



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, March 2, 2024 @ 10am

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

February 2024 A.D. / 6024 A.L.

www.sandyvalley57.com

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

Celebrating Our Brothers

March Birthdays



Frank F. Heyer, P.: M.:	3/29/1938
John S. Pennington Sr., P.: M.:	3/22/1941
Dennis A. Williams	3/22/1944
Marion O. Madden Jr.	3/28/1944
Ron Krever	3/28/1945
Phillip M. Pupanek	3/16/1948
Gregory F. Curtin, P.: M.:	3/21/1980
Ian W. Johnson	3/22/1980
Eli J. Armstrong	3/07/1990
Brett T. Williams	3/31/1993

March Masonic Birthdays



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



From the East

Brethren,

I look forward to seeing you this month for our stated meeting 2 March, as well as for the official visitation 9 March. As the spring rolls in, I hope you are in good health and spirits.

I would highly encourage attendance of our Grand Master's Official Visitation to hear the Most Worshipful Grand Master's message, as well as for the themed event and barbecue. It will be a unique and fun experience!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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From the West

Brothers,

Greetings from the west. Well the year has begun and it is time to go to work. We have multiple degrees to arrange. I am working on setting up a Fellowcraft degree sometime in Mid to Late March. I will report on these efforts at our upcoming Stated March Meeting. I also have been informed one of our brothers passed his Fellowcraft proficiency at the February stated meeting and I will be working with our Worshipful Master and others to get a Master Mason degree setup ASAP. In that regard, I will be reaching out to our Master Mason brothers

for assistance in holding that degree. More to follow soon. Until then my best wishes to all my brothers to live in Harmony, joy, and peace.

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns

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From the South

Brethren,

I hope you enjoyed the Fajitas! The Refreshment Committee will continue to prepare handmade options for all of you.

As we close in on the GMOV, I am working with the JD from Pahrump and we are looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's GMOV on March 9th.

We are continuing to communicate with the Keystone Pantry and they have a request. There is an elderly couple in Sandy Valley that lost their home over the Holidays and I will speak with all of you at Lodge on potential donations for this family.

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,

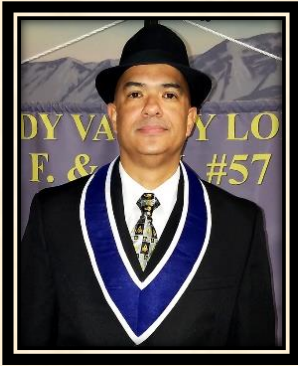
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From the Secretary's Desk

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:

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

GrandView Instructions: From your browser type in nvmasons.org Once the page opens click on the resource link in the upper right hand corner using the dropdown menu. Click on Grandview and follow the instructions listed below.

1. Please read following instructions, registration link is at the end.
2. Enter the information carefully:
 - a. **Lodge Number:**
Enter home/primary NEVADA lodge number only. ONLY numeric characters. For example if you were a member of Lodge #3, just enter a 3
 - b. **Member ID:**
This should be the number located in the corner of your current dues card.
 - c. **Last Name:**
Enter last name (CASE SENSITIVE). Most names are capitalized in the common fashion. If your last name has multiple capitals or names, you may have to try other combinations of capitals. For example try "Mcc" and "McC". If you have several last names, try the very last one first.
 - d. **Hit "Check Membership Status"**
3. If successful in verifying membership, it will prompt you for an email and password set-up.
 - a. **Email:**
Please use a personal email that you would like the Grand Lodge to use as contact to you. DO NOT use a lodge email as "Secretary" status is granted in the system (i.e. chose an email that will stay with you, not your position.) Please note this email will be used by the Grand Lodge and/or Lodge(s) to communicate with you. However, you may designate preferred contact method in your profile.

b. **Password / Check Password:**

Chose a password of AT LEAST 8 characters. No other complications are required, but a complex password is recommended (as always).

4. Future visits will be through standard login portal.
5. Once logged in, please explore your profile and update contact information and any other information you would like to provide your Secretary & the Grand Lodge. If you cannot change something (Degree dates, etc.), please inform your Secretary of the correction.
6. Go to this link: [Nevada Grand View Registration Page](#)

Questions should be directed as follows:

- Code & Masonic Law questions should be directed to the Grand Secretary.
- Basic system help can be found (once logged-in) under the Help Desk tab.
- Access code (for Brothers in specified Lodges) consult Lodge Secretary.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

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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/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sandyvalley57/>

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

Respectfully,

Justin Sobota

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Monthly Education Lecture—March 2024

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

NV Grand Lodge Short Lecture Series
Researched by R. Montana Williams, PM

THREE GREAT LIGHTS—THE BIBLE PART ONE OF THREE PART SERIES

The Bible is properly called the Great Light of Freemasonry, for from the center of the Lodge it pours forth upon the East, the West, and the South its refulgent rays of Divine truth. The Bible is used among Freemasons as a symbol of the Will of God however it may be expressed.

Therefore, whatever to any people expresses that Will may be used as a substitute for the Bible in a Masonic Lodge. Thus, in a Lodge consisting entirely of Jews, the Old Testament alone may be placed upon the altar, and Turkish Freemasons make use of the Koran. Whether it be the Gospels to the Christian, the Pentateuch to the Israelite, the Qur'an to the Muslim, or the Vedas to the Brahman, it Masonically conveys the same idea- that of the symbolism of the Divine Will revealed to man.

The history of the Masonic symbolism of the Bible is interesting. It is referred to in the manuscripts before the revival as the book upon which the covenant was taken, but it was never referred to as a great light.

Studies of the Ritual necessarily rest upon the Scriptures and of those inspired by Bible teachings and language. One good Brother earnestly and faithfully labored to have certain ceremonies freely edited but when he, devout Churchman as he was, understood that sundry peculiarities of language followed the example of the Bible, he gladly gave up his purpose to alter that which abides equally typical of age as the Scriptures.

What had seemed to him mere repetition was meant for weighty emphasis, as in James (10:27) "Pure religion and undefiled;" Hebrews (12:28) "with reverence and godly fear;" Colossians (4:12) "stand perfect and complete," and in the Book of Common Prayer, the word-pairs "dissemble nor cloak," "perils and dangers," "acknowledge and confess," and so on. These may well be mentioned here as the tendency to change ceremonies is seldom curbed by any consideration of the peculiar merit, other than their quaintness, of the old expressions.

The Scriptures, the Holy Writings, the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Old and New Testaments, the Holy Bible, this word Bible from the Greek, the (sacred) books; the two parts, Old and New Testaments, the former recording the Covenants, attested by the prophets, between the God of Israel and His people, Christ the central figure of the latter work speaks of the new Dispensation, a new Covenant, and the word Covenant in the Latin became Testamentum from which we obtain the word commonly used for the two divisions of the Bible, the Old and New Testaments. These divisions are further separated into the books of the Bible, sixty-six in all, thirty-nine in the Old Testament, twenty-seven in the New.

We must remember that Old and New refer to Covenants, not to age of manuscripts.

Earliest surviving intact Hebrew writings of the Old Testament only date back to the ninth century after Christ, several centuries later than the earliest surviving New Testament Scriptures.

There is also another method of division in which the books of the Old Testament are counted but as twenty-four, First and Second Kings, First and Second Samuel, First and Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and then the minor prophets, as they are called, being grouped as one for several hundred years by the Jews and then divided into two in the sixteenth century. Roughly we may divide the books into the law according to Moses; the historical books of Joshua, Samuel, and the anonymous historians; the poetry and philosophy; and the prophecies, of the Old Testament.

The Holy Bible, however, is the Great Light in Freemasonry and upon it rests the Square and Compasses in every lodge. As such, the Holy Bible represents the foundation of the work of Freemasonry. The Bible is opened when the lodge is opened; it is closed when the lodge is closed. No lodge can conduct its business without the Holy Bible open upon its Altar. Thus, it rules the lodge during its labors. More importantly, it is central to the work of the Freemason as he works to develop his moral and spiritual self-according to the symbolism of the Square and Compasses.

The Holy Bible is the source of enlightenment that all Freemasons should seek. Open upon the Altar, its rays of truth, faith, and hope radiate outward throughout the lodge room, symbolically representing the will of God pouring forth upon the world. The spirit of the Bible, its faith and its attitude toward life and man's relationship to God permeates Freemasonry like a sweet fragrance.

Faith in God is the cornerstone of Freemasonry so it is only natural that the book, which presents to us the truth of God, should be our rule and guide to our faith and practice. The Temple of King Solomon, about which much of the history, legends and symbolism of Freemasonry are developed, was the greatest building of the ancient world. It was the greatest, not because of its grandeur, but for the truths that it represented. In the face of idolatry and superstitions, it represented the unity, righteousness, and spirituality of God. Upon no other foundation can man build his moral and spiritual edifice with any sense of security and permanence in preparation for the hereafter. Within the Holy Bible, the unity, righteousness, and spirituality of God is revealed and within its pages moral truth is stored to light the mind and warm the heart of man.

Like most other things in Freemasonry, the Holy Bible is itself a symbol of Divine Truth in every form. When viewed as a symbol, it represents that divine truth or knowledge from whatever source derived. Freemasonry invites men of all faiths to its teachings, requiring only a belief in a Supreme Being, knowing that we all pray to the God and Father of the Universe regardless of the actual name one uses to address Him. Thus, the Bible is often referred to as the Volume of Sacred Law, allowing men of differing faiths to use the Sacred Writings of their faith as the Volume of Sacred Law.

What does this mean to the Freemason? The fact that the Holy Bible or some other Volume of Sacred Law rests open upon the Altar of Freemasonry means the Freemason must have some Divine Revelation. The Freemason must seek truth and wisdom from a source greater than that from human minds. Freemasonry makes no attempt at a detailed interpretation of the Bible. The Volume of Sacred Law lies upon the Altar open for all to read, open for all to study and interpret for himself. The tie that unites Freemasonry is strong, but it provides for the utmost liberty of faith and thought. It unites men not by creed or dogma, but upon the broad truth of a belief and faith in God, the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe. Freemasonry is truly a Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

The Freemason should not only respect and honor the Volume of Sacred Law as the revelation of God's divine will for mankind, the Great Light of Freemasonry, he should read it, live it, and love it. The truths contained within its pages should be stored within his heart and guide his use of the Square and Compasses in building his moral and spiritual edifice. The Holy Bible, if it fills man's heart, makes him gentle and strong, faithful, and free. It teaches him goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, and brotherly love. It tells us that we will be restless and lonely until we learn to walk with God.

As Freemasons, our moral and spiritual foundation must be built upon the Great Light. It is fitting to close our discussion with words from the prophet Micah. "[God] has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

References

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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

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Two-Year Trustee

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Three-Year Trustee

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

Announcements and Events

93rd The International Association Legions of Honor Convention

April 24 ~ 28

Aliante Hotel & Casino

You are all cordially invited to attend the upcoming IALOH convention in April. This convention is hosted by Sandy Valleys own Russell Gray. He is the commander of the IALOH. You don't have to be a member to attend. Anyone is welcome. Please consider attending some or all of the convention. Details on the event can be found at IALOH.org. Or you can ask either myself or Brother Gray.



