



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, February 6, 2021 @ 9am

This will be a Virtual Meeting

January 2021 A.D./ 6021 A.L.

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From the East

My Brothers,

I hope this finds you all doing well, and staying healthy. I hope we can all see a virtual light at the end of the tunnel as more and more folks get a vaccine, the weather begins to change, and we can get back to our normal face to face meetings!

First and foremost, I hope you can all join us on Saturday morning for our virtual meeting. I will be discussing the most recent Edict #3 from Most Worshipful Richard Graver, which clarifies Edict #1 and the cancellation/definition of "masonic activity."

Also, I want to publicly thank Worshipful Brother George... he has really stepped up and volunteered to be our lodge's point of contact for Sandy Valley High School. Even though our hands are tied due to COVID-19, we are still moving forward with Sandy Valley's scholarship assistance for one lucky student. Brother George has graciously stepped up and met with the upper management of Sandy Valley High School to discuss viable candidates for the scholarship. I will be discussing this during our virtual meeting and how we can proceed with this process. It is my opinion that even though COVID has impacted all of our lives, it is still vital that we support the next generation of leaders and provide any assistance we can. Again, please join us so we can discuss this important and exciting opportunity. Again, to our honorable and gracious host, thank you Brother George for your offer and assistance to facilitate this for Sandy Valley Lodge!

I would like to close on a positive note. In the most recent Edict, the Grand Master has not allowed us to resume with our regular Masonic meetings, however I want to provide a direct quote from Most Worshipful Richard Graver... "It is my sincere hope that Edict 1-2021 will be rescinded in the very near future based on positive news from our State of Nevada. I thank you for your continued patience, understanding and assistance in these very difficult and unpredictable times." Let us all hope for a swift return to our Masonic normal... thank you all for staying engaged and supporting our Lodge!

Fraternally from the East,

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From the West

Brothers,

February brings us Love and Hope!

With February comes St. Valentine's Day, a day we traditionally reserve to show our significant others how much we care for them. This year I would posit, there are many of our Brothers who could use the same reassurances. During these trying times and COVID-restrictions, please reach out to one another and see that everyone is well and not in need of assistance in any way.

Know that your Lodge Officers are here for anyone who may need help, in whatever form, you just need to let someone know and ask. Your 2020 Lodge Officers remain at their stations and places as directed by the Grand Master, until such time as we can meet, nominate, elect, and install your 2021 Lodge Officers. Your patience during these unusual and unprecedented times.

I wait patiently for restrictions to loosen and we can meet in-person and continue with the normal business of the Lodge.

I remind everyone to submit their dues as soon as possible and continue to participate in our Virtual Communications. Please communicate with each other and ensure no one is in need of assistance.

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

Fraternally from the West,

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From the South

Greetings, it is February 2021; here we are again. I am beginning to feel like a member of congress—no term limits—stay in office forever. On a positive note, we are all looking down at the grass and not looking up at it. Besides it is February, which happens to be my favorite masonic month of the year.

For me a historian by education, February celebrates the history of our brotherhood within our great country. We of course celebrate the birth of our country's recognized founding father and our masonic founding father – George Washington. While Brother George take most of the limelight—other great brothers in many fields of endeavor have contributed to American's rise and role in the world.

Many of the greatest men in our history we can proudly call brothers of the craft. Those men were the leaders and visionaries of their generations. While 14 served in the highest office in the land, many others were military leaders, captains of industry, scientist, artists, explorers, statesmen, and politicians. Our presidents and founding fathers are well-known.

Presidents: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald R. Ford. Our Founding Fathers such as Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Marquis de Lafayette, Robert R. Livingstone, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, and Aaron Burr.

We must also recognize many others who made America GREAT. Explorers like Davey Crockett, Jim Bowie, Sam Houston, Christopher "Kit" Carson, Lewis and Clark, Charles Lindbergh, James Bowie, Virgil Grissom, and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin. Entertainers like Ringling Brothers, jazz great William "Count" Basie, Harry Houdini, Richard Pryor, John Travolta, Pitbull, Clark Gable, Ernest Borgnine, Mark Twain, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Cecil B. DeMille, and Mel Blanc.

Captains of Industry such as: Henry Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, and John Jacob Astor, Charles Hilton, Colonel Harland Sanders, and Steve Wozniak (co-founder of Apple Computer). Famous Athletes such as Arnold Palmer, "Sugar Ray" Robinson, Jack Dempsey, John Elway, Dwain "the Rock" Johnson, Ty Cobb, Cy Young, Wille Mays, and Scottie Pippin. Civil Rights Leaders like Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Thurgood Marshall, Jesse Jackson, and Medger Evers.

Scientist and Inventors such as: Thomas Edison, Richard Gatling, Government/Military Leaders and Statemen: Jon Tester, Chuck Grassley, John Duncan, J. Edgar Hoover, John Glenn, Douglas MacArthur, James Doolittle, Russell Alger, Henry "Hap" Arnold, Omar Bradley, George Pickett, Mark Clark, Chappie James, John Paul Jones, Richard Byrd, Audie Murphy, John "Black Jack" Pershing, Eddie Rickenbacker, Norman Schwarzkopf, and Curtis LeMay. This is just a short list of the men who have contributed to the greatness of America.

Please be safe and look after each other.

Fraternally from the South,

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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**

- Those who have not paid their 2021 Lodge Dues are now delinquent and will be referred to the Delinquency Committee for recommendation and resolution.
- Those who do not pay their 2021 Lodge Dues by March 31st will be subject to suspension.

It's your Lodge, help us to continue to serve you and the community by paying your dues and providing the minimal financial sustenance that makes our work possible.

MEMBER UPDATES

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,

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From the Lodge Social Media Manager & WebMason

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Lodge Website

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,

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Clark County / Southern Nevada Pandemic Information

COVID-19 VACCINE LINKS

Clark County: https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top_services/covid19/vaccine_information.php
Southern Nevada: <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/>
VA: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

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Clark County: https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top_services/covid19/all_about_covid-19.php
Southern Nevada: <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/facts/>
VA: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/index.asp>

COVID-19 TESTING LINKS

Clark County: https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top_services/covid19/testing_locations.php
Southern Nevada: <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/testing/>
VA: <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/ss20201214-covid-19-test-basics>

MENTAL HEALTH LINKS

Clark County: https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top_services/covid19/mental_health_.php



GENERAL HEALTH LINKS

Clark County: https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top_services/covid19/health_safety.php
Southern Nevada: <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/>
VA: https://www.va.gov/find-locations/facility/vha_593GG

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 LINKS

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 Editor's Desk

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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

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
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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 & Webmason 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