



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, March 5, 2022 @ 9am

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

February 2022 A.D. / 6022 A.L.

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February 17, 2022

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nevada

**Edict No. 4-2022**

Greetings:

Since issuing Edict 3-2022, on a daily basis I have been reviewing the positive test rates and hospitalization rates related to Covid-19 as well as the wastewater monitoring numbers. It appears all those numbers are declining. When you consider the drop in numbers, the ample supply of vaccines and the monoclonal antibodies that have been distributed throughout the state we appear to be in much better shape than just a short time ago.

Considering Governor Sisolak's recent Directive #052 and the above-mentioned decline in numbers, Edict 3-2022 will terminate on February 28, 2022. Recognizing that each Lodge is different, prior to March 1, 2022, the Master of each Lodge is to determine what health and safety protocols are to be put in place within his Lodge.

Keep in mind that we are not out of the woods with this illness. It is likely that we will just have to learn to live with the virus much as we do the annual flu and the common cold. It is up to each member to use common sense about their health; if you do not feel well or are running a temperature, for the safety of all our Brothers, stay home.

Fraternally,

Michael R. Giles  
Grand Master

Attest:

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





## From the East

Brethren,

RESUMPTION OF LABOR: the gavel has SOUNDED in the East, and we are now returning to our labors. The Grand Master has issued Edict No. 4-2022 with terminates Edict No.2-2022. Edict 4-2022 authorizing the Master of each Lodge to resume of masonic labors at their discretion and determine the safety protocols for lodge meetings and associated activities.

Therefore, Sandy Valley #57 will return to our labors. On March 5, 2022, we will have our first 2022 stated communication @ 0900hrs at Pahrump Masonic Lodge. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

The following health and safety protocols will be established until further notice for all Sandy Valley masonic activities:

1. If you are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms, the flu, a bad cold, or have a recent contact with someone diagnosed with or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19—STAY AT HOME, we will see you at our next meeting or event.
2. Brethren and guests are to use common sense regarding their personal health and protect themselves accordingly during all Sandy Valley 57 masonic activities.

This month, we will be approving our 2022 operating budget, assigning a finance committee and trustees to conduct a review of our 2022 and beyond financial situation, discuss upcoming lodge events, if ready—proficiency exams will be held, and at the close of business we will recess and prepare to conduct an EA degree—for Justin Sobota.

*Fraternally Serving You,*

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## From the West

Brothers,

WE ARE BACK! With the Grand Master's latest Edict (4-2022) we are cleared for all Masonic activities. That being said, it's time we get back to work, as we have many degrees to confer this year. It will start with an EA Degree that we will confer after our stated meeting on March 5th, followed by getting our waiting Fellow Crafts raised as soon as possible to the sublime degree of Master Mason over the next couple months.

As we push through the winter it will once again break and like the acacia that comes forth again so shall our amazing spring weather. March brings great weather which in turn gives us plenty of time to spend enjoying time with our families and Brothers. It induces a spirit of unity between mankind. Spring cleaning should be done to clear out the dust, this is also a suitable time to reestablish the habit of getting back into the lodge on a regular basis to enhance not just yours but all of ours fraternal experience. We are in this together as one family.

To our Brothers who need any help in learning any ritual or proficiencies please do not hesitate to ask some of our other Brothers how they go about learning, and what works best for them. There is a wealth of knowledge easily available to all of us, just ask.

I look forward to our work this coming year, and continuing to grow and develop our lodge.

Fraternally from the South,

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## From the South

Brothers,

I'm beside myself with anticipation to meet again! I hope this message finds you well and that your months are just as brightened at the prospect of meeting as mine. As we are a bit short on meetings this year, expect the rest of the year to be a busy one!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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## From the Treasurer's Desk

Brothers,

As predicted, and furthermore, desired by all, we are finally getting back to our regular program. It's so good to be back in-person and confer personality and vivacity to our meetings.

Our lodge, as any other entity, besides the much needed mental and sentimental support, needs financial sustenance. The first thing we can do to sustain and maintain our fraternity structure is to contribute to our lodge and send in the annual membership dues. Thank you

for doing so!

Let's now recover ourselves from long periods of non-in-person meetings and enjoy the spring!

Fraternally,

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers,

I am looking forward to meeting once again in March. Worshipful Montana's goals for this year were aggressive but achievable. While the Grand Master's Edict did impact our momentum, these goals are still in reach. Please help us celebrate a successful 20th Anniversary of Sandy Valley Lodge #57 by helping us achieve our goals.

Please be sure to pay your dues if you have not done so already.

Make checks payable to:  
**Sandy Valley Lodge #57**

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**1420 Duluth Dr**  
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*"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 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:



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R. "Montana" Williams  
Worshipful Master, 2022

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## Monthly Education Lecture—February 2022

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

### THE TRUE “WIDOW’S SON”—GEORGE WASHINGTON

The life of George Washington and the introduction of Masonry into America is remarkably concurrent. Washington himself entered this world on February 22, 1732, and the first Masonic lodges appeared in the following year in Boston, Philadelphia and Charleston, SC. He was a true “widow’s son” his father having died when he was but 11 years old and his mother superintending his early education.

Even in his boyhood he is said to have manifested a military taste and to have exerted a commanding influence over his youthful associates, and by the age of 19 he had achieved the position of Adjutant General in the Virginia Militia. Such he’d already achieved when at the age of 20 he first offered himself to Fredericksburg Lodge as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. He was initiated on Nov. 4th, 1752, passed on March 3rd, 1753, and raised to the sublime degree on August 4th, four months later. In November of that same year, he was commissioned by the Governor of Virginia to journey to Ohio and demand, in his name, that the French relinquish and depart the territory, and cease to intrude what was considered England’s domain. This of course the French refused to do. Following his return to Virginia and upon the death of his commanding officer, Colonel Fry in 1754, Washington was placed at the head of Virginia’s troops. His first lessons in active military life were direct experience, for he had few to council and none to guide him. His campaign was short, ending in July of that same year with his capitulation to the French at Fort Necessity. This marks the only time in his life when he ever struck his flag to a foe.

Of his first six years as a Mason, five of those were spent in conflict, and thus his attendance in his own lodge in Fredericksburg was infrequent, but tradition states that Washington and his Masonic brethren held Military lodges during the war, and there is a cave near Charleston, Virginia which is to this day referred to as Washington’s Masonic Cave. It is divided into several apartments, one of which is called “the lodge room” and it is said that he and his brothers held their lodges here.

After the war, he took a seat in the Colonial Assembly of Virginia, and in the same month, married Mrs. Martha Custis, a wealthy and accomplished widow whose ample fortune enabled them to maintain a style of living equal to Virginia gentlemen of the first rank of society. The next 15 years of his life were spent in domestic retirement, interrupted only by his public duties as a member of the Colonial Assembly, and his duties as Master of Alexandria lodge #22, near Mount Vernon.

Then, in 1774, when the clouds of political adversity were gathering above our country, a congress of delegates was convened in Philadelphia, to which Washington was a representative of the State of Virginia. The conflict had already begun at Lexington and Concord, and Washington was elected as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army. He was 43. On the same day, in Boston, the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought, and American Masonry lost General Joseph Warren, Grand Master of Massachusetts in the battle. This was the first grand sacrifice of Masonry at the altars of liberty but would not be the last.

On taking command of his army, one of Washington’s chief duties was to provide for the comfort and necessities of his troops. At this time a movement was begun to establish a Masonic lodge in the camp. They applied for and received dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the American Union Lodge was formed. Tradition holds that Washington attended often, though the loss of their records prevents us from verifying this, with the notable exception of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, held on December 28, 1777, the record of which still exists and bears his name.

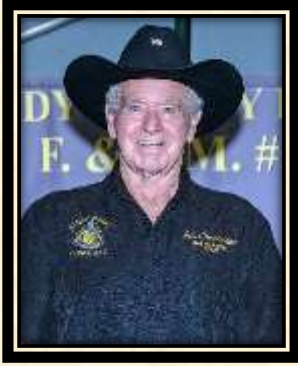
In 1780, however, an attempt was made to unify the colonies into one Masonic Grand Body, and specifically named General George Washington as the first General Grand Master of Masons of the United States of America, but this attempt

was put off until such time as “a general peace shall happily take place throughout the continent”. This concept never gained traction, and independent Grand Lodges formed within each state, similarly to the political independence held by states in the early days following the revolution. From this action arose, undoubtedly, the wide-spread appellation of the title of General Grand Master for Washington, which, though a historical error, has not yet been eradicated from the minds of the public, or of many Masons, a Myth made stronger by the fact that almost every Masonic jurisdiction in America today has at least one lodge bearing to his name, and that many dedicated their first Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of England editions to him.

Upon his death on December 14th, 1799, just days before the turn of the new century, he was buried with Masonic honors, and lodges throughout the country held Lodges of Sorrow during the entire month. A Golden Urn containing a lock of his hair, along with his Masonic apron and regalia are on display at the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, where he was first made a Mason, and though he held no Masonic office, other than that of Past Master of his lodge in Alexandria, Washington is and ever shall be regarded as the great patron of American Freemasonry.



## 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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# MARCH

LEGEND	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SHRINE			1 HENDERSON SHRINE CLUB	2 WEEPDAH SHRINE CLUB	3 SCOTTISH RITE	4 VEGAS 32 LODGE 7:30 PM	5 INDIAN SPRINGS LODGE 10:00 AM SANDY VALLEY LODGE 9:00 AM
SHRINE CLUBS / UNITS			NELLIS LODGE 7:00 PM BOULDER CITY LODGE 7:30 PM STARDUST OES 7:30 PM	MT. MORIAH LODGE 7:30 PM ACACIA LODGE 7:0 PM	DHAHRAN DAYLIGHT LODGE 12:00 PM DAYLITE OES 12:00 PM		JOBS DAUGHTERS Music Bingo Hands Across Borders with Idaho - OES
MASONS							
Q							
SCOTTISH RITE							
YORK RITE							
LOS							
NILE							
AMARANTH							
BEAUCEANT							
OES							
OTHER SHRINES							
JOBS DAUGHTERS							
RAINBOW							
Outside Organization Events Held at Shrine							
	6 DAYLITE LODGE 12:00 PM OASIS LODGE 7:00 PM	7 SUNRISE OES 7:30 PM Rainbow, Boulder #8 Rainbow, Vegas #9	8 FLIVVERS	9 PARK OES 7:30 Rainbow, Daylite #22	10 SILVER CORD LODGE 7:30 PM PAHRUMP LODGE 7:30 NORTHSTAR OES 7:30 PM LOS	11 CLOWNS KING SOLOMON LODGE 7:00 PM	12 POV BOULDER CITY SHRINE CLUB Sunrise OES- School of Instruction 9:00 am & 10:30 am Sunrise OES Kickoff 2:30 pm
	13 Northstar OES OV 10:00 am	14 AVIATION SOUTHGATE OES 7:30 PM	15 TACO TUESDAY 4:30 - 7:30 STARDUST OES 7:30 PM	16 YORK RITE BEAUCEANT ROBERT BURNS LODGE 7:00 PM	17 DHAHRAN DAYLIGHT LODGE 9:30 AM DAYLITE OES 12:00 PM NILE CHAIRMAN'S CLUB OPENING OF BOOK	18 JOBS DAUGHTERS POTE'S BALL 5:00 DESERT OES OV 6:00 PM	19
	20 LOH RESEARCH LODGE 1:00 PM STARDUST OES OV 10:00	21 DESERT OES 7:30 PM	22 BOD STATED SHRINE CHAIRMAN CLUB SUNRISE OES 7:30 PM Rainbow, Boulder #8 Rainbow, Vegas #9	23 PARK OES 7:30 Rainbow, Daylite #22	24 BOULDER CITY SHRINE CLUB Q NORTHSTAR OES 7:30 PM	25 Vegas 32 Family Dinner Quad State Across Borders - OES - Wyoming IALOH - MASA - MANASSES	26 AMARANTH
	27 ROADRUNNER SHRINE CLUB PARK OES - SPRING FLING IALOH - MASA - MANASSES Quad State Across Borders - OES - Wyoming	28 SOUTHGATE OES 7:30 PM	29	30	31 ORIENTAL GUIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE		

## Announcements and Events

### March Masonic Birthdays

Michael G. Barry, P.M. 3/13/1995  
D. Travis Nordyke 3/25/2013

### March Birthdays

John S. Pennington Sr. 3/22/1941  
Dennis A. Williams 3/22/1944  
Marion O. Madden Jr. 3/28/1944  
Ron Krever 3/28/1945  
Frank F. Heyer, P.M. 3/29/1938  
Eli J. Armstrong 3/07/1990  
Gregory F. Curtin, P.M. 3/21/1980  
Ian W. Johnson 3/22/1980  
Aaron M. Sharp 3/15/1977  
Brett T. Williams 3/31/1993  
Phillip M. Pupanek 3/16/1948

# 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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TO OUR FELLOW LODGE'S THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN NEVADA:

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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
		Albert A Navarro II	2021
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1-Year	John Pennington, P.M.	*George Gilbert	
		Terry Baker	
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	*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