



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57
Free and Accepted Masons
TRESTLEBOARD

Most Worshipful Ted P. Bendure
Grand Master of Masons in Nevada

Next Stated Communication

Saturday, December 2, 2023 @ 10am

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

November 2023 A.D. / 6023 A.L.

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Celebrating Our Brothers

December Birthdays



Bro Jeffry Chambers	12/05/1941
WB Al Oppegard, P.:M.:	12/13/1941
Bro Jon Reed	12/09/1987
WB Harold Scalzo, P.:M.:	12/03/1956
WB Wade 'Lefty' Schneiderman	12/30/1947
Bro Joseph Walker	12/08/1994
Bro Glen Wright	12/25/1963

December Masonic Birthdays



WB Greg Curtain, P.:M.:	12/22/2011
WB Jason Hudgins, P.:M.:	12/17/2009



From the East

MASTERS FINAL MESSAGE

My Brothers,

It has been a pleasure and an incredible honor serving you all in the East this year. I truly enjoyed all the fellowship and support from all of you.

I would like to thank all my Officers and Committeemen who have taken the time to attend and support our Lodge this year. All the success we had would not be possible without you, and most importantly, to you, the Craft, THANK YOU for your confidence, your trust, your understanding, and your support this year. I love each and every one of you Brothers and it has been an honor to be able to serve you all.

I especially want to thank and acknowledge a few Brothers who have gone far and above to support this Lodge.

First, Worshipful Brother Harry Smith and Brother Bill Cookston. These Brothers filled an officer spot in just about every Stated and Called Meeting this year as well as helping on our Degree Team. Thank you so much for stepping up and filling open officer slots we had from traveling or sick Brothers who could not attend every meeting.

Secondly, Worshipful Brother Troy Schneiderman, who was our defacto Chairman of our Investigation Committee and who we relied on heavily to Guard our West Gate.

Lastly, Brother Carl Agbayani. Bro Carl was instrumental in our Charity work this year in helping out with our Food Drives helping stock the Keystone Food Pantry in Sandy Valley.

And as I sit here and write my last article for our Trestleboard I wanted to reflect back on the highlights of an amazing year we had here at Sandy Valley Lodge #57.

SILVER STATE AWARD

At the 159th Annual Communications of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nevada, Sandy Valley Lodge #57 was awarded the Silver State Award for the second consecutive year. In all, there were 10 Lodges in the state that received the award. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and support, and I look forward to continuing this tradition.

NEW BROTHERS & DEGREE WORK

The degree work we performed this year was beyond anything I could have imagined when the year started. I do not know if this Lodge has ever had a busier year for degrees, certainly not in my time as a member of this lodge. We had the honor of initiating 8 new Brothers, Passing 5 to Fellowcraft, and Raising 5 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We also enjoyed welcoming 6 new Brothers into the Lodge by way of Demit/Dual/Plural memberships. Bringing the grand total of 14 new Brothers into Sandy Valley Lodge in 2023.

DONALD DAUM BROTHERLY LOVE AWARD

A new award was created this year to be given out by the Master of the Lodge. The Donald Daum Brotherly Love Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has unselfishly given of his time and energy for the betterment of the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary, and who - year in and year out - displays his devotion to the Lodge and our beloved Fraternity without asking for anything in return.

I had the pleasure of presenting this first-ever award to Worshipful Brother Donald Daum back in May at his home with a couple of Brothers from Sandy Valley Lodge on hand for this presentation. I also presented this award to Worshipful Brother Harold Scalzo at our June Stated Meeting.



50+ YEAR MASON

It was a privilege and an honor to present a 50+ year Pin and Certificate and pay tribute and respect to an esteemed and honored member of our Lodge. Worshipful Brother Richard Hunker was raised on June 2nd, 1972 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

GEORGE ODELL MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP

We had the honor of awarding three \$1,000 Scholarships to Worthy Sandy Valley High School Seniors



LEWIS JEWEL PRESENTED TO FATHERS & SONS - SANDY VALLEY LEGACY

The Lewis Jewel was presented to WB Lefty Schneiderman, WB Troy Schneiderman, WB John Pennington, WB Montana Williams, and Brother Brett Williams.



OFFICIAL LODGE VISITS

We made official lodge visits to Boulder City, Oasis, Daylite, and King Solomon Lodges this year.





SANDY VALLEY FOOD DRIVE

In an effort to continue to reach back out to the local community in Sandy Valley, we started a Food Drive to collect Food and Cash donations to help stock the Keystone Food Pantry in Sandy Valley. For the year we have supplied over \$15,000 in food and supplies to the Food Pantry.





In conclusion, this year has gone by fast! Being the Master of this Lodge has taught me so much, tested my leadership and patience, and shown me the power of what happens when Brothers come together to support one another. So what comes next? - Is becoming the Junior Past Master of this Lodge just a fancy apron and a well-deserved seat on the sidelines? Joining the ranks of our venerable Past Masters will allow me to be a resource, a source of knowledge and advice for all the Brothers, especially the incoming line. I look forward to this new role and earnestly say that I am leaving this Lodge in the most capable hands to the incoming 2024 officers, I know you will have a fantastic year and I am so proud to have served with you and to continue to help you out in any way I can.

Fraternally from the East,

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From the West

Brethren,

Brethren, as we approach the final meeting of the year and the winter holidays, I'd like to wish you all the best. I earnestly hope this holiday season is a great one for you and your families. Please keep in touch with each other and keep your Brethren in your prayers, hearts, and minds, never underestimating the power of a kind word or a brotherly deed.

I humbly thank you for the past year and look forward to the next.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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From the South

Brother's,

Greetings from the south. It has been a very busy month for myself and your Tyler Russ Gray. We were in Arlington, Virginia during the last stated meeting at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Russ Gray in his capacity as Commander of the International Association Legion of Honor (IALOH) had the honor to lay a wreath for the IALOH at the Tomb. He was joined along with Imperial Sir Ed Stoltze, his wife Virginia, and myself.

If you wish to view the ceremony here is the link. https://youtu.be/s4DonmL5_C0. This was a great honor for Russ and I was thrilled to be able to join him in this honor. The IALOH does this wreath laying each year the week before Veterans Day to honor our Veterans. I know I have said this before, but if you ever have a chance to go see this wreath-laying, I highly recommend that you do so.

I was also honored to join Brother Carl, Brother Mark, and Carl's brother-in-law and nephew to make a delivery to the Sandy Valley Food Bank the day before Thanksgiving. It was a fun trip and I always enjoy making this trip. Carl tells me we will likely be making at least one more trip this year.

I am looking forward to seeing all my Brothers soon and hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Until then enjoy the Glory and Beauty of each day. However, be advised I am always vigilant to observe if anyone is doing refreshments to intemperance or excess.

Respectfully,

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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

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 2024 are now \$65.00 plus the fees for the Grand Lodge per capita/George Washington Memorial. **This brings the dues owed for 2024 to \$101.00.**

**As a reminder, only Master Masons are required to pay dues.
Life Memberships are \$2,121.00.**

To help us ensure a successful year in 2024, I kindly ask that you pay your 2024 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:

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Pahrump, NV 89041**

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. You may choose either one year or 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/>

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/sandyvalley57>

Respectfully,

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Monthly Education Lecture—December 2023

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

From

Freemasonry's System of Morality - What makes it so peculiar and why do we hide it?

Written by Worshipful Brother Richard A. Greater, PM Caliburn Lodge #785 from Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Freemasonry's Peculiar System of Morality - What Makes It So Peculiar and Why Do We Hide It?

From ancient times, freemasonry has been explained and even defined in the dictionary as: 'A peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols'

But In modern language, this could be written as: A special set of moral principles by which to live out your life as compassionate men of integrity and honesty, whose meaning is gradually revealed over time (enlightenment), and which uses memorable symbols and imagery.

But this definition immediately raises the question what about Freemasonry's "system of morality" makes it so peculiar, and why did our founders believe it necessary to veil or keep it hidden? Can a simple code of ethics really be so different that it must be kept secret?

The symbols we use in our rituals are nothing more than the tools we use to explain our philosophical and ethical concepts. In some of our lectures, we are taught the virtues of courage, justice, wisdom, and moderation, which taken together form a basic code of conduct. But these virtues are hardly unique; they first appeared over 2,000 years ago in what historians call the Axial Age (800 BCE to 200 BCE).

During this time, simultaneously and independently, the spiritual foundations of humanity were laid by teachers such as Buddha in India, Confucius in China, and Socrates in Greece. They all taught the same basic truth: walk the middle path (on the level), live a moral life (by the plumb), and do unto others as you would have them do unto you (on the square). The philosophy that came out of this time would heavily influence later Christianity and the rise of Western civilization, and today remains the foundation upon which humanity still subsists.

Throughout most of history, men were the subjects to kings who ruled by divine right. And in appreciation for this divine right, they supported the priests, who demanded strict adherence to religious orthodoxy. Together, Church and State formed a mighty fortress that protected the privileged status. Man owned neither his body nor his soul.

There was, however, one exceptional time in history when men did live free, and interestingly, this was during the Axial Age. It began in 508 BCE with the founding of two great republics, one in Athens and the other in Rome. A republic was born with a political system where the people retain control over their government. But after 500 years, the Roman Senate's ultimate capitulation to Octavian in 27 BCE brought this first republican era to an abrupt end. It would take almost two millennia before the world would again attempt a republican experiment, and where common people would demand democracy.

And when that time came, it came in the most unlikely of places: a tiny group of colonies along the coast of a new world an ocean away. It was here, along the eastern seaboard of North America, that something remarkable happened: the world's first liberal revolution. Led by men inspired by the ancient Roman concept of a Republic, these men stood up to a divinely enthroned monarch and demanded back their freedom of choice and liberty of consciousness. Slaves no more, these men put into practice the principles of the Enlightenment, a hallmark of which was the construction of a wall that separated Church from State. And these men were, in large part, Freemasons, the most famous of course being George Washington.

Every liberal revolution that followed, France (1789), Haiti (1791), Latin America (1813), Italy and Hungary (1848), Mexico (1855), and Cuba (1895). The leaders of all of these liberal revolutions—They were all Freemasons! Men like George

Washington, Georges Danton, Toussaint L'Ouverture, Simon Bolivar, Giuseppe Garibaldi, Lajos Kossuth, Benito Juarez, and Jose Marti—were all Freemasons. They all overthrew despotic regimes supported by religious orthodoxy.

The philosophy that inspired these revolutionary leaders did not spring forth out of a vacuum. Looking back a few decades to find the philosophical underpinnings of these revolutions, one seminal event stands out: the formation of the Grand Lodge of England on June 24, 1717. I think that we have found the political danger in our "peculiar system" that caused our historical brethren to hide it so carefully. For each of the courageous Freemasons who led these liberal revolutions was a traitor long before they became a hero. Clearly, there were political reasons for keeping the philosophy of Freemasonry secret!

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

DATE SC = Stated Communication	EVENT
January 7 th (SC)	Stated Meeting / Overview of 2023— Committee Assignments
February 4 th (SC)	Stated Meeting / George Washington Observance
February 7 th	Boulder City Lodge No.37 Visit
March 4 th (SC)	Stated Meeting / Special Speaker Brother Jean-Louis de Biasi
March 6 th	Oasis Lodge No.41 Visit
April 1 st (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 th	Pahrump Lodge No.54 Visit
May 6 th (SC)	Stated Meeting CMOV?
May (Tentative)	Sandy Valley High School/Public School Observance— Plan with School Official Present Scholarship
June 3 rd (SC)	Stated Meeting /Special Speaker WB Jorge Castex
August 19 th	SV Annual Formal Dinner (SV School Supplies)
September 9 th (SC)	Stated Meeting
September 23 rd	Fire Department Fund Raiser “Fill the Boot”
October 2 nd	Daylight Lodge No.44 Visit
October 7 th (SC)	Stated Meeting
November 4 th (SC)	Stated Meeting / Senior Warden Day (open/close)
November 13 th —14 th	GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
December 2 nd (SC)	Stated Meeting / Election of Officers
December ?? (Installation)	SV57 Installation of Officers

From the Editor's Desk

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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

Announcements and Events



Fundraising opportunities

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Convention Room Raffle Tickets @ \$20 Each (3 for \$50/6 for \$100) (500 tickets available)		
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TOTAL DUE		

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