

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, June 4, 2022 @ 9am

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

May 2022 A.D. / 6022 A.L.

www.sandyvalley57.com

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

Sandy Valley Lodge №. 57, F.: & A.: M.:

1420 Duluth Dr Las Vegas, NV 89117



April 23rd, 2022

RE: Notice of Resolution to Amend the By-Laws

Dear Brother,

Please find the enclosed resolutions to amend our Lodge's Bylaws which will be read and voted upon at our stated meeting on **June 4**th, **2022**.

This letter will serve as the proper notification as required by the Nevada Masonic Code Section 4.260 Bylaws for the consideration of and action upon the resolutions listed below.

Please contact the Members of the Bylaws Committee or the Worshipful Master if you have any questions regarding the resolutions.

Resolution #1: Proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 1

WHEREAS, Article III, Meetings of the Lodge, Section I states, "The Stated Communication of this Lodge shall be held on the first Saturday in each month, unless it is a part of a Holiday weekend, in which case it shall be the following Saturday, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A. M. The Lodge will not have a Stated Meeting during July and August."

"Section 2. Special Communications may be called at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master."

"Section 3. No communications other than for Masonic funerals shall be held on Sunday."

WHEREAS, Some members of the Lodge have expressed the desire to meet later in the day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, in accordance with <u>Section 4.260 Bylaws</u>, Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 amends Article III, Meetings of the Lodge, Section I to read, The Stated Communication of this Lodge shall be held on the first Saturday in each month, unless it is a part of a Holiday weekend, in which case it shall be the following Saturday, at the hour of **10:00 o'clock A. M**. The Lodge will not have a Stated Meeting during July and August.

Resolution #2: Proposed Amendment to Article IX

WHEREAS, Article IX, Fees, Section 1 states, "The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows:

For the degree of Entered Apprentice	\$50
For the degree of Fellowcraft	\$50
For the degree of Master Mason	\$50

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[(No Lodge shall confer the three degrees for a less fee than \$50) and fees must accompany the petition (See Section 4.550 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.))"

WHEREAS, the cost of materials required for the degrees has significantly increased since the formation of the Lodge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, in accordance with <u>Section 4.260 Bylaws</u>, Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 amends Article IX, Fees, Section 1 to read, "The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows:

For the degree of Entered Apprentice \$75 For the degree of Fellowcraft \$100 For the degree of Master Mason \$100

[(No Lodge shall confer the three degrees for a less fee than \$50) and fees must accompany the petition (See Section 4.550 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.))

Resolution #3: Proposed Amendments to Article X

WHEREAS, Article X, Dues, Section 1 states, "The annual dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$35 plus the Grand Lodge per capita assessment."

WHEREAS, Article X, Dues, Section 2 states, "Any member who has been suspended for nonpayment of his dues shall be restored to membership upon payment of all arrearages."

WHEREAS, Article X Dues, Section 3 States, Any member in good standing may withdraw from membership by paying his dues and notifying the Lodge to that effect at a stated communication; but no recommendatory certificate shall be issued unless ordered by the Lodge.

WHEREAS, the cost of the operation of the Lodge has significantly increased due to inflation, and new building related expenses

WHEREAS, the long-term financial health of the Lodge is necessary to ensure the existence of Sandy Valley Lodge well into the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, in accordance with <u>Section 4.260 Bylaws</u>, Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 amends Article X, Dues, Section 1 to read, The annual dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$65 plus the Grand Lodge per capita assessment.

AND THAT, in accordance with <u>Section 4.260 Bylaws</u>, Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 amends Article X, Dues, Section 2 to read, <u>the annual dues shall increase by a sum of \$5.00 in each odd-numbered year, beginning in the year 2025, at the review and approval of the Lodge Trustees.</u>

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AND THAT, in accordance with <u>Section 4.260 Bylaws</u>, Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 amends Article X, Dues, Section 3 to read, Any member who has been suspended for nonpayment of his dues shall be restored to membership upon payment of all arrearages.

AND THAT, in accordance with <u>Section 4.260 Bylaws</u>, Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 adds Article X, Dues, Section 4 to read, Any member in good standing may withdraw from membership by paying his dues and notifying the Lodge to that effect at a stated communication; but no recommendatory certificate shall be issued unless ordered by the Lodge.

Effective Date: Any resolutions passed by the Lodge to amend the bylaws and Approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and/or at the Next Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada shall become effective **January 1**, **2023.**

Respectfully Submitted by the Bylaws Committee,

Worshipful Montana Williams, Master & Chair David P. Sims, P.M.

John S. Pennington, P.M. Albert A. Navarro, P.M.

Brian Boles Brett Williams



From the East
Greetings from the East,

Fraternally Serving You,

R. Montana Williams Worshipful Master Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-743-7143 (Cell) Montana.Williams@gmail.com



From the West
Brothers,

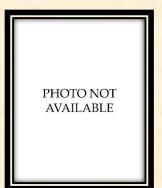
Greetings from the West~

I want to send out a special thank you to our Degree Team who put on amazing Degree for Brother Joseph Walker, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 21st. I had the honor and privilege of conferring this Degree, which was my first time ever conferring a 3rd Degree. Thank you to all. There is still work to do, and if anyone wants to jump in and join our degree team and help out the Lodge, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We are headed full steam in the direction of Summer. The Solstice is less than a month away and the warm summer nights will soon be upon us. One of my favorite times of the year with BBQ's, Pool Parties, and just generally enjoying the sunshine and each other.

Fraternally from the South,

Brian Boles Senior Warden Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-743-7143 (Cell) Brian@switch.com



From the South Brothers,

MENU:

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brett Williams
Junior Warden
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From the Treasurer's Desk

Brethren,

I am happy to say that our meetings and degrees are extremely enjoyable and educational.

As we all know, the support of a Lodge is based on membership, donations, fundraising, etc. Therefore, we encourage any additional program that complements our financial sustainability.

Thank you for your contribution with the annual membership dues as well as with your donations. And I encourage everyone to continue showing support to our brotherhood.

The Summer Break is coming, therefore enjoy your vacation!

Fraternally,

Vasile Cristian Gliga Treasurer Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 626-354-9670 (Cell) odge@Cristian Gliga.com



From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

We are halfway through the year and, even with the brief halt on Masonic activity earlier in the year, Worshipful Montana has had a successful start in continuing to lead this Lodge into the next 20 years. Change, even in Freemasonry, is inevitable. It is how we grow. At this upcoming stated meeting we will have the opportunity to enact change that will ensure our financial stability moving forward. I am very proud of this Lodge. I am honored to have been Raised in Sandy Valley Lodge #57, to be a Past Master of this Lodge, and to be able to serve

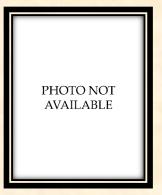
you all as Secretary. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need help in your Masonic journeys.

Please help me help you by logging into Grandview and making sure your contact information is correct. Uploading pictures is also helpful. If there is information missing about your Masonic Career or achievements, please let me know so I can make sure your Masonic Record is complete. You can login to Grandview at nymasons.org/brothers.

"The safest way to make laws respected is to make them respectable."

— Frédéric Bastiat

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Michael J. Kurcab, P.M.
Secretary
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From the Lodge Social Media Manager & Webmason

Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well! I am happy to announce that you can now pay your annual dues on our website.

On the Home Page, please scroll down to the bottom and you will see the word "Dues" with a drop down below it. You may choose either \$74 for one year or \$1,550 for a Lifetime Membership. The amounts are higher than normal due to fees associated with PayPal.

Thank you and have a Blessed Day!

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

Respectfully,

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Annual Masonic Education





Sandy Valley #57 2022 Masonic Education Lesson Plan

January 2022 Robert Burns February 2022 George Washington March 2022 Local Masonic Organizations April 2022 Masonic Youth May 2022 Masonic Community Programs, Charities, and Scholarships June 2022 **Purther Education Resources** July 2022 DARK August 2022 DARK September 2022 The Entered Apprentice October 2022 The Appointees - Officers Appointed to their Positions November 2022 The Elect - Officers Elected to their Positions December 2022 The Governing Bodies

Approved By:

R. "Montana" Williams Worshipful Master, 2022

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Monthly Education Lecture—March 2022

Provided by Sandy Valley #57 Masonic Education and Leadership Committee

GET INVOLVED—YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE OF THE CRAFT

In 1919, Frank Land, as Master Mason, visited with Louis Lower, the son of a Lodge member who had passed. Following their initial meeting, Frank Land invited Louis and eight of his friends to meet at the Masonic Temple in Kansas City, MO where they founded the Order of DeMolay.

Today DeMolay International is an international fraternal organization for young men ages 12 to 21. It was founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1919 and named for Jacques de Moley, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar. DeMolay is open for membership to young men between the ages of 9 and 21 who acknowledge a higher spiritual power. It has about 15,000 active members worldwide. Although young women are not permitted to join DeMolay, chapters are permitted to elect chapter "sweethearts" and "princesses."

DeMolay has seven Cardinal Virtues, taught as its basic ideals. They are:

- Filial love (the love between a child and their parent): which is the love and the kindness we should have with our parents, the ones that gave us birth and taught us the first lessons in our lives. Through them we had the first lessons of kindness, respect, and the belief in God.
- Reverence for sacred things: it means to believe in God (independent on the religion) and to respect other's beliefs.
- Courtesy: kindness, respect and solidarity are principles that a DeMolay tries to practice in his life. Philanthropy is only valid when it is done by heart and soul.
- Comradeship: is to be a faithful friend, not only in good times, but also in hard times.
- Fidelity: is to believe and follow your own values and virtues; yet keeping in secret everything which is entrusted. Fidelity is to be faithful to God, your homeland, and your friends, following the Jacques DeMolay fidelity lead, who preferred to die instead of betraying his companions or break with his pledge.
- Cleanness: means to be an ideal citizen, pure in soul and heart; it is to always have a clear conscience. It means to keep your mind away from everything that is against the values of a good citizen.
- Patriotism: is to respect and defend our homeland, our democracy, our state and our city overall. It calls for maintenance for the respect of public heritage, such as schools, asylum, orphanage, and hospitals that support people in need.

In 1922, Reverend Mark Sexson, a Master Mason in McAlester, OK, having worked with the Order of DeMolay saw a similar need for young women and founded the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls ages 12-20.

Today, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) is a Masonic youth service organization which teaches leadership training through community service. Young women (ages 10-20) learn about the value of charity and service through their work and involvement with their annual local and Grand (state or country) service projects.

- Love: The International Order of the Rainbow for girls is an organization that is built on Love. It teaches us that we should love those around us our father, mother, siblings, and friends. Love is the link that binds all of us together, no matter how far apart we may be.
- Religion: Though we teach the lesson of religion, we do not require that members of our order believe in any one Religion over another. We ask that they believe in a higher power. Our members have found that a belief in a Higher Power enhances the lessons that they are taught in Rainbow and service to others helps them to feel closer to their creator and grow in their faith.

- Nature: We can often miss out on the beauty of nature in a world that moves so fast. This lesson is about taking the time to experience the beauty and joy that comes from being in the out of doors. It gives us time to clear our heads and reconnect to the people and activities that matter most.
- Immortality: Immortality is not about death; it is about the afterlife and the footprints left behind. The impression you make and the lives you change will live on after you pass. Death is a part of life, but it is not the end, it is merely the end of one journey and the beginning of another. The people we love continue to live on in the memories of those that remain behind.
- Fidelity: Loyalty to your family, friends, school, and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is one of the most important characteristics that a young woman can possess. To have truth, honor, and honesty in your life and to make it important will make you a valuable part of this organization.
- Patriotism: Love of country and flag is taught at this station. Today, both men and women serve this country and protect our flag; we owe them more than we can ever give for protecting our country and our way of life.
- Service: Though all the lessons of Rainbow are important, Service is the cornerstone of our order. Service to family, school, community, and each other is the most important act we can ever do in this life. The opportunity to better our community and world is a chance to make our own life better.
- Faith: What we believe can define our life, whether it is a belief in a higher power or in our family and friends. Our faith is what pushes forward, it gives our life direction and helps us to strive and fulfill our dreams.
- Hope: Hope is an invisible feature in all of our lives, no matter where we travel, hope is never far behind. It helps us believe in the kindness and virtue of others and it gives us the strength to get through the day. It is a combination of faith and love. It asks us to trust in ourselves and in others and to believe in the goodness of the world.
- Charity: Charity and service go hand in hand in this organization. Charity is doing a kind act for someone else, never asking for recognition for the deed. In our ceremonies it says, "Charity is the embodiment of everything good, it includes not only alms for the poor and kindness for the distress." It is through loving service, kindness and charity that we discover the real secrets to life.

Founded in 1920, by Ethel T. Wead Mick in Omaha, Nebraska, The Order of Job's Daughters. Today, the purpose of Job's Daughters International is to band together young girls to strive to build character through moral and spiritual development. Goals include a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures, loyalty to one's country, and that country's flag, and respect for parents, guardians, and elderly. Members can be found in the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines, and Brazil. Girls aged 10-20 can join Job's Daughters International Youth Group.

Job's Daughters perform service projects to help their community and the less fortunate. We actively support the Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund, which purchases hearing assistive devices for hearing impaired children. They also gain valuable leadership experience, serve as part of a team, and learn democratic principles as they run their own meetings, decide their own activities, and plan their own events.

Job's Daughters is an organization for young women that provides a safe place for girls to have fun, learn leadership skills, and be an active part of their community! Young women have an opportunity to bloom, lead, and soar, and Job's Daughters gives them the tools to do exactly that.

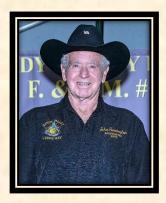
- BLOOM: Through local gatherings, we provide a safe and fun place for girls to become confident women. Activities might include a movie night, scavenger hunt, local gatherings, and more fun things!
- LEAD: Through business meetings, leadership camps, and organizing events and fundraisers, young women develop the leadership skills needed to be amazing leaders.
- SOAR: Through Job's Daughters young women are set-up to soar in whatever they put their minds to! And scholarships to help them get there, life-long friends and supporters.

These youth organization promote the values of our Masonic Fraternity to our next generation. The world will benefit from the lessons that we can impart to our children, and our Masonic youth organizations are a way to directly accomplish that. This does not diminish what we do as Masons, but rather strengthens us.

However, without Masonic support both Rainbow and DeMolay will struggle. There is a group of very dedicated Brothers that do an incredible amount of work for these young men and women, and a much larger group of dedicated advisors both inside and outside of the Fraternity. Our hope is that in meeting the young men and young ladies, and seeing how incredible they are, that you will also be moved to participate, even in the smallest of ways. While there is somewhat of a renaissance happening in Rainbow right now, DeMolay is struggling with Advisor support and members. Rainbow Assemblies across the state are growing, but the girls still need your support.

If asked, brother who has served as advisors within our masonic youth organization, will say with all sincerity that there is no better feeling than watching a young man or young woman grow into adulthood with the love, care, strength, and intelligence to make a difference in the world, and knowing that we had at least a small part in their development. Active involvement in our youth organizations provides benefits beyond comprehension, including developing a better understanding of Masonic Family, how crucial this is to the success of our organizations, and how wonderful it feels to be a part of it. It will make you a better Mason and a better man and ultimately, isn't that the goal of our Masonic teachings?

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

June Masonic Birthdays

Frank F. Heyer, P.M. 6/14/1963 William A. Hogan Buck 6/02/2007 Harold Scalzo Jr., P.M. 6/16/2009 David Gene Harvey 6/26/2014 Ian W. Johnson 6/16/2012

June Birthdays

6/02/1933
6/04/1955
6/29/1953
6/21/1972
6/27/1947
6/11/1970
6/22/1942
6/19/1969

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/

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TO OUR FELLOW LODGE'S THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN NEVADA:

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Fraternally,

Al Navarro II, P.M.

TB Editor,

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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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Cristian Gliga	Treasurer 626-354-9670	Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2004
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Cyril Bradshaw	Chaplain 702-610-2507	Al Oppegard	2006
Michael Kearns	Senior Deacon 702-425-6330	Troy Schneiderman	2007
Carl Agbayani	Junior Deacon 702-375-8709	Michael L. Rodgers	2008
Buzz Ingram	Marshall 702-800-1388	John Pennington	2009
Charles Mallard	Senior Steward 702-430-0962	Mike Barry	2010
John Stelsel	Junior Steward	Wade Schneiderman	2011
Russell Gray	Tyler 303-901-7044	Fred Horne	2012
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		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	
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Frank Merica, P.M.		*Clifford Wiltse	
Tu	2	*Dave White	
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*Parke Potter	2007		*Deceased