



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, September 9, 2023 @ 10am

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

August 2023 A.D. / 6023 A.L.

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Celebrating Our Brothers

Birthdays

WB Al Navarro, P.:M.:	9/01/62
Bro Sonny Martell	9/02/67
WB Brian Boles, P.:M.:	9/09/71
Bro Cristian Gliga	9/14/77
WB Robin Williams, P.:M.:	9/23/65
Bro Michael Kearns	9/25/56

Masonic Birthdays



Bro Gary Boozer	9/11/1987
Bro Aaron Sharp	9/13/2016
Bro James Matthews	9/18/2007
Bro Jeffrey Adams	9/19/2016
Bro Eli Armstrong	9/25/2008



From the East

Brethren,

WELCOME BACK MY BROTHERS!

“The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself” - Bro Benjamin Franklin

Labor Day is viewed as the official close of the summer season. Vacation time is over and it's time to 'get back to the business of the Lodge'. And we all can catch some happiness at Sandy Valley Lodge by attending to our business. As we close out summer and begin the final stretch of the year, we still have much work to do. The degree teams will be busy as we still have candidates to initiate, EA's to PASS, and FC's to RAISE! We will be initiating two candidates after our September Stated meeting and holding a called meeting on September 23rd, to Raise two Brothers to Master Masons.

I would like to congratulate Brother Matt Hernandez and Brother Justin Sobota on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 26th, the degree team put on an amazing degree, and a special thank you as well to WB Montana Williams, who conferred the Degree. This event brings out the true meaning of Brotherhood and the knowledge shared by all is invaluable and essential to the life of a Mason.

Our ongoing efforts to support the local community of Sandy Valley are going strong as we continue to bring donations to the Sandy Valley Food Pantry. I would like to thank Bro Carl Agbayani who has been instrumental in our ongoing charity work in supporting the Food Pantry. Bro Carl had made contact with Celestial Manna on possible assistance in supporting the Sandy Valley Food Pantry. Celestial Manna notified us in July that they had 500 lbs of extra food at their storage facility at the Indian Springs Lodge that they were willing to donate. Bro Carl Agbayani, Bro Michael Kearns, and WB Matt McCarthy filled up 3 truckloads of food and delivered the food to the Keystone Food Pantry in Sandy Valley. (WB Matt's write-up on this experience has been included in our TB this month).

Finally my Brothers, this month we are between two important dates in the solar and Masonic year, September 22nd @ 11:49pm the Autumn Equinox and September 29th Michaelmas - Feast of St. Michael. It is the time of the year in Masonic terms that we return to the center of our circumscribed circle. This is the time when we find ourselves at the center of the circumpunct between the two St Johns.

The ancient symbol known as the dot in the circle, circled dot, or a circumpunct, is one of the oldest symbols known to humans. The point of the beginning of creation and eternity. It is the sun of astrologers, the alchemical gold of the alchemist, and the Keter of the Kabbalah. For Masons, we are told to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds with all mankind, especially the Brethren. The square of humanity is circled by the spiritual compass.



Fraternally from the East,

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AUGUST MASTER MASON DEGREE

Brothers Matthew Hernandez & Justin Sobota Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason





From the West

Brethren,

It is my extreme pleasure to be with you all again as we close out our dark months! I'm unbelievably proud of our Lodge for a brilliant Master Mason degree and grateful for the opportunity to have raised both my brother-in-law, Matthew Hernandez, and best friend Justin Sobota to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!

I had quite a little adventure on the farm with my friends during these dark months, but am quite happy and relieved to be back with you all for this latter part of the year.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and am excited for our Lodge to initiate two new Entered Apprentices this stated meeting, and raise another two brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason later this month!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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From the South

Brother's,

Well, the period of Masonic darkness at Sandy Valley Lodge is coming to an end. Here is hoping everyone had a good summer.

My summer has been very eventful. I have made multiple trips with Brother Russell Gray in his role as the Commander of the International Association Legion of Honor (IALOH). We have traveled to multiple association meetings in his role as Commander. We also traveled together to the International Shriners sessions in Charlotte North Carolina. The highlight of our travels took us to Ottawa Canada in early June. Commander Gray had the honor of laying a wreath along with Imperial Sir Kenny Craven at the War Memorial in Ottawa. This is done every year around D-Day to honor the veterans who fought in that battle.

In addition to my Legion of Honors travel I fit in a 9-day cruise to Norway with my lovely wife Peggy. So not much rest during the summer and it looks like Worshipful Master Brian Boles has a busy fall scheduled for Sandy Valley. Indeed, it already began with a great Master Mason degree this past Saturday. We raised two new brothers. They are Brother Justin Sobota and Brother Matthew Hernandez. I am looking forward to our first Stated Meeting coming up on September 9th. Until then stay healthy and happy and we will see you all soon

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns
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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

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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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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—June 2023

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

THE COWEN

Definition:

Noun – (plural cowans) A worker in unmortared stone; a stonemason who has not served an apprenticeship. A person who attempts to pass himself as a Freemason without having experienced the rituals or going through the degrees. A sneak; an inquisitive or prying person.

Cowan is a Scottish trade term that has come to us from Scottish operative masonry.

In Scotland, the word 'Cowan' denoted "Dry-dyker" – a man who built walls of stones held in position by their own weight and not by mortar. As he did not use mortar or prepared, hew, or cut stones in his trade, he was looked upon as an inferior type of artisan by the operative mason, and as such was denied admittance to a mason's "Lodge", as trade-controlling bodies, they put restrictions against the employment of cowans in order to protect the fully trained men of the Craft from unskilled labor. This official ban against cowans appears during the 16th Century.

These Scottish operative masons, who intended to keep these cowans out, had their Tyler's, who as their name suggest, were those who placed roofing tiles in position after the masons had completed the walls, and from their lofty perch on the roof were charged with the additional task of reporting the imminent approach of cowans. This was intended to give Masons time to band together to keep off the cowans and intruders.

What has speculative Masonry made of the Cowan?

In the early 1700's there are records showing that the early speculative masons were, if anything, more bitterly opposed to the admission of Cowans than even the operative masons had been. As early as 1738 the "Constitutions" laid down that 'no free and accepted Mason shall work with, be employed by, or teach his trade to a cowan. About this time the import of the word cowan underwent a further change, for it came to include any person not a Brother. Before the end of the century, it also applied to the 'eavesdropper one who listened to conversations not intended for his ears.

In 1707, in its ordinance against the employment of Cowans, the Lodge of Kilwinning, in Scotland, described a Cowan as a mason 'without the word' – a member of the Craft without full privileges.

The reason for the inclusion of Cowans in the Masonic ritual begins to become apparent if not entirely obvious, as both Masons and Cowans worked in stone, and although they had entirely different methods of building with the same materials, they were both art forms with similarities.

So, the Cowan, like the stonemason, was an artist in his own right.

No doubt when the local Cowan had no immediate work prospects, and as he was a stone worker or a mason of sorts, why not seek work as a stonemason where there was a church, cathedral, or castle in the course of construction?

And who can blame him, after all, like everyone else he was obliged to earn a living any way he could. However, he was lacking in qualifications.

For instance, he didn't serve a recognized apprenticeship.

He had never learned to cut and shape stone according to a prepared plan or drawing.

He didn't have a registered journeyman's mark and above all, he didn't know the mason's word.

So, the chance of his obtaining employment at any of these places was slim at best, but obviously, it didn't stop him from trying. His prospects of finding work as a stonemason were confounded even further around the end of the sixteenth century, when the Warden General of the Masons of Scotland, a Mr. William Schaw, introduced the first Masonic statutes or regulations governing all Scottish Masons, and at the same time, creating the first permanent Lodges in Scotland.

One of the regulations contained within the statute stated that no Mason shall work with a Cowan. Hence no Cowan was allowed on a work site where stonemasons were employed.

So the phrase "To observe the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers" would mean to disbar any dry-stone wall builders or any other unqualified person from working with the stonemasons on any construction site. This would also prevent the Cowan from joining a Mason's Lodge.

In today's world, with the demise of the ancient stonemason's trade, as well as the dry stone building work of the Cowans, in practical terms, the rule doesn't apply anymore.

However, as a part of that unique teaching tool that we refer to as the ritual, it remains an essential ingredient. And so brethren, although we have nothing to fear from Cowans, we are still going to keep them out.

Reference:

MWB Anton Aspeslet, PGM – Grand Lodge of Canada: <https://jl1.org/lodge/index.php/2019/09/26/the-cowan/>

WB Norman McEvoy, PM Victoria Columbia Lodge #41 AF&AM <https://theeducator.ca/the-cowan/>

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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

A Message From Past Master Mathew McCarthy

**SV LODGE #57 Delivers...Again
By Matt McCarthy, PM**

SANDY VALLEY, NV

On July 26th, 2023, Brothers from Sandy Valley Lodge #57 delivered three truckloads of dry, self-stable pantry food items to the Keystone Pantry in Sandy Valley.

In early 2020 there was not a non-profit food pantry to be found in Sandy Valley. Families experiencing food insecurity had few places to turn. Recognizing a community need, Lisa and Sarah started the Keystone Pantry. For some time they served approximately 30 families. However, once the COVID pandemic hit, the number of families experiencing food insecurity grew exponentially. According to Lisa, "The number went from 30 to 60 and up."

Today, Keystone Pantry provides approximately 165 families with nutritional food through a drive-thru style delivery method. Moreover, volunteers make home deliveries to 25 homebound seniors and support an additional 30 seniors at the Sandy Valley Senior Center. When asked how frequently food is disturbed at the pantry and throughout Sandy Valley, Lisa said, "Weekly".

With only a small but generous grant, Lisa and Sarah rely on donations to stock the pantry. Three Square, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and Sandy Valley Lodge #57 are key to providing food essentials to those whom Keystone Pantry Serves.

For this particular delivery, Brothers Carl Agbayani (*Senior Deacon*), Michale Kearns (*Junior Warden*), and Matt McCarthy (*PM*) traveled to Indian Springs Lodge #48 where Celestial Manna has its food pantry (*Established in 1989, Celestial Manna provides meals to food-insecure families throughout the country.*). While waiting for volunteer Erin Koch to arrive, the Brothers spent time catching up and noting how much cooler Indian Springs was to Las Vegas (100 degrees compared to 110 degrees).

Soon enough, Erin and another volunteer arrived. With fans whirling, Erin quickly gave orders on what was to stay in the pantry and what was to be sent to Sandy Valley. "All of the items on this shelf from here to here can go," she said. "And these boxes can go, too," she said, pointing to a tack of canned green beans. Battling the heat, Brothers stacked boxes of canned vegetables and canned fruit, along with other dinner sides, onto dollies. Sacks of various grains were tossed into a shopping cart. All of it was then loaded into the back of each Brother's truck.

After thanking Erin for her generosity and making available so much-needed food, the Brothers headed to Sandy Valley to meet up with the Keystone Pantry founders Lisa and Sarah. Upon their arrival, they were met by a cadre of volunteers, some ranging between the ages of 11 to 13. With a sense of quickness, the trucks were offloaded and what was a relatively bare dry storage room was quickly filled with much-needed food items.

For how long will this food last?

"About a week," Lisa said.













Zelzah Shriners BBQ RIB

\$5 Entry Fee
\$16 Half-slab + side
\$2 Sodas & water

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the best bbq
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your chance to
win **CASH**, and
more
importantly,
**BRAGGING
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Fundraiser Event

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Eating
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Entry

Saturday
September 9
from 6-9pm

Masonic Memorial Temple
2200 W Mesquite Ave

Bring your folding chair!

Proceeds from this event are for the benefit of Zelzah Shriners. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Competitors:
Contact Rick Pond for rules, fees, and schedules.
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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 9th (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

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