



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, October 2, 2021 @ 9am

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

September 2021 A.D. / 6021 A.L.

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

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## From the East

Brethren,

First, let me start by saying how proud I am to serve you as Worshipful Master! Our “little lodge that could” has continued to grow and thrive and this would not be possible, save for the hard work of all of our members in identifying Good Men to bring into our fold.

This is the part of the year where we become extremely busy, we have a very important vote during our upcoming Stated Communication and a called Communication later in the month to conduct our first Master Mason degrees in way too long. I want to publicly thank Brother Montana Williams for his leadership as Chairman of our Ritual & High Twelve Committee, he had a vision to improve our ritual and position ourselves to assist other lodges when necessary; we’re well on our way to completing realizing that vision.

Thank you to Brother Brian Boles for heading up the coordination for moving our Lodge equipment from the Sandy Valley hangar at the recommendation & request of WB George and Chairing our Investigation & Degree Progression Committee, keeping us on track and ensuring none of our candidates “fall through the cracks”. All our Lodge Officers have done nothing but stellar work, stepping up when required and moving us forward into a new era of our evolution as a Lodge.

From WB Mike Kurcab tackling the gargantuan task of righting the ship that is our administrative files and reports, to Brother Cristian Gliga and his Finance & Charity Committee, organizing and simplifying our finances, and all who stepped up to Chair or participate in committees, bring in new candidates, and provided valuable input and recommendations on how to improve our Lodge. I’ve been truly blessed to have such great people around me.

November and December will continue to test our resolve and be full of tasks to accomplish. Representation and participation at the 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada in Reno in November, nominations and balloting for our 2022 Officers, and their Installation of Officers in December are but a few.

Please continue to suggest your ideas for improving our Lodge and engaging with the community we serve in Sandy Valley. We must remain engaged regardless of where we meet. Remember, the Lodge is us...the Brothers, the building we meet in is simply a way to get us out of the environment; YOU are the Sandy Valley Lodge!

*“Stay safe, be responsible, consider others...be Masons!”*

Fraternally from the West,

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## From the West

Brethren,

We are now entering the closing days on 2021, Fall officially begins this week. As the heat of Summer gives way to the temperate temperatures of Fall and football season kicks into high gear, this is my favorite season. I always reflect on the success of the year and look ahead with great anticipation towards the upcoming holidays and the start of an exciting new year. One of the things that stands out to me is my raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason which occurred a few Fall seasons back.

In this time, my Masonic journey has been a value equation. I get from my Masonry even beyond what I put into it. My time in and at the Lodge is a nexus of Fellowship and Enlightenment, through my attendance I attend, extract from it whatever I seek. For instance, we have a very diverse and well-rounded group of active members and officers who vary in age, ethnicity, vocation, religion, culture, and beliefs. I find it very refreshing to hear their ideas and vision of Freemasonry and the future of it. I have learned their ideas, vision, and open minded-ness provide value and challenge me to always look at all things more closely. Its seeds the fields of knowledge and wisdom which creates the light in Masonry guiding our roles as men in our country, communities, neighborhoods, homes—pushing good men, into becoming better men. Masonry is truly a value equation, the more you seek the more you will find, the more you give the more you will receive, the more you love the more you will be loved.

I look forward to seeing everyone from my station in WEST on 10-02-2021.

Fraternally from the South,

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## From the South

Brothers,

I hope everyone is healthy and staying safe. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Stated meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I would like to congratulate Brothers Carl Agbayani and Tarek Schoner on completing their Fellow Craft proficiencies and getting them much closer to being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Congratulations also to Brother Matt Hernandez for completing his Entered Apprentice proficiency.

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

Fraternal Greetings Brethren

Keeping your information up to date is crucial if you would like to receive information about our Lodge and our Fraternity in a timely manner.

If you have not done so, please be sure to take time to update your contact information on the Grand Lodge of Nevada website [www.NVMASONS.ORG](http://www.NVMASONS.ORG).

If you have not yet signed up for an account, please visit [https://nv.grandview.systems/membership\\_registration](https://nv.grandview.systems/membership_registration) to sign up.

*"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](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—September 2021

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

### **THE TENETS (BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH)**

We all know or at least a mason whether a master, fellowcraft, or entered apprentice should have already be told of the principle tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It is important not to overlook the word principle because, although Freemasonry lays the greatest emphasis on these three teachings, there are others of almost equal importance.

By the word “tenet” we mean some teaching so obviously true, so universally accepted, that we believe it without question. Examples are everywhere about us. Good health is better than illness; an industrious man is more useful than an idle one; education is to be preferred to ignorance – these are but a few of the countless examples of the teachings that no intelligent man can possibly question. Everyone takes them for granted. They are TENETS.

Freemasonry considers Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth to be teachings of this kind, true in a sense that no man can question them; they are obvious and self-proving. It is not uncommon for men to consider Brotherly Love, while highly desirable, as not practicable and, therefore, but a vision to be dreamed but never possessed.

Freemasonry, however, considers Brotherly Love to be a tenet thus stating that it is plainly, obviously, and necessarily true. It is highly important that you understand that the teachings of Freemasonry are self-evident realities and not just visionary ideals, otherwise you will never understand Masonic teachings. Freemasonry does not tell us that Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth ought to be true, that it would be better for us all if it were true; it tells us that they are true. They are tremendous realities in human life, and it is as impossible to question their existence as it is to question the ground under our feet, or the sun over our heads. Our question is not whether to believe in them or not, for we cannot help but believe them; our question is, what are we going to do with them?

Love places the highest possible valuation on another person. A man’s mother or father, his wife or sweetheart, his children, his intimate friends, he values not for the advantages he may gain from them, not for their usefulness, but each one for him or herself and only for his or her own sake. We work for such persons, we make sacrifices for them, and we delight to be with them; that, in detail and practice is what is meant by love.

What, then, is Brotherly Love? Manifestly, it means that you place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend, a companion, an associate, a neighbor. Merely to be with him, to spend hours in his company, to work at his side is a privilege. We do not ask that from our relationship we shall make money, further our business interests, or

achieve any selfish gain. Our relationship with a Brother is its own excuse for being, its own justification, and its own reward. Brotherly Love is one of the supreme goods without which life is lonely, unhappy, and ugly. This is not a hope or a dream, but a fact as real as day and night or the law of gravity. Freemasonry builds on that fact, takes it for granted, provides opportunities for us to have such fellowships, encourages us to understand and practice it, and to make it one of the laws of our existence; one of our Principle Tenets.

Relief is one of the forms of Charity. We think of Charity as relief from pauperism. As a rule, the public discharges that responsibility through some form of organized charity financed by general subscriptions or out of public funds. The Masonic conception of Relief is different. While now and then some Brother, through misfortune and no fault of his own, becomes permanently unable to support himself and his family, and is cared for by outside relief, or by his Lodge, such cases are the exception rather than the rule. The qualifications demanded of a petitioner exclude the men who, through indolence or vice, may be expected to lapse into chronic poverty.

Masonic Relief takes for granted that any man, no matter how industrious and frugal he may be, through sudden misfortune, or other conditions over which he has no control, may be in temporary need of a helping hand. To extend it is not what is generally described as charity but is one of the natural an inevitable act of Brotherhood. Any conception of

Brotherhood must include this willingness to give help, aid, and assistance. Therefore, Relief, Masonically understood, is a Tenet.

By Truth, the last of the Principle Tenets, is meant something more than the search for truths in the intellectual sense, though that is included. In any permanent Brotherhood, members must be truthful in character and habit, dependable, men of honor as well as of honesty, men on whom we can rely on to be faithful fellows and loyal friends. Thus understood, Truth is a necessity if a Brotherhood is to exist, and, therefore, we take it for granted as beyond question.

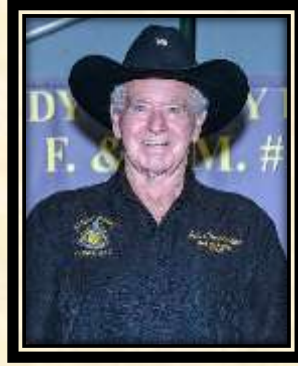
Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are the Principle Tenets of Masonry.

They are the Tenets of Freemasonry because always and everywhere they have been Tenets of successful human life.

## 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



# Announcement & Events

## October 2021

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						9am Stated Communication
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		7am Pahrump Lodge Breakfast Club - Terrible's Road House				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		7am Pahrump Lodge Breakfast Club - Terrible's Road House		6:30pm Pahrump 54 Stated Meeting		8am Pahrump 54 Breakfast with a Mason 10am Masonic Study Group
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		7am Pahrump Lodge Breakfast Club - Terrible's Road House		6pm Master Mason Degree x2		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		7am Pahrump Lodge Breakfast Club - Terrible's Road House				
31	28					

MM Degree Team Rehearsal

TBD



# 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

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		Steven Benjamin	2019
		Dave Sims	2020
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