



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57

Free and Accepted Masons

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Most Worshipful Ted P. Bendure

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada

Next Stated Communication

Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 10am

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

January 2024 A.D./ 6024 A.L.

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Celebrating Our Brothers

February Birthdays



Chester M. Gordon	2/10/1936
Gary D. Boozer	2/03/1947
Todd T. Kennedy	2/08/1962
Tarek R. Schoner	2/04/1969
Jeffrey Vrabel	2/10/1971
Matthew Hernandez	2/16/1993

February Masonic Birthdays



Curtis L. Mattke	2/17/1987
Jeffry L. Chambers	2/10/1990
Buzz D. Ingram	2/08/2012
Steven M. Benjamin	2/18/2012
Cyril D. Bradshaw	2/18/2012
Mathew M. McCarthy	2/18/2012
Charles H. Coleman	2/19/2015



From the East

Brethren,

I'm pleased to announce our joint GMOV with Pahrump Lodge #54 the morning of 9 March. Please be in attendance as we will pull out all the stops for our refreshments and hospitality! Please remember that we will also hold our stated meeting on the normal date of 2 March (first Saturday).

We are reviewing fundraising options and will focus much of our attention this year on re-establishing annual fundraiser and charity events such as the barbecue we used to host annually with the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department. As our Lodge is a Sandy Valley native, it is important for us to continue to support the Sandy Valley community and maintain an organizational presence there. I earnestly solicit any ideas for fundraisers, charity events, and increasing our public presence.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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From the West

Brothers,

Greetings from the West. Again I am humbled by your support for me in electing me for this important job. My chief responsibility is to be prepared to run the lodge in the absence of the Worshipful Master. However, my other huge responsibility is to assist my brothers who are currently going through their degrees. I will be personally reaching out to those brothers very soon to see how they are doing. My assistants in this process are those brothers First and second-line signers. Hopefully, you are working with the brothers you sponsored to advance through the degrees. I remember when I was going through the process my first line signer, our very own Russ Gray was diligent in making sure I was preparing for my proficiencies. It was a fun process with us cementing our friendship as well as consuming a few glasses of red wine. If any of the brothers or first-line signers need assistance with proceeding through the degrees I am always at your service. Give me a call at 720 425-6330 and I will be happy to help you with your memory work. I will even bring a bottle of wine if you want.

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns
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From the South

Brethren,

As this year continues, I would like to let you know that we are trying to make sure that the meals we are preparing will be made by hand and not fast food. This is the wish of our Worshipful Master and with the help of the newly formed Refreshment Committee, we will do our best to make this happen.

I am continuing to communicate and continue with our partners for the food runs to the Keystone Pantry. I will have more information and will be planning fundraisers this year.

Yours 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,

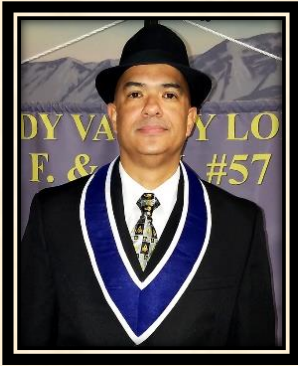
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From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

Sandy Valley Lodge No.57 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.

I hope this email finds you well. As we start the New Year, I'd like to remind everyone that the 2024 dues cards have arrived, and I'll be accepting cash or checks as payment for the coming year. Some of you have asked about updating our system for credit card payments.

As of now the Lodge is not set up for this, but we can bring this up for discussion, vote, and a potential start date for next year. There are a few logistical issues as well as liability concerns that need to be addressed before we take this on. I look forward to seeing you all and as always, your support is greatly appreciated.

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

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Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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From the Lodge Communications Mason

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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Respectfully,

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Monthly Education Lecture—February 2024

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

Researched by R. Montana Williams, P.M.

From

NV Grand Lodge Short Lecture Series

ROBERT BURNS the POET and FREEMASON

Many have heard of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland. He was a famous poet and lyricist; also, a Freemason, who was a vocal supporter of the American and French Revolutions. His most famous work is Auld Lang Syne. The very mention of the name "Robert Burns" suggests images of red roses, starry-eyed lovers, Tam-O'-Shanter and the Cutty Sark, and the glens of bonnie Scotland. And while these images describe Scotland's "ploughman poet" to some extent, There is another side of Burns that is not as well known: Burns the radical--Burns, the supporter of the French Revolution--Burns, the critic of Religious hypocrisy and Puritanism--Burns, the Freemason.

While this image may not be as comfortable with many as the love-struck yeoman bard is, Burns echoed the sentiments of many of his day, calling for "liberty, fraternity and equality", and speaking out against the excesses of the secular, as well as religious establishment.

Robert Burns was initiated on 4 July 1781, at the age of 23, five years to the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 01 October 1781. He was a mason for approximately 15 years, dying at age 37 in 1796. His brother Gilbert followed in his footsteps, and Robert was present when Gilbert was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 1786.

Robert Burns Day is traditionally his birthday, 25 January, but we are meeting today with a Robert Burns and Scottish theme to pay homage to one of Scotland and Freemasonry's greats.

He was raised in a household frustrated with the power structures of the religious and political institutions of the time, found solace and inspiration in the fraternal and cultural experience of Freemasonry, and was very widely liked and recognized by the brethren, and was toasted by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at a meeting they both attended. He drew heavily on the support of his brothers during times of great emotional and spiritual duress, and they in turn encouraged his growth and continuance of poetry.

Sadly, few people are aware that Robert Burns was a Freemason and remained so all of his adult life, indeed he was Senior Warden of Lodge St Andrew, Dumfries, (dormant) when he died. however, the physical and mental toll of his hard life, plus growing financial burdens, weakened him, and in 1796, Burns died of rheumatic heart disease, caused by his lack of a healthy diet in his younger years (Fox, p.7, McLeod, p.171).

However, physical and financial matters were not the only things that troubled Robert; The Kirk of Scotland (The Presbyterian Church) and its opposition to his lifestyle was another. In particular, Burns's sexual escapades caused much hostility between him and the church. Burns fathered a number of illegitimate children, including one by his future wife, Jean Armour, the daughter of a Master Mason. Burns wanted to marry Jean; her father refused and Burns and Jean appeared for penance in the church to "receive public reproof for the sin of fornication"(Dachies, p.36; Boot; McLeod, p.165). Burns would continue his rampant sexual activities right up until several years before his death. He never stopped his literary war against Scottish Calvinism, and lampooned it in a number of poems, including "Holy Willie's Prayer", "The Holy Fair", and others.

Besides his rather libertine actions with women, Burns was also a political radical and a rather strange mix at that. From reading Scottish history, Burns became an ardent nationalist, writing many romantic ballads about Scottish attempts to secure their independence from the English, from Robert the Bruce to Bonny Prince Charlie. This can be seen in poems like "Scots Wha Hae", "Charlie is My Darling", "The White Cockade", and many others.

Even fewer people are aware of the Masonic content of his work. One of his most famous: A Man's a Man for a' That, was sung at the official opening of the new Scottish parliament and delivered superbly by folk singer Sheena Wellington from a balcony overlooking the debating chamber. Freemasons, especially Scottish Freemasons, all over the world are intensely proud that a Masonic Anthem was chosen to mark this historic occasion.

Reciting Robert Burns Selkirk Grace at our meal.

Selkirk Grace
Some hae meat and cannae eat
Some wad eat that want it
But we hae meat and can eat
So sae the Lord be thankit

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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,

Albert A Navarro II
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From the Editor's Desk

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If you would prefer NOT to receive our monthly Trestleboard 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

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