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SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

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Most Worshipful Stephen V. Robison, Jr.

Grand Master, State of Nevada



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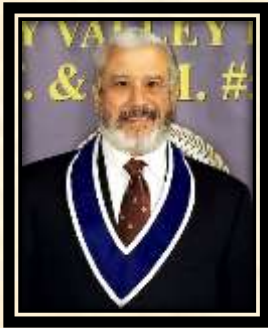
Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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From the East

Brethren,

Congratulations, Brother Brett Williams on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 8th at Vegas Lodge #32. Congratulations also to Brett's father and grandfather, Brother Montana Williams and Worshipful John Pennington. This good news, of course,

makes Sandy Valley Lodge #57 one of the very few Lodges in Nevada that presently has three generations of Masons. What a great honor!

Also, a big shout out and thank you to Vegas Lodge #32 for conferring an absolutely amazing Master Mason Degree. In typical 32 fashion it was awesome. Congratulations as well to Brother John Stelsel who was Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree at Dhahran Daylight Lodge #55 on March 21st. Of course, a hearty thank you to our Brothers at Dhahran Daylight # 55 for assisting us by conferring this Courtesy Degree. It is good and pleasant for Brothers to display such unity. We are going to be conferring at least two Entered Apprentice Degrees in Lodge at our Stated Meeting April 6th. All of this is illustrative of the fact that Sandy Valley Lodge #57 is growing and thriving. And let's not forget about our GMOV scheduled for May 4th, lots of preparation to come.

From the bottom of my heart, my Brothers, I encourage each and every one of you to be as active in the Lodge activities, processes, and meetings as much as your cable tows allow. As you all know these are evolving times for our Lodge. All Brothers who are interested in new directions should have a say in these changes. In order to have that say so you have to be willing to be on committees, attend announced meetings, and make your thoughts and wishes known. We all have a stake in our beloved Lodge. I particularly address these comments to Officers and Trustees.

Fraternally from the East,

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From the West

Brothers,

As the days are getting warmer (excited to not wear a jacket in Lodge!) I am looking forward to enjoying our time in Sandy Valley. This is an exciting month coming up as we welcome several new members to our Lodge! Just a gentle reminder that our EA practices are open to

all of our Brothers, and are a great way to get involved in our degree work. If you are new to the Lodge, please stop by and enjoy some relaxing time with your officers, and get a chance to see how we prepare for our degree work. Practices are scheduled at the MMT (2200 W. Mesquite, east side of the building) on Wednesday, March 27 and Wednesday, April 3rd... both at 6:00 PM. I look forward to seeing you all!

Fraternally from the West,

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From the South

Brothers,

First, I want to thank everyone for your kind words, empathy, and the beautiful flowers for my Mom, she would have loved them. Her services were beautiful and very deserving of the beautiful woman she was. Again, thank you to all, it is good to be back!

This April brings with it imminent challenges for our Lodge. These challenges must be faced head-on and plans put in place to alleviate any disruptions to Masonic business. These challenges have the potential to bring significant change to many aspects of our Masonic lives as they pertain to our Lodge, it is imperative everyone have a voice in our ultimate direction. As with any elections, if you don't voice your concerns and opinions, you haven't earned the right to dissent later on the decisions made. While the final decisions rest with the Trustees, Officers, and Worshipful Master, we look to every member to provide input to the final decisions. This will only work to strengthen our bonds and provide a unified focus for our future. Your participation is the key.

We will be conferring Entered Apprentice Degrees during our Stated Meeting on April 6th. I'd love to see a full Lodge to show our new members the true bonds of union and friendship in which Sandy Valley is founded. Let's welcome them with open arms and enthusiasm. As always, I welcome any assistance with snacks for our Lodge meetings.

We continue to grow as a Lodge and should be making every effort to continue this trend. If you know of a good man who would make a great candidate for Freemasonry, we should be talking to them and bringing them into our fold.

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>	Hiramic 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

The Square

March 2019

Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

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

The Operative Mason used the square to square their work, as free & accepted mason we are taught to square our actions by the Square of Virtue.

As most Masons are aware, the Square is prominent throughout the rituals and ceremonies of Freemasonry and is one of the first symbols introduced and explained to the Freemason. During the initiation ceremony, the new Freemason is told the Square should remind him to conduct his life upon the square, indicating moral and ethical behavior. During the Lecture, the Square is described as part of the Furniture of the Lodge dedicated to the Master, as it is the Masonic emblem of his office. It is also one of the six Jewels of the Lodge, teaching morality. The Square admonishes the Freemason to square his "actions by the Square of Virtue." "Acting upon the square" is a familiar metaphor for fair and honest dealings with others. The word virtue is defined as behavior showing the highest moral standard (e.g., goodness, righteousness, integrity, dignity, honesty, etc.) all in all it is moral excellence. The square has carried that meaning for many generations as evidenced by writings traced to ancient China. In the Great Learning, it is stated that abstaining from doing unto others what one would not have them do to him "is called the principle of acting on the square." We might recognize the positive form of this saying as the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

From early times, the square has represented right and honesty. For Freemasons, the Square represents morality, of the ethical and right conduct that must form the basis for our every action and as the foundation of society. God provides instruction to man to develop his moral and spiritual character, while the Square reminds us as Freemasons that we must constantly test our behavior by the Square of Virtue.

The Square, as used in Freemasonry, is an instrument with two legs that intersect at a right angle. Though there is debate regarding the exact instrument envisioned in the early rituals, there is no doubt that the square was used to measure the accuracy of angles, to ensure that they were indeed right angles. As such, it is natural for the Square to be an emblem of accuracy, integrity, and

rightness. As building materials are cut to fit the building in the proper dimensions, we must also build our character, which must be tested by a moral and ethical standard represented by the Square.

It is also important to note that we must keep God and the Square together. While the Square is an emblem of the virtuous moral, ethical, and spiritual conduct required of all Freemasons, it is our faith in God that provides the basis for that behavior. If society is not careful and loses its faith in God, then its foundation for moral and ethical conduct drifts from that decreed by God. When this occurs, moral law loses its meaning and power, resulting in a society without standards, which will become unstable and eventually fall. The square is symbolic of wisdom when a candidate enters a rectangular Lodge and walks a circuit with squared steps. He is brought to light to observe the Square upon the Altar and the Master wearing the Square, as the emblem of his office. It is explained that, Freemasonry is not just a ritual. It is a way of life, a way of living. It provides moral and ethical instruction based upon a faith in God that allows us as Freemasons to build our moral and spiritual character. Each of us has our own Square within us, our conscience, which we must use to test our every thought, action, and word to determine if it is true by the Square of Virtue. The Square is a symbol of the moral law upon which human life must rest if it is to stand. Without the moral law as our guide, we flounder and fall in this world. If the Freemason does not build his ethical and spiritual character upon the moral law and live in obedience to the laws of God, our lives are incomplete and doomed to failure. David in Psalm 15:1 wrote, "Lord, who shall abide in your Tabernacle? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth..." It is our obligation as Freemasons to "square our actions by the Square of Virtue" in all our dealings with our fellowman. If we "act by the Square," our moral and ethical character will be above reproach and we will have a stable and content life.

Note: Example of the importance, meaning and value of the Masonic symbols of the Square and Compass:

The Square and Compasses are the oldest, the simplest and the most universal symbols of Masonry. All the world over, whether as a sign on a building, or a badge worn by a Brother, even the profane know them to be emblems of our ancient Craft. Some years ago, when a business firm tried to adopt the Square and Compasses as a Trade-Mark, the U.S. Patent Office refused permission, on the ground, as the decision said, that "There can be no doubt that this device, so commonly worn and employed by Masons, universally recognized as existing; whether comprehended by all or not, is not material to this issue." They belong to us, alike by the associations of history and the tongue of common report.

STATED MEETING of SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

March 2nd, 2019, A.L. 6019

PRESENT

Bro. David Sims	WM	Bro. Cyril Bradshaw	CHA
Bro. Kenneth O'Neill Jr, P.M.	SW	Bro. Wade Schneiderman, P.M.	TRE
Bro. John Pennington, P.M.	JW	Bro. Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	SEC
Bro. R. Montana Williams	SD	Bro.	MAR
Bro. Mike Kerns	JD	Bro. Russ Grey	TYL
Bro.	SS	Bro. Ken McIntosh	JS
Bro. R. Montana Williams	HIS	Bro.	MC

18 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. Alter was draped to Black in Honor of the Passing of MWGM Gerald L. Ogle. All present Past Masters were asked to rise and introduce themselves. Present were Troy Schneiderman P.M., Wade Schneiderman P.M., Ken O'Neill P.M., John Pennington P.M., and Al Opegard P.M. 50-year Masons were announced.

Minutes were accepted.

Sickness and Distress: George Odell back in rehab for infection. A lap robe has been donated to him from Buzz's mom.

Al Navarro's mother passed away, he is with family to take care of arrangements. The hat was passed to have flowers sent to the Family. W. Ken will handle the arrangements for them.

Brother Jack Haney is under the weather and phone calls would be appreciated.

Education was given by Brother R. Williams

Sunshine:

Brother Rodger Blankmeyer is doing much better after his back surgery, even qualified for his CCW.

Announcements: Grand Lodge notices were read aloud.

Memorial Service for MWGM Gerald L. Ogle were announced for the 20th of March 2019 at Mount Moriah Lodge starting at 1:00 pm.

Petitions from all Lodge's that were received were read.

John Stelsel is offered to receive his F.C. degree at Dhahran Lodge later this month.

Michael Bronointz will receive his M.M. degree at Vegas #32 on the 8th of this month.

On March 9th W. Mike Clark will be doing a training at Vegas #32 from 9am until 3pm all masons are encouraged to attend it.

Bank account shows \$11,506.68

A vote was made and passed to replace the names on the C.D. with Nevada State Bank to have Worshipful Troy Schneiderman and Worshipful Wade Schneiderman put on them.

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 10:30 am.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Lodge Dues

Lodge dues continue to be collected. If you have not paid your 2019 dues, contact our Secretary to secure payment.

Degree Team Rehearsal

An Entered Apprentice Degree rehearsal will be held:

- Wednesday, April 3rd @ 1800 (6pm) @ the MMT
- **All Officers and those with parts in the degree must attend.**
- All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

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/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/sandyvalley57>

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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SANDY VALLEY LODGE MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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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2019 LODGE OFFICERS		PAST MASTERS	
Steven Benjamin	Worshipful Master 702-802-8960	Donald Daum	UD 2001
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 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
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	