



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, February 5, 2022 @ 9am (Zoom - Online Meeting)

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

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January 6, 2022

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nevada:

Edict No. 3-2022

Brethren:

I was praying that I would not have to issue this Edict, but with the confirmed number of positive tests of COVID growing daily and with the health and safety of our members and their families in mind, I, hereby, suspend **ALL** Masonic activities until further notice.

For the Lodges that have not yet held their elections for the upcoming year, under Section 5.020 (1) of the Nevada Masonic Code, I, as Grand Master, issue a blanket Dispensation to those Lodges to allow them to hold their elections at a future time when they can meet safely.

While this Edict is in effect, all usual bills such as rent, utilities and services shall be paid when ordered by the Worshipful Master.

I ask that each of you reach out to your Brothers, especially those who are in ill health or are not as active as they once were, by phone, text, email or zoom to make sure that they are well. Offer them the assistance they may need in these unprecedented times.

A written compliance to this Edict shall be transmitted to the office of the Grand Secretary immediately following receipt thereof.

Fraternally,

Michael R. Giles
Grand Master

Attest:
David O. Martinez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary





From the East

Brethren,

Welcome to COVID Round 3, we are now entering year 3 of a reduction of Masonic activities due to this persistent virus. The health and safety of our Brethren is the most important driver behind efforts to limit our activities. We must first and foremost take care of each other. We will adjust and make the best on the world we live in and remain servants to the whole of mankind.

This month, I want to focus on Masonry in America, while we celebrate and honor George Washington our first President and particularly his influence on the development and spread of Masonry in America, I thought this month I would bring it a little closer to home. The Grand Lodge Website (www.nvmasons.org) has a brief history of Nevada Masonry which has a great timeline on the evolution of Masonry across the Silver State. First, prior to Nevada's acceptance into the Union, our masonic lodges were chartered out of the Grand Lodge of California.

While many of us have heard or read bits and pieces of the fascinating history of Masonry in Nevada, what is the whole story. While we don't have the time to document it all in a trestle board message, let's just hit some of the high notes and not so well-known facts.

In January 1865, the Grand Lodge of Nevada organized at the Masonic Hall in Virginia City, Nevada. Five Nevada lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of California attend the first Assembly: Carson, Washoe, Silver Star, Virginia City, Esmeralda, and Escorial. The next day the representatives of the aforementioned lodges and newly chartered Silver City Lodge adopted the proposed constitution.

Masonry grew rapidly in the northern part of the state; however, it was not until 1905 that the first lodge in Clark County was organized. As people settled in the valley the establishment of a lodge to spread masonic light become desired by the good citizens of Las Vegas and Vegas 32 was chartered in 1907. In the years to come we would see phenomenal growth in freemasonry in Southern Nevada, today we have 15 lodges (14 Blue and 1 Research). While membership declined in the last 20 years, recently many lodges are seeing growth, especially ours.

As we celebrate masonic history in February, I encourage each of you to be "ambassadors of light" and seek brothers among your personal and professional circles that are good men who could become better men through freemasonry. Please be patient as we continue to overcome the ups and downs of COVID, know this will pass and we will find a normalcy again...it may not be the old normal, but be the new normal.

Fraternally Serving You,

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From the West

Brothers,

The pandemic once again has forced us to shut down our lodges per the Grand Masters Edict. However, that does not prevent us from meeting virtually, as Worshipful Montana has setup ongoing meetings for us to continue to meet as brothers.

February is the month we celebrate one of our most beloved Masons - George Washington. George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then used Julian calendar. In 1752 however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

Initiated: November 4th, 1752 at the age of 20

Passed: March 3rd, 1753

Raised: August 4th, 1753

George Washington was a proud member of Freemasonry. In his reply to King David's Lodge in Newport, Rhode Island (1870), he clearly indicated his feelings about the order:

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interest of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother."

My Brothers, in closing and regarding COVID - this thing is far from over, but the infection numbers of late are trending in the right direction and hopefully we can meet all again very soon. Take care yourselves, your families, and your Brethren.

Fraternally from the South,

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From the South

Brothers,

During our unanticipated dark months, I hope this message finds you well. I wish we could meet in person and am eagerly anticipating our return to in person meetings. I cannot wait to resume degrees and ritual with my brethren!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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From the Treasurer's Desk

Brothers,

Happy New Year!

I hope all of us had a joyous holiday season and I wish you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness, and prosperity in this New Year.

It is an honor for me to continue to serve our lodge as Treasurer. I would like to thank all Sandy Valley brothers who believed in me, gave me their trust and re-elected me in this position.

Congratulations to all newly installed elected and appointed officers! Congratulations Worshipful Master R. "Montana" Williams!

Looking forward to an excellent 2022!

Fraternally,

Vasile Cristian Gliga

Treasurer

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers,

We are still working through some administrative challenges with online dues payments. There are back-end settings and regulations that need to be addressed for financial reporting purposes.

Please bear with us as we get this worked out.

Also, please be sure to send your dues in. Second notices will be going out shortly.

Please send checks to:

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

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
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Secretary

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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 2022 Masonic Education Lesson Plan

<i>January 2018</i>	Robert Burns
<i>February 2018</i>	George Washington and other Masonic Presidents
<i>March 2018</i>	Local Masonic Organizations
<i>April 2018</i>	Masonic Youth
<i>May 2018</i>	Masonic Community Programs, Charities, and Scholarships
<i>June 2018</i>	Further Education Resources
<i>July 2018</i>	DARK
<i>August 2018</i>	DARK
<i>September 2018</i>	The Entered Apprentice
<i>October 2018</i>	The Appointees – Officers Appointed to their Positions
<i>November 2018</i>	The Elect – Officers Elected to their Positions
<i>December 2018</i>	The Governing Bodies

Approved By:



R. "Montana" Williams
Worshipful Master, 2022

Monthly Education Lecture—January 2022

Provided by Sandy Valley #57 Masonic Education and Leadership Committee

ROBERT BURNS THE POET AND FREEMASON

With the official chartering of Robert Burns Lodge #59 this month here in Las Vegas, and it being Robert Burns month anyway, I feel it appropriate to dedicate this month's education to a Mason many might have heard of: Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland. He was a famous poet and lyricist, and also a Freemason, who was a vocal supporter of the American and French Revolutions. His most famous work is Auld Lang Syne. The very mention of the name "Robert Burns" brings to mind images of red roses, starry-eyed lovers, Tam-O'-Shanter and the Cutty Sark, and the glens of Bonnie Scotland. And while these images describe Scotland's "ploughman poet" to some extent, there is another side of Burns that is not as well known: Burns the radical--Burns, the supporter of the French Revolution--Burns, the critic of religious hypocrisy and Puritanism--Burns, the Freemason.

While this image may not be as comfortable with many as the love-struck yeoman bard is, Burns echoed the sentiments of many of his day, calling for "liberty, fraternity and equality", and speaking out against the excesses of the secular, as well as religious establishment.

Robert Burns was initiated on 4 July 1781, at the age of 23, five years to the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 01 October 1781. He was a mason for approximately 15 years, dying at age 37 in 1796. His brother Gilbert followed his footsteps, and Robert was present when Gilbert was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 1786.

Robert Burns Day is traditionally his birthday, 25 January, but we are meeting today with a Robert Burns and Scottish theme to pay homage to one of Scotland and Freemasonry's greats.

He was raised in a household frustrated with the power structures of the religious and political institutions of the time, and found solace and inspiration in the fraternal and cultural experience of Freemasonry, and was very widely liked and recognized by the brethren, and was toasted by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at a meeting they both attended. He drew heavily on the support of his brothers during times of great emotional and spiritual duress, and they in turn encouraged his growth and continuance of poetry.

Sadly, few people are aware that Robert Burns was a Freemason and remained so all of his adult life, indeed he was Senior Warden of Lodge St Andrew, Dumfries, (dormant) when he died. However, the physical and mental toll of his hard life, plus growing financial burdens, weakened him, and in 1796, Burns died of rheumatic heart disease, caused by his lack of a healthy diet in his younger years (Fox, p.7, McLeod, p.171).

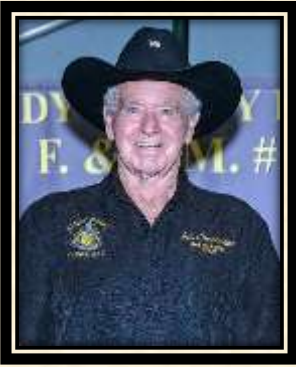
However, physical and financial matters were not the only things that troubled Robert; The Kirk of Scotland (The Presbyterian Church) and its opposition to his lifestyle was another. In particular, Burns's sexual escapades caused much hostility between him and the church. Burns fathered a number of illegitimate children, including one by his future wife, Jean Armour, the daughter of a Master Mason. Burns wanted to marry Jean; her father refused, and Burns and Jean appeared for penance in church to "receive public reproof for the sin of fornication" (Dachies, p.36; Boot; McLeod, p.165). Burns would continue his rampant sexual activities right up until several years before his death. He never stopped his literary war against Scottish Calvinism, and lampooned it in a number of poems, including "Holy Willie's Prayer", "The Holy Fair", and others.

Besides his rather libertine sex life, Burns was also a political radical, and a rather strange mix at that. From reading Scottish history, Burns became an ardent nationalist, writing many romantic ballads about Scottish attempts to secure their independence from the English, from Robert the Bruce to Bonnie Prince Charlie. This can be seen in poems like "Scots wha Hae", "Charlie is My Darling", "The White Cockade", and many others.

Even fewer people are aware of the Masonic content of his work. One of his most famous: A Man's a Man for a' That, was sung at the official opening of the new Scottish parliament and delivered by folk singer Sheena Wellington from a balcony

overlooking the debating chamber. Freemasons, especially Scottish Freemasons, all over the world are intensely proud that a Masonic Anthem was chosen to mark this historic occasion.

From Your Board of Trustees



John Pennington Jr
Past Master 2009 & 2014



Dave Sims
Past Master 2020



Albert A Navarro II
Junior Past Master 2021

As your Junior Past Master and on behalf of your Lodge Trustees, I would like to thank you for your trust and continued support. Additionally, I would like to use this opportunity to educate our newer members on the Powers, Duties of Board of Trustees. I accordance with Section 5.246 Powers, Duties of Board of Trustees of the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Free And Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada:

1. As provided in the Nevada Revised Statutes the corporate powers of a Lodge are vested in its Board of Trustees.
2. The Board of Trustees shall:
 - (a) Have charge of all real and personal property belonging to the Lodge and shall transact all business relative thereto as provided in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
 - (b) Complete the form reports concerning audits and return the same to the Grand Secretary as required by Section 4.310.
 - (c) Perform such other duties as are required by the Constitution, regulations of the Grand Lodge and the bylaws of the Lodge.

To this end, rest assured that your Trustees will carry out these duties to best of our abilities and always with the benefit of the craft and lodge as its guide.

I hope to see you all in attendance this year.

Fraternally,

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Announcements and Events

February 2022

SANDY VALLEY LODGE
F. & A.M. No. 57



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		6pm Eastern Star Communication Henderson Shrine Club Meeting	6am Weepah Meeting 8:30pm Spiritual Trestle Board Class - Online			9am Sandy Valley 57 Stated Communication - Zoom Online Meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7:30pm Pahrup 54 Officers Meeting			8:30pm Spiritual Trestle Board Class - Online	6:30pm Pahrup 54 Stated Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		6pm Eastern Star Communication	8:30pm Spiritual Trestle Board Class - Online			8am Breakfast with a Mason (Pahrup)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
12pm Legion of Honor Meeting		7pm Zetrah Shrine Stated Meeting	8:30pm Spiritual Trestle Board Class - Online			
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

February Masonic Birthdays

Steven M. Benjamin	02/18/2012
Cyril D. Bradshaw	02/18/2012
Jeffrey L. Chambers	02/10/1990
Charles Hal Coleman	02/19/2015
Buzz D. Ingram	02/08/2012
Curtis L. Mattke	02/17/1987
Mathew M. McCarthy	02/18/2012
Albert A. Navarro II	02/14/2014

February Birthdays

Gary D. Boozer	02/03/1947
Chester M. Gordon	02/10/1936
Matthew Hernandez	02/16/1993
Todd T. Kennedy	02/08/1962
Tarek Richard Schoner	02/04/1969
Jeffrey Vrabel	02/10/1971

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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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.

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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

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R. Montana Williams	Worshipful Master 702-743-7143	Donald Daum	UD 2001
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Charles Mallard	Senior Steward 702-430-0962	Mike Barry	2010
John Stelsel	Junior Steward	Wade Schneiderman	2011
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Carl Agbayani	Communications Mason 702-375-8709	Michael Kurcab	2015
		Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
		Mathew McCarthy	2017
		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
		Steven Benjamin	2019
		Dave Sims	2020
		Albert A Navarro II	2021
TRUSTEES		AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS	
3-Year	Albert A Navarro II, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	Dave Sims, P.M.	Fred Horne	
1-Year	John Pennington, P.M.	*George Gilbert	
		Terry Baker	
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	Harry Christopher, P.M.	Richard Hunker	
	Frank Merica, P.M.	*Clifford Wiltse	
		*Dave White	
HONORARY PAST MASTERS		Greg Curtain	
*Parke Potter	2007		*Deceased