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SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

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Trestle Board

Most Worshipful Stephen V. Robison, Jr.

Grand Master, State of Nevada



Next Stated Communication

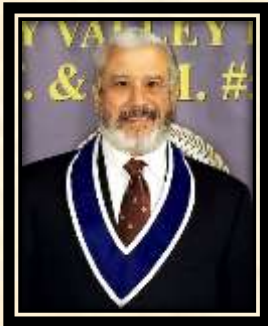
Saturday, May 4, 2019 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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From the East

Brethren,

Greetings from the East. I hope this month's Trestle Board finds everybody well. This month we have the high honor and distinct pleasure of welcoming Most Worshipful Stephen V. Robison, Jr. Grand Master of Masons in Nevada, for his Grand Master's Official Visit,

to Sandy Valley Lodge #57. The GMOV is always a special meeting, and an exciting time for the Lodge. As everybody knows, our refreshments after Lodge tend to be informal but tasty. Usually there's a pretty good spread after the GMOV meeting. The Brothers are always interested in the Worshipful Master's message. I am sure that this year's presentation will be important, timely, and engaging. Let's be there to hear what is happening at the Grand Lodge, in Masonry in general in Nevada, and what plans and ideas the Most Worshipful Grand Master has in store for us. Of course, this communication is also an opportunity for Most Worshipful Robison to observe Sandy Valley Lodge #57. To my knowledge he has never been out to Sandy Valley before, and I believe he will be very pleased by the unique colloquial atmosphere of our Lodge in an airplane hangar. After all, I do believe that it is the only one in the world. This meeting is also a chance for Most Worshipful Robison to evaluate our ritual, ceremonies, how we conduct communications, and the overall status of our Lodge. This Stated Meeting is different from all others. Therefore, I would sure like to see a large turnout for the Worshipful Master. For those officers that have speaking parts in the opening, closing, and reception ceremony, Please attend the rehearsals at the MMT. In all likelihood we will be opening on the Third Degree. I believe there will be one more practice after the publication of this Trestle Board. I have sent emails and texts regarding the details. The GMOV should be a joyous event for all Lodges. Let's please all contribute making sure that all goes well.

Fraternally from the East,

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From the West

Brothers,

My how time flies! By the time you read this, it will be May and we are already well into 2019 with the summer break fast approaching. First, I would like to thank our brothers from Pahrump that came out in force to support our lodge at the last stated meeting. They have always been a great friend to our lodge and I would like them to know how much we appreciate their support. I hope to see all of our members at this month's stated meeting as we welcome the Grand Officers... they lead and guide our state's efforts and for that we are always grateful! See you soon!

Fraternally from the West,

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From the South

Brothers,

They're here! Seriously, May brings with it one of the highlights of our year, the annual visit by the Grand Master of Masons in Nevada and his Corps of Officers.

The Grand Master's Official Visit allows us to show the Grand Lodge we are worthy of their continued guidance, leadership, and support. While our Lodge is unique in-and-of-itself, our true moment to shine is in our ritual during the opening and closing.

Because it is a routine part of every Stated Communication, I think we sometimes take it for granted and react on muscle-memory. With the Grand Master and his Corps of Officers watching, it becomes critical for us to prove our "little" Lodge in Sandy Valley is capable of big things, including upholding the standards expected of all lodges.

We need members who are excited to be part of the line of Officers and the Degree Team, who understand there is a small sacrifice in time periodically to perfect this ritual, and are willing to put the work in and make that sacrifice. I look forward to the GMOV and hope as many of you as possible attend this coming Stated Communication to meet and greet the Grand Master.

We continue to address some imminent challenges faced by our Lodge, your continued participation is the key. I want to personally thank Pahrump Lodge #54 for their continued Brotherly friendship, support, and attendance en masse for our recent conferring of two Entered Apprentice Degrees, you are always welcome in our Lodge. With the GMOV, I welcome any and all assistance with snacks.

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

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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 Compasses

April 2019

Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

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

In our discussion on the Square last month, it was mentioned that it is nearly always linked with the Compasses, and these old emblems, joined with the Holy Bible, are the Great Lights of the Craft. Symbolically, the Earth and Heaven are brought together in the Lodge - the earth where man goes forth to his labor, and the heaven to which he aspires. In other words, the light of Revelation and the Law of Nature are like the two points of the Compasses within which our life is set under a canopy of Sun and Stars.

The Compasses exemplify our wisdom of conduct...the strength to "circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds". No symbolism can be simpler, more profound, more universal, and it becomes more wonderful the longer one ponders it. Indeed, Masonry becomes a brotherhood & society where all men can unite. Its principles are as wide as the world, as high as the sky. Nature and revelation blend in its teaching; its morality is rooted in the order of the world, and its roof is the blue vault above. The Lodge, as we are apt to forget, is always open to the sky, whence come those influences which exalt and ennoble the life of man. Symbolically, at least, it has no rafters but the arching heavens to which, as sparks ascending seek the sun, our life and labor tend. Of the heavenly side of Masonry, the Compasses are the Symbol, and they are perhaps the most spiritual of our working tools.

While in the order of the Lodge the Square is first, in point of truth it is not the first in order. The Square rests upon the Compasses before the Compasses rest upon the Square. In the Ritual of the Lodge we see man, hoodwinked by the senses, slowly groping his way out of darkness, seeking the light of morality and reason. But he does so by the aid of inspiration from above. Some deep need, some dim desire brought him to the door of the Lodge, in quest of a better life and a clearer vision. Vague gleams, impulses, intimations reached him in the night of Nature, and he set forth and finding a friendly hand to help knock at the door of the House of Light.

As an Apprentice a man is, symbolically, in a crude, natural state, his divine life covered and ruled by his earthly nature. As a Fellowcraft he has made one step toward liberty and light and the nobler elements in him are struggling to rise above and control his lower, lesser nature. In the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason - far more sublime than we yet realize - by brotherly love, symbolism, and

STATED MEETING of SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

March 2nd, 2019, A.L. 6019

PRESENT

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|-------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| 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 |

16 members Mason and 7 visiting brothers were present at the opening. The Worshipful Master called the Lodge to order and opened in the First Degree in form at 09:00 A.M. Flag West of the Altar Following the Pledge of Allegiance. The Past Masters were asked to introduce themselves. Present were Wade Schneiderman, Ken O'Neill, Pixs and Frank Heyer P.M. Frist time visitors Frank Heyer P.M, Patrick Selry, Dave Cook, Michael Burkintas, Ed Underhill and Thomas O'Boyle.

The minutes of the March 2nd Stated Meeting were approved as posted.

Entered Apprentice Degree for Mathew Heffelfinger and Michael Bronowitz.

Proficiencies:

M.M. = Brett Williams

F.C. = John Stelsel

Brother Montana Williams gave a lecture about the Compasses.

No Sickness and Distress to report.

Sunshine:

Brother Al Navarro's oldest daughter escaped danger.

Brother Montana Williams has a second granddaughter.

The treasurer's report showed \$11,730.68 in the checking and \$6,732.66 in the Building CD.

the rich knowledge gained through learning the craft. A masonic brother stands strong, free, and fearless, ready to raise stone upon stone to create the cement that bonds mankind, and be an example to God, Fraternity, Family, and Community.

If we examine with care the relative positions of the Square and Compasses as he advanced through the Degrees, we learn a parable and a prophecy of what the Compasses mean in the life of a Mason.

If we look at the Compasses apart from the Square and try to discover what they must teach us. There are no more practical lessons in Masonry, then the three great lights. As the Light of the Holy Bible reveals our relation and duty to God, and the Square instructs us in our duties to our Brother and neighbor, so the Compasses teach us the obligation which we owe ourselves. What that obligation is needs to be made plain; it is the primary, imperative, everyday duty of circumscribing his passions, and keeping his desires within due bounds. As Most Excellent King Solomon said long ago: "Better is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Soon after becoming an entered apprentice, a mason begins to circumscribe his actions to gain symmetry and balance to overcome the chaos and confusion that often grips life in general. The compass serves as a symbol of self-knowledge, self-reverence, self-control; and reminds us that we cannot lose any one of the three and keep the other two. To know ourselves, our strength, our weakness, our limitations, is the first principle of wisdom, and a security against many pitfalls and blunders. To a mason the symbology of the compass points to the knowledge need to walk upright a man and mason, if disregarding, a man loses control of himself, and by that very fact loses, in some measure, the self-respect which is the corner stone of a character. If he loses respect for himself, he does not long keep his respect for others, and goes down the road to destruction, like a star out of orbit, or a car into the ditch.

Philosophers of all ages and cultures point to the knowing thyself and mastering the art of life as a bedrock of society and brotherhood to overcome the passions that corrupt man and lead to vice and immorality. Man must look heavenly to his creator to gain understanding of the symbology of Masonry's three great light, to understand the check and balances held between the points of the compass, because there we find the most valuable tenets of freemasonry: friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

"The Compass, as the Symbol of the Heavens, represents the spiritual portion of this double nature of Humanity...and the Square, as the Symbol of the Earth, its material, sensual, and baser portion."

—Albert Pike, Morals & Dogma

There being no further business to come before the lodge, the purpose of the communication having been fulfilled, peace and harmony prevailing, the lodge was then closed in regular form at 12:15. (closed Long form)

Fraternally submitted:

Tory Schneiderman, PM
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.

GMOV Rehearsal

A rehearsal will be held in preparation for the GMOV:

- Wednesday, May 1st @ 1800 (6pm) @ the MMT
- All Officers and those with parts in the opening and closing of the Lodge are required to 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.com

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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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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

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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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| R. Montana Williams | Senior Deacon 702-743-7143 | Troy Schneiderman | 2007 |
| Aaron Sharp | Junior Deacon 702-XXX-XXXX | Michael L. Rodgers | 2008 |
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| Brian Boles | Senior Steward 702-XXX-XXXX | Mike Barry | 2010 |
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| | | Mathew McCarthy | 2017 |
| | | Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr. | 2018 |
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| | Frank Merica, P.M. | Clifford Wiltse | |
| | | Dave White | |
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