



## SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

Free and Accepted Masons  
Trestle Board

Most Worshipful Louis J. Castle, II

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication

**April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting - CANCELLED**

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

February 2020 A.D. / 6020 A.L.

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

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



## From the East

Brethren,

My brothers, I hope this finds you and your family doing well, safe and healthy. My message will be short and candid this month as I cannot help but to echo what the officers have already said... now is the time, more than ever, to be there for your brother. Many of you have been advised to

stay at home and not venture out into the city. I want each and every one of you to know that if a need arises, whether it be a lack of supplies, assistance in your home, food, water or just need a friendly conversation, you have an entire fraternity of brothers there for you. You are all good men and Masons... and I recognize that it may be a challenge in itself to ask for help with anything. All I can do is humbly ask you to set that aside and please, reach out to me, your officers or any brother and we will be there.

In the days and weeks to come, I have asked all of the lodge officers to contact our Lodge members directly. You all have an army of brothers that have your back. Be safe, stay engaged and we will all come out on the other side happy, healthy and ready to meet again soon!

Fraternally from the West,

David Sims

Worshipful Master, Master Mason  
Sandy Valley Lodge #57 F. & A.M.

702-203-0917

[Dave.Sims@cox.net](mailto:Dave.Sims@cox.net)



## From the West

Brothers,

It is with mixed emotions the decision was made to cancel our next Stated Communication. On the one hand, I know we all look forward to being with our Brothers and friends, enjoying good food and good company. On the other hand, it is out of an abundance of caution this

decision was made.

I'd like to personally thank those from our Lodge who were able to support Pahrump Lodge #54 by attending their GMOV. Most Worshipful Louis J Castle said it as succinctly as anyone could, this is not about us, it's about those around us we love who may be vulnerable. Would you want to be the one responsible for passing the virus on to one of them? I couldn't agree more!

My heart is full! I was overwhelmed by the numbers of caring and compassionate Sandy Vally Lodge members who stopped to assist with the vehicle accident on Sandy Valley Road during the last Stated Communication. Your fire, law enforcement, medical, and military expertise was a key factor in making prompt and accurate notifications to EMS, keeping the patient calm, assisting Fire Rescue with safely extracting her from the vehicle, and directing traffic around the incident. This is what Masons do for their communities and I could not have been more proud of your response. It's an honor to be among you!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Stated Communication.

*"Stay safe, be responsible, consider others!"*

Fraternally from the West,

Al Navarro II  
Senior Warden, Master Mason  
Sandy Valley Lodge #57 F. & A.M.  
702-218-5060 (Cell)  
[NavarroA@cox.net](mailto:NavarroA@cox.net)



## From the South

Brothers,

We're in an unprecedented time; we hear terms like "social distancing" and the "new normal". This has led me to realize we're in a time where servant leadership across the globe, our country, and our communities is demanded. As members of the oldest fraternity, we have

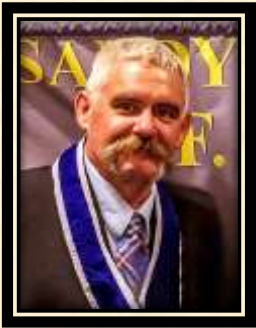
always been leaders who serve. Servant leadership is the very essence of Freemasonry and a foundation since time immortal. Although the first published definition of servant leader did not occur until 1970, Freemasons defined it long ago through our principle tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Robert Greenleaf defined the concept as timeless when he published: "The servant-leader is servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first." Though serving others, the servant leader inspires others to aspire to his cause. This is sharply different from one who adopts the leader-first style which desires power and the acquisition of material possessions.

In these times, it's important to remember, leadership isn't about personality; it's about behavior—an observable set of skills & abilities. I point back to our May 2019 and March 2020 Monthly Education Lectures on servant leadership, masonry, and modern culture. Then, we discussed five key practices a Mason should practice.

I realize there are many calls demanding we isolate ourselves; however, you can still lead—reach out and communicate with your loved ones, brothers, neighbors, and colleagues. Look for legitimate philanthropic organizations you can volunteer at or donate to serve humanity. This maybe the greatest time in our lives to provide relief.

Fraternally from the South,  
R. Montana Williams  
Junior Warden, Master Mason  
Sandy Valley Lodge #57 F. & A.M.  
702-743-7143 (Cell)  
[Montana.Williams@gmail.com](mailto:Montana.Williams@gmail.com)





## From the Secretary's Desk

It's time for 2020 Dues! 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  
Secretary, Master Mason  
Sandy Valley Lodge #57 F. & A.M.  
702-807-8889  
[DreadPirateRiggs@gmail.com](mailto:DreadPirateRiggs@gmail.com)

**STATED MEETING of SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57 for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, A.L. 6020 were unavailable at the time of publication and will be posted at our next Stated Communication.**

# MASONIC EDUCATION PLAN



## Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lesson Plan

<i>January 2020</i>	Robert Burns
<i>February 2020</i>	George Washington
<i>March 2020</i>	Masonry and Modern Culture
<i>April 2020</i>	Appendant and Youth Organizations
<i>May 2020</i>	Entered Apprentice Working Tools (I)
<i>June 2020</i>	Entered Apprentice Working Tools (II)
<i>July 2020</i>	DARK
<i>August 2020</i>	DARK
<i>September 2020</i>	Fellowcraft Working Tools (I)
<i>October 2020</i>	Fellowcraft Working Tools (II)
<i>November 2020</i>	Fellowcraft Working Tools (III)
<i>December 2020</i>	Master Mason Working Tools (I)

**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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Sims  
Worshipful Master, 2020

## Freemasonry and Modern Culture

March 2020

### Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

Researched & Prepared By: Bro. Brett Williams, Senior Steward, Master Mason, & 32o A&ASR

**What is the aim of freemasonry in an era of instability and confrontation as the one we live in?** Freemasonry has been persistent in transmitting to society the values that explained its creation, as a speculative fraternity, three hundred years ago. They are brotherly love, truth and charity.

- By brotherly love, we mean that men beyond everything that divide them have the same nature, the same appeal of in rationality. If the essence is the same there is no reason why men would not cooperate to improve their lives and make society a better place to live.
- By truth, we intend that beyond every conception of religion and philosophy, man look to be truthful to himself and have a secure and happy life. It is the pursuit of happiness that is embedded in the Declaration of Independence of the United States and that our American Brethren inherited from the European Enlightenment philosophers.
- By charity or relief, we mean that we have a core duty to assist the less fortunate, the poor and the disadvantaged. The asymmetry of wealth distribution is larger today than in previous decades. The rich people are richer and the poor poorer. Freemasonry has a role to play by assisting charitable initiatives and helping those in need, being them orphans, old people, people who suffer from severe illnesses.

Freemasonry aims to transform men and make them better human beings and responsible citizens. It throughout that procession of transformation that starts with the Initiation and continues with the works inside the Lodge that the level of humanness is increased and the social responsibility enhanced. This is our trace of distinctiveness. The society cannot be improved without focus on the individual; transformation starts within one man and only after can be transferred to the society as a whole.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The April Stated Communication has been cancelled.

### FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RE: COVID-19:

#### KNOW HOW IT SPREADS

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

#### TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Illustration: washing hands with soap and water
- Clean your hands often
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Illustration: Woman quarantined to her home

#### AVOID CLOSE CONTACT

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

#### TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT OTHERS

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes
  - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
  - Throw used tissues in the trash.

- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick
  - If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
  - If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.
- Clean and disinfect
  - Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
  - If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Website links for your situational awareness on current information regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

LOCAL.

<https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/coronavirus>  
<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/news-resources/press-releases/>

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/>



## From the Lodge Social Media Manager & WebMason

Connect with your Lodge Brothers and stay up to date on all that is Sandy Valley Lodge #57, F.&A.M.

Click the links below and become a part of our digital Brotherhood through our Social Media platforms and

Website at:

Lodge Website

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

Social Media



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



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sandyvalley57/>



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

Fraternally,

Brian Boles  
 Lodge Social Media Manager & WebMason, Master Mason  
 Sandy Valley Lodge #57 F. & A.M.  
 702-743-7143 (Cell)

[Brian@switch.com](mailto:Brian@switch.com)



# From the Editor's Desk

## #VEGASSTRONGER

### TO ALL RECIPIENTS

Sandy Valley Lodge #57 F. & A.M.  
777 E. Quartz PMB 7014  
Sandy Valley NV 8901

### 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.

[navarroa@cox.net](mailto:navarroa@cox.net)

### 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**

Faternally,

Al Navarro II  
Senior Warden & TB Editor, Master Mason  
Sandy Valley Lodge #57 F. & A.M.  
702-218-5060 (Cell)  
[NavarroA@cox.net](mailto:NavarroA@cox.net)

*"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*

2020 LODGE OFFICERS		PAST MASTERS	
David Sims	Worshipful Master 702-203-0917	Donald Daum	UD 2001
Albert A Navarro II	Senior Warden 702-218-5060	George W. Odell	2002
R. Montana Williams	Junior Warden 702-743-7143	Ted Johnson	2003
Michael Kurcab, P.M.	Treasurer 818-259-6124	Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2004
Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	Secretary 702-807-8889	Swannie Swenson (2004)	2005
Dennis Williams	Chaplain 702-596-3104	Al Oppegard	2006
Brian Boles	Senior Deacon 702-296-8653	Troy Schneiderman	2007
Buzz Ingram	Junior Deacon 702-800-1388	Michael L. Rodgers	2008
Curt Mattke.	Marshal 702-232-3268	John Pennington	2009
Brett Williams	Senior Steward 206-939-7767	Mike Barry	2010
Charles Mallard	Junior Steward 702-430-0962	Wade Schneiderman	2011
Russell Gray	Tyler 303-901-7044	Fred Horne	2012
Albert A Navarro II	Historian 702-218-5060	Mark Tavarez	2013
John Pennington, P.M.	Deputy Grand Lecturer 702-355-0154	John Pennington	2014
Brian Boles	Lodge Social Media Manager & Web Mason 702-296-8653	Michael Kurcab	2015
		Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
		Mathew McCarthy	2017
		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
		Steven Benjamin	2019
TRUSTEES		AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS	
3-Year	John Pennington, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr., P.M.	Fred Horne	
1-Year	Mathew McCarthy, 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