



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, February 1, 2020 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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From the East

My Brothers,

I am writing these words from a point of personal pride in the members of our lodge, and our fellow brothers in southern Nevada, for giving Brother Chris Klineburger a wonderful Masonic Funeral this past Saturday. It was an honor to watch our brethren perform the ceremony with great poise and professionalism. I know Chris' bride and family was extremely grateful for all of your efforts. I would like to specifically thank Worshipful Brother Mike Kurkab, Worshipful Brother John Pennington, Brother Montana Williams, and Most Worshipful Bud Banks for stepping up to their respectful roles in the funeral. Also, thank you again to Brother John Pennington for taking the lead on coordinating the entire event on behalf of our lodge... I will be forever grateful for your leadership and hard work.

There is a lot coming up in the next few months for our lodge! We should have some new candidates looking to join our fraternity, and I am looking forward watching our new brothers proceed in their next degrees! I look forward to seeing you all at lodge on Saturday.

Fraternally from the West,

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From the West

My Brothers,

I was honored to witness the best “first of the year” opening I’ve seen at our beloved Lodge, what a great way to start the new year! This will set the tone for increased proficiency in all our ritual and the Lodge as a whole. When we take pride in what we do, we can’t help but improve, and in improving we better the lodge experience for everyone.

I’m compelled to relate a story from some of our guests from Utah, who said two things to me over coffee after our Stated Meeting, which have stuck with me since. First, they were impressed at our opening and closing and the professionalism and seriousness in which we performed our ritual, which made me proud. But more importantly to me, was when they passed on how truly moved, they were by the true Brotherhood and comradery they witnessed. They stated how taken they were by the sincerity in our relationships with each other and as a Lodge. He felt an authenticity in the love and unity we showed to one another and were moved by this.

Brothers, we’re not a perfect Lodge and we all know this. But we surely do convey an authenticity and sincerity in our brotherhood and caring for each other, for this I am grateful and humbled to be a part of it. In this vain, it hurts my heart to know we will once again be draping the Altar for the mourning of a Brother and friend who has laid down his working tools. Brother Chris Klineburger was more than an upright man and Mason, Chris was a legend and a leader of his industry. Please take the time to read the brief bio on his memorial pages in this issue of our Trestle Board. We love you Chris and you will be truly missed.

Fraternally from the West,

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From the South

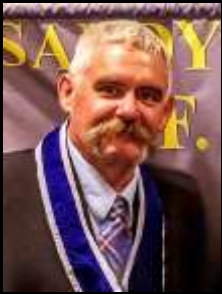
Brothers,

During the month of February, we as celebrate our fraternal foundation in the United States—a month in which we honor Brother George Washington and other U.S. Presidents who were members of the Craft. We reflect on the profound impact our Brotherhood has had on this country from its nascent beginnings, through its internal and external crucibles, and to the impact our brotherhood continues to have on communities through brotherly love, relief, and truth. As we continue our great quest to “make good men better men”, it is important to draw from the examples, lessons, and knowledge passed down from the great masons of the past. Legendary Masonic Scholar Albert Pike said, “What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” I challenge the members of this lodge to seek opportunities to serve in all parts of our lives and at all our stations.

Historical Note: In the month of February in 1909, both Presidents William Howard Taft and Harry S. Truman were initiated as Entered Apprentices and in February 1988, Ronald Reagan received an honorary mason degree and was made an honorary member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

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,

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In Memoriam



"THE ESSENCE OF LIFE IS DISCOVERING WHAT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN. WE START OUT WITH A DREAM AND ARE PROPELLED BY THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNKNOWN, TO THE LURE AND THE MYSTERY OF FARAWAY PLACES. UPON REACHING THE DESTINATION, WE REALIZE THAT THERE IS NO END. DISTANT MOUNTAINS LIE BEFORE US; IT IS TIME TO MEDITATE AND GIVE THANKS. MOST OF ALL, WE MUST SHARE WITH OTHERS THE DELIGHT OF GOD'S CREATION."
... Chris Klineburger



Brother Chris was an American hunting legend, author, and World War II veteran. Many touted him as the pioneer of hunting in Asia and Africa. Others recognized him as the author of two world-class hunting books: "Gamemasters of the World" and "Conservation or Preservation". Others know him from his epic 1960s hunting film, "The Great Shikar," chronicling the expedition he and brother Bert made in the footsteps of adventurer Marco Polo as they searched for the Marco Polo sheep in Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor. Still others know him as a wildlife conservationist in his home state of Nevada who worked with state-based conservation groups while reaching out to non-hunters to tell the story of hunters and hunting and explain the issues regarding the sustainability of wildlife and habitat conservation. Chris was also an original founder of Safari Club International.

But we knew Chris as the steadfast Brother who gave selflessly of himself to all who knew him...we knew him as a Brother. R.I.P.

MASONIC EDUCATION PLAN

The Duties of Officers of the Lodge

January 2020

Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

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

ROBERT BURNS THE POET AND FREEMASON

Many have heard of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland. He was a famous poet and lyricist, and also a Freemason, who was a vocal supporter of the American and French Revolutions. His most famous work is Auld Lang Syne. The very mention of the name "Robert Burns" brings to mind images of red roses, starry-eyed lovers, Tam-O'-Shanter and the Cutty Sark, and the glens of Bonnie Scotland. And while these images describe Scotland's "ploughman poet" to some extent, there is another side of Burns that is not as well known: Burns the radical--Burns, the supporter of the French Revolution--Burns, the critic of Religious hypocrisy and Puritanism--Burns, the Freemason.

While this image may not be as comfortable with many as the love-struck yeoman bard is, Burns echoed the sentiments of many of his day, calling for "liberty, fraternity and equality", and speaking out against the excesses of the secular, as well as religious establishment.

Robert Burns was initiated on 4 July 1781, at the age of 23, five years to the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 01 October 1781. He was a mason for approximately 15 years, dying at age 37 in 1796. His brother Gilbert followed his footsteps, and Robert was present when Gilbert was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 1786.

Robert Burns Day is traditionally his birthday, 25 January, but we are meeting today with a Robert Burns and Scottish theme to pay homage to one of Scotland and Freemasonry's greats.



Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lesson Plan

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

He was raised in a household frustrated with the power structures of the religious and political institutions of the time, and found solace and inspiration in the fraternal and cultural experience of Freemasonry, and was very widely liked and recognized by the brethren, and was toasted by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at a meeting they both attended. He drew heavily on the support of his brothers during times of great emotional and spiritual duress, and they in turn encouraged his growth and continuance of poetry.

Sadly, few people are aware that Robert Burns was a Freemason and remained so all of his adult life, indeed he was Senior Warden of Lodge St Andrew, Dumfries, (dormant) when he died. however, the physical and mental toll of his hard life, plus growing financial burdens, weakened him, and in 1796, Burns died of rheumatic heart disease, caused by his lack of a healthy diet in his younger years (Fox, p.7, McLeod, p.171).

However, physical and financial matters were not the only things that troubled Robert; The Kirk of Scotland (The Presbyterian Church) and its opposition to his lifestyle was another. In particular, Burns' sexual escapades caused much hostility between him and the church. Burns fathered a number of illegitimate children, including one by his future wife, Jean Armour, the daughter of a Master Mason. Burns wanted to marry Jean; her father refused and Burns and Jean appeared for penance in church to "receive public reproof for the sin of fornication"(Dachies, p.36; Boot; McLeod, p.165). Burns would continue his rampant sexual activities right up until several years before his death. He never stopped his literary war against Scottish Calvinism, and lampooned it in a number of poems, including "Holy Willie's Prayer", "The Holy Fair", and others.

Besides his rather libertine actions with women, Burns was also a political radical, and a rather strange mix at that. From reading Scottish history, Burns became an ardent nationalist, writing many romantic ballads about Scottish attempts to secure their independence from the English, from Robert the Bruce to Bonny Prince Charlie. This can be seen in poems like "Scots wha Hae", "Charlie is My Darling", "The White Cockade", and many others.

Even fewer people are aware of the Masonic content of his work. One of his most famous: A Man's a Man for a' That, was sung at the official opening of the new Scottish parliament and delivered superbly by folk singer Sheena Wellington from a balcony overlooking the debating chamber. Freemasons, especially Scottish

Freemasons, all over the world are intensely proud that a Masonic Anthem was chosen to mark this historic occasion.

I will abbreviate this education in favor of giving a small performance of the Robert Burns Selkirk Grace at our meal.

Selkirk Grace

Some hae meat and cannae eat

Some wad eat that want it

But we hae meat and can eat

So sae the Lord be thankit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

February Stated Meeting Meal

In honor of George Washington, February's Stated Meeting Meal is inspired by the menu of the Mount Vernon Inn:

Virginia Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Colonial Cheddar Soup
Dutch Carrots
Baked Onions with Pecans
Apple Tansey
Miscellaneous other Delights



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From the Social Media Manager & WebMason

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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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		Steven Benjamin	2019

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