



## SANDY VALLEY LODGE No.57

Free and Accepted Masons  
Trestle Board

## Most Worshipful Louis J. Castle, II

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication  
Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 9am

Pahrump Lodge No. 54, 281 Gemini Drive, Pahrump, Nevada 89048

September 2020 A.D. / 6020 A.L.

[www.sandyvalley57.com](http://www.sandyvalley57.com)

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



## From the East

My Brothers,

After a very challenging year, I am happy to finally bring forward some good news. Over the past few months, the officers and I have been working towards a solution which would allow us to meet and conduct our stated meetings, all while keeping our brothers safe and in compliance with the Governor's orders and the edicts of our Grand Master. I am happy and proud to report that our brothers at Pahrump Lodge #54 met with the officers and I at their last stated meeting and an agreement was reached which would allow Sandy Valley Lodge to meet at their facility. After collaborating with Grand Lodge, I have received permission from Most Worshipful Louis Castle to meet at Pahrump Lodge #54 beginning in October. This permission is temporary due to the COVID-19 emergency and discussion for additional meetings past the first of the year will be brought forward at our next meeting.

**Sandy Valley Lodge #57 will hold our stated meeting this upcoming Saturday, October 3rd at 0900. The location will be 281 E. Gemini Dr, Pahrump, NV 89060.** If anyone would like to carpool, I would suggest meeting in the parking lot of Bass Pro Shops at 0730. If anyone is uncomfortable with the drive and would like to attend our meeting, please send me a message or call me at [dave.sims@cox.net](mailto:dave.sims@cox.net) or 702-203-0917. I will work to make sure we get you a ride.

At the next stated meeting, we will be discussing the future meeting location of Sandy Valley Lodge. I would like to provide the background on the topic of moving, what steps and agreements have been made so far, and our options in the future. I would also like to ask any brother with an alternative idea to please attend the meeting and propose your idea. I would like everyone that has ideas, concerns or any input into this topic to please attend the meeting. This forum is very important to the future of our lodge and I encourage you to attend and have a voice in this.

I would also like to dispel any rumors of Sandy Valley attempting to "merge" with another lodge. There have been no discussions on the topic, and between the officers and I, we have never proposed this as a solution. From my perspective, Sandy Valley Lodge #57 is my home lodge, it is where I was Masonically raised and where my closest relationships with all of you formed. I am moving forward

in an attempt to ensure our members can meet in a safe manner; however, I want to keep our identity as Sandy Valley intact.

Finally, I received word from Grand Lodge that our Grand Master's Official Visit has been cancelled. This meeting was scheduled for October 17th, however due to the challenges I have mentioned over the past few months, the decision was made by our Grand Master to cancel our meeting. I was disappointed to hear that we could not receive Most Worshipful Louis Castle, however I completely understand and support the decision.

On a final note, please remember that even though I am very excited to finally see you all face to face, we must remain in compliance with the Grand Lodge Edicts and the Governor's orders. And, most importantly, we must protect each other. At our Stated meeting on October 3rd, please remember to practice safe hygiene, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and sanitize the areas. This includes all areas (not just the lodge, but also the social areas and kitchen.)

In closing, I want to publicly and sincerely thank several people. Most Worshipful Louis Castle and Very Worshipful David Martinez, P.G.M. for their counsel and support in finding a viable forum for our meetings and WM Dave Cook, his officers and trustees at Pahrump Lodge #54 for their immediate and sincere support. And finally, to your officers from Sandy Valley #57 and the hours of meetings, phone calls and willingness to try innovative ways to overcome the challenges from this year, I humbly and respectfully thank you all.

Be safe, protect each other, and I am looking forward to seeing you all face to face next week!

Fraternally from the West,

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## From the West

Brothers,

We are definitely living in times of change! Your Lodge Officers and Board of Trustees have been working diligently to solidify and guarantee the future of our Lodge. Our October Stated Communication is the direct result of our engagement and negotiation with our Brothers at Pahrump Lodge. This is a temporary change for the safety of our gracious lodge host.

We hope to see as many of our members in October, as there is much information to be shared and an equal amount to be discussed. It is imperative as many Brothers attend what should be an information packed Communication.

It will be great to see everyone again, given the long period without a physical meeting...I know we all miss our Brothers and the camaraderie we all share. I want to personally thank the membership for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

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

Fraternally from the West,

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## From the South

Brothers,

WE ARE BACK—refreshment is over; it is time to resume our labors. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in-person, while seeing your wonderful faces on ZOOM, which was better than not seeing you at all, getting to see each of you masked face-to-masked face is a step in the

right direction and is great for our brotherhood. I am also excited to hold our meeting with the support of our kind brothers in Pahrump, at their wonderful lodge--as usual they are there for us.

As we are taught early in our Masonic journey: “There is no more a noble and glorious purpose then that of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.” As we have faced the trials of the previous months and began what is described by many as our “new normal”, the cement of brotherly love has showed vividly amongst us and has sustained us. This I have seen and know to be true. It has been upheld by the words recited by the WM as we depart all meetings: “May the blessings of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons....” While it has been awhile for many of us, we can hold true that those blessings have sustained us. See you all on Saturday, 3 October 2020 in the great village of Pahrump Nevada.

### October Stated Meeting Menu

#### Theme: Oktoberfest

Bratwurst  
Kraut & Onions  
Oktoberfest Beer  
German Deserts

Fraternally from the South,

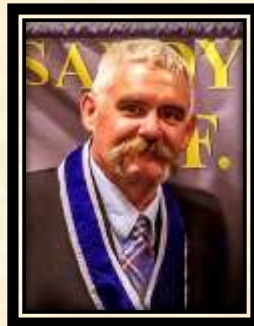
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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers,

Please continue to update your personal information with our Senior Warden and myself.

The information required is:

Name / Address / Cellphone / Home Phone (optional) /

Email / Date of Birth

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,

Troy Schneiderman

Secretary, Master Mason

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**NO STATED MEETING of SANDY VALLEY LODGE No. 57 was conducted in September 2020 / A.L. 6020 as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, as such, no Minutes were recorded.**

# 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:

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David Sims  
Worshipful Master, 2020

## September in Masonic History

- ❖ In 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony, with George Washington personally playing a key role and wearing Masonic regalia.
- ❖ In 1826, William Morgan, who had published an exposé of Masonic secrets, was taken from the jail in Canandaigua, New York, kidnapped, and possibly later murdered. This was the trigger for the Morgan Affair and the Anti-masonic movement and Anti-masonic Party in the United States from the 1820s through the 1840s.
- ❖ In 1872, the Shrine of North America was organized, in New York City.
- ❖ In 1949, Gerald R. Ford (U.S. President 1974-1977) received his 1st degree in Malta Lodge #465, Grand Rapids, Michigan.



## 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](http://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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### Nevada Carry Concealed Weapon Permit Course

- Acacia Lodge No. 49 will be conducting a NV CCW course free to Masons and their families.
- While the course and range time are free, the NV Permit processing fee is \$100.25 per permit.
- Applications are available online.
- Please convey your interest to SWAIN Navarro via email: [navarroa@cox.net](mailto:navarroa@cox.net)
- More details to follow.

# From the Editor's Desk

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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.

[navarroa@cox.net](mailto:navarroa@cox.net)

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### SANDY VALLEY LODGE MEMBERS

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**LAST NAME / FIRST NAME / ADDRESS / HOME PHONE / WORK PHONE / CELL PHONE / FAX NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS / BIRTHDATE**

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*

# Mileages for Reference

Floyd Lamb Park – Sandy Valley 57 (via Co Rd 215 W/Bruce Woodbury Beltway W and I-15 S) = 84.0

Floyd Lamb Park – Pahrump 54 (via US-95 N and NV-160) = 81.3

Floyd Lamb Park – Pahrump 54 (via I-15 S and NV-160 W) = 74.6

Aliante Golf Club – Sandy Valley 57 (via Co Rd 215 E/Bruce Woodbury Beltway E and I-15 S) = 65.7

Aliante Golf Club – Pahrump 54 (via Co Rd 215 W/Bruce Woodbury Beltway W and I-15 S and NV-160 W) = 77.7

Aliante Golf Club – Pahrump 54 (via US-95 N and NV-160) = 90.5

Nellis AFB – Sandy Valley 57 (via I-15 S) = 57.7

Nellis AFB – Pahrump 54 (via I-15 S and NV 160 W) = 73.4

Nellis AFB – Pahrump 54 (via US-95n N and NV 160) = 101.0

Henderson Heritage Park – Sandy Valley 57 (via I-215 W and I-15 S) = 56.9

Henderson Heritage Park – Pahrump 54 (via I-215 W and I-15 S and NV-160 W) = 72.7

Southern Highlands – Sandy Valley 57 (via I-15 S) = 36.5

Southern Highlands – Pahrump 54 (via NV-160 W) = 57.1

# 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/>

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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 Opegard	2006
Brian Boles	Senior Deacon 702-296-8653	Troy Schneiderman	2007
Buzz Ingram	Junior Deacon 702-800-1388	Michael L. Rodgers	2008
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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
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		Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
		Mathew McCarthy	2017
		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
		Steven Benjamin	2019
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3-Year	John Pennington, P.M.	David Owens	
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		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	