

# 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, March 4, 2023 @ 10am

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

> www.sandyvalley57.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandyvalleylodge57/



### From the East

Greetings Brethren,

March is upon us which brings springtime and the Vernal Equinox.

Vernal Equinox is when the light of day and dark of night last approximately 12 hours each. Bringing an equality of light and dark to our day. March 20th, 2023 A.D. 6023 A.L. marks the Vernal Equinox. To increase our knowledge of Astronomy, as suggested through the Winding Stairs lecture, we observe this celestial occurrence of the equality of night and day. In the

Northern Hemisphere, we know this day by its popular title of Vernal Equinox, which means Spring's Equality of Night. In the spirit of spring, I challenge each of you to leave the darkness of the preceding year behind and to focus your efforts on sowing the seeds of light and Brotherly Love that will allow each of us, individually and as a Lodge, to become better men. Vernal Equinox is traditionally associated with rebirth and the Autumnal Equinox with old age. Just as nature is reborn from the death of winter during the spring, so is the Master Mason reborn in his Raising.

We officially visited Boulder City Lodge in February, where 9 of us visiting Brothers had great fellowship and an amazing dinner. We also presented and lent our 'Point within a Circle' painting to proudly hang in their Lodge. February also saw us initiate our newest Brother into the Fraternity, please join me in welcoming Brother Glen Wright.

For our March education will be having a special speaker. WB Jean-Louis de Biasi will be joining us to give a presentation on "What is Esoteric Freemasonry".

- Reminder to pay your dues
- March 6th we will make our Official Visit to Oasis Lodge #41 (this is their GMOV)
- April EA Degree's: We will be initiating new candidates after our April Stated Meeting on April 1st.

Fraternally from the South,

Brian Boles Worshipful Master Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-296-8653 (Cell) Brian@boleskerr.com



## From the West

Brethren,

Spring is nigh! It seems like a blink ago it was 2022 and we're almost a full quarter into the year. As ever, I'm excited to see you this month and the rest of the year! Please encourage your Fellows to complete their proficiencies before the summer dark months so we can have something to look forward to when we return!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brett Williams Senior Warden Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 206-939-7767 (Cell) <u>emailbrettwilliams@gmail.com</u>



### From the South

#### Brother's

One of the greatest honors we can have as a Mason is to be a frontline or second line signer for a prospective mason. Along with that honor comes a great responsibility. That responsibility is to take that prospective mason under your wing and to guide them through the process. I remember that when I was going through the process Russ Gray, as my front line signer, was with me the whole time. He set up times that we sat together and did my memory work. These sessions actually were a lot of fun and helped grow our friendship. I

have had the honor of being a frontline signer or second line signer a few times. I adopted the same philosophy and have grown some wonderful friendships helping a brother become a Master Mason. So I encourage everyone who signs a prospective masons application as a frontline or second line signer that your responsibility for that individual does not end with that signature. It is just beginning.

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns Junior Warden Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 720-425-6330 (Cell) mrkearns25@gmail.com



### 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,

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



## From the Secretary's Desk

As you may recall, Sandy Valley Lodge voted to amend our bylaws to allow for dues increase to offset the costs of having to move to Pahrump and inflation.

The new dues for 2023 are now \$65.00 plus the fees for the Grand Lodge per capita/George Washington Memorial. This brings the dues owed for **2023 to \$101.00**.

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

**Life Memberships** will be available at the old rate of \$1,491.00 until December 31st, 2022. On January 1st, the Life Membership rate will increase to \$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 it.

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

### Sandy Valley Lodge #57 P.O. Box 1367 Pahrump, NV 89041

Finally, It has been truly a pleasure and an honor to serve you as Secretary the past couple of years. I am so happy to see the Lodge growing and accomplishing more. Unfortunately I will not be able to serve as Secretary moving forward. I will really miss serving as Secretary. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and I hope that I have served you well.

Thank you again for your support of Sandy Valley Lodge #57. May your holiday season be filled with Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love and may 2023 bring you Health, Prosperity, and Happiness.

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

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Frank Heyer, P.M. Secretary Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57, F. & A.M. 775-513-0769 (Cell) flheyer@yahoo.com



## 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

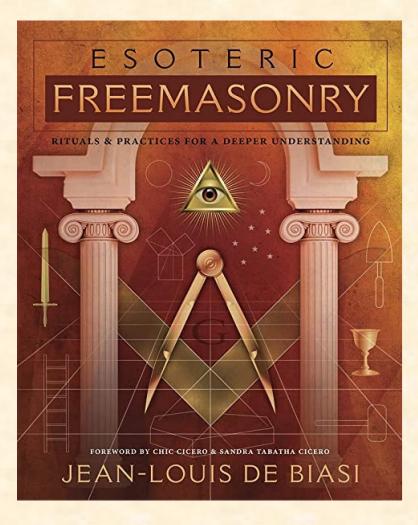
Respectfully,

Carl Agbayani Lodge Social Media Manager & Webmason Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-375-8709 (Cell) Carl.Agbayani@gmail.com

# Annual Masonic Education

## Monthly Education Lecture-March 2023

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



#### Brethren,

We have a special speaker for our March Education, WB Jean-Louis de Biasi - who has authored several books including "Esoteric Freemasonry" & "Secrets and Practices of the Freemasons", the latter of which was forwarded by our very own MW Carl 'Bud' Banks, PGM of Masons in Nevada. WB Jean-Louis will be presenting "What is Esoteric Freemasonry".

WB Jean-Louis Eager to know the Western initiatory Mysteries from the inside, he was initiated into Freemasonry in 1990. He is a Master Mason (raised in 1992) and a Past Master. He has been a member of Grand Lodges in Canada, the G. L. F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia, and the G. L. of the State of Nevada (USA). He currently belongs to the United Grande Lodge of England, Province of East Lancashire, Lodge #9659. While living in France and prior to joining American Freemasonry, he was the Grand Officer of the Grand Orient de France (the Largest Masonic Organization in France). He has received all the degrees of the Egyptian Freemasonry (33°-95°-AA). He has also received the 32 degrees of the American Scottish Rite in Washington D.C. and was initiated in the Royal Arch in Canada.

Brethren, please join me in welcoming WB Jean-Louis de Biasi with a hearty Sandy Valley Welcome!!!!

### From Your Board of Trustees



Dave Síms Past Master 2020 One-Year Trustee 702-203-0917 (Cell) Dave.Síms@cox.net



Albert A Navarro || Past Master 2021 Two-Year Trustee 702-218-5060 (Cell) Navarro A@cox.net



Robin "Montana" Williams Junior Past Master 2022 Three-Year Trustee 702-743-7143 (Cell) Montana.Williams@gmail.com

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

Albert A Navarro II

One-Year Trustee

Two-Year Trustee

*Robin "Montana" Williams* Three-Year Trustee

# Announcements and Events

DATE	EVENT		
SC = Stated Communication			
January 7 <sup>th</sup> (SC)	Stated Meeting /		
The second s	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 9th (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		

# March Birthdays

Eli J. Armstrong	3/7	
Aaron M. Sharp	3/15	
Phillip M. Pupanek	3/16	
Gregory F. Curtin, P.M.	3/21	
lan W. Johnson	3/22	
John S. Pennington Sr.	3/22	
Dennis A. Williams	3/22	
Ron Krever	3/28	
Marion O. Madden Jr.	3/28	
Frank F. Heyer, P.M.	3/29	
Brett T. Williams	3/31	

# March Masonic Birthdays

Michael G. Barry, P.M.	3/13/1995
D. Travis Nordyke	3/25/2013
Tarek R. Schoner	3/19/2022
Reginald O. Winbush	3/19/2022

# **Couples Comedy Night**

OASIS 41 PRESENTS:

Featuring 4 Comedy-Club Comedians & the magic of Andrew Gonzales, MC

### Friday April 14th

6:00pm to 10:00pm @ Masonic Memorial Temple 2200 W. Mesquite Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89106

## \$25/person or \$40/couple

Includes: Dinner, Beer & Wine and 2 hours of comedy

Contact Rick Pond (702) 985-3720 | RickPond@protonmail.com

Scan the QR code to buy your ticket. Enter \$40 for couples and \$25 for individuals. In the note field, enter your name.





As you can see, the Grand Lodge of Nevada & Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 were WELL represented at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony in Alexandria, Virginia. Thank you Most Worshipful & Worshipful Brothers for your stellar representation of our great State and humble Lodge.

From the Editor's Desk

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## Lodge Mailing & Physical Address

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## To Our Fellow Lodges Throughout Southern Nevada:

If you would prefer NOT to receive 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

2023 LODGE OFFICERS			PAST MASTERS		
Brian Boles	Worshipful Master		Donald Daum	UD 2001	
	702-296-8653		George W. Odell	2002	
Brett Williams	Senior Warden		Ted Johnson	2003	
	206-939-7767		Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2004	
Michael Kearns	Junior Warden		Swannie Swenson (2004)	2005	
	720-425-6330		Al Oppegard	2006	
Cristian Gliga	Treasurer		Troy Schneiderman	2007	
	626-354-9670		Michael L. Rodgers	2008	
Frank Heyer, P.M.	Secretary 775-513-0769		John Pennington	2009	
Curil Prodebour			Mike Barry Wade Schneiderman	2010 2011	
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Carl Agbayani	Senior Deacon		Mark Tavarez	2012	
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Charles Mallard	Junior Deacon		Michael Kurcab	2015	
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Buzz Ingram	Marshall		Mathew McCarthy	2017	
Butt ingram	702-800-1388		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018	
Dennis Williams	Senior Steward		Steven Benjamin	2019	
1. 100 5.11	702-596-3104		Dave Sims	2020	
Reginald Winbush	Junior Steward		Albert A Navarro II	2021	
	702-460-1130		Robin "Montana" Williams	2022	
Russell Gray	Tyler			- CAN	
	303-901-7044				
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	775-253-0159				
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	702-355-0154				
Carl Agbayani	Communications Mason				
	702-375-8709				
TRUSTEES			AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS		
3-Year Robin 'Montana" Williams, P.M.			David Owens		
2-Year	-Year Albert A Navarro II, P.M.		Fred Horne		
1-Year Dave Sims, P.M.			*George Gilbert		
HONORARY MEMBERS			Terry Baker		
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			*Clifford Wiltse		
			*Dave White		
HONORA	RY PAST MASTERS		Greg Curtain		
*Parke Potter	2007			*Deceased	