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SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

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Trestle Board

Most Worshipful Stephen V. Robison, Jr.

Grand Master, State of Nevada



Next Stated Communication

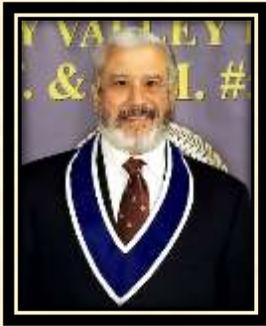
Saturday, November 2, 2019 @ 9AM

Located at 808 Saratoga Ave, Sandy Valley, NV 89019

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From the East

Brethren,

As I sit down to write my contribution to the Trestle Board this month it strikes me that next month will be my final contributed article after three years of submissions. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but nostalgic none the less. Next month I hope to leave you with some of my ideas, observations, and suggestions after having been an officer at

Sandy Valley #57 for the last seven years.

I am happy to say that at the November stated meeting we will be conferring two Entered Apprentice Degrees on the two candidates that have been duly approved. There will be petitions to be read and voted on, and other business for us to consider and possibly vote on. Also, as usual, there will be the regular business items to address. All of this is to say that our "Little Lodge That Could" is alive, well, and growing. Unfortunately, this status bucks the current trend in Masonry. All of us that care about our fraternity should be prepared to face some difficult tasks ahead in Masonry in general as well as within our own Lodge. Fortunately, as I look at the great officer line I have been blessed to work with this year, I am comfortable knowing that there are some great Worshipful Masters coming along. The other senior officer stations (and junior officer places in the Lodge) are going to be filled with smart, caring leaders as well. They will need your help! Please contribute your time, ideas, and efforts as much as your cable tows will allow.

It probably isn't necessary for me right now to go into what an honor and privilege it has been to be your Worshipful Master. You've heard me say it many times, and you know you'll be hearing it again next month in my "swan song". I do, however, want to mention how excited I am about the activities coming up in December. Please make sure to give (soon to become Worshipful) Dave all the help and respect he deserves as he plans his installation, prepares for his entry into the Past Masters' Lodge, and to sit at the Master's Station in Sandy Valley #57.

Fraternally from the East,

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From the West

My Brothers,

Greetings my brothers! Once again it seems that the year has flown past us! As we enter the holiday season, I give thanks for the brotherhood and lifelong friendships I have been honored to have. Please remember, we have one final practice before our EA degree at the next stated meeting (practice November 1st, 6:00 p.m. at the MMT) and all masons are invited to attend, enjoy each other's company, refine our degree work and have a few laughs while we are at it. Please be safe as the weather gets cooler and I look forward to seeing you all at Sandy Valley!

Fraternally from the West,

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From the South

Brothers,

Another year is ending, and we're still here. Somehow, we've been able to buck the odds and we've continued to grow as a Lodge...membership, participation, and ritual. I can't wait to see what 2020 brings us!

BUT, before we look ahead, we have business to attend to this year. First, we have two EA degrees to conduct during our next Stated Communication and we continue to grow. Then, we have the usual Grand Lodge and Lodge business to attend to. Finally, we have 2020 Lodge Officer nominations and balloting. Then we're on to planning for our 2020 Installation of Officers. There is much work to do including rehearsals and filling the various positions, nothing new, but always an arduous process.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to all who continue to support me with your generous offerings of food and snack for our Communications, you are greatly appreciated. With that in mind, I am openly soliciting for everyone's recipes for a Sandy Valley Lodge #57 Cookbook I would like to put together. This would be used as a way to raise additional funds for the Lodge. So those of you who are willing to part with some of your amazing family secret recipes, please feel free to forward them to me via email, or hand them to me at Lodge. I would like to keep it to simple recipes that any Lodge can use for their Stated Communications...you know I'll have my meatball recipe in there!

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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MASONIC EDUCATION PLAN



Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lesson Plan

<i>January 2019</i>	Masons and Technology
<i>February 2019</i>	George Washington's Masonic Incidents
<i>March 2019</i>	The Square
<i>April 2019</i>	The Compasses
<i>May 2019</i>	The Sun, The Moon, The Stars
<i>June 2019</i>	The York Legend
<i>July 2019</i>	DARK
<i>August 2019</i>	DARK
<i>September 2019</i>	Freemasonry and the House of Stuart
<i>October 2019</i>	Operative to Speculative Freemasonry
<i>November 2019</i>	The Marks of a Mason
<i>December 2019</i>	Hiramic Legends

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:

Steve Benjamin
Worshipful Master, 2019

Operative vs. Speculative Freemasonry

October 2019

Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lecture

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

In Freemasonry we discuss two kinds of masonry Operative and Speculative.

The term Operative means "functioning; having effect". Operative masons were those who worked with stone. In the operative lodges or guild lodges, they were not only labor unions, they were educational platforms. There a young man who had little or no opportunity outside the lodge for education in the various arts and sciences found it within the lodge. Geometry, techniques for refining stones to fit them for the building were skills that were given to the young operative apprentice. He would also be taught how to read and write, two skills critical for planning for a building and following a plan for a building.

Speculative means "engaged in, expressing, or based on conjecture rather than knowledge." Speculative masonry, individuals who do not work with stone and who instead work in the more philosophical realms, use the tools and skills of operative masons as metaphors for living a good life. One of the more common uses that appears in popular language is "on the level". Someone who is on the level in a speculative sense is being straight forward and honest. In masonic ideas it means also that we are all equal.

Operative masonry, with little question, is the origin of the speculative masonry that is now enjoyed. Many will claim that Speculative masonry began in 1717 with the forming of the Grand Lodge of England, also known as the Premier Grand Lodge. This is not the case. Little is known about how or why speculative masonry came out of operative masonry. Some of the first documentation that shows a speculative mason being part of an operative lodge is in the late 1500's. It is unknown whether that is the first speculative mason or if speculative masons existed long before that.

As far as the precise moment when speculative masonry began, which by the way was not the end of operative masonic lodges another misconception that some

people hold, it is unknown. There are probably more theories that are put forward than there are living speculative masons in the world today.

What I offer here, is my opinion on how speculative masonry came to be, it is just an opinion that happens to fit various facts and should only be taken as what it is, an opinion. In the late 1500's the world was during the renaissance. Knowledge was beginning to flow more freely in the world. The first printed books were in existence, the Gutenberg Bible was first printed in the 1450's. The operative lodges were in danger of losing their livelihood. People were learning about mathematics and other skills outside of the lodges. Not to make our ancient operative brothers sound like they were only in it for the money, they probably were, they probably began to become concerned with the fact that soon anyone could figure out the knowledge needed to build a cathedral. They needed a way to keep themselves tied to their benefactors, the people who were paying to have the cathedrals and other edifices built, the aristocrats. By now the aristocrats were hungry for knowledge as well, the age of enlightenment was on its way in. There were benefits all around. Operative masons brought

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Degree Team Rehearsals

Friday, November 1st

MMT - Main Lodge Room

Both rehearsals will be held at 6:00pm (18:00)

From the Social Media Manager & WebMason

Connect with your Lodge Brothers and stay up to date on all that is Sandy Valley Lodge #57, F.&A.M. Click the link below and become a part of our digital Brotherhood through our Social Media platforms and Website at:

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From the Editor's Desk

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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

2019 LODGE OFFICERS		PAST MASTERS	
Steven Benjamin	Worshipful Master 702-802-8960	Donald Daum	UD 2001
David Sims	Senior Warden 702-203-0917	George W. Odell	2002
Albert A Navarro II	Junior Warden 702-218-5060	Ted Johnson	2003
Wade Schneiderman, P.M.	Treasurer 702-204-4721	Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2004
Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	Secretary 702-807-8889	Swannie Swenson (2004)	2005
Cyril Bradshaw	Chaplain 702-610-2507	Al Oppegard	2006
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Brian Boles	Senior Steward 702-296-8653	Mike Barry	2010
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Curtis Overton	Tyler 702-401-2987	Fred Horne	2012
R. Montana Williams	Historian 702-743-7143	Mark Tavarez	2013
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		Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
		Mathew McCarthy	2017
		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
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1-Year	Dwain Rittenhouse, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	Mathew McCarthy, P.M.	Fred Horne	
3-Year	Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr., P.M.	*George Gilbert	
		Terry Baker	
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	*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