



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, January 9, 2021 @ 9am

This will be a Virtual Meeting

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

www.sandyvalley57.com

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



From the East

My Brothers,

Never would I have thought that I would be authoring another message for the TB, from the east, 13 months after my installation. To say 2020 has been unprecedented is a severe understatement!

I had the honor and pleasure of participating in a virtual meeting with Most Worshipful Richard Graver before the holidays. The decision by our Grand Master to suspend all Masonic activities until we are able to safely meet in person was discussed at length and as we as a lodge have practiced for months, the safety of each and every one of you is paramount. I will continue to update our lodge with any communication I receive in the weeks and months to come.

I think I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the fact that although I fully support the decision of our Grand Master, I desperately miss seeing you all in lodge. I miss the laughs, I miss the brotherhood and I miss the the opportunity to promote our fraternity though the next generation of brothers to join our ranks.

At the close of a year that has been so full of negativity, the beacon of light I see is the joy I know we will all experience when this pandemic is over. This too will pass and we will return to our beloved lodges and once again share in the happiness of each other's company. In the mean time, I hope that you all will continue to reach out to each other, continue to participate in our virtual meetings, and stay engaged with your brothers. Be safe, stay healthy and I hope to see you all again soon!

Fraternally from the East,

David Sims

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From the West

Brothers,

2020 has proven to be an unusual year and is persistent in its continuance. I wait patiently for our ability to 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

Brethren,

This unique, like most of you I never imagined that I would be composing my second January message to my brethren from the South. So much has happened and yet so much has not. As I am sure many of you feel like I do that 2020 was an unfulfilled year not only in my masonic journey but in my life in general. Last year at this time all seemed very hopeful, 2020 started off extremely exciting, I welcomed my third grandchild into this world, I was honored to be elected as Sandy Valley's Junior Warden. As I stated last January, I felt challenged to “raise the bar” on our meals and refreshment during lodge, so the stewards (Charles & Brett) charged forward for 3 stated meetings to do our best to enhance our fellowship through food and beverage.

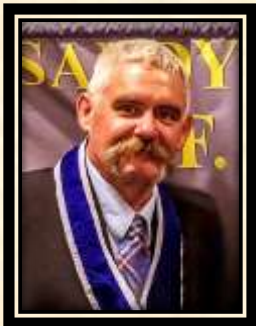
Then the world around us changed; our health and our very lives were endangered by a wicked virus. It brought our communities and even our country to its knees and had a tragic effect on many of our lives. Many of us even have lost family members and acquaintances. Although not directly our Lodge faced the deep sorrow of losing three of our finest Sandy Valley brothers: Chris, Ed, and Kenny (whom we miss deeply) and numerous other members of our brotherhood across the fraternity.

We have been locked out of our lodges and lost many opportunities for fellowship in our traditional practice. But the health and safety of our brethren and families necessitated this. However, we are a resilient fraternity; finding ways to employ technology and social distancing to continue the greatest of Masonic traditions--fellowship of the brotherhood. How many of you had ever heard of ZOOM prior to May 2020, I am guessing many had not? Virtual meetings replaced Saturdays in the Hanger. We thought we had rounded the corner and were able to gather in Pahump our new home away from home in October and November, thing began to brighten up—along came the December COVID CRUSH and masonic life screeched to a grinding halt.

However not all was lost in December, some of us were even able to provide joy to many valley children through volunteerism activities through the Secret Santa program. I think I felt a good as the kids through the opportunity to give a spark of joy and normalcy to their lives, even is just for a day.

We must continue to stay the course and stay safe until we have beaten back this global pandemic. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and things will get back to what is being called the “new normal”, be patient and stay safe. God Bless you all and the United States of America.

Fraternally from the South,
R. Montana Williams
Junior Warden, Master Mason



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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From the Lodge Social Media Manager & WebMason

Connect with your Lodge Brothers and stay up to date on all that is Sandy Valley Lodge No.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

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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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