



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57
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Most Worshipful Richard M. Graver, Jr
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication

Saturday, November 6, 2021 @ 9am

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

October 2021 A.D. / 6021 A.L.

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From the East

Brethren,

Where do I start? First, congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Carl Agbayani!!! As a result of COVID-restrictions he's had a long, nearly 2-year journey. Brother Carl, your raising is well earned and well deserved...welcome to the fold!

"Proud Daddy" moment...our Master Mason degree was a resounding success! Though admittedly I had some reservations because of the short-notice nature of the attempt, our "Little Lodge That Could" did. With the much-appreciated help from our Brothers from Pahrump Lodge No. 54 and Dhahran Daylight Lodge No. 55, who filled key positions during the degree, we successfully completed our first Master Mason degree in nearly 10-years. A special shout-out to Worshipful Kirk Perry, Brother Richard Legon, and Brother Harry Smith for stepping up and supplying stellar performances during the degree. A very special thank you and congratulations to Brother Montana, who had requested we make the attempt at a Third Degree before years end, and this having been an abbreviated year, though with some trepidation, I agreed. Brother Montana, you did us all proud!

November not only brings us closer to the end of another year as a Lodge, but it also brings us a day of thanks. From my family to yours, please enjoy the time with family and friends, eat to your hearts content, but I ask that we remember those we've lost this year. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

As a reminder, Brother Montana will be leading our Stated Communication in November as I'll be driving to Reno for the 157th Grand Lodge of Masons in Nevada Annual Communication. I hope to see some of you there, reconnect with other Brothers from various Nevada Lodges, and see what next year has to offer.

Our December Communication, and the month in general, will be busy tying up loose ends and generally preparing for the Lodge to come under "new management". We will vote for our 2022 Lodge Officers and finalize their Installation, don't forget to pay your 2022 Lodge Dues, and of course settling into our new home in Pahrump. Though I'll miss you all in November, I look forward to seeing everyone at our Stated Communication in December.

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

Fraternally from the West,

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From the West

Brothers,

November is here, WOW, where has the year gone. The Nevada Grand Lodge Communication is upon us, and installations are around the corner not to mention the Holidays. We are about to welcome a new line of Officers at the State-level and across our many lodges. Change is afoot.

As we look ahead to the challenges facing us today and tomorrow, we must lead and not manage the fraternity. Leadership and management, is there a difference? Yes, a significant difference; the terms ARE NOT synonymous, and NOT interchangeable. The leader inspires, the manager maintains. The leader is an original, the manager is a copy. The leader does right things, the manager does things right.

The leader looks at the horizon, the manager looks at the bottom line. The leader is concerned with people, the manager with form and structure. The leader paints creatively, the manager paints by numbers.

What are you?

Are you a leader or are you a manager?

Do you paint by numbers, or do you paint creatively?

Do you inspire or do you maintain?

Do you challenge the status quo, or do you accept it?

I submit Brethren that there are five crucial ingredients of effective, dynamic, enthusiastic leadership; - challenging, inspiring, enabling, modelling, and encouraging.

Challenging the process! Challenging the status quo; carefully examining the very form and structure of an organization. Great leaders cause things to happen, they don't wait for things to happen. Some may compare a leader with an orchestra conductor; sometimes you must turn your back to the audience and face the music. We too, in Freemasonry require that same kind of leadership. Leaders that are prepared to challenge the status quo; keeping in mind and building upon the strengths; -- moral truth and virtue; the four cardinal virtues and the theological values, -- they have been the strengths of our organization. I think it is important for leaders to shake up those on the sidelines; to make changes; not to accept the status quo.

Enabling. Enabling others to act; to give them the tools and the power and the authority to work up the action plan for the vision. Some organizations develop such a sterile environment that the people never have a chance for failure; it always must be based upon success. People must learn to feel failure before they can feel success. We need to rid ourselves of that mushroom effect. You keep them in the dark, you feed them 'you know what' and you expect them to grow. When people accept things, they are better prepared to act upon them.

Modelling the way. What do we mean by modelling the way? Modelling the way means to me that the leader, the great leader is the true and living example of the vision. He lives it, he breathes it, he talks about it, he inspires it. We as Freemasons must be the living example of what we mean.

Encouraging. Encouraging the heart, the first secret, to total success is self-esteem is feeling good about oneself. That is the role of Leaders; to help people to feel good about themselves; to know that they are part of the process; that they are part of the organization; that they count; that they are appreciated.

Finally, I want to congratulate our newest Master Mason Carl Agbayani on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 28 Oct 21 and thank all that participated in our first raising since 2016. As Worshipful AI will not be at our November Stated, I will be in the East and will be conferring a Fellowcraft degree on a couple of our proficient EAs. See you on the first Saturday.

Fraternally from the South,

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From the South

Brothers,

Congratulations to our newly raised Brother Carl Agbayani!!!

What a Historic night we had on Thursday, October 28th. Sandy Valley performed its first 3rd Degree ceremony in many years. I would like to give a shout out to the Brothers of Dhahran Daylight Lodge 55 for assisting in our degree, as well a special thank you to our Brothers from Pahrump Lodge 54, who were instrumental in helping us get this done.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the leadership of our Worshipful Master. He has led this Lodge through several hurdles this year, while at the same time maturing our Ritual and Degree work. Not only did we just perform our first 3rd Degree ceremony, but we also did our first 2nd Degree this year. Mark this date as we look to continue to build and grow our fraternity and perform our own degrees.

November starts the colder time of year, so break out those Sandy Valley Lodge coats, and if any Brother would like to order a Lodge coat or shirt let us know and we will get them ordered for you.

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Congratulations Brother Carl Agbayani





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

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

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

If you wish to visit Wor. Bro. 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

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

<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—October 2021

Provided by Sandy Valley #57 Masonic Education and Leadership Committee

SYMBOLS OF THE FIRST DEGREE

The symbols, emblems, and allegorical ceremonies of the First Degree each have many meanings; together these comprise the teaching of the Degree. It would take many hours to give you complete explanations of each of them, in detail so I will focus on the key mean of these symbols, today. It is upon each of us to learn more through study and application to the task of seeking more light.

The Hoodwink represents the darkness in which an uninitiated man stands as regards to Masonic life. It is removed at the moment of enlightenment, suggesting that we do not make the great things of existence, such as goodness, truth, and beauty, but find them. They are always there; it is our blindness that conceals them from us.

The Cable Tow is a symbol of all those external restraints by which a man is controlled by others, or by forces outside himself. If a man does not keep the law of his own free will, he must be compelled to keep it. The removal of the Cable Tow signifies that when a man becomes master of himself, he will keep the law instinctively by his own character.

The Lodge is a symbol of the world, more properly the world of Masonry. Initiation means birth, an entrance into the world. The extent of Freemasonry is as broad as human nature and as wide as mankind; as a spirit and an ideal, it permeates the whole life of every true Mason, outside the Lodge, as well as within.

The Ceremony of Entrance, all that happens at the West Gate, signifies birth or initiation and symbolizes the fact a candidate is entering the world of Masonry, there to live and learn a new kind of life.

The Reception typifies the one real penalty for violations of the obligations, the destructive consequence to a man's nature of being faithless to his vows, untrue to his word, disloyal to his obedience.

The Rite of Circumambulation is Masonry's name for the ceremony of walking around the Lodge room, an allegorical act rich with many meanings. One of these is that the Masonic Life is a progressive journey, from station to station of attainment and that a Mason will always search for more light.

An equal significant ceremony is that of approaching the East. The East is a source of light, (remember that light means knowledge) that station in the heavens in which the sun appears to dispel the darkness. Masons are sons of light; therefore, we face the East.

The Alter is a symbol of that place which the worship of God holds in Masonry; the center around which all else revolves.

The Obligations have a literal meaning and thus are the foundations of our disciplinary law. Above this, they signify the nature and place of obligation in human life. An obligation is a tie, contract, pledge, promise, vow, a duty that is owed; in addition to the obligations we voluntarily assume, there are many in which we stand naturally; obligations to God, our families, to employers or employees, to friends and neighbors. A Mason can be depended upon to fulfill his obligations to the best of his ability.

The Three Great Lights in Masonry are the Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses. As a Great Light, the Holy Bible represents the will of God as man understands it; the Square is an emblem of virtue; the Compasses signify the moral and spiritual life. If a man acts in obedience to the will of God according to the dictates of his conscience, he will be living in the illumination of the Great Lights and cannot go astray.

The Lesser Lights represent the Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge. The Sun is a symbol of that which is masculine, active, and aggressive; the Moon, of that which is feminine, receptive, non – resisting; when these two types of human action are maintained in balance, mastership is the result.

The Word and Grip are our means of recognition by which, when among strangers, we can prove others or ourselves regular Masons in order to enter into fraternal intercourse.

The Rite of Salutation, in which the candidate salutes each station in turn, is his recognition of the authority of the principal officers. It is also a symbol of a Mason's respect for the obedience to all just and duly constituted authorities. The Old Charges state this in a single sentence: "A Mason is a peaceable subject to the Civil Powers wherever he resides or works."

The Worshipful Master is a symbol as well as the executive officer of the Lodge. As the sun rules the day, he rules and governs his Lodge; his title, Worshipful, means that he is worthy of reverence, respect, and obedience.

The Lambskin Apron is an emblem of purity and the badge of a Mason. By purity is meant blamelessness, a loyal obedience to the laws of the Craft and sincere good will to the Brethren; the term, the badge of a Mason, signifies that Masons are workers and builders, not drones and destructionists.

The symbolism of the Rite of Destitution refers to those ancient times when men believed that the planets determined human fate and controlled human passions, and there was a metal by which each planet was controlled. In ancient initiations, candidates were compelled to leave all metals behind, lest they bring into the assembly disturbing planetary influences. While with us, this symbolism no longer has its astrological

character the old point about keeping out disturbing influences remains; the candidate is not to bring into the Lodge room his passions or prejudices lest harmony, which is one of the chief concerns of Masonry, be destroyed.

The Northeast Corner, halfway between the North, Masonically termed, a place of darkness, and the East, a source of light, is traditionally the place where the cornerstone of a building is laid. The Apprentice stands there to receive his first instruction; this signifies that he is the Cornerstone of the future of the Craft. What Apprentices are today, Masonry will become in the future.

The Working Tools represent those moral and spiritual virtues, habits, and forces, by which a man reshapes the crude and often stubborn materials of his nature to adjust himself to the requirements of human society. To become a Mason, a man who has lived carelessly, without a plan, without aim or ideal, must learn to bring system to his life as signified by the Twenty-four Inch Gauge. If he has traits of temper, habits of speech, or defects of character that disturb or injure others and interfere with his proper place in the Brotherhood, as corners of rough stones interfere with putting them into their allotted places in the building, he must rid himself of them with the Common Gavel.

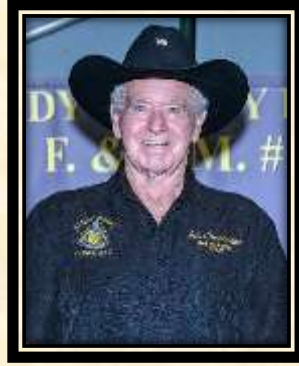
The Entered Apprentice is himself a symbol, one of the noblest in the emblematic system of the Craft. He represents youth, typified by the rising sun, trained youth, willing to submit itself to discipline and to seek knowledge to learn the great Art of Life, which is the real Royal Art, represented and interpreted by all the mysteries of Masonry.

It was through all these symbols and emblems, which our magnificent First Degree gave to you as a man and an Entered Apprentice Mason. We sincerely hope that these suggestions as to the meaning of these symbols and emblems will lead you to seek further for more light, not only that you may become a well-learned Mason, but also for their value to your life outside the Lodge room.

From Your Board of Trustees



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Announcement & Events

November 2021

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6pm FC Degree Team Practice @ MMT		6pm Scottish Rite Meeting 7:30pm Pahrump Officers Meeting		9am SV57 Stated Meeting & Fellowcraft Degree
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		7am Pahrump Lodge Breakfast Club - Terrible's Road House, Pahrump		6pm Pahrump Lodge 54 Stated Communication		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
SV57 Call for TB Articles & Messages		7am Pahrump Lodge Breakfast Club - Terrible's Road House, Pahrump	6pm York Rite Meeting			8am Pahrump 54 Breakfast with a Mason 10am Masonic Study Group
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1pm Legion of Honor Meeting		7am Pahrump Lodge Breakfast Club 6pm Shrine Meeting	Happy Thanksgiving			
28	29	30				

FC Degree

November 6th during Stated Communications

Installation of Officers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 2nd @ 1800 (6pm)

MMT

Installation of Officers

Saturday, December 18th @ 1100 (11am)

Pahrump Lodge

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>
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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

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