



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, October 7, 2023 @ 10am

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

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

Celebrating Our Brothers

Birthdays

Bro Carl Agbayani 10/04/1975

Masonic Birthdays



Bro Carl Agbayani 10/28/2021

Bro Sonny Martell 10/18/2016

Bro Ken O'Neill, P ∴ M ∴ 10/06/2012

Bro Mart Tavarez, P ∴ M ∴ 10/09/2004



From the East

Brethren,

Fall is upon us and the sun is already setting earlier, there is more darkness in a 24-hour period than light, and pool season is just about officially over. September was very busy as we initiated two new Brothers after our stated meeting and successfully had a Fellow Craft turn in his proficiency, but we also raised two new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 23rd.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Entered Apprentices Brother Mike Cantoneru and Brother Andrew Raby who joined our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

Congratulations to Brother Glen Wright who successfully turned in his Fellow Craft proficiency, and is now ready to be raised to Master Mason.

To our newest raised Master Masons - Brother Justin Rittenhouse and Brother James Valera. Sincere congratulations are extended to you both upon your completion of the Degree of Master Mason. No greater honor will ever come to you in your Masonic career as you have now attained this very Honorable degree that makes you a member of the world's oldest and largest Fraternal Society. You are now privileged to have your name inscribed upon the rolls that have been enhanced by names like Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, and Lafayette. You have laid a lasting foundation for a moral edifice upon the most sublime principles that mankind has ever known.

Enjoy the Journey!

Fraternally from the East,

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AUGUST MASTER MASON DEGREE

Brother Justin Rittenhouse and Brother James Valera Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason





From the West

Brethren,

Where did the year go? It's been a pleasure serving as your Senior Warden, and truly joyous to watch the lodge grow and initiate several new Entered Apprentices, pass Fellows Craft, and raise Master Masons. I look forward to many years with you, and your help in growing and managing the Lodge!

We will be looking for committee members for the upcoming years. Please make it known if

you wish to participate!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brett Williams
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From the South

Brother's,

Greetings from the south. Well, it has been very busy since we came out of darkness. Our worshipful master Brian Boles has done an outstanding job of putting together many degrees. I was humbled and honored to be able to confer the Entered Apprentice degree to two new brothers at our stated meeting in September. I was also honored to play a part in the Master Mason degree we had in late August. I apologize for not being at the last Master Mason degree on September 23rd. I was in Myrtle Beach with IALOH Commander Russ Gray attending the

South Atlantic Shrine Association LOH change of command ceremony. I am looking forward to a busy Masonic schedule in October with our stated meeting, the upcoming Shriners Children's Open golf tournament, and the Zelzah Shrine Ceremonial in Boulder City just to name a few. As a reminder, it is not too late to register for the IALOH Arlington wreath laying from Nov 1 thru Nov 4. If interested go to IALOH.org and select the Arlington tab. The hotel can still be booked until October 9th. As a reminder, this event is open to everyone. Hope all is well with all my Brothers and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns

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

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 are \$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 them.

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

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P.O. Box 1367
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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/>

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

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

Respectfully,

Carl Agbayani

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Monthly Education Lecture—October 2023

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

THE PAPAL BAN OF FREEMASONRY

The Catholic Church first prohibited Catholics from membership in Masonic organizations and other secret societies in 1738. Since then, at least eleven popes have made pronouncements about the incompatibility of Catholic doctrines and Freemasonry. From 1738 until 1983, Catholics who publicly associated with, or publicly supported, Masonic organizations were censured with automatic excommunication. Since 1983, the prohibition on membership exists in a different form. Although there was some confusion about membership following the 1962-1965 Second Vatican Council (Vatican II), the Church continues to prohibit membership in Freemasonry because it believes that Masonic principles and rituals are irreconcilable with Catholic doctrines. The current norm, the 1983 Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's (CDF) Declaration on Masonic associations, states that "faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion" and membership in Masonic associations is prohibited. The most recent CDF document about the "incompatibility of Freemasonry with the Catholic faith" was issued in 1985.

There was a seven-year stretch in the 1970s when the English-speaking Catholic world was taught by its bishops that, although it was not encouraged, it was in fact permitted to become a Mason, as long as certain conditions were met. Then, at the end of those seven years, these Catholics were suddenly informed that joining the Masons was actually still forbidden under pain of excommunication – and always had been.

The Church has used several historic justifications to ban or restrict masonry over the years. They believed that the history of freemasonry had proven its anti-Catholic Nature In the United States. Making Reference to Brother Albert Pike's writings referring to the papacy as a " deadly, treacherous enemy." They also referenced France in 1877, and Portugal in 1910 when Freemasons took control of government for a time and enacted laws to restrict the activities of the church and its education. They also believed that in Italy in the mid-1800s Freemasons infiltrated the movement to unify the country and were intent on abolishing the papacy and restricting the rights of the Catholic Church. In Latin America, masons were believed to express anti-Church and anti-clerical sentiments.

Even though our sacred order does include temples, altars, a moral code, feast days, and initiation and burial rites, we cannot be mistaken for a religious order. We Freemasons are an order of acceptance and a moral obligation to treat all brothers equally and without prejudice. We provide great services to the community.

Masonic bodies do not ban Catholics from joining if they wish to do so. There has never been a Masonic prohibition against Catholics joining the fraternity, and some Freemasons are Catholics, despite the Catholic Church's prohibition of joining the Freemasons.

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
Marth 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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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,

Al Navarro II, P.M.

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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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Brian Boles	Worshipful Master 702-296-8653	Donald Daum George W. Odell	UD 2001 2002
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