lodge No. 6, Albuquerque, was appointed Junior Grand Deacon. Brother Yudi Wong of District 2, was elected to the Board of Directors and Robert J. Keene of Lebanon Lodge No. 22 was the Kit Carson Award recipient. The Alpheas A. Keen award for Secretary of the year was presented to Gary Pulz of Clovis Lodge No. 40. Appointed to the Position of Grand Marshal was our own Ron Holloway. Ernie Shoup from our Lodge was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 1.

Elected to the Masonic Charities Board were Brothers Charlie Bettis of District 8, Wade Richardson of District 9, Jason Hamilton of District 10 and G.L. Tucker of District 11. Brother Bert Dalton was re-elected President, David L. Baker and Danny R. Calloway become Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer by Corporation By-Laws.

Continuing Masonic Education Discussion

INVESTIGATION A VISITING BRETHERN

Usually, the Junior Warden and both Deacons compose the Investigation Committee, but if they are not available, the Master may appoint others to investigate.

Your main goal in the investigation is to determine that the Brother is indeed a Mason. Probably the first thing you want to do is have the visiting Brother sign-in at the register. Next ask for his Dues card, then, when he hands it to you, compare the two signatures and check to see that the signature in the Register Book matches the signature on the Dues Card. If so, this is the Brother that signed the Dues Card. That is the reason that when you receive your dues card, you are to sign it immediately. This way, if it should be lost, hopefully no one can use it to gain admission to another Lodge.

When you are satisfied that this is indeed the Brother that signed the Dues card, check in the "Book of Lodges" to see that his lodge is listed (See the Secretary for the most current book). Then the committee is to repeat the oath listed in the Monitor with the Brother. Then you may ask for a password, or grip or what ever means you may use to ascertain that he really received the Masonic degrees.

Remember, although basically the Masonic Ritual is the same in all jurisdictions, there are differences and the words he uses may not be the ones you are accustomed to hear. Just work with him, without embarrassing either yourself or him until you are satisfied.

Keep in mind, you should satisfy yourself that he is truly Mason. Don't forget his right to satisfy himself that you are also a Mason. Be prepared to show him your dues card. He may want to inspect your Lodge Charter. If requested, take him to it and let him satisfy himself that San Juan Lodge 25 is indeed a Regular Lodge and a member of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of New Mexico.

Also, don't forget that the Brother may be Vouched for by a Brother you know to be a Mason, but the avouching Brother must have sat in Lodge with the Brother being vouched for.