



SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

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Trestle Board

Most Worshipful Louis J. Castle, II

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication

Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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From the East

Brethren,

It is amazing to think we are almost through the Winter months! With the close of Winter, I am excited to welcome the Spring season with new members and the progression of our new brothers. I want to thank Oasis Lodge #41 WM Keith Schriner and Worshipful Brother Mike Rhienhart for facilitating the FC degree for our own Brother Michael Bronowitz. I am grateful for Oasis' Officers and Brothers for the invitation and warm welcome. And, congratulations to Brother Michael Bronowitz on being passed to the degree of FC! Keep up the hard work! To my Brothers that are making their way through their own respective degrees, I encourage you to keep your foot on the gas, don't be afraid to ask questions, and keep working towards becoming a Master Mason. We are all here for you!

Finally, as we discussed in lodge, it was our collective honor to re-name the Sandy Valley scholarship to the George O'Dell Masonic Scholarship in honor of our Lodge host, Past Master and one of the founding members of Sandy Valley Lodge #57. I want to personally thank Worshipful Brother George for his many years of service, for opening his home to us every month and for always being there for me as I have progressed through the line over the years.

I hope you are all doing well, and I look forward to seeing you all on March 7th!

Fraternally from the West,

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From the West

Brothers,

Well, here we are one quarter into the year. The month of March brings us the first vestiges of Spring and, of course, green beverages! Let's celebrate St Patrick's Day by recognizing the Irish in all of us! Our Junior Warden has an Irish feast on tap, with everyone's help of course.

Let's welcome and enjoy the Brotherhood we have and the companionship we share every month. A special congratulations to Brother Michael Bronowitz for completing his Fellowcraft degree and a hardy Sandy Valley thank you to our Brothers over at Oasis Lodge #41 for making it possible. We continue to grow as a Lodge and make good men, great!

This year Worshipful Dave and your line Officers have set a course to raise the bar in every aspect of the lodge, but few if any are more important than ensuring the ascension of our new members from Petitioner to Master Mason. This is how we continue to grow better and larger. I continue to look forward to this year and what it will bring, and to the continued comradery we share.

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From the South

Brothers,

Spring has sprung. I was born a farmer's son, so March always marked the start of our agricultural toils. One of our guiding sources of information was the Farmer's Almanac, recently I discovered the "Almanac" not only provides wisdom on the planting season, but also has previously provided thoughts on the "Character of a Freemason". In 1823, the Almanac published the following:

"The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in the fear of the punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine, except those which are written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the universal throne of God, in gratitude for the blessings he has received, and in humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is not certain that he can discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

I now challenge my brothers to go forth and seed your "masonic character" in your fields, community, country, and across the world. March Masonic History:

- ❖ In 1753, George Washington was passed to Fellowcraft
- ❖ In 1175 Prince Hall of Freemasonry began
- ❖ In 1902, Winston Churchill was raised

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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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STATED MEETING of SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57 February 1st, 2020, A. L. 6020

Present

Bro. David Sims	WM	Bro. Denis Williams	CHA
Bro. Al Navarro II	SW	Bro. Michael Kurcab, P.M.	TRE
Bro. Robin Williams	JW	Bro. Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	SEC
Bro. Brian Boles	SD	Bro.	MAR
Bro. Buzz Ingram	JD	Bro. Russ Gray	TYL
Bro. Brett Williams	SS	Bro. Charles Mallard	JS
Bro.	HIS	Bro.	MC

29 members were present at the opening. The Worshipful Master called the Lodge to order and opened in the First Degree in due form at 9:00 A.M. Flag was presented West of the Altar. Present Past Masters were asked to introduce themselves. Present were Wade Schneiderman, P.M., Troy Schneiderman, P.M., George Odell, P.M., John Pennington, P.M., Michael Kurcab, P.M., and Ken O'Neill, P.M. 50+ year Masons George Odell, P.M. and John Pennington, P.M.

Minutes were accepted

Altar was draped in Black in Honor of our Distressed Brother Chris Klinberger.

Proficiencies were done for Michael White and Reginald Winbush. Brother Winbush made suitable Proficiency

Sickness & Distress:

No new sickness or distress was reported

Sunshine:

Ken O'Neill's dad is doing better

Buzz Ingram reported he has become an Uncle to his Brothers new son

Communications were read from Grand Lodge

Recognition was given to Brother Bob Smith for the Lodge Scholarship Naming that was recommended.

Brother Brett Williams presented Lodge Education on George Washington.

Checking: \$11,907.39

Building CD: \$6,728.41

Announcements:

It was brought up that we as a Lodge in support of our Pahrump Brothers we may want to see if anyone could become Plural Members if possible for all the extra work they have done for us over the years.

There being no further business to come before the Lodge, the purpose of the communication having been fulfilled, peace and harmony prevailing. The Lodge was closed in due form at 10:15 AM.

Fraternally submitted

Troy Schneiderman, P.M.

Secretary, Sandy Valley #57

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

George Washington and the U.S. Capitol Cornerstone

January 2020

Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

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

This month our lecture covers George Washington and his role in laying the cornerstone during construction of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. The cornerstone was laid on Wednesday, September 18, 1793, during the first large public event staged in the federal city. A Georgetown newspaper accounted the event, citing a rather large procession of Maryland and Virginia masons led by George Washington marched from President's Square in Washington DC until they reached the location of the capital. Once there they formed a circle around President George Washington, who, wearing the Masonic apron (made for him by the wife of his fellow American Revolution General Lafayette), was served as one of the honorary leaders over the ceremonies.

A silver plaque, fashioned by Georgetown silversmith Caleb Bentley, was handed to Washington, who stepped into the foundation trench and placed the plaque, whereupon the cornerstone was lowered. The plaque was inscribed the following: This South East corner stone, of the Capitol of the United States of America in the City of Washington, was laid on the 18th day of September, in the thirteenth year of American Independence, in the first year of the second term of the Presidency of George Washington, whose virtues in the civil administration of his country have been as conspicuous and beneficial, also his military valor and prudence have been useful in establishing liberties, this is place here in the year of Masonry 5793, by the Grand Lodge of Maryland and Lodge 22, from Alexandria, Virginia.

Washington accompanied the Most Worshipful Joseph Clark, Grand Master of Mason in Maryland and by three Worshipful Masters who carried corn, wine, and oil, then struck the stone three times with a gavel, as prescribed by Masonic custom. Washington exited the trench to ritual chanting by the assembled Masons and a 15-gun salute (one gun for each U.S. state) from the Alexandria Volunteer Artillery. Most Worshipful Clark then delivered a short invocation, after which a 500 pounds (230 kg) ox was slaughtered and roasted.

Though some anti-masons would later deny the event as ever occurring, it was document and witness by many observers and reporters.

The Missing Cornerstone

Today, we do not know exactly which southeast corner is being described by report accounts of the event, whether that meant the southeast corner of the Senate wing, the first section of the building to be completed, or the southeast corner of the whole building as intended, which would locate it over on the House side. More than two centuries later, the Architect of the Capitol is still searching for that cornerstone. Metal detectors have failed to locate the silver plate.

Regardless of where the cornerstone may be found, the significance of masonry's role in America, was apparent in the personal interest that George Washington and other federal leaders took in this building and proclaiming such an event to all, and they were conscious of creating a republic amid a world of monarchies, and they turned to the ancient Roman republic as a model.

In addition, the federal leadership renamed Jenkins Hill as Capitoline Hill—soon shortened to Capitol Hill. On the draft plans for the city, Thomas Jefferson also crossed out “Congress Hall”—as the meeting place for Congress was called in Philadelphia—and wrote “Capitol” instead. At the time, the federal government was situated in Philadelphia, a city of brick, but Washington wanted a classical style for the new capital city that would be named for him, with buildings constructed in stone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

March Stated Meeting Meal

In honor of Ireland-born Freemason Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, the defeater of Napoleon and two-time Prime Minister of Great Britain:

Corned Beef

Hash

Irish Whiskey Glazed Carrots

Other Emerald Delights



From the Social Media Manager & WebMason

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From the Editor's Desk

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Once again, it's time to ensure we have your updated contact information. Please provide the following:

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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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David Sims	Worshipful Master 702-203-0917	Donald Daum	UD 2001
Albert A Navarro II	Senior Warden 702-218-5060	George W. Odell	2002
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Russell Gray	Tyler 303-901-7044	Fred Horne	2012
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		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	

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