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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

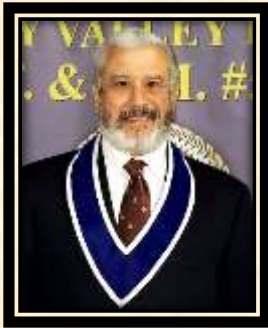
Saturday, October 5, 2019 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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## From the East

Brethren,

I know it sounds cliché, but I just cannot believe that it is already October of 2019. When I entered the Officers' line as the Junior Steward, the future possibility of one day becoming the Worshipful Master of the Lodge seemed like a far-away future fantasy. Now it is October,

and Brother Dave and I are already discussing and preparing for the transition of the Gavel and the Station in the East over to his good keeping. For those of you that have been Masons only since I have been an officer, I will repeat again what you have heard me say many times. Masonry is awesome. The fellowship is unrivaled. The traditions are vast, deep, ancient, and truly amazing. The moral and ethical foundation priceless, and the history and volumes of information covering our beloved fraternity are fascinating and virtually endless. As Brothers we can be as intense or as casual as we desire. It's all good. For those of you that have been around longer, you know what I'm talkin' 'bout!

We have at least one EA degree to confer in October which means that by the time you are reading this you will have probably heard from me with details regarding rehearsals. We will also have some votes to take regarding representation and alternates at this year's Grand Lodge. In addition, we will be voting on giving direction and instructions as to how you want the representatives to vote on the issues that will be covered at the GL in November. Be prepared to discuss any points of view on these subjects that you care to share during our regularly stated meeting on October 5th. As you all know, there is going to be plenty of other business to transact during the balance of the year as we steamroll into the holiday season. I can assure you that your officer corps will be "on it". In the meantime, have a safe and happy Halloween and enjoy the beautiful Fall weather that's coming.

Fraternally from the East,  
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## From the West

My Brothers,

It is hard to believe we are in the home stretch of yet another successful year! I want to thank those that helped take back a certain trophy from our Brothers in Pahrump. It was a great visit and was a reminder to me why being a member of our fraternity is a blessing and honor. Thank you to Pahrump for being so welcoming and always supporting our Lodge in Sandy Valley. I also want to thank those Brothers that helped set up and host the volunteer fire fighter BBQ this past Saturday. And, to Brother George, for opening his doors yet again to support us as Masons, and our first responders. It is an honor and privilege to be in the company of such great men. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge. Please remember, we have several upcoming degrees and I welcome all to participate in our practices... even if you can stop by and enjoy everyone's company!

Fraternally from the West,

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## From the South

Brothers,

So, Fall is here, as witnessed by our declining temperatures, time to get into the last part of the year and end on a bang. Let's set the tempo for our next Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

I want to thank the Brothers who came out and helped us to recapture the Pahrump Lodge #54's "Traveling Lion" Trophy. It's back in Sandy Valley...for now. Pahrump Lodge were gracious hosts, as always.

Don't forget, we have a very busy end-of-year stretch with the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, EA degrees, Lodge Officer nomination and elections, discussions on new resolutions, all culminating with our Installation of Officers in December. Those who wish to play a part in the degrees, please contact Worshipful Steve and/or Brother Dave and let them know. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Stated Communication.

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,

Troy Schneiderman  
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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

Scottish-Stuart Freemasonry  
(Roots of the Masonic Bible)

September 2019

### Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

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

Whenever there is a discussion on the origins of freemasonry, the issue always arises of what came first, Scottish-Stuart freemasonry or English Grand Lodge freemasonry as declared in 1717. Because of the historical acceptance of the declarations set forth in the CONSTITUTIONS of 1723/34, the English version has never been seriously challenged. However, recent research by non-masonic university professors has challenged that from an independent point of view. In 1601, James VI of Scotland, the son of Mary Stuart (Tudor), became a freemason at the Lodge of Perth and Scoon at the age of 35. He became the supreme patron of freemasonry. The Stuart coat of arms depicted, among other things, a trowel and a sword, which symbolize freemasonry and the Order of the Knights Templar. He was the first head of state to be a freemason.

15 years after taking control of Scotland and 5 years before become James I of England, he ordered that the masonic structure be given leadership and organization. He made senior mason William Schaw, his General Warden of the Craft, and instructed him to revamp the entire Masonic Lodge structure into what it has become today. He organized the craft on a national basis with independent local lodges (councils). This organizational process became the Schaw Statutes, from this 1599 directive; lodges were required to employ a reputable notary as secretary, and that he should record all important transactions. The Scottish lodges began to keep minutes, and therefore the appearance of "accepted" or non-operative masons is better recorded than in England, where there are no known internal records of lodge proceedings. The first recorded admission of non-masons was on 3 July 1634 at Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1.

The reasons and mechanisms for the transition of masonic lodges from operative communities to speculative fellowships remain elusive. As the responsibility for design shifted from the Master Mason to the architect in the sixteenth century, it is probable that architects started to join the lodges of the masons they worked with. It is also possible that, along with other professional bodies (including the East India Company, operative masonic lodges began to raise money by charging the gentry for admission. Another opinion states that masonic lodges deliberately recruited the rich and powerful to improve their pay and working conditions. King James ensured the spread of Freemasonry in England and Scotland, but his death caused a hiatus until the return of Charles II leave a 35-year gap before

masonry took off again in England; however, it stayed alive and well in Scotland during that time.

Charles II was in exile in Holland and France during those years and spread Freemason ideas across Europe. Charles II returned to England and re-established Freemasonry and solidified it into what we recognized today. To this day the 1611 King James Bible sits on our alters and serves as our Masonic Bible.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### 2nd Annual Zelzah Shrine - Flivvers Golf Scramble

26th of October

At

Lake View Executive Golf Course

1471 E Mount Charleston Drive

Pahrump, Nevada 89048

For Reservations

Call the Golf course at 775-727-4040

All Levels Welcome

9am Shotgun Start

\$75.00 Per Golfer includes Golf and Lunch

Make checks payable to Flivvers Unit

2313 S. Easter Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89104

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A 20-30-50 Raffle

## From the Social Media Manager & Web Mason

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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:

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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*

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
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		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	
*Parke Potter	2007		*Deceased