



## 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, January 6, 2024 @ 10am

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

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# Celebrating Our Brothers

## January Birthdays



George W. Odell, P.: M.:	1/12/1937
Wilton G. Swenson Jr, P.: M.:	1/15/1944
Richard P. Hunker	1/12/1947
William A. (Buck) Hogan	1/21/1951
Cyril D. Bradshaw	1/17/1953
Mark T. Tavaréz, P.: M.:	1/11/1957
Michael J. Kurcab, P.: M.:	1/24/1977

## January Masonic Birthdays



David Owens	1/25/1992
Ray Armstrong	1/05/2008
Michael J. Kurcab, P.: M.:	1/05/2008



## From the East

Brethren,

I thank you for electing me this year's Worshipful Master. Thank you for attending installation, and a special thank you to my Installing Officers for their wonderful performance. Thank you to those of you who agreed to be officers or committee chairs/members for this year. We have much work to do, and I thank you in advance for your commitment to performance. I look forward to serving you, and to continuing to advance the efforts of those who served before me. It is my goal this year to win our third consecutive Silver State Award, as well as to

complete some of those plans not yet finished from years prior.

Worshipful (Junior) Past Master Brian Boles, I would like to thank you for the incredible efforts you went through to advance our Lodge, and for being such a genial and endearing Brother, who can "best work and best agree" with the best of the best of them! Your performance of your ritual roles as well as the behind-the-scenes duties of a Worshipful Master have been nothing short of inspirational, and your willingness to mentor and provide needed insight and information has been of great service to us all. I don't relish being the one to have to fill your shoes, but I will do my utmost to do so.

Our Lodge's financial situation is foremost in my mind and plans this year. I don't know about the rest of you Brothers, but I cannot wait to never hear the phrase "certificate of deposit" again. There are more avenues of investment now available to us as we transition out of the current account. We need additional vehicles of fundraising and are currently investigating options for creating a nonprofit organization for our Lodge or separate nonprofit organizations related specifically to our charitable works. Our Lodge needs funds, and as of now the only viable option otherwise seems to be to raise dues. Since we can't keep squeezing our members for additional funds indefinitely, it becomes imperative for us to explore other avenues to fill the coffers. As such, we earnestly solicit ideas or assistance in this matter.

Our Lodge is known far and wide to be one of Fellowship, Harmony, and Brotherly Love, and I would like to continue and expand upon that tradition by improving our outreach and participation within the Masonic as well as the general community. To you as individuals, I say travel well and travel frequently if it is reasonable for you to do so. I personally have increased my participation with other Lodges as well as Concordant Bodies and Appendant Bodies recently, and also have plans to travel to visit our Brothers in the more northern parts of Nevada, different Jurisdictions within the United States and internationally this year. Cohesion within the Lodge is something that we have always enjoyed, and I would like to encourage more integration within the larger Masonic Community. Knowing most of the southern Nevada Masons do not live conveniently close to our Lodge, I would like to make it a more attractive experience by improving our ritual work, amenities and accommodations. Our committees will have their hands full this year with several necessary tasks, and I seek as much help as you are willing and able to provide. Our Brothers in Pahrump #54 will surely appreciate our cooperation with their work parties to clean and improve our facilities, and we should do as much as possible to build our Temple together.

A final note: we have previously seen scammers attempting to impersonate via email or text officers of Nevada Masonic Lodges, including our own. If you get an email or text from me, or any of our officers you're not expecting, give us a call at the contact numbers you already have saved for us and confirm its veracity. Scammers victimize large numbers of people to the sum of billions of dollars every year. Be vigilant; not a victim!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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## From the West

Brothers,

Brothers, Greetings from the West. Here is hoping everyone had a great holiday season. I know my pants got a bit tighter with all the good foods and wines I consumed over the past couple of weeks. This time of year is a great time to spend with family and friends. However, it is also a great time to remember those that are not as lucky as most of the members of Sandy Valley Lodge are. In that vein I know that Sandy Valley has done some great work over the past year collecting and delivering food to the food pantry in Sandy Valley. I hope we continue this work in the new year and I will do what I can to continue this service.

Once again I wish to thank my brothers in Sandy Valley in their confidence in electing me to be your Senior Warden. I am humbled by that confidence and will do all I can to do a great job in the west. However, I need your assistance. That assistance is to continue to grow our membership in our lodge. So if any member knows of a friend, family member, coworker who would be a good mason. Have a conversation with that individual and broach the subject of masonry and tell them how much fun the fraternity is and what a great group of men we are blessed to have at Sandy Valley and also our brothers at Pahrump lodge 54. It is with your assistance we will continue to flourish as a fraternity and be able to do good works for the community of Sandy Valley. I look forward to the upcoming year and cannot wait to reconnect with all my brothers in our upcoming year.

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns  
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## From the South

Brothers,

I am honored and humbled to be your Junior Warden. I will be working closely with our Worshipful Master to provide healthy meals after lodge and continuing our charitable efforts.

I pledge to continue working with Keystone Pantry and potentially Celestial Mana. I will need your help.

I am looking forward to a blessed and bountiful 2024.

Respectfully,

Carl Agbayani  
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,

Vasile Cristian Gliga

Treasurer

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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:**

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

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Kenneth O'Neill, P.:M.:

Secretary

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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](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,

Justin Sobota

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# Monthly Education Lecture—January 2024

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

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

## From Your Board of Trustees



Albert A Navarro II  
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Brian Boles  
Junior Past Master 2023  
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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*  
One-Year Trustee

*Robin "Montana" Williams*  
Two-Year Trustee

*Brian Boles*  
Three-Year Trustee

From the Editor's Desk

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## Lodge Mailing & Physical Address

### PHYSICAL LOCATION

281 Gemini Drive  
Pahrump, Nevada 89048  
*(Co-located with Pahrump Lodge No.54)*

<https://goo.gl/maps/LXqBKUjfiWzPQtnb8>

*(hold Control (PC) or Command (Mac) and click the link)*

### MAILING ADDRESS

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## To Our Fellow Lodges Throughout Southern Nevada:

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*

# Announcements and Events

2024 LODGE OFFICERS		PAST MASTERS	
Brett Williams	Worshipful Master 206-939-7767	Donald Daum George W. Odell	UD 2001 2002
Michael Kearns	Senior Warden 720-425-6330	Ted Johnson Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2003 2004
Carl Agbayani	Junior Warden 619-301-0910	Swannie Swenson (2004) Al Oppegard	2005 2006
Cristian Gliga	Treasurer 626-354-9670	Troy Schneiderman Michael L. Rodgers	2007 2008
Kenneth O’Neill, P.M.	Secretary 702-237-2259	John Pennington Mike Barry	2009 2010
Cyril Bradshaw	Chaplain 702-610-2507	Wade Schneiderman Fred Horne	2011 2012
Tarek Schoner	Senior Deacon 702-684-3633	Mark Tavarez John Pennington	2013 2014
William Cookston	Junior Deacon 775-253-0159	Michael Kurcab Dwain Rittenhouse	2015 2016
Jeff Vrabel	Marshall 702-527-2744	Mathew McCarthy Kenneth L. O’Neill Jr.	2017 2018
Justin Rittenhouse	Senior Steward	Steven Benjamin Dave Sims	2019 2020
Reginald Winbush	Junior Steward 702-460-1130	Albert A Navarro II Robin “Montana” Williams	2021 2022
Russell Gray	Tyler 303-901-7044	Brian Boles	2023
Juston Sobota	Historian & Communications Mason 702-480-2482		
John Pennington Sr., P.M.	Deputy Grand Lecturer 702-355-0154		
TRUSTEES		AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS	
3-Year	Brian Boles, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	Robin ‘Montana’ Williams, P.M.	Fred Horne	
1-Year	Albert A Navarro II, P.M.	*George Gilbert	
<b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b>		Terry Baker	
	*Jim Cook, P.M.	Fred Robinson	
	Harry Christopher, P.M.	Harold Scalzo	
	Frank Merica, P.M.	Richard Hunker	
		*Clifford Wiltse	
		*Dave White	
<b>HONORARY PAST MASTERS</b>		Greg Curtain	
*Parke Potter	2007		<b>*Deceased</b>