



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57
Free and Accepted Masons

TRESTLEBOARD

Most Worshipful Richard M. Graver, Jr
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication

Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ 9am

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

MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

April 2021 A.D. / 6021 A.L.

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



From the East

Brethren,

April showers bring May flowers, so the saying goes!

And in lock-step with Mother Nature, our lodge is blooming into this year despite some natural setbacks in the beginning...like a pandemic. All our officers and committees have been working hard to catch up from the "Year That Never Happened," and get us where we need to be before going into the Summer Break.

While I had composed a list of my goals for this year, with changes in timeline due to the pandemic, I will concentrate on the two most important:

- Enhance the lodge's financial infrastructure & security for the future; and
- Formalize & improve an internal Lodge Training Program.

I will address other goals, such as: Improving recruiting & retention; Engaging with our Masonic Women's and youth organizations; Mitigating stagnation of the Lodge; and Modernization of our equipment after the Summer Break. We must continue to look to the future of our Lodge and your officers will be doing so as our year progresses. In the meantime, I am heartened and humbled to see each of you in-person once again. And while we continue to battle this pandemic, there is light at the end of the tunnel and that light becomes brighter with every week that passes.

This month we get our chance to shine for the Grand Master of Masons in Nevada, Most Worshipful Richard M Graver Jr, during our Joint GMOV with our Brothers in Pahrump. I urge everyone who feels comfortable to attend this event. The GMOV is your opportunity to meet the Grand Master and hear the State of Masonry within Nevada and his vision of Masonry for his tenure.

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

Fraternally from the West,

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From the West

Greetings,

Spring has sprung and we begin anew. We have a lot to do in May and June, Sandy Valley is blooming like May flowers. Many petitions for degrees and dual and plural memberships have been received. We will be conducting two separate EA degree ceremonies in the coming weeks. In addition, we will be honored with a visit from our Most Worshipful Richard M. Graver Jr, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada, his Corp of Officers at our 1 May stated meeting.

I again remind the brethren that the officers are still seeking participation on the lodge's committees. Please step up to the plate and participate, as we strive to continue our lodge standard of being one of the best in the south.

Just a short educational note, I found interesting:

"Ancient Masons," was the name assumed by a body of Masons who, in 1738 seceded from the regular or legal Grand Lodge of England. They did this because of changes the Institution made on the ritual work.

The Ancients called themselves "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" and were the new Lodges. They practiced the old ritual work and condemned the Moderns, as they called them, for changes made in that work. The Moderns were called "Free and accepted Masons" and were the old Lodges of England. They adopted the new style of ritual work formed by Anderson, Preston, and others. These differences kept the two bodies apart to the extreme, that there would be both in the same community and sometimes, side by side. They would clam the same jurisdiction and argue over who was right and who was clandestine.

In 1813 the two bodies resolved their differences and joined hands, but the Lodges were spread throughout the world, and particularly in America. They turned out to be impossible to align. Both are recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and both have the same rights and benefits which are accorded a legal Lodge of Master Masons. Although you will find the different Lodges in United States their jurisdictions are limited to each state. Therefore, we have:

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Ancient Free Masons
Free and Accepted Masons
and on and on...

Fraternally from the South,

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From the South

Brethren,

Spring is here and the Sun is shining, which is the Glory and Beauty of the day.

We recently held a historic joint officer installation with our Brothers from Pahrump Lodge 54, and we will again be holding another historic event this May meeting with our annual Grand Masters Official Visit, along with his Officer Corps and invited guests with Pahrump Lodge 54.

As we approach a new sense of normalcy, and we continue returning to regular lodge meetings take a moment to reflect on your early days of becoming a Mason. Some might have a harder time with this than others, but it is still fresh for me. I always look forward to seeing my brothers every month, and continue to form stronger bonds with men and conciliates true friendships among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance if not for the exercise of Brotherly Love. Ever since I left the military, I have missed that bond of "being around the guys" or that "Pride of belonging". Freemasonry has filled that void and I am glad to have that back in my life.

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

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

First, I want to thank everyone for their patience as I get settled into the role of Secretary. I am still getting organized and situation but, we are making progress. We are slowly getting our records cleaned up and I hope that everyone who has paid their dues has received their dues cards.

I have received several returned pieces of mail. Please be sure to update your contact information including:

- Mailing Address
- Physical Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address

You can do this by logging into your account at nvmasons.org, sending me an email, or calling me with your information. My contact information is below.

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

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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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

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



Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lesson Plan

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|-----------------------|---|
| <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:

Albert A. Navarro II
Worshipful Master, 2021

Monthly Education Lecture—April 2021

Provided by Sandy Valley #57 Masonic Education and Leadership Committee

THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

It is important for new masons and a great reminder to experienced masons to understand the “powers and functions of the Worshipful Master. While many of you may understand this, some of our newer brethren may find this information valuable. The Worshipful Master is the principal officer of the Lodge, but as some may not have a clear understanding some of the language of Masonry, the term “Worshipful” may sound strange; however, as you progress in the Craft, you will learn that it is singularly accurate. “Worshipful” means that the Master is entitled to the reverence and respect of every member of the Lodge. Master means he is in strict truth, the Master, not, as in so many other societies, just a presiding officer, but a controlling executive with many sovereign rights and prerogatives. A broad description of his powers and duties are as follows:

- To congregate his Lodge upon any emergency.
- To summon its members.
- To see that the duties of the officers are faithfully performed.
- To discharge all the executive functions of the Lodge.
- To remove any appointed officer for sufficient cause.

It is only when we begin to examine his office in detail that we discover the full scope of his powers and functions. It is a prerogative of the Worshipful Master to convene his Lodge either for stated meetings, at times provided for in the by-laws, or for special communications, which are called by him for special business. When the Lodge is convened, he is to set it to work and give its members proper instruction for their labors. It is not necessary for him to request or persuade the Lodge members to perform their duties; he may order them, and they are under strict obligation to obey.

It is his prerogative to preside at the meetings of his Lodge. The only exception is when the Grand Master, or a representative appointed by him, takes the gavel of authority; during that time, the right of the Master is superseded. The Master may not resign his office or his right to preside, nor may such power be taken from him so long as he holds office, except by the Grand Master.

If one of the officers of the Lodge is absent, or if the office is temporarily vacant, the Master may appoint some other competent Brother to fill the office. If the Master is absent, the Senior Warden takes his place, and if both the Master and Senior Warden are absent the Junior Warden presides. If all three are absent the Lodge cannot be opened except by the Grand Master.

It is the duty of the Master to keep order in his Lodge. At the time of his installation, the gavel is placed in his hands to signify that he is given the power necessary to discharge that duty, for the gavel is an emblem of that authority. The Master has the right to initiate, control, and terminate discussions.

It is the duty of the Master to supervise all ritualistic work. This is one of his greatest responsibilities. He should himself be able to take any part; he should be able to instruct and train others; and he should supervise the work to see that it is properly carried out.

A lodge can neither be convened, opened, or transact business unless its Charter is present. When the Master is installed the Charter is given into his keeping, and he is responsible for its custody and for transmitting it to his successor. The Master determines what business shall come before the Lodge, in what order, and the way it will be conducted. This is more important than it may appear because only certain kinds of business may legally be brought before the Lodge.

The members may not always be familiar with Masonic law and may not know whether a given matter is Masonic business or not. It is for the Master to decide, and this power is the Lodge’s protection against possible violation of Masonic law. Many matters of business or social functions may arise which do not fall into the scope of any elected or appointed Lodge

officers' duties; hence committees are necessary to carry on such work. Not the least of his responsibilities is his power to appoint all committees.

Brethren in sickness or distress are the Master's particular charge. If he cannot visit them, it is his duty to appoint others to do so and in general, to see that the Lodge properly discharges its duties to those members who may have met with misfortune.

His authority to see that the duties of the Secretary are punctually and properly discharged includes as perhaps its most important responsibility his seeing that the Lodge minutes are kept in order and up to date, that nothing is included in them that should not be, and nothing omitted that belongs in them. When a Lodge votes to disperse funds, it orders a warrant drawn upon the Treasurer; such warrant must first be signed by the Master, who is thus charged with the duty to supervise the finances, to see that they are in sound condition and that no irregularities creep into the books.

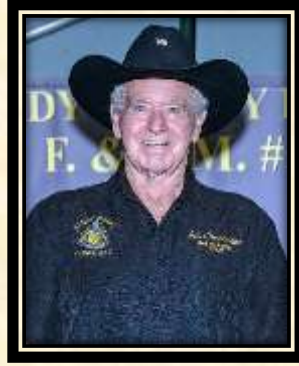
The Master is the representative of his Lodge in Grand Lodge. A Lodge elects its Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees. All other officers are appointed by the Master. To use such powers and prerogatives, to discharge such duties and functions, it is necessary that the Worshipful Master possess the corresponding qualifications. He must be a Mason of experience, well versed in the art, competent to lead and direct, worthy of the respect of his Lodge, in character fit to represent and exemplify the Masonic life, impartial in treatment of his members, keenly perceptive and trustworthy in counsel, and inspired by such zeal and vision that he may be a leader as well as an executive.

The Master is indeed Master of his Lodge, its chief executive, its head, vested with great authority, entrusted with great powers, but there is nothing arbitrary, nothing willful in his use of those powers and authority because they are defined and regulated by laws and ancient customs. His duties are equal to his powers, and he must be a true Mason indeed to discharge them with credit to himself and honor to his Lodge. It is for these reasons that his title is Worshipful, for if anyone is worthy of honor, of deference, or respect, he is a man who, with no thought of reward for himself, is willing to carry the load of such authority and undertake the labor necessitated by such duties.

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

Hello my brothers! The weather is getting better, restrictions are lifting, tourism is returning to our great city and our Masonic events are coming back to full force. On behalf of your trustees, I must compliment the efforts of Worshipful Al and his team of officers for hitting the ground running and ensuring our small but mighty lodge continues promoting our craft and sharing the joys of brotherhood with the next generation of freemasons.

As proud as I am of the Las Vegas community for overcoming so many challenges during 2020, I am also guilty of resigning to the ways of the past year. We have collectively accepted and re-trained ourselves to not participate in things that used to bring us joy. Visiting with brothers, sharing a cup of coffee, going out to see a movie in a theatre, and most importantly... preparing for and getting excited to travel to lodge to see my brothers.

I am having to remind myself that it is ok to start doing these things again. We are a social society... and as a society we have suffered because of the loss of human contact over the past year.

In the past few months, we have had opportunities to attend lodge, attend masonic practices, social gatherings, and celebrations of life for our brothers that we have loved and lost. Every time I have attended one of these opportunities, I am reminded how much I have missed each and every one of you. I missed the laughter; I missed my brothers.

A brotherhood is only as strong as its members. To all of my brothers, I ask that if you feel safe, and your cable tow allows, return to lodge... attend the practices... call a brother and share a cup of coffee. It will warm the heart.

Be safe, be engaged, and stay Vegas Strong!

Fraternally,

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Announcement & Events

| SANDY VALLEY LODGE F. & A.M. # 57 | | | | | | |
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| May 2021 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| | | | | 6:30pm: SNV Masters & Wardens Assoc Meeting @ MMT | 6pm: GMOV Rehearsal @ MMT | 9am: Joint GMOV & Stated Communication |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | 7am: Pahrump 54 Breakfast Club | | | 6pm: EA Degree Rehearsal @ MMT | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | 7am: Pahrump 54 Breakfast Club | | 7:30pm Pahrump 54 Stated Communication | 6pm: EA Degree Rehearsal @ MMT | 16 th Annual Huasapai Mountain Outdoor Degree - Kingman AZ |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| SV57 Call for TB Announcements & Messages | | 7am: Pahrump 54 Breakfast Club | | | | 10am: Called Communication - EA Degree |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | 7am: Pahrump 54 Breakfast Club | | | | |
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GMOV Rehearsal

When: April 30th @ 6pm (1800)

Where: Masonic Memorial Temple (MMT), 2200 W. Mesquite Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89106

Southern Nevada Masters and Wardens Association Stated Meeting

When: April 29th @ 6:30pm (1830)

Where: MMT, 2200 W. Mesquite Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89106

Joint Grand Master's Official Visitation - Hosted by Pahrump & Sandy Valley Lodges

When: Saturday, May 1st @ 9am (during our Stated Communication)

Where: Pahrump Lodge, 281 Gemini Drive, Pahrump, NV 89060

Click link for directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/AduER9jn8X4i8LbT7>

Attire: Officers - Dark Suit & Tie;

All Others: Dark Suit & Tie preferred, Lodge Shirt and Slacks or Jeans acceptable

Announcement & Events *(continued)*

EA Degree Team Rehearsal

When: May 7th & 14th @ 6pm (1800)

Where: Masonic Memorial Temple (MMT), 2200 W. Mesquite Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89106

Called Communication - EA Degree

When: May 22nd @ 9am (0900)

Where: Pahrump Lodge, 281 Gemini Drive, Pahrump, NV 89060

Clark County / Southern Nevada Pandemic Information

COVID-19 VACCINE LINKS

Clark County: 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
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
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
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



GENERAL HEALTH LINKS

Clark County: 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

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 | |
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| Albert A Navarro II | Worshipful Master 702-218-5060 | Donald Daum | UD 2001 |
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| | | Mathew McCarthy | 2017 |
| | | Steven Benjamin | 2018 |
| | | Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr. | 2019 |
| | | Dave Sims | 2020 |
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| | Frank Merica, P.M. | Clifford Wiltse | |
| | | Dave White | |
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| *Parke Potter | 2007 | | *Deceased |