



Eddy Lodge 21
Carlsbad, NM

The Quarry



EDDY LODGE #21 --- CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

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Speaking from the East

by WM Brian Burke

Greetings from the East. Brethren during these trying times, I would like to urge you to continue to protect yourself by utilizing safe distancing and good personal hygiene. Remember as the government eases restrictions to safeguard against a resurgence of the Covid-19 virus, the Grand Lodge has eased some of the restrictions and we were able to conduct two proficiencies. Congratulations to Brother Jeremy Bolduc who passed his Master Mason Proficiency and Brother Garrett Henson who passed his Entered Apprentice proficiency. Please keep in mind that we will most likely confer several degrees when the lodge is opened again” God willing and the river don’t rise,” it will be sooner than later.

Fraternally,

WM Brian Burke

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From the West

by SW Roman Villarreal

Brethren, another month will go by without our regular stated communication – something I greatly miss. I also miss going to the Lodge throughout the week and seeing familiar faces (Brothers I trust), and enjoying the fellowship, ritual practice, and joking. Although we are limited in our physical presence interactions, we should continue to stay in touch through virtual means. Communication outside of the Lodge has become particularly important during these times.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico has and continues to leverage online conference software and social media outlets (like Facebook) to maintain Masonic communication. Just last week, a Masonic Education session was held through conferencing software. Additionally, virtual courses are being held to continue and encourage learning. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and give thanks to the adjustments being made to provide Masonic interactions during these times.

I'd also like to thank MWB Gary Scott for sharing the news, information, and education sessions sent by the Grand Lodge with the rest of us. These methods of communication have become invaluable for our Institution. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please let me or MWB Gary Scott know.

I encourage you to continue to reach out to our Brothers during these difficult times. A simple conversation may make someone's whole day. Take care and stay safe!

Fraternally,

Roman Villarreal, Jr.



From the South

by JW Jeffery L. Robertson

Brethren, I hope this communication finds you in good health. We have 2 candidates in waiting to be initiated as EAs as soon as we are permitted to resume normal Lodge work. We also have one EA ready to be passed to the degree of FC which we will complete in May and 1 EA well on his way in his proficiency studies. We are in uncharted waters in our County with this pandemic and Eddy Lodge #21 may be dark for some time... But you are in the Light of Freemasonry! Stay safe, Stay Healthy.

As the Eddy Lodge #21 Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, **I am proud to announce the 2020 awardees of the Eddy Lodge Scholarship Fund:**

Ms. Cory Swager of Carlsbad High School

Ms. Angelica Villegas of Loving High School

Peace and Harmony prevailing

Publications and Access to Public Relations

The New Mexico Freemason is emailed to everyone whose address is in the Grand Lodge data base (MORI). To get the latest notices as to what's going on at Eddy Lodge 21, please send us your email and phone contact information. You will receive notifications of important events and also you can download the Our Lodge Page app for events.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/eddyldodge21/.



The Lodge Officers and Stations



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Secretary: RWB Randy Heine

Chaplain: Bro. Jeremy Bolduc

Senior Deacon: WB Robert Perozynski

Senior Steward: Bro. Salomon Soto

Tyler: Bro. John Ford

Treasurer: WB Rick Coy

Marshall: Bro. Todd Tindol

Junior Deacon: Bro. Calvin Baker

Junior Steward: WB Stanley Barnhill

Lodge Location and Phone Number



Eddy Lodge #21 IS DARK until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions issued by the Grand Lodge and the State Health Dept. of New Mexico. Stay Safe and Healthy!

Located at: 513 N. Canyon St.

Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Lodge Telephone Number: (575) 885-4252
(between 6 and 7 pm Tuesday and Thursday)

Vision --- Eddy Lodge #21 provides visibility to the local communities ensuring a positive reflection of the Craft while maintaining a fiscally responsible management structure supporting community participation and Lodge projects.


Mission --- To establish a long-term manageable business model and a practiced ritual structure that provides for personal and moral development for our craft creating a platform for successful and responsible membership while demonstrating visible support to local communities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brethren,

Brother William Potts, a 71-year Mason and member of Eddy Lodge #21 has been moved from his home into the “Good Life Care Center at 801 W. Cherry Lane (Near the CARC Farm) according to his daughter Janice. He doing well. The Lodge will arrange some visits with Bro. Potts as soon as the COVID-19 Danger passes and restrictions are lifted. He can receive Mail at that address!

A Message from Our Grand Master concerning Lodge Business vs Work



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April 25, 2020

To the Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico:

We have all been tracking the spread of the novel Coronavirus through our country. In the last week, two other Grand Jurisdictions postponed their annual communications: Arizona, which had been scheduled for June 5th and Washington State, which had been scheduled for June 12th. Our governor extended the stay-at-home order until at least May 15th, and introduced a phased reentry for businesses with "larger gatherings and events still restricted for the foreseeable future." It looks like we may be restricted in masonic gatherings for some time.

Despite these setbacks, many Masonic bodies are exploring innovative solutions to stay active. The Grand York Rite of Idaho held their Annual Session virtually via ZOOM. They conducted all of their planned business and employed anonymous online voting for election of officers. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico is exploring these and all other options to reduce disruption of business for our Blue Lodges. If you have ideas, please share with RW Jonathan Andrews or RW Steve Almager, and we will explore those as well. Along those lines, here is some updated guidance to help each lodge continue to operate in these trying times.

The Grand Master's Edict #1 is still in effect, which aligns with the state-issued emergency declarations prohibiting in-person meetings of more than 5 people. Many lodges are employing online meetings to socialize and some have been conducting untied business. To provide some clarity:

There is a difference between **WORK** and **BUSINESS** of the lodge.

WORK includes:

1. Tyled openings and closings
2. Conferring of Degrees
3. **BALLOTING** (this is different from **VOTING**)
4. Masonic trials
5. Other acts that require Masonic secrecy and/or anonymity

BUSINESS includes (from the Official Monitor and Ceremonies):

1. Unfinished business
2. Reports on Standing Committees
3. Reports on Special Committees
4. Presentation of petitions for the Degrees and for Affiliations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

From Grand Lodge concerning Lodge Business vs Work

5. Report on Committees on petitions (without **BALLOTING**)
6. Communications and Presentation of Bills
7. Motions and Resolutions in writing
8. Miscellaneous business

The **WORK** of a lodge is not allowed in an untiled setting, and no solution has been approved for remote, virtual, or online tiled lodge activities at this time. However, the **BUSINESS** of the lodge, including voting for **BUSINESS** items may proceed via phone or virtual sessions.

Here are some examples:

1. Petitions for degrees or for affiliation can be received and read. Investigation committees may be formed and an in-person investigation can be conducted (but they must not exceed 5 people including the candidate and their family. Investigation committees must practice proper social distancing, and should wear personal protective equipment per local guidance).
2. **BALLOTING** on petitions or for affiliation, or for the election of officers, is not allowed.
3. Degrees **SHALL NOT** be conferred
4. Proficiencies may still be heard by a committee (again, in groups less than 5 with social distancing and protective equipment). That committee may be held over the phone, or online. The candidate and coach must ensure that they are in a private setting for phone/online proficiencies, and the committee must maintain privacy while hearing the proficiency (for example, use headphones or the handset, not a speaker phone).
5. The voice **VOTE** if using the phone or **VOTING** with the usual sign of a Master Mason may be done remotely after the committee reports on the proficiency.
6. Payment of bills, distribution of funds, etc. already included in a lodge's approved budget may, as always, continue without vote. If unforeseen and/or unapproved expenses arise, the Master may pay them out with the consent of the lodge. This consent is a **VOTE** and may be conducted via phone or virtual meeting. The call for a meeting **MUST** be made to give every Mason the opportunity to participate and be heard. The lodge may discuss, approve or disapprove via their **VOTE**.
7. Any other **BUSINESS** requiring a **VOTE** may be conducted over the phone or via videoconferencing. **WORK** and any **BALLOTING** shall not be conducted at this time.

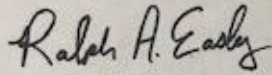
There is clearly a lot of **BUSINESS** that can be conducted during the stay-at-home times. The **WORK** that is currently not allowed, as it requires a tiled meeting is being investigated by the Grand Lodge Officers, the Committee on Jurisprudence, and conversations with Past Grand Masters to determine a suitable solution. We are watching other Grand Jurisdictions explore the same problem set and are eager to learn from their experiences. As we and other Grand Jurisdictions explore these solutions, there may be opportunities for the Grand Master to authorize dispensation for limited **WORK**, though no such dispensation is available yet. The

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

From Grand Lodge concerning Lodge Business vs Work

Grand Lodge of New Mexico is committed to reducing strain on Blue Lodges and will keep the brethren apprised of any changes as research progresses.

Sincerely and Fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph A. Easley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "A".

Ralph A. Easley
Grand Master



The Order of the Eastern Star

Artesia Chapter #18

Meets on the Second Tuesday of Each Month at the Eddy Lodge #21 located at:

513 N. Canyon St., Carlsbad, NM.

Contact Debbie Davis, Worthy Matron

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Announcements:

No meetings at Eddy Lodge #21 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Debbie Davis at debanndavis@outlook.com

Debbie Davis, Worthy Matron

Stan Barnhill, Worthy Patron

Commemorative Coins

All Masons, this is a ***FUND RAISING EVENT TO HELP MAKE OUR LODGE***



The Commemorative Coins celebrating the 125-year anniversary of Eddy Lodge #21 are in-stock and readily available. Cost is \$25.00. These coins are sequentially numbered for collector's value. They're going fairly fast, so don't hesitate to get yours by coming to the Lodge to purchase. Contact Randy Heine or Gary Scott for your purchase or just show up at the Lodge we are always happy to see you.

Makes a perfect gift for any Mason... On hand now at the Eddy Lodge Secretary's Office

Mugs and Master Mason Challenge Coins

This mug is priced at \$15.00/each and is etched on the front “Eddy Lodge #21 AF&AM Providing Light in Masonry since 1894” On the back is an etching of the Flume. Mugs are in-stock at the Lodge and are going quick. They were included in the cost of the Table Lodge that was held on August 10th and we have a few left.



We also have “Challenge Coins” to purchase at \$15.00 each (not etched), that indicate your Name and dates Initiated, Passed, and Raised.

If you want the Lodge to have this information etched onto the coin, the cost is \$40 total.



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Eddy #21 is proud to support Girl Scouts of Troop # 12926 and Troop #12013 of Carlsbad, NM.



GIRL SCOUTS

No meetings at Eddy Lodge #21 due to COVID-19 Restrictions