



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57  
Free and Accepted Masons  
**TRESTLEBOARD**



**Most Worshipful Kevin P. McCans**  
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada

Next Stated Communication

Saturday, February 4, 2023, @ 10am

Location: Pahrump Lodge No. 54, 281 Gemini Drive, Pahrump, Nevada 89048  
January 2023 A.D. / 6023 A.L.

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## From the East

Brethren all,

**SAVE THE DATE!** All Masons are invited to attend on February 20th, 2023 a re-enactment of the Cornerstone Dedication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Memorial is not only a National Historic Landmark, but it has stood as a vital tribute to George Washington from the perspective of American Freemasonry and their collective values of freedom.

**REMINDER:** Pay your dues for 2023 if you have not already. [\$101.00]

February is a special month for all Freemasons as it marks the birthday of our first Brother President George Washington. In observance of his contribution to our country and to the fraternity we annually recognize this month for him. George Washington is probably the most revered and respected Mason of the ages. Sometimes we may forget just how important he was to the birth of our nation, as his birthday is now publicly observed as part of President's Day.

Washington the man and Washington the Mason: Initiated an Entered Apprentice in the Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in November of 1752, he was Passed in March and Raised in August of 1753 in that same Lodge. He was proud of his membership, saying, "The object of Freemasonry is to promote the happiness of the human race," and in 1788 served as the first Master of what is now known as Alexandria-Washington Lodge. It was perhaps inevitable that, after Washington's magnificent contributions to the nation during the Revolutionary period, he should be named a Virginia Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, whereas Presiding Officer he played a key role in the success of the Convention and ultimately became our first President in 1789. Washington thus became the first Master of a Masonic Lodge to become President, holding, for a time, both that high office and that of Worshipful Master of his Lodge, a rare distinction indeed. Washington's words upon becoming President reflect well his philosophy: "Integrity and firmness are all that I can promise." After the American Revolution, some Masons floated the notion of organizing a "Grand Lodge of the United States," with Washington becoming its first Grand Master, but the idea never gained traction.

Worshipful Brother Washington is so very special to us, I hope you will remember that February 22nd, 1732, is the actual birth date of Washington, HAPPY 291<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

In closing, I would like to invite everyone to join our officers as we make an 'Official Visit' to Boulder City Lodge No 37 on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is @ 6:30 and the Meeting @ 7:30. This is also Boulder City's Grand Master Official Visit (GMOV).

Fraternally from the South,

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## From the West

Brothers,

No message submitted.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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## From the South

Brothers,

Thanks again for the privilege of serving as your Junior Warden. I was reminiscing the other day about how I started my journey into Masonry. My first line signer was Russ Gray. My introduction into Masonry by Russ was being invited to dinner at a Shriners social club in Denver. One of the times he invited myself and Peggy he asked me, what do you know about Masonry? My answer, out of ignorance, was why those are brick layers. Of course, that was his opening to explain the fraternity to me and that prompted me to ask the question of how does one become a Mason. My point is we don't have to wait for somebody to ask that question. We can pique a prospective brother's curiosity in many ways. So if you know of a friend who would make a good Mason use any strategy possible to get them talking to you about Masonry. Invite them to open events, talk to them about your Masonic experience. Who knows they might go from someone like myself who thought of Masonry as the literal definition of a bricklayer to the real Operative definition of a Mason.

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns  
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. 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

**The Sandy Valley 2023 dues are now 2023 to \$101.00.** This is the total amount of \$65.00 plus the Grand Lodge per capita, and the George Washington Memorial.

**As a reminder, only Master Masons are required to pay dues.**

**Life Memberships will be \$2,121.00.**

To help us ensure a successful year in 2023, I kindly ask that you pay your 2023 dues as soon as possible so that we have an accurate accounting for our operating budget next year. The Lodge Leadership team has some great events and programs planned for the upcoming year and we look forward to having you be a part of them.

**Please note that our mailing address is also changing. Please remit payment to:**

**Sandy Valley Lodge #57  
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Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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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. 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](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>

Respectfully,

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# Annual Masonic Education

## Monthly Education Lecture—February 2023

Provided by Sandy Valley #57 Masonic Education and Leadership Committee

### Masonry in America & 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 (Mary) raised him and superintend 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 on 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. During the third quarter of the eighteenth century, numerous lodges were associated with regiments in the British army. With the onset of the American Revolution, however, colonists chartered their own lodges, which traveled with regiments of the Continental Army. Because of his association with the military, Washington had many opportunities to attend meetings of traveling lodges. 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.

During the early years of the republic, Freemasonry redrew its institutional boundaries to reflect America's new political environment. Fraternal ties to England were loosened, and new American grand lodges were established to coordinate Masonic activities within the nation. During this transitional period, a lodge in Alexandria, Virginia, composed largely of Revolutionary War officers who had been operating under a charter from a grand lodge in Philadelphia, applied for a charter from the recently established Grand Lodge of Virginia. In the process of preparing a petition to the Virginia grand lodge, the Alexandria lodge received Washington's permission to identify him in its charter as its Master. He took office in April 1788, when the lodge was rechartered as Alexandria Lodge No. 22, and served for about twenty months, primarily in a nominal capacity. 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, similar 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.

His dual role became even more evident in the ceremony on September 18, 1793, that marked the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol. President Washington, wearing a Masonic apron, placed a silver plate on a smooth ashlar that served as the building's cornerstone. This engraved sheet of precious metal linked Freemasonry with the nascent republic by recording that the stone was laid "on the thirteenth year of American independence ... and in the year of Masonry, 5793."

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



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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,

*Dave Sims*  
One-Year Trustee

*Albert A Navarro II*  
Two-Year Trustee

*Robin "Montana" Williams*  
Three-Year Trustee

# Announcements and Events

DATE SC = Stated Communication	EVENT
January 7 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting / Overview of 2023—Committee Assignments
February 4 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting / George Washington Observance
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Boulder City Lodge 37 Visit
March 4 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting / Special Speaker Brother Jean-Louis de Biasi
Marth 6 <sup>th</sup>	Oasis Lodge 41 Visit
April 1 <sup>st</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting / Youth Group Observance: De Molay; International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Daughters of the Nile; Job's Daughters International
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pahrump Lodge 51 Visit
May 6 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting GMOV?
May (Tentative)	Sandy Valley High School/Public School Observance - Plan with School Official Present Scholarship
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting /Special Speaker WB Jorge Castex
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	SV Annual Formal Dinner (SV School Supplies)
September 9 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fire Department Fund Raiser "Fill the Boot"
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daylight Lodge 44 Visit
October 7 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting
November 4 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting / Senior Warden Day (open/close)
November 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting / Election of Officers
December ?? (Installation)	SV57 Installation of Officers

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*

