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## SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

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Most Worshipful Stephen V. Robison, Jr.

Grand Master, State of Nevada



Next Stated Communication

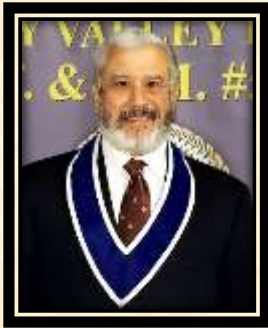
Saturday, February 2, 2019 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

January 2019 A.D. / 6019 A.L.

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## From the East

Brethren,

I remember when I became a Mason. I was so excited to be involved with this mysterious and ancient fraternity. As an Entered Apprentice, I was anxious to “take in” as much Masonry as possible. I was pleased and impressed with the Brothers and wanted to spend as much time

with them as I could. In those days, which were not so long ago compared to many of our Brothers, the Worshipful Master would call for a rehearsal every month. Sometimes this was to go over a degree that was going to be conferred, sometimes just to review openings and closings. I tried to attend and got to most of them. Generally, all of the officers would show up as well as a number of Brother Entered Apprentices, Brother Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons who weren't officers. The rehearsals were fun! There was great comradery. We always had plenty of joking around, laughing, and of course the serious side of rehearsing the “parts”. The Brothers who weren't participating in the ceremony being rehearsed acted as “candidates”, Tyler, or just enjoyed the action.

My Brothers, we are missing out on this very worthwhile time together. For the last few years, it has been difficult to gather very many Brothers to the rehearsals when they are announced. The serious side of this is we do not have the opportunity to practice and refine our Rituals. One of the benefits (in most Brothers' minds) of belonging to Sandy Valley Lodge Number 57 is we only meet once a month. Of course, this is a detriment as well. I know we all enjoy each other's company and when we're together it is “good and pleasant”. By only seeing each other once a month (or less), we are missing out on the bonding of Brothers that is so important to our very purpose. I will do a better job of getting the word out about rehearsals. That falls on me. I highly recommend that as much as your Cable Tow allows you come to these types of “extra” activities. Your presence will strengthen the Lodge, your appreciation of being a Brother, and the fellowship among us.

In addition, I am going to do my best this year to establish outside activities we can attend. Give me ideas about what kind of events would interest you. Bowling? Poker Nights?

Shooting Range? Softball? Touch Football? Let's put something together!

Fraternally from the East,

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## From the West

Brothers,

I would like to thank those Officers and Brothers that volunteered to help clean our Lodge and home of Brother George Odell while he is recovering. Also, to Brothers Wade and Troy Schneiderman, the countless hours you have dedicated to benefit our lodge and its

members will forever be appreciated. I cannot echo our Worshipful Master's message this month with more verve as any opportunity to enjoy the company of our Brothers and continue to learn more about the craft is a gift that will give for an entire lifetime. I encourage you all to attend our practices and future events, enjoy a laugh, broaden your mind, and truly embrace all that Masonry has to offer.

Fraternally from the West,

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## From the South

Brothers,

Here we are month two of 2019 already! Where does the time go? Let me start by thanking the Lodge Officers for an impressive opening and closing at our January Stated Communication.

I'm happy to see our newer members becoming involved in moving through the stations and interest in taking parts during our degree ceremonies. This helps to both enrich the Lodge and make your presence much more rewarding.

February is the month we remember our first President, and Brother, George Washington, and I trust Brother Montana will no doubt have a great educational lecture for us. But let's not forget this month is filled with many important Presidential Masonic historical events: in 1909, Harry S Truman received his first degree in Belton (MO) Lodge #450; also, in 1909, William Howard Taft received his first degree in in Kilwinning (OH) Lodge #356; and in 1887, British writer and creator of the Sherlock Holmes character, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his second degree. With that being said, we will be conferring the first degree on a new member this month; let's make it a very special moment for him.

This is also the month we have an opportunity to say thank you to our significant others for their tolerance and understanding of our passion to be part of this fraternity we call Freemasonry, do something special and enjoy your Valentine's Day. Let's continue to make 2019 a fantastic year while forging toward our future.

Fraternally from the South,

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Thanks to all of the Brothers for giving me this new job for Sandy Valley I will do my best. Congratulations to all of the new officers. I want all to know we will be doing some new things to help us. Let me know if you have questions or such. My cell number is 702-807-8889. Keep an eye out for our website to be updated and improved.

Peace and Blessings,

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## MASONIC EDUCATION PLAN

Coming Soon

## The Influence of Biblical Verse in Freemasonry

JANUARY 2018

### Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

Prepared By: R. "Montana" Williams, Junior Deacon, Master Mason, 32o, Sir Knight

At all stated meetings; we as brother masons hear our worshipful master state:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore. Psalms 133

How many of you have taken a second to internalized and ponder exactly what the Worshipful Master is saying and why did the great fathers of masonry choose this biblical passage as key ritualistic words to set the stage for each meeting of brothers on the level?

What is King David speaking of and how is it the center of piece of our masonic ritual today?

Verse 1 of the psalm is a brief praise relating to unity and brotherly love, which, in today's world there seems a vast deficiency among men, communities, nations, and culture; it reminds us to forever strive to set a persuasive example that all people should strive to live together in peace. Many believe that David penned this psalm upon occasion of the union between the tribes when they all met unanimously to make him king. It is a psalm of general use to all societies, smaller and larger, civil and sacred. It promotes a philosophy that happiness of brotherly love is achievable if brethren dwelling together in unity, not quarrelling, and devouring one another, but delighting in each other with mutual endearments, and promoting each other's welfare with mutual services. For brethren to dwell together and so to dwell in unity, to dwell even as one, as having one heart, one soul, one interest. It is good in itself, agreeable to the will of God, the conformity of earth to heaven. It is good for us, for our honor and comfort.

Verse 2 of the psalm: It is like the precious oil upon the head: In the ancient Middle East it was common to anoint one's head with oil, sometimes as a greeting entering a home (Luke 7:46). This was done to refresh the one receiving the oil, and to give a good smell from the fragrance that came from the perfumed oils. Among God's people, unity refreshes and makes a pleasant atmosphere for all.

Running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron: The picture in words shows that unity is a rich and abundant blessing—as this oil overflowed the head and came down the beard. his is a unity of holiness. That anointing oil, poured upon Aaron, was the oil of consecration, and symbolized his separation from all evil; it was the oil of holiness. The beard of Aaron: The oil upon the priest's head was good as an instrument of refreshing and greeting, as it would be for anyone else. Yet for Aaron (as high priest), it also was part of his consecration to priestly service (Exodus 29:7), which led to so many other good things.

- Service unto God and His people.
- Atonement of sins.
- Offerings of peace, fellowship, and thanksgiving.
- Compassionate ministry to the people of God.

Running down on the edge of his garments: What an abundant blessing unity is! It is like oil poured out so richly that it flows from the head, to the beard, down to the very edge of the priest's garments.

Verse 3 of the Psalm: It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forevermore. It is like the dew of Hermon: King David used a second word picture to show how wonderful unity is among the people of God. It is also like the rich dew that covers Mount Hermon, making it green and moist. It is an almost complete contrast to the dry wilderness found in other parts of Israel. Unity among God's people makes life thriving and healthy. The dew was ever the agent of renewal, of refreshment, of fertilizing force: that out of which life was maintained in strength. It refreshes the thirsty ground and quickens vegetation; so fraternal concord, falling gently on men's spirits, and linking distant ones together by a mysterious chain of transmitted good, will help to revive failing strength and refresh parched places. This dew is not to be taken literally, for the falling of the dew availed very little to the refreshment or improvement of the hills of Zion and Moriah, especially as now they were filled with buildings; but allegorically, for the favor or blessing of God, which is frequently called and compared to the dew, as Proverbs, Isaiah, Hosea, and Micah. The LORD commanded the blessing—life forevermore: The blessing of unity is something God commands, something the previously cited New Testament passages teach (e.g., John, Ephesians, and Romans). Since we will have life forevermore with the people of God, we should work hard to enjoy unity with them now. Mankind must continue to strive for the day when all division shall cease, and enmity be done away; when people of all societies and cultures are united in a bond of eternal charity,

**STATED MEETING of SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, A. L. 6019**

**PRESENT**

Bro. Steven Benjamin	WM	Bro. Cyril Bradshaw	CHA
Bro. David Sims	SW	Bro. Wade Schneiderman PM	TRE
Bro. Albert Navarro	JW	Bro. Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	SEC
Bro. Montana Williams	SD	Bro. Curt Mattke	MAR
Bro. Aaron Sharp	JD	Bro. Curtis Overton	TYL
Bro. Brian Boles	SS	Bro. Buzz Ingram	JS
Bro. Montana Williams	HIS	Bro.	MC

22 Members present at the opening. The Worshipful Master call the Lodge to order and opened on the First Degree in due form at 9 am. Flag was presented west of the altar. All present Past Masters were asked to rise and introduce themselves. Present were Troy Schneiderman P.M., Wade Schneiderman P.M., Richard Hunker P.M., John Pennington P.M., Al Oppegard P.M., and Dwain Rittenhouse P.M. 50-year masons were announced.

Minutes were accepted.

Sickness and Distress:

George Odell, P.M., in the hospital still from previous trip there. Will be in a rehab shortly.

Education was given about the new NV Clear View system.

Sunshine:

Had a great showing to our first meeting and lots of complements about the great job by the new officers.

Due to Banking problems of new officers we were not able to give a report on our accounts. Will be resolved by next meeting.

Announcements:

It was proposed to meet at Lodge the Next weekend to discuss upcoming events and do a clean-up of the property for George Odell as a way to say thank you and help him.

There being no further bussiness to be brought before the Lodge, the purpose of the communication having been fulfilled, peace and harmony prevailing the Lodge was closed in ample form at 11 am.

Fraternally submitted  
Troy Schneiderman P.M.  
Secretary, Sandy Valley #57

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## Lodge Dues

Once again, it's time for us to pay our dues to the Lodge. Please ensure you contact our Secretary to secure payment.

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## From the Social Media Manager & Web Master

Connect with your Lodge Brothers and stay up-to-date on all that is Sandy Valley Lodge #57, F.&A.M. Click the link below and become a part of our digital Brotherhood through our Social Media platforms and Website at:

### Website

[www.sandyvalley57.org](http://www.sandyvalley57.org)

### Social Media

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Fraternally,

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# From the Editor's Desk

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*"Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" -- Isaiah 6:8*

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Steven Benjamin	Worshipful Master 702-612-9234	Donald Daum	UD 2001
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Albert A Navarro II	Junior Warden 702-218-5060	Ted Johnson	2003
Wade Schneiderman, P.M.	Treasurer 702-204-4721	Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2004
Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	Secretary 702-807-8889	Swannie Swenson (2004)	2005
Cyril Bradshaw	Chaplain 702-610-2507	Al Oppegard	2006
R. Montana Williams	Senior Deacon 702-743-7143	Troy Schneiderman	2007
Aaron Sharp	Junior Deacon 702-XXX-XXXX	Michael L. Rodgers	2008
Curt Mattke	Marshall 702-232-3268	John Pennington	2009
Brian Boles	Senior Steward 702-XXX-XXXX	Mike Barry	2010
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Curtis Overton	Tyler XXX-XXX-XXXX	Fred Horne	2012
R. Montana Williams	Historian 702-743-7143	Mark Tavarez	2013
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		Michael Kurcab	2015
		Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
		Mathew McCarthy	2017
		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
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1-Year	Dwain Rittenhouse, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	Mathew McCarthy, P.M.	Fred Horne	
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		Terry Baker	
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	*Jim Cook, P.M.	Harold Scalzo	
	Harry Christopher, P.M.	Richard Hunker	
	Frank Merica, P.M.	Clifford Wiltse	
		Dave White	
HONORARY PAST MASTERS		Greg Curtain	
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