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Most Worshipful Stephen V. Robison, Jr.

Grand Master, State of Nevada



Next Stated Communication

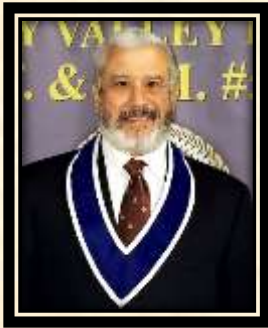
Saturday, March 2, 2019 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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From the East

Brethren,

This month my message contains sunshine and distress. The sunshine is that I will not be able to be sitting in the East this month (That's not the sunshine) because my son, daughter-in-law, and eleven month old grand-daughter surprised me and told me they were coming

into Las Vegas on March first to visit me for the weekend (THAT part of it is the sunshine!). Therefore, I'll miss all of you, my brethren. I look forward to being back in April when it looks like we're going to confer some Entered Apprentice Degrees. I know, however, that I'm leaving you in good hands with Senior Warden Dave Simms sitting in the East in March.

The distress that I mentioned is that we just found out that Junior Warden Al Navarro's mother passed away unexpectedly. I know we all send Brother Albert our warmest and heart-felt condolences on his loss. May her memory always be a blessing to you, Brother.

The dichotomy of reporting the good and the bad to the brethren once again reminds me of the unique bond of brotherhood that our beloved fraternity manifests. We are, indeed, fortunate to have the opportunity to belong to the Ancient and Accepted Freemasons. I am proud to be a Brother.

Fraternally from the East,

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From the West

Brothers,

I hope you are all doing well. This month will be a welcome breath of fresh air as hopefully the snow is in our rear view mirror and we look forward to the warmer months. I want to take the opportunity to express how much I have enjoyed being able to attend Lodge again after a long work related hiatus. I have missed the smiling faces and the camaraderie of all my Sandy Valley brethren. There is something very special about the drive out of the Vegas valley to our cherished aircraft hanger. I look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday!

Fraternally from the West,

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From the South

Brothers,

It is with deep sadness I announce the passing of my Mother, Maria Aguilar Navarro, age 88, on February 23, 2019.

Well, it's March! We celebrate St Patrick's Day and finish out the first quarter of the year. I want to acknowledge everyone for stepping up and assisting, whether it was helping Worshipful George, helping with snacks for our Lodge meetings, volunteering with investigation teams, all of your contributions to our great Lodge have not gone unnoticed, and are greatly appreciated.

We are attempting to address possible courtesy degree work with our fellow lodges and look forward to our Brothers moving forward in their Masonic travels.

As a result of the announcement above, my status for this upcoming Stated Communication is in flux at this moment. I will see you all again in April if I should happen to miss you March. In light of my loss, I would like to remind everyone to Love one another in the bonds of union and friendship. Life is fleeting, and we never know when one of us will be called to lay down his Working Tools and join our creator.

Fraternally from the South,

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From the Secretary's Desk

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



Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lesson Plan

<i>January 2019</i>	Masons and Technology
<i>February 2019</i>	George Washington's Masonic Incidents
<i>March 2019</i>	The Square
<i>April 2019</i>	The Compasses
<i>May 2019</i>	The Sun, The Moon, The Stars
<i>June 2019</i>	The York Legend
<i>July 2019</i>	DARK
<i>August 2019</i>	DARK
<i>September 2019</i>	Freemasonry and the House of Stuart
<i>October 2019</i>	Operative to Speculative Freemasonry
<i>November 2019</i>	The Marks of a Mason
<i>December 2019</i>	Hittanic Legends

Scope of the Program: The education officer will prepare the lectures for delivery. It is recommended that the recently raised master masons (e.g., last five years), participate in the program, to deliver the 5-10 min lecture during each monthly meeting. Lectures are encouraged to research the lesson and provide additive content or subjective personal meaning or interest in the lecture topic.

Approved By:

 Steve Benjamin
 Worshipful Master, 2019

February 2019

Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

Prepared By: R. "Montana" Williams, Senior Deacon & Historian, Master Mason, 32o, Sir Knight, Noble Shiner

Freemasonry's growth in the American's began in earnest in the first half of the 18th Century. Freemasonry grew popular within cities as political, commercial, and intellectual elites gathered within a lodge. With aristocratic, and later royal patronage, Freemasonry evolved into the preeminent fraternal organization of the eighteenth century. The earliest records of American Masonic lodges are in Philadelphia even prior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England. In 1732, Boston's St. John's Lodge was duly constituted by the Grand Lodge of England and remains the oldest lodge in North America. Interwoven with the British Enlightenment, Masonic lodges formed throughout Europe and the Americas. The network of Scots, English, and Irish Lodge helped knit the British commercial empire together.

Although American elites initially joined the Freemasons to keep pace with genteel English behavior, the fraternity contributed to the spread of the ideas and ideals behind the American Revolution. During the revolutionary era, Masons of note included George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Alexander Hamilton, and Paul Revere. While individual Freemasons actively participated in the American Revolution, Freemasonry, as an institution as well as its local lodges, remained politically neutral. For example, it is widely accepted that freemasons planned the Boston Tea Party from the Green Dragon Tavern in downtown Boston.

Washington joined Freemasonry in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was 20 years old when he received the first degree of Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1752. He paid the lodge two pounds and three shillings to join. Ten days after turning 21, on March 3, 1753, he was passed to the second degree of Fellowcraft. On August 4, 1753, he was raised to the third degree of Master Mason. In the early 1790s, there was an attempt to establish a Grand Lodge of America in Virginia with President Washington as the Grand Master; however, state Grand Lodges wanted to maintain their independence and the concept was short-lived.

Freemasonry of Washington's time was what we might call a small and select group of men. Travel was difficult, and lodges met infrequently, and often with

no more authority than the mutual desire of Brethren living in the same neighborhood to gather together about the Three Great Lights of Masonry.

The Masons of the 1770's most likely did not compose more than one percent of the population, yet 22 members of the first Continental Congress were Masons. 65 of the 217 individuals who served in the second Continental Congress were Masons. 33 of the 55 delegates who wrote the Constitution were Masons. Most of these were middle class landholders, which was required for eligibility for election as delegates by their own states. Masonry was wide spread over the colonies in 1776. There were 110 Lodges at the time and 50 military Lodges. To put this in perspective at its height freemasonry membership reached 4.1M in 1959, two percent of the US population. Today membership currently stands at 1.1M members, .003 percent of the population.

STATED MEETING of SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

February 2nd, 2019, A.L. 6019

PRESENT

Bro. Steven Benjamin	WM	Bro. Cyril Bradshaw	CHA
Bro. Ken O'Neill, P.M.	SW	Bro. Wade Schneiderman PM	TRE
Bro. Albert A Navarro II	JW	Bro. Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	SEC
Bro. Montana Williams	SD	Bro.	MAR
Bro. Aaron Sharp	JD	Bro. Russ Grey	TYL
Bro. Brian Boles	SS	Bro. Buzz Ingram	JS
Bro. Montana Williams	HIS	Bro.	MC

24 Members present at the opening. The Worshipful Master called 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. Swanny Swenson P.M., George Odel P.M., Ken O'Neill P.M., John Pennington P.M., Al Opegard P.M. and Dwain Rittenhouse P.M. 50-year Masons were announced.

Minutes were accepted.

Sickness and Distress:

Education was given ON GEORGE WASHINGTON

Sunshine:

Great to have George back home.

Announcements: Grand Lodge Notices were read aloud; Petitions from Oasis Lodge were read.

Fellowcraft proficiency was completed satisfactorily by Bro. Brett Williams and an Entered Apprentice proficiency was completed satisfactorily by Bro. John Stalsel.

2 Petitions were read for Michael White and Michael Bronointz, for the Degrees Investigation committees were formed and are to report their findings at next Stated Communication.

It was proposed that we have a credit card system to be added to our Lodge to assist with dues paying and such.

Looking to due 3 E.A. degrees in April.

Bank account shows \$10,721.35.

There being no further business 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Lodge Dues

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

Social Media

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandyvalleylodge57/>

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Fraternally,

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From the Editor's Desk

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TO ALL RECIPIENTS

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TO OUR FELLOW LODGE'S THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN NEVADA:

If you would prefer NOT receiving our monthly Trestle Board electronically, please notify me at the email below and you will be removed from our monthly TB mailing. Barring any requests to unsubscribe, enjoy our TB.

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Once again, it's time to ensure we have your updated contact information. Please provide the following:

LAST NAME / FIRST NAME / ADDRESS / HOME PHONE / WORK PHONE / CELL PHONE / FAX NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS / BIRTHDATE

Fraternally,

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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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David Sims	Senior Warden 702-203-0917	George W. Odell	2002
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 Opegard	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
Buzz Ingram	Junior Steward 702-800-1388	Wade Schneiderman	2011
Curtis Overton	Tyler XXX-XXX-XXXX	Fred Horne	2012
R. Montana Williams	Historian 702-743-7143	Mark Tavarez	2013
John Pennington, P.M.	Deputy Grand Lecturer 702-355-0154	John Pennington	2014
		Michael Kurcab	2015
		Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
		Mathew McCarthy	2017
		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
TRUSTEES		AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS	
1-Year	Dwain Rittenhouse, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	Mathew McCarthy, P.M.	Fred Horne	
3-Year	Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr., P.M.	*George Gilbert	
		Terry Baker	
HONORARY MEMBERS		Fred Robinson	
	*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	
*Parke Potter	2007	*Deceased	