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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

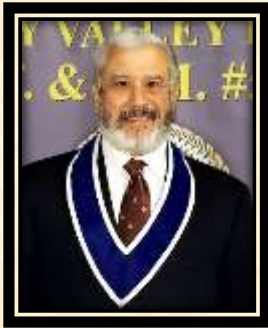
Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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## From the East

Brethren,

So here I sit, looking at the blank screen, ready to start my “swan song” for the Sandy Valley 57 Trestle Board. The Worshipful Master of our Lodge writes a monthly message to the Brothers every month we are in session during his Jr. Warden, Sr. Warden, and Worshipful Master years. I have found this to be a daunting task, but highly rewarding. As I

leave the East and head back to the “cheap seats”, many of the experiences of the last seven years as an Officer come to mind.

The Lodge has made real progress over the last decade, and we should all be proud of that. We have more members, and I believe are stronger than ever. That is not to say there are not going to be some astronomical challenges ahead. Most of us are aware of some of the issues that will undoubtedly present themselves in the not-too-distant future. It is my sincerest desire we Brothers all contribute to the resolutions of these issues by giving our time and attention to the Lodge for the good of the Lodge. Our well-being depends on it.

Soon to be Worshipful Dave is a great leader with a true desire to leave the Lodge in better condition than he is finding it in. Please give him your time and attention. Pay close heed to called rehearsals, try to make it to social gatherings Dave and future Masters may put together. Show up for community bar-b-ques, scholarship presentations, activities at other Lodges, and of course show up at our own Stated meetings.

If there is a disappointment in leaving the WM position, it is that I feel the Brothers do not pay enough attention to the betterment of the brotherhood in the giving of their time and effort to activities outside of stated meetings. In my humble opinion, the “Blue Lodge” is and should be the center of your Masonic heart. If you were initiated, passed, and or raised in Sandy Valley, Sandy Valley will always be your Mother Lodge. Take care of her. I think it would be tragic if we have to say someday, we were initiated, passed, and raised in Sandy Valley Lodge #57 in Sandy Valley, Nevada, a Lodge that no longer exists.

All that being said, I can't think of a finer group of men than the Masons of Sandy Valley. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master. Thank you for allowing me to lead you in 2019. With Dave Sims stepping up, I know 2020 will be an awesome year.

Fraternally from the East,  
Steven Benjamin

Worshipful Master, Master Mason  
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## From the West

Hello my Brothers!

I cannot believe that another year has flown by. Even though we are in the home stretch, there is a lot to do and I look forward to an exciting December.

Please mark in your calendars, our Stated Meeting is on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and we will be voting on the 2020 Officers. The Installation of Officers will be the following Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be opening at 11:00 a.m. and the ceremony will be at 12:00. I am happy, and honored, to announce that Most Worshipful Bud Banks will be our Installing Master! Remember, this event is open to family and friends... please feel free to invite your loved ones for this unique opportunity.

Please keep checking your e-mail as there will be several practices coming up for the Officers as they take their new seats in 2020... all Sandy Valley Masons are invited to participate in the practices and learn about our ritual (and have a great time in the process!). On a final note, I would like to thank Worshipful Steven on a successful year, and I appreciate the hard work he has put into our Lodge, and the friendship he has given to me and so many of our Brothers. Job well done Worshipful!

Fraternally from the West,

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## From the South

Brothers,

As we come to the end of another great year for our Lodge, I ask you to reflect on all we've accomplished.

Despite an overall decline in Freemasonry, our "little Lodge that could" continues to grow. This is due in no small part to your recognition of those around you who are already good men, who meet the standards of our beloved craft, and submitting them for consideration as members. Selecting the "right" men is the key to our growth, because the right men surround themselves with like-minded men, and thus, provide us with a reservoir of others to consider in the future for membership.

This year brought a milestone in our ceremonial ritual. Worshipful Steve directed our first-ever Sandy Valley Lodge EA degree team staffed fully by Sandy Valley members. We should take pride in our ritual and as in learning the due guards and signs, we should practice until we can do them in a proper manner. Elections going as expected, Brother Dave Sims will be leading us in perfecting our routine and degree ritual, we should not let our size dictate our performance.

Lastly, it has been my honor to serve as your Junior Warden this past year and hope you will provide our incoming JW the same support. His position includes ensuring adequate refreshment and sustenance to the Lodge, that we not go away hungry and have the energy to complete our work. He will continue to solicit you for your assistance with this task, I ask you to assist him as liberally as his necessities might require, and your ability permits.

Fraternally from the South,

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## 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  
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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:

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Steve Benjamin  
Worshipful Master, 2019

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## Officer Installation Rehearsal

A rehearsal is scheduled immediately following our  
Stated Communication on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

at

Sandy Valley Lodge #57

**All Officers and ritual participants must attend – Please plan accordingly**

## 2020 Installation of Officers

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

At

Sandy Valley Lodge #57

Opening at 11:00 a.m.

Installation Ceremony at 12:00 p.m.

## Officers and Ceremony Participants – Dark Suit and Tie

All others are encouraged to wear dark suit and tie, but this remains optional.

## Sandy Valley Lodge #57 Cook Book

Continue request for your recipes for a Lodge cookbook. This would be used as a Lodge fundraiser. So those of you who are willing to part with some of your amazing family secret recipes, please feel free to forward them to the Editor, or hand them to me at Lodge. I would like to keep the recipes simple, those any Lodge could use for their Stated Communications.

## From the 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:

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

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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*

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 702-708-6022	Michael L. Rodgers	2008
Curt Mattke	Marshall 702-232-3268	John Pennington	2009
Brian Boles	Senior Steward 702-296-8653	Mike Barry	2010
Buzz Ingram	Junior Steward 702-800-1388	Wade Schneiderman	2011
Russell Gray	Tyler 303-901-7044	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
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
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