



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57
Free and Accepted Masons

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Most Worshipful Michael R. Giles
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



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From the East

Greetings from the East,

I guess you can say, I am officially beginning the fall season of my year as your Worshipful Master. It has been an absolute joy to serve our lodge. I have been the beneficiary of incredible support and sage wisdom along the way.

This month, I want to take a couple minutes to discuss SERVICE. I am often asked by individuals outside our fraternity—"what do Masons do?" For the first few years of my personal masonic journey, I attempt to describe everything, thinking that if I cited all the deeds and programs, it would somehow boost of our great fraternal attributes and esteem in the public eye.

A couple of years ago, during one of my business trips, a fellow traveler noticed a Masonic Ring on my finger and asked that age old questions "what to Masons do"? I began to cite all our deeds as normal—then I paused realizing that he wasn't interest in the War and Peace version, so I stated simply—WE SERVE—Our World, Our Nation, Our Communities, Our People, Our Families, and Our Brothers.

The definition of Masonic service takes on many meanings and it means diverse things to different brothers. For me, service is the foundation of our fraternity—it has been our rock since the dawn of speculative freemasonry. In the early 17th century, "gentlemen masons" entered the craft for a variety of purposes, but largely to serve their communities, brotherhood, and families. My life has been about service since the day I raised my right hand 36 years ago and declare I would give my life if necessary to serve my country and mankind. That type of service is most eloquently defined as "service before self". It is service to humanity and is a way of life to many of us—we take care of, protect, help, support all mankind. Freemasonry looks to the great light in Masonry—The Holy Bible from the Book of First Peter 4:10 which states: Every man has received gifts from God, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of God's grace. Teaching us, the importance of helping others, especially those that cannot help themselves. This idea is inculcated at each Masonic meeting, during the opening and closing ceremonies. Masonry is not about getting benefits; Masonry is about what you can do for others. As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect.

Together we serve by supporting each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles. One of the many missions of Freemasons is to invest in programs and services to make life better for all Masons, their families, and their communities. In upholding our motto, "making good men better," our brotherhood continuously donates funds to several community organizations, which depend on us to help build the community. With over 200 jurisdictions world-wide, we build stronger communities around the globe by helping to build better men at every aspect of life. We assist communities by teaching valuable lessons rooted in tradition; a notion that has been dwindling in recent years and uphold a strong moral code and place special emphasis on family values. All of which is guided by our three core values: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Fraternally Serving You,

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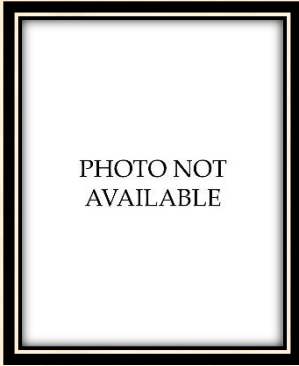
From the West

Brothers,

I look forward to seeing everyone for our most important meeting of the year – GRAND MASTER's OFFICAL VISIT! I hope to see everyone there.

Fraternally from the South,

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From the South

Brethren,

It's almost the close of the year! Welcome back – and a special welcome and congratulations to Brother Dennis Williams for being able to rejoin us for fellowship!

I'll shamelessly advertise that since we're expecting additional company the food will be top-notch! I'm excited to see all of you and feed you some of my famous barbecue!

OCTOBER'S MENU:

Smoked Brisket

Bread

BBQ Chicken

Mac-n-Cheese

Beans

Pickles

Dessert

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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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. Thank you for your contribution to the annual membership dues as well as your donations.

Also, we encourage any additional program that could complement our financial sustainability.

Fraternally,

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From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren

It is good to be returning to Lodge after a long summer break. I have a couple of announcements regarding dues.

Our Lodge passed a bylaws amendment that will increase our dues for 2023. The new dues amount for 2023 is \$65.00 plus the Grand Lodge per Capital/George Washington Masonic Memorial of \$36.00 for a total of \$101.00.

This bylaws amendment has been conditionally approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and will be voted on by the Grand Lodge in November. **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING**

DUES FOR 2023 UNTIL AFTER THE GRAND LODGE SESSION.

For those members who are still in arrears please get in contact with us. Your back dues are not impacted by the change and will remain the same. If you have fallen on hard times and need help, please reach out.

We are in the home stretch of the year and autumn will be "falling" upon us soon. I am looking forward to finishing out this great year led by Worshipful Montana and the officers on a high note.

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

— Frédéric Bastiat

Sincerely & Fraternally,

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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

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

Approved By:



R. "Montana" Williams
Worshipful Master, 2022

Monthly Education Lecture—September 2022

Provided by Sandy Valley No. 57 Masonic Education and Leadership Committee

The Entered Apprentice – From the Mentor’s Manual

Why is it said that a candidate for Masonry must first be prepared in his heart?

From the earliest times the heart has been regarded as the seat of the affections, passions, and desires. Hence, we look upon all the actions of a man's life as having proceeded from the heart. When we speak of a "clean" and a "pure" heart we mean that an individual is clean and pure in his thoughts and actions.

What is the meaning of the preparation of the candidate? When is he referred to as "duly and truly prepared?"

The wearing of special garments furnished by the Lodge is symbolic. It emphasizes the concern of Freemasonry with a man's internal worth, rather than with external adornments of position, wealth, or environment. The lesson of the level is taught at the outset, without a level being present, for here is a man dressed in the same garb that every other Mason wore when he received his degrees. By wearing these garments, the candidate also signifies the sincerity of his intentions.

Blindfolding a candidate is symbolic of that state of darkness in which he represents himself. It is not to keep him from seeing the Lodge room, or the officers or the Brethren but to make a deep and lasting impression on his mind, that Masonically, he has no light, or but partial light and that only by the consummation of the ceremonies for which he has asked and which the Lodge has granted, may he receive that Masonic light which will enable him to "travel in foreign countries and receive Master's wages."

The cable tow symbolizes the length or extent of a Mason's responsibility as measured by "the scope of his reasonable ability" to live up to his obligations.

What is the real purpose of the obligation?

The word obligation means a promise; that which enjoins obedience. It comes from the Latin word "obligare", meaning to bind. The obligation and the way it is taken constitute visible and audible evidence of the candidate's sincerity of purpose. Without it nothing he might say or do could be considered binding. By taking it he gives irrevocable evidence of his intentions. Thus, the Fraternity not only binds him to certain responsibilities, but also protects itself against a revelation of the secrets of Freemasonry, which must do chiefly with the methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction.

Why do Masons wear aprons?

The use of the apron is extremely old, not, as with the operative Masons, as a protector of clothing and body against tools and stone, but as a badge of honor. It was so used by the priests of Israel, by candidates for the mysteries of Mithras in Persia, by the ancient Japanese in religious worship. Ethiopia knew aprons, as did Egypt. In all times and climes, it has been a badge of distinction. It is as such that a Freemason wears it. American Masons also see in the apron a symbol of the dignity of work, and of the care that should be exercised to do our work in a manner that reflects credit upon the workman. Lambskin, the material of the Masonic apron, is a symbol of innocence, as the lamb always has been.

What is the symbolism of the ashlar?

In architecture, an ashlar is a squared stone. Masonically, the ashlar is "rough" (not dressed, squared, or polished) and "perfect" (ready for use in wall or other structure). Students' direct attention to the fact that the perfect ashlar is made from the rough ashlar entirely by a process of taking away, removal of unwanted material. Nothing is added to a rough ashlar to make it perfect. The analogy to the Mason, who is a building stone in the spiritual temple of Masonry, is that the perfect man is within the rough man, and that perfection is to be obtained by a process of taking away the "vices" and "superfluities of life." Every beautiful statue ever carved from stone

was always within that stone, needing only the tool of the artist to take away the material not wanted and leave the statue, which was there since the stone was first formed.

So Mote it Be?

Why do Masons respond at the conclusion of prayer by saying, "So Mote It Be," and what does the expression mean? "So, mote it be" are the oldest words of Masonic ritual. With those four words the Regius Poem, dated about 1390, is concluded. The Regius Poem is the oldest Masonic document known. Long obsolete, "mote" is Old English for "may." The words have been used by Masons as a response to prayer since the beginning of the written history of the Craft. "Amen" is not a substitute for "so mote it be." Both are used; sometimes one, sometimes both, at the conclusion of all Masonic petitions to Deity.

What are my Masonic rights as an Entered Apprentice?

An Entered Apprentice has limited privileges. He is not required to pay dues, cannot hold office, and can only attend meetings opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree. While Lodge business can be conducted on the first degree, the Entered Apprentice cannot vote. He can participate in the discussion of business. He has no right to organized Masonic charity from the Lodge, although he may, of course, receive relief from individual Brethren. He has the right of instruction by competent Brothers and the right to ask for the opportunity of demonstrating his proficiency and of requesting the Fellowcraft degree. He may not receive his other degrees elsewhere without the consent of his

Lodge, but may visit a Lodge of Entered Apprentices anywhere, provided he is vouched for or passes a visitor's examination.

What are the particular responsibilities of an Entered Apprentice?

To keep inviolate the secrets entrusted to his care; to comply with every part of his obligation; to observe proper conduct and decorum, both within and without the Lodge; to be diligent in seeking Masonic knowledge.

What is the length of my cable tow?

The cable is a unit of nautical measure, 720 feet in the United States and 608 feet in England. In earlier days of American Freemasonry, a cable tow was if an hour's journey, being roughly three miles. The Baltimore Masonic Convention in 1843 declared that the length of the cable tow is "the scope of a Brother's reasonable ability;" and this is the generally accepted meaning today. In other words, a Mason is bound to his brethren by a tie which is as long and as strong as his

conscience dictates. He alone must determine for himself what constitutes his "reasonable ability."

This is a partial list of knowledge that is critical to the requisite knowledge an Entered Apprentice must acquire prior to pass to the degree of Fellowcraft.

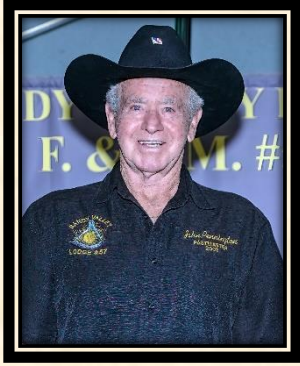
The Entered Apprentice – First Months

As an Entered Apprentice, it is crucial to seek first the counsel of your mentors and coaches – typically topline signers or assigned/appointed by the Lodge. Establish a working relationship with these Brothers and lean on them for additional insight and practice for your proficiency. Attend lodge as regularly as communications allow and your cable tow can support. The more often you see your Brethren and the ritual, the more easy it is for all to come comfortably to memory when needed. Seek to become as involved as possible within stated/called communications and ritual; learn a role and perform it well, or provide whatever support and comforts are within your ability for the occasion. All these habits and rules will help you learn and retain more as you build the foundation for your Masonic journey.

There are many additional appendant or affiliate organizations outside of your Mother Lodge with which to familiarize yourself with. For example, there are robust communities locally with the Scottish Rite and Shrine clubs, which are available for membership to Master Masons. These organizations are an excellent way to meet and get to know other Masons and to learn and grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially. Furthermore, there are many additional Masonic Lodges to visit and many new Brothers to meet! Become as “plugged in” to the community as possible and your path will be both more readily walked and enjoyed.

Seek to establish a target date for your proficiency and set benchmarks and goals where you feel you can make and measure progress, and stick to the program! If you don't let yourself be overwhelmed, and you engage the aforementioned Brothers for assistance, you will be securely on your way from Entered Apprentice to Fellowcraft to Master Mason!

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 the Board of Trustees. In 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 the 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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OCTOBER

LEGEND	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SHRINE							1 INDIAN SPRINGS LODGE 10:00 AM
SHRINE CLUBS / UNITS							SANDY VALLEY LODGE 9:00
MASONS							JOBS DAUGHTERS
Q							FISH FRY
SCOTTISH RITE							
YORK RITE							
LOS							
NILE		2 DAYLITE LODGE 12:00 PM	3 HENDERSON SHRINE CLUB	4 WEEPAH SHRINE CLUB	5 SCOTTISH RITE - FEAST OF TISHRI SCHOLARSHIP DINNER	6 DHARAN DAYLIGHT LODGE 12:00 PM	7 VEGAS 32 LODGE 7:30 PM
AMARANTH		OASIS LODGE 7:00 PM	NELLIS LODGE 7:00 PM	MT. MORIAH LODGE 7:30 PM			
BEAUCEANT		DESERT OES 7:30 PM	BOULDER CITY LODGE 7:30 PM	ACACIA LODGE 7:0 PM	DAYLITE OES 12:00 PM		
OES			STARDUST OES 7:30 PM				
OTHER SHRINES		NV GRAND CHAPTER					
JOBS DAUGHTERS							
RAINBOW							
Outside Organization							
Events Held at Shrine							
	9 AVIATION	10 SOUTHGATE OES 7:30 PM	11 SUNRISE OES 7:30 PM Rainbow, Boulder #8 Rainbow, Vegas #9	12 FLIVVERS	13 PARK OES 7:30 Rainbow, Daylite #22	14 SILVER CORD LODGE 7:30 PM PAHRUMP LODGE 7:30 NORTHSTAR OES 7:30 PM LOS	15 CLOWNS KING SOLOMON LODGE 7:00 PM JOBS DAUGHTERS
	16 LOH	17 DESERT OES 7:30 PM	18 TACO TUESDAY 4:30 - 7:30 STARDUST OES 7:30 PM	19 YORK RITE BEAUCEANT ROBERT BURNS LODGE 7:00 PM	20 DHARAN DAYLIGHT LODGE 9:30 AM DAYLITE OES 12:00 PM NILE CHAIRMAN'S CLUB OPENING OF BOOK	21 Festival	22 AMARANTH
	23 Festival ROADRUNNER SHRINE CLUB HILLBILLIES	24 SOUTHGATE OES 7:30 PM	25 BOD STATED SHRINE CHAIRMAN CLUB SUNRISE OES 7:30 PM Rainbow, Boulder #8 Rainbow, Vegas #9	26 PARK OES 7:30 Rainbow, Daylite #22	27 BOULDER CITY SHRINE CLUB Q NORTHSTAR OES 7:30 PM	28 Vegas 32 Family Dinner	29
	30 HONORED LADIES	31					

Announcements and Events

158th Annual Communication of

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Nevada

For your awareness, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada will have its 158th Annual Communication at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. Registration links on the Grand Lodge Website are not available yet; however, you can register for your room with the hotel.

Hotel Details can be found at <https://www.grandsierraresort.com/>

However, call their reservations office @ 775-789-2000 or Toll-Free @ 800-501-2651

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The Worshipful Master will let us know when the registration form for this event is posted on the Grand Lodge Website.

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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