



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57  
Free and Accepted Masons

## TRESTLEBOARD

Most Worshipful Michael R. Giles  
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication

Saturday, December 4, 2021 @ 9am

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

November 2021 A.D./ 6021 A.L.

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

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



## From the East

Brethren,

Where has the year gone! This year picked up where last year ended, with an abbreviated schedule and continued COVID challenges. Together with your lodge officers, we set some lofty goals for the year despite all of that. We vowed to clear the books of all those waiting to progress through the degrees, implement some positive and dynamic programs to improve the participation in the lodge, and of course navigating the major change required with the loss of our facility.

Through it all, we remained positive, focused, and engaged in our own success. This was my mantra during my recent hospitalization for severe COVID-Pneumonia, stay positive, focused, and engaged in my own recovery. I realized this has been my mantra and that of your officers' this entire year. In spite of the year's challenges, both internal and external, we remained extremely positive in our ability to accomplish those tasks we had set forth and never took "no" as an answer. We remained focused on the tasks at hand and communicating with each other while soliciting you, the lodge members, for creative ideas and your time and energy to resolve these challenges.

And finally, we remained engaged in our own success as a lodge. Though we had a major setback to maintaining and securing our future and ultimately finding a new physical home, we engaged with each other. First as your lodge officers through frequent internal communications and meetings to understand and discuss the various pros and cons. Then as a whole lodge to dispel concerns and build consensus among the Brethren. And finally in discussions with our Brothers in Pahrump, who so graciously provided a temporary facility until a final decision could be made. Everyone has stepped up when asked and many have volunteered even when nothing was needed, this is the essence of our "Little Lodge That Could!"

In closing out my year, I want to congratulate YOU...the Lodge! You have made my year as your Worshipful Master more rewarding than I could have ever imagined given its beginning under a darker sky. YOU are the reason we continue to exist and thrive as a lodge and will do so well into the future. In parting I challenge each of you:

- Participate in any way you can, suggest ideas to improve the lodge and our standing in the Sandy Valley Community with your officers, we are not the purveyors of all innovative ideas. Your input is critical to keep fresh eyes on our organization;
- To our newest members, you see things through fresh eyes as new members, you have no preconceived notion of what a lodge should or could be, you're not tainted by norms and traditions. There's an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." While I understand the premise, I've never ascribed to it in its entirety. Just because "it ain't broke," doesn't mean there isn't a more effective and efficient way to accomplish the same objectives and goals. We look to you...our new members...to have that perspective and vision as we move headlong into our future; and finally
- To our Past Masters, you are the backbone, the corporate knowledge of our fraternity and our lodge. We need your guidance and understanding within the lodge. Too many times I've watched our PMs slide quietly out of their seat in the East, only to disappear or attend on a very limited basis. Without your history and perspective, we will be stuck retreading the same ground over and over, never to gain a foothold and move forward as a lodge. YOU are the living history of THIS lodge, participate, suggest, and be active members.

All we have left now is to install our newly elected 2022 Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 Officers. I'm very happy to convey that about 5 years ago I was able to organize and conduct a meeting with the lodge officers to discuss a more strategic approach to lodge operations. Rather than reinventing the wheel every year with a new Worshipful, the 7 Primary Officers decided for a more evolutionary approach. Each WM would establish his annual goals, at the end of his tenure, unfinished goals would be reviewed and adopted by his successor if appropriate, thus ensuring forward progress. This process has been working silently in the background and has greatly enhanced our ability to deal with challenges and continue a very steady forward progress. I now leave the East and hand the reigns to a group of more than capable lodge officers. Our future looks bright!

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

Fraternally from the West,

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## From the West

Brothers,

The holiday season is here and it's a time to enjoy our families and friends, and enjoy fellowship, and great food.

The recent Grand Lodge Annual Communication was an outstanding event, first big news out of the Annual Communication, is that we have a newly chartered masonic lodge in Southern Nevada. Robert Burns #59, a traditional observance lodge was approved for charter and will receive its charter within 60 days of the Annual Communication per Nevada Masonic Code. In addition, Sandy Valley and Pahrump Lodge member Greg Curtin was re-appointed to the Grand Lodge Line in the role of Trustee...Congrats to Worshipful Greg. Our newly elected Grand Master is Michael Giles who is the Mayor of Lovelock, Nevada and we look forward to the date of his OV next year.

As I reflect on this past year, the "little lodge that could" has accomplished an incredible amount, thanks to the exceptional leadership of our sitting Master, Albert (Al) Navarro and the hard work of his officers and many of the members of the lodge. We have seen incredible growth in membership from new candidates for degrees, plural, and affiliation membership. This is highlighted by the affiliation of MW Carl "Bud" Banks, PGM of Masons in Nevada in 2010. We have done an incredible amount of degree work to include performing all three degrees in our lodge for the first-time in five years. Most significantly, after 20 years in our beloved hanger in Sandy Valley, we had to make a very emotional decision to move our charter to Pahrump. During our October meeting, we as a lodge voted unanimously to do so. I, and I think for many of us, Sandy Valley is and will always be grateful to our bothers at Pahrump #54 for the incredible support, hospitality, and welcome.

It has been an incredible honor to serve as your Senior Warden for the 2021 calendar year and look forward to possibility of serving the lodge again next year if elected to do so.

Fraternally from the South,

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## From the South

Brothers,

No message was available from the South, due to cable-tow restrictions.

Fraternally from the South,

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## From the Treasurer's Desk

Brothers,

Congratulations to all newly installed officers and thank you to all Lodge members for supporting and believing in our Lodge.

It is an honor for me to serve as a Treasurer and together we will bring out the best of what's left of 2021. Looking forward to an excellent year!

Fraternally,

Cristian Gliga

Treasurer

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers,

Thank you for taking it easy on me during my first year back at the Secretary's Desk. We have made good progress in our records and organization, but we are still working.

Part of that work is to make it easier to pay your dues. I am pleased to announce that we will now accept dues payments via PayPal (along with debit/credit card). There will be a payment portal on the website soon and I will be able to accept card payments at Lodge. There will be a slight fee added to cover our cost of processing should you decide to use this method. Cash and checks are also still accepted.

Finally, I would like to end the year with a reprint of an article for our trestle board written in the earliest days of our Lodge. I do not know who wrote or the date written. I have included a picture of the original document.

### *"Chaplain's Corner*

*We are proud of our Lodge and jealous of our Masonic Heritage. Masonry provides a guide for our lives and a social opportunity for our friends and family. One may think of it as a rudder to help us steer our ship of life*

*Examples of the way Masonry has helped Brothers in time of need are endless. We may encounter a kindness without knowing why, but your benefactor may have noticed your ring or a Masonic emblem on your car. Strangers may ask if you are Mason based solely on the way you present yourself. You should consider this the highest compliment you can earn.*

*Masonry is a serious commitment we each made. It can be fun and involves the entire family. Our children participate in Masonic youth groups. Our ladies have social organizations that share our principles, goals, and objectives. The Shrine and their clubs such as the "Hillbillies" are a fun activity with serious goals of family involvement as well as helping crippled children.*

*The Fraternity has much to offer. It is up to each of us to explore the opportunities and to participate. You do not have to wait to be asked to join the fun. It is up to you to determine your own level of participation but, you must participate to enjoy the full benefits of Masonry."*

Thank you to everyone who has updated their contact information in GrandView. That helps us to stay in communication with everyone as effectively and efficiently as possible. If you need access to GrandView, you can access it at:

[https://nv.grandview.systems/users/sign\\_in](https://nv.grandview.systems/users/sign_in)

Here you can create an account and retrieve a password. Thank you again for your help with this.

If you wish to visit WB George, you can do so at: [Merrill Gardens Green Valley, 1935 Paseo Verde Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89012](#)

He is looking forward to visitors however, he makes trips to Sandy Valley on Tuesdays and Thursdays so be sure to call if you plan on visiting then. His cell number is still the same.

*"The safest way to make laws respected is to make them respectable."  
— Frédéric Bastiat*

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Michael J. Kurcab, P.M.  
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## From the Lodge Social Media Manager & Webmason

It is my honor and pleasure in taking over the duties as your WebMason and Social Media Manager. My responsibilities include keeping our website and social media up to date, posting announcements from the Worshipful Master and the officers of the lodge, assuring the lodge members have the ability to communicate via the lodge's social media platforms, and posting pictures and videos from our various events.

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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# Annual Masonic Education



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## Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lesson Plan

<i>January 2021</i>	A Brief History of Freemasonry
<i>February 2021</i>	George Washington
<i>March 2021</i>	The Qualifications of a Mason & Organization and Operation of a Lodge
<i>April 2021</i>	Powers & Functions of the Worshipful Master & Duties of Members
<i>May 2021</i>	Get Involve—Youth are the Future of The Craft
<i>June 2021</i>	Entered Apprentice Overview & Ritual
<i>July 2021</i>	DARK
<i>August 2021</i>	DARK
<i>September 2021</i>	The Tenants of Freemasonry
<i>October 2021</i>	The Symbols of the First Degree
<i>November 2021</i>	The Duties, Privileges and Limitation of and Entered Apprentice
<i>December 2021</i>	Masonic Protocol

**Scope of the Program:** The education committee members 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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Albert A. Navarro II  
Worshipful Master, 2021

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## Monthly Education Lecture—November 2021

*Provided by Sandy Valley #57 Masonic Education and Leadership Committee*

### **DUTIES, PRIVILEGES AND LIMITATIONS OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE**

It is important for us to have as clear an understanding as possible of the duties, privileges, and limitations of Apprentices.

Masonic law provides that only Master Masons can be members, and members are the only ones who can vote or hold office. Therefore, an Apprentice cannot be a member of a Lodge, vote, or hold office; only a Master Mason who has signed the By-laws of the lodge of his choice can thus exercise his membership. An Apprentice is still on probation, and the Craft has not yet received him as a member. An Apprentice cannot visit or sit in a Lodge except when it is opened on the First Degree; however, even if he is present, he is not entitled to a vote or a voice in the discussions, nor is he entitled to any monetary benefits, as he yet contributes nothing.

Nevertheless, he possesses certain important rights and privileges. He has the right to sit in a Lodge of Entered Apprentices. If charged with violating his obligation, he is entitled to trial and will be heard by his peers. He has the right to apply for advancement to a higher Degree. In the event of his death, his family has the right to request a Masonic funeral; however, the granting of this request is up to the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Also, the Apprentice possesses modes of recognition by which he can make himself known to other Apprentices, and he has the privilege of using them.

Chief among his duties is to be faithful to his obligation; the clauses of which clearly describe what he is to do and not to do. As an Apprentice, you should study the obligation so carefully that both its words and their meaning will remain with you if you live. It is also the duty of the Apprentice to learn the required portions of the Degree thoroughly, not only because he must prove himself proficient to be advanced, but also because it contains Masonic teachings of fundamental importance that remain forever binding on every Mason. He should not be content with learning the words alone, but to study the meanings also. If he cannot interpret these for himself, he should seek help from others. The first Degree is not a temporary stopping place - a mere step in the ascent - to be forgotten when the next Degree is reached. Learning the work should not be a tiresome task, over and done with as soon as possible; the Degree is perfect and complete in its own right; its great purpose is that the candidate shall be an Apprentice Mason in the sense that its teachings become a permanent part of his being.

The Apprentice is a Mason, but a Mason with much to learn; he is passing through a period of trial and testing; his relation to the Craft is like that of the medical student to the profession of medicine. Therefore, it is his duty to be obedient, entrusting himself without question to his guides, and in a spirit of humbleness quick to respond to the instructions of the officers of the Lodge. It is not for him to question what he finds, to discuss the Lodge, to enter arguments, or to set himself up as a critic. His presence in the Craft is yet probationary, and he possesses no right to remain in it; nor can he know enough about it to criticize or to find fault. The clue to his whole position is furnished by the word "Apprentice," which means "learner;" since he is by status a learner, his chief task is to learn, and to learn he must obey his teachers.

The Entered Apprentice Degree has a larger meaning. It signifies the doctrine of Masonic Apprenticeship in which Fellowcraft, and new Master Masons also are included. The act of joining a club is so simple that often it consists of little more than verbal assents or signing a card; there is no preparation for membership because no preparation is needed. Everybody, even outsiders, understand such societies clearly enough; their activities are already familiar; most men are prepared for them before they seek membership.

Freemasonry preserves a secrecy about all its work; it meets behind tyled doors; it covers its principles and teachings in a veil of symbolism and ritual; its Art is mystery; a wall great and high separates it from the profane world; it is a world

standing silently within the great world. Nor is its work easy to understand. Difficult, exceedingly complex, it is carried forward in the high and responsible regions of the religious, moral, and intellectual life.

For such reasons, there is almost nothing in common between it and social societies which serve as playgrounds. By comparison with such societies, Freemasonry is more like a university, church, state, or societies devoted to science and scholarships.

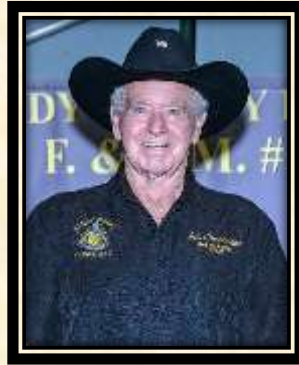
The petitioner who knocks at our portals possesses very slight knowledge of what lies within and brings with him little or no previous preparation. Once inside, he discovers that Masonry stretches away before him like a great continent across which he must make a long and often difficult journey to reach his goal. The date on which he receives his Entered Apprentice Degree marks the beginning of his journey; the tasks of learning Masonry, of becoming adept in its work, of fashioning his life according to its requirements, still lie before him.

In asking you to learn and understand the duties, privileges, prerogatives, and limitations of an Entered Apprentice, we also urge you to conceive of apprenticeship in the larger sense. It is not difficult for a candidate to become a member in name only, but we want your own ambition to extend far beyond that indifferent stage. We believe that you desire to become a Mason and that no idle desire for the honor of bearing the name has been your motive for seeking our fellowship. If this is true, we both urge and advise you not to be content with the latter and outward form in this your beginning period, but to apply yourself with freedom, fervency, and zeal to the sincere and thorough mastering of our Royal Art. Therefore, be an Entered Apprentice Mason in spirit and in truth.

## From Your Board of Trustees



Kenneth L O'Neill Jr  
Past Master 2019



John Pennington Jr  
Past Master 2009 & 2014



Dave Sims  
Past Master 2020

# Announcements and Events

## December 2021

SANDY VALLEY LODGE  
F. & A.M. # 57



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
						9am Sandy Valley No.57 Stated Communication
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12pm Daylite No. 44 Stated Meeting and Elections	6pm Eastern Star Communication	6pm Acacia No.49 Past Master Degree	6:30pm Pahrump No. 54 Stated Meeting		11am Pahrump 54 Officer Installation
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12pm Daylite No. 44 Installation and Christmas Party						11am Sandy Valley 57 Officer Installation 12pm Discretion Daylight Lodge No. 55 Installation
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		6pm Eastern Star Communication				
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

### December Birthdays

Jeffry Chambers		12/5/1941
Alfred Oppgard	P.M.	12/13/1941
Dominic Pandolph		12/8/1946
Thomas O'Boyle Jr		12/21/1947
Wade Schneiderman	P.M.	12/30/1947
Harold Scalzo Jr.	P.M.	12/3/1956

### December "Masonic" Birthdays:

- Bro. Gerald Cook - Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 8th, 1998
- Bro. John Wood - Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 30th, 2006
- Bro. Greg Curtain, P.M. - Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 22nd, 2011

**Installation of Officers**

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1100 (11am)

Pahrump Lodge

(See announcement below)



*You're Invited*  
*by SW R. "Montana" Williams*

*to*

SANDY VALLEY LODGE #57

21st Annual Installation of Officers

by

MW Louis J. Castle, II, PGM



**WHEN**

DECEMBER 18TH, 2021 @ 11AM  
BREAKFAST SERVED 9AM-10:30AM

**WHERE**

Pahrump Masonic Lodge  
281 Gemini Drive ~ Pahrump, NV 89060

Please RSVP NLT 10 Dec 21 to Montana Williams at  
([montana.williams@gmail.com](mailto:montana.williams@gmail.com) or 702-743-7143)

# Clark County / Southern Nevada Pandemic Information

## COVID-19 VACCINE LINKS

Clark County: [https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top\\_services/covid19/vaccine\\_information.php](https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top_services/covid19/vaccine_information.php)  
Southern Nevada: <https://covid.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/vaccine/>  
**VA Vaccine Self-Scheduling:** [https://www.lasvegas.va.gov/LASVEGAS/features/Self\\_scheduling\\_vaccine\\_tool.asp](https://www.lasvegas.va.gov/LASVEGAS/features/Self_scheduling_vaccine_tool.asp)  
VA: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

## COVID-19 LINKS

Clark County: [https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/top\\_services/covid19/all\\_about\\_covid-19.php](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](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](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](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](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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*"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	
Albert A Navarro II	Worshipful Master 702-218-5060	Donald Daum	UD 2001
R. Montana Williams	Senior Warden 702-743-7143	George W. Odell	2002
Brian Boles	Junior Warden 702-296-8653	Ted Johnson	2003
Cristian Gliga	Treasurer 626-354-9670	Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2004
Michael Kurcab, P.M.	Secretary 818-259-6124	Swannie Swenson (2004)	2005
Cyril Bradshaw	Chaplain 702-610-2507	Al Oppegard	2006
Charles Mallard	Senior Deacon 702-430-0962	Troy Schneiderman	2007
Michael Bronowitz	Junior Deacon 718-749-8128	Michael L. Rodgers	2008
Michael Kearns	Marshall 702-425-6330	John Pennington	2009
Dennis Williams	Senior Steward 702-596-3104	Mike Barry	2010
Brett Williams	Junior Steward 206-939-7767	Wade Schneiderman	2011
Russell Gray	Tyler 303-901-7044	Fred Horne	2012
Buzz Ingram	Historian 702-800-1388	Mark Tavarez	2013
John Pennington, P.M.	Deputy Grand Lecturer 702-355-0154	John Pennington	2014
Carl Agbayani	Lodge Social Media Manager & Webmason 702-375-8709	Michael Kurcab	2015
		Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
		Mathew McCarthy	2017
		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
		Steven Benjamin	2019
		Dave Sims	2020
TRUSTEES		AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS	
3-Year	Dave Sims, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	John Pennington, P.M.	Fred Horne	
1-Year	Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr., 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