



SANDY VALLEY LODGE No.57

Free and Accepted Masons
Trestle Board

Most Worshipful Richard M. Graver, Jr

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication
Saturday, December 5, 2020 @ 9am

This will be a Virtual Meeting

November 2020 A.D. / 6020 A.L.

www.sandyvalley57.com

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From the East

My Brothers,

Hopefully by now you have already received our previous communications announcing the halt of all masonic activities until further notice from Grand Lodge, as well as the order that all sitting officers will continue to serve in their current offices until the lodge can safely meet, vote and ultimately install the new officers for 2021. Even though 2020 was not the year we

all wanted, this is the year we received. As such, it is important to me to point out a few things... one, I am grateful for all that we have as a lodge, for the leadership and support of the sitting officers and brothers of our lodge, for the support and friendship of our brothers in Pahrump and the calls, messages and e-mails I have received throughout this past year from my friends and brothers offering their help and council.

As a reminder, please review the message from our Secretary below as our dues for 2021 are due. Additionally, I would like to strongly encourage all of you to tune in for our virtual meeting on Saturday, Dec 5th at 9:00 a.m. I have some exciting news from Grand Lodges Annual Communication that I will be sharing!

For our brothers that seems to be stuck in their degree progression, and for our candidates that have expressed an interest in the degrees, I would kindly ask the top signers and friends to please continue to reach out and explain the current state of Masonry in Nevada... we have not forgotten about them. In the same vein, please continue to reach out to each other. Now more than ever, it is important to remember it is the unified strength of our brothers that continue to ensure the success of our craft.

I will continue to share any information I receive from Grand Lodge in the days, weeks and months to come. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you all, and please be safe.

Fraternally from the East,

David Sims

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From the West

Brothers,

With 2020 coming to an end, I pray 2021 is a better and more pleasant year. I want to thank all of you who have stood by the Lodge through this year's trials and tribulations and continued to show your undiminished support. The coming year will bring many new challenges and I trust we will tackle them in the only way our "little Lodge" knows how...together in unity and head-

on!

As you know, our current elected and appointed officers will remain in-place until in-person meetings are again permitted by the Governor and Grand Master. Once this occurs, we will be balloting for our 2021 officers and many of our outstanding petitioners for the degrees. I encourage everyone available to participate in the discussions and balloting and the mentoring of our many new candidates in-waiting.

The lodge will conduct a Virtual Communication for December and I hope everyone will log-in and take part in this discussion, I'm sure Worshipful Dave will not only have words of wisdoms for us, but likely information gleaned from our attendance at the recent 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada held at the Orleans.

I personally wish each and every one of you a very Happy Holiday Season, from the Navarro Family to yours and I look forward to meeting again face-to-face in the ensuing year.

"Stay safe, be responsible, consider others...be Masons!"

Fraternally from the West,

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From the South

Brethren,

I wish I could state that we are in happier times—this may be a dark winter as we are now beginning to lockdown in response to an uptick in CoVID-19 cases across the world. It was disappointing to receive the first edict of 2021 and it be directing the standdown of all Masonic activities across our great State. However, the safety and health of our brothers and

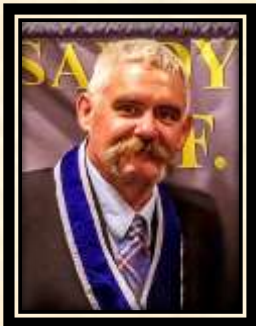
families is most important. As we look and pray to a future that enables the immunization of our most vulnerable, the frontline heroes, and the rest of us, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Despite the upheaval of 2020, I would like the humbly thank all of the brethren of Sandy Valley for allowing be to serve as your Junior Warden and look forward to continuing my service to the lodge, if afforded the opportunity. My number one goal as the Junior Warden was to endeavor to improve our time in refreshment by enhancing our post-meeting food service by expanding the menu and beverage options to promote fellowship. Although we missed a couple of meetings and will miss two more opportunities; it is my sincere wish that you all enjoyed our times in refreshment.

As we enter my favorite time of the year—the HOLIDAYS, I want us to think from a masonic perspective on what is time means us all. I would like to share the following: It is our way to welcome brothers of all different faiths and beliefs into our organization; we only ask that they have a monotheistic belief in a supreme being. This brings me to the time of year we are in, Christmas. It is my sincere hope the we reflect and celebrate a renewal of hope as we moved from the darkest day of the year (winter solstice) and even a very dark year to the beginning of days starting to get brighter with the hope of an end to the pandemic.

We now celebrate with Christmas and the birth of Christ who taught specific lessons when dealing with your fellow man. These lessons are taught in other religions as well. The lessons Christ taught were of tolerance, justice, hope and kindness, to only name a few. These lessons are taught throughout Freemasonry. It is because of this that I believe Freemasonry truly embodies the idea of the Christmas season year-round. Merry Christmas to all.

Fraternally from the South,
R. Montana Williams
Junior Warden, Master Mason
Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M.



From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers,

2021 dues are assessed at \$71.

This includes the voted upon increase of \$10 in GL Per Capita. Our Treasurer, WB Mike, is now accepting dues payments by mail at the following address:

WB Michael Kurcab
1420 Duluth Drive
Las Vegas Nv 89117

Please make checks payable to: **Sandy Valley Lodge 57**

This is also the time of year to make any corrections or updates to the information the Lodge has on file. The minimum information required is:

Name / Address / Cellphone / Home Phone (optional) / Email / Date of Birth

Peace and Blessings,

Troy Schneiderman
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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

November in Masonic History

Working Tools—The Square

November 2020

Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

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

(EAs LEAVE ROOM)

The second installment of our Working Tool education – Fellow Craft edition is focused on the level.

The square is perhaps the most integral tool presented to Masons on their journey through the craft. Its physical and literal applications are so crucial to the performance of a physical or operative mason's work that it is only fitting that the symbolic and metaphorical applications are foundational to the Free and Accepted Mason's life and practice.



On the physical plane of crude matter, the square is the tool by which the mason ensures all pieces fit together according to design and contribute to the greater structure. In the metaphor and symbology of Free and Accepted Masons, the Square is the tool by which Masons should judge their own actions and inner nature.

As the mason judges which ashlar have been properly honed and shaped according to the design, the Mason must also judge which of the pieces of their own lives have been honed and shaped according to the Great Architect's design, diligently and faithfully to examine which pieces need additional work or need to be thrown away and replaced with something more excellent. The fanatical commitment to the pursuit of right action and right belief is a journey which is emphasized every meeting, with the ending "part upon the Square," which is a not-so-hidden call to action for each Mason to spend their lives refining, honing, and even discarding misshapen "pieces" to better fit the most Supreme Master's plan.

- ❖ In 1752, George Washington received his Entered Apprentice degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.
- ❖ In 1813, the Articles of Union of the United Grand Lodge of England were signed
- ❖ In 1911, Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President 1933-1945) received his 3rd degree.
- ❖ In 1922, the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was laid in a Masonic ceremony.



From the Lodge Social Media Manager & WebMason

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Website at:

Lodge Website

www.sandyvalley57.com

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



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



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

Fraternally,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Nevada Carry Concealed Weapon Permit Course

- Acacia Lodge No. 49 will be conducting a NV CCW course free to Masons and their families.
 - While the course and range time are free, the NV Permit processing fee is \$ 100.25 per permit.
 - Applications are available online.
 - Please convey your interest to SW Al Navarro via email:
navarroa@cox.net
 - More details to follow.
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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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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

COVID-19 Information

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
 - o Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
 - o Throw used tissues in the trash.
 - o 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
 - o 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.
 - o 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
 - o Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
 - o 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/>

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 Matkke.	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