



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, June 1, 2024 @ 10am

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

May 2024 A.D. / 6024 A.L.

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Celebrating Our Brothers

June Birthdays



Donald G. Daum, P.: M.:	6/02/1933
Charles H. Coleman	6/22/1942
James B. Matthews	6/27/1947
Harold T. Johnson, P.: M.:	6/29/1953
James Porter	6/04/1955
John L. Stelsel	6/19/1969
Mathew M. McCarthy, P.: M.:	6/11/1970
Troy A. Schneiderman, P.: M.:	6/21/1972
Michael P. White	6/13/1973
Travis G. Preston	6/24/1973

June Masonic Birthdays



Frank F. Heyer, P.: M.:	6/14/1963
William A. "Buck" Hogan	6/02/2007
Harold Scalzo Jr., P.: M.:	6/16/2009
Ian W. Johnson	6/16/2012
David G. Harvey	6/26/2014



From the East

Brethren,

I look forward to seeing you for our last meeting before we go dark for the summer. Our lodge proudly awarded scholarships to exemplary students from Sandy Valley High School this month – thank you to the brothers who were able to attend and/or donate to support our local community!

We have several Degrees imminent and still more to do once we return from our summer recess, so keep your ritual books dusted off and let your brothers know if you want a study buddy for parts or floor work! Please, brothers, if you are interested in learning more about the finer points of the Craft and its Work, attend the June 8 Grand Lecturer workshop in Las Vegas.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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From the West

Brother's

Greetings from the West. Well, we are quickly approaching our time of darkness for the summer break. It has been a very busy winter and spring season for Sandy Valley 57. We have made 4 official visits to other lodges. Those were Robert Burns 59, Mt. Moriah 39, Pahrump 54, and Boulder City 37. I wish to personally thank those brothers who attended those visits with me. I had fun and I hope you all did as well. I have one more visit planned to Vegas 32 where our very own Dan Crowe sits in the east. Details to follow ASAP.

We also have welcomed one Entered Apprentice during our April Stated Meeting. Before we go dark we are going to continue to be busy. On Friday May 31st we are holding a joint Fellowcraft Degree with Pahrump 54. This will occur in the evening with a dinner preceding the degree. Meal at 6pm with Degree to begin at 7pm. A great big thank you to Pahrump for hosting this degree. Then the following day after Sandy Valley 57's stated meeting we will be holding a Master Mason degree. Team members have been mostly assembled and I am confident that all roles will be filled soon. Getting these degrees done before we go dark is critical. It will allow the Brothers to study and be ready to perform their proficiencies when we return in September.

We have a couple important engagements coming up. Firstly, on May 21st at 4:30pm Sandy Valley Lodge 57 will be awarding scholarship checks to four deserving Sandy Valley High School graduates. This is a highlight of our lodges year as we are investing in the future of Sandy Valley by assisting these students in their further education. Secondly, on Saturday, June 8th in the morning the Grand Lodge DGL is putting on a mandatory workshop. This will occur at the Masonic Memorial Temple on Rancho and West Mesquite Ave. We need 5 of our officers to attend this function. Unfortunately, both myself and Russ Gray will not be available as we are accompanying our wives to Boise Idaho for the Daughters of the Nile Supreme Sessions. So it is imperative that you support our Worshipful Master with your presence at this function. If we don't have the required number of officers we will not be eligible for the Silver State Award. Details will be discussed at our upcoming June Stated Meeting. Again it has been a busy year and we have accomplished a great deal of work. I hope and wish all my Brothers a restful summer break. However, be ready when we return in September as we will hit the ground running to continue the great work we do at Sandy Valley 57.

Respectfully,

Michael Kearns

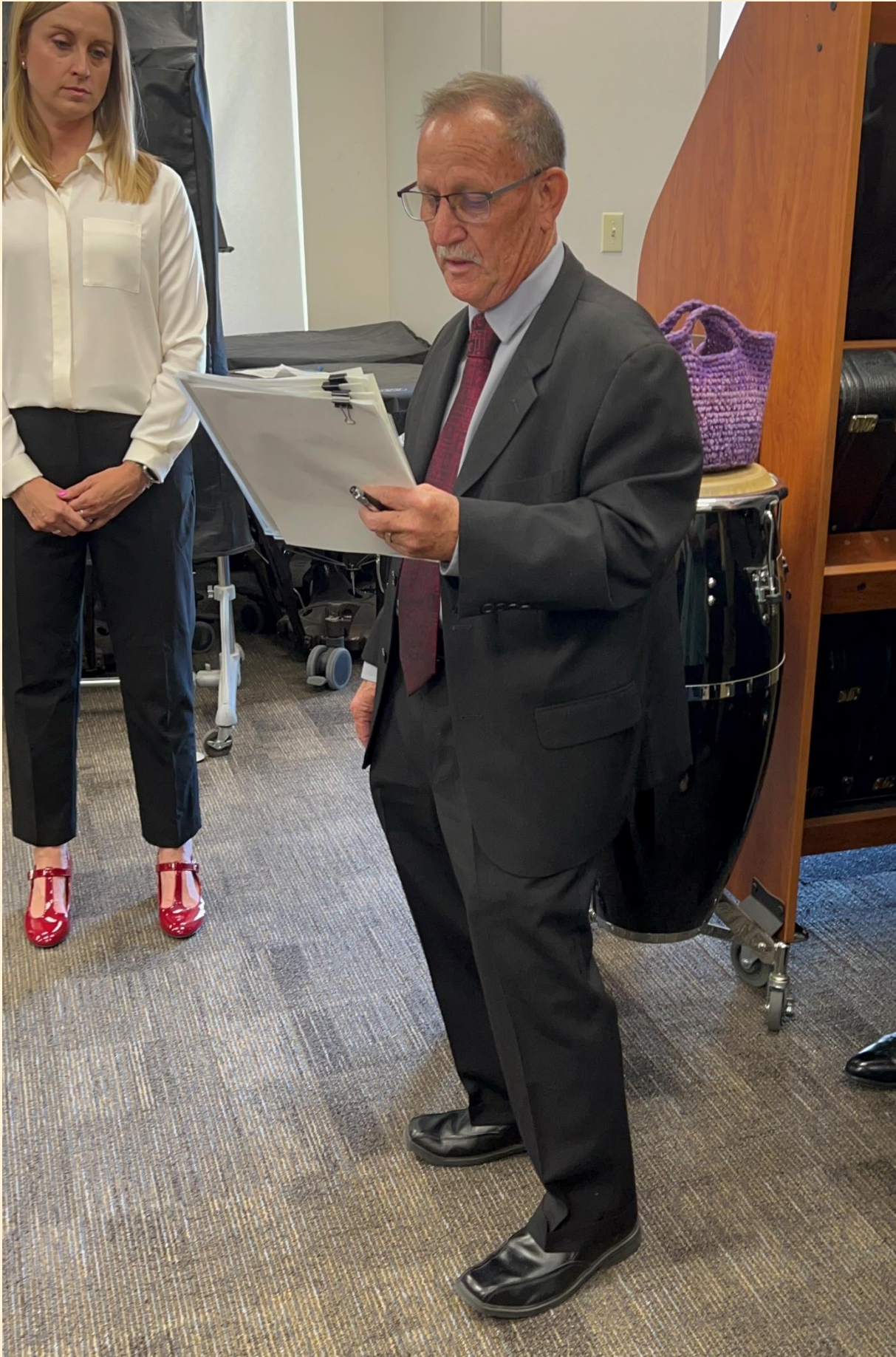
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Presentation of George Odell Scholarships to Sandy Valley High School Students.





Sandy Valley Lodge No.57 official visit to Mt. Moriah Lodge No.39.



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57 official visit to Pahrump Lodge No.54.



Sandy Valley Lodge No.57 official visit to Boulder City Lodge No.37.





From the South

Brethren,

I will be conducting the food run on May 28th and will be reaching out for assistance.

Additionally, Sandy Valley Keystone Pantry would like help with picking up Bread weekly (Thursday only) from a Bread factory on Dean Martin and delivering to the Keystone Pantry. I can commit to doing this monthly but I need volunteers to please help. If you can assist, please let me know.

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,

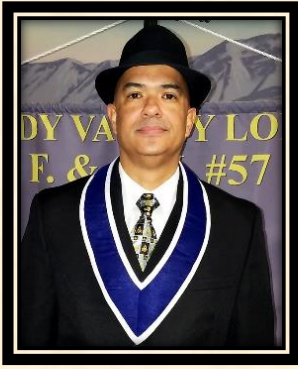
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From the Secretary's Desk

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, F. & A. M. S.
c/o Ken O'Neill, P.M., Secretary
527 Albacate Street
Henderson, NV 89015**

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 the following instructions, the 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 a contact to you. DO NOT use a lodge email as "Secretary" status is granted in the system (i.e. choose 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 your preferred contact method in your profile.

b. **Password / Check Password:**

Choose 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 the standard login portal.
5. Once logged in, please explore your profile and update your 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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Monthly Education Lecture—June 2024

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

From

NV Grand Lodge Short Lecture Series

CORN, WINE, & OIL

Researched by R. Montana Williams, PM

The wages which our ancient brethren received for their labors in the building of King Solomon's Temple are paid no more. In the lodge we use them as symbols. Corn, wine, and oil have been associated together from the earliest times. The importance of corn, wine, and oil is littered throughout the bible. In Deuteronomy the "nation of fierce countenance" which is to destroy the people "shall not leave thee either corn, wine or oil." In II Chronicles we read "the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil." Nehemiah tells of "a great chamber where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine and the oil" and later "then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn, the new wine and the oil into the treasures." There are other references in the Great Light to these particular forms of taxes, money and tithes for religious purposes; wealth and refreshment. In ancient days the grapes in the vineyard and olives in the grove and the grain of the field were not only wealth but the measure of trade; so many skins of wine, so many cruses of oil, and so many bushels of corn were to them as are dollars and cents today. Thus, our ancient brethren received wages in corn, wine, and oil as a practical matter; they were paid for their labors in the coin of the realm.

The oil pressed from the olive was as important to the Jews in Palestine as butter and other fats are among occidentals. Because it was so necessary, and hence so valuable, it became an important part of sacrificial rites. There is no point in the sacrifice which is only a form. To be effective it must offer before the Altar something of value; something the giving of which will testify to the love and veneration in which the sacrificer holds the Most High. Oil was also used not only as a food but for lighting purposes; more within the house than in the open air, where torches were more effective. Oil was also an article of the bath; mixed with perfume it was used in the ceremonies of anointment, and in preparation for ceremonial appearances. The "Precious ointment upon the head, which ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment;" as the quotation has it in our entered Apprentice Degree, (and Nevada's Master Mason opening and closing) was doubtless made of olive oil, suitably mixed with such perfumes and spices as myrrh, cinnamon, galbanum and frankincense. Probably oil was also used as a surgical dressing; nomadic peoples, subject to injuries, could hardly avoid knowledge of the value of soothing oil. With so many uses for oil, its production naturally was stimulated. Not only was the production of the olive grove a matter of wealth, but the nourishing and processing of the oil gave employment to many. Oil was obtained from the olive both by pressing - probably by a stone wheel revolving in or on a larger stone, mill or mortar - and also by a gentle pounding. This hand process produced a finer quality of oil. "And thou shalt command the children of Israel that they bring pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always." (Exodus, 27-20.)

The corn of the Bible is not the corn we know today. In many, if not most of the uses of the word, a more understandable translation would be simply "grain." The principal grains of the Old Testament days were barley and wheat; corn represents not only both, but all the grains which the Jews cultivated. Our modern corn cultivated and cross-bred was, of course, unknown to the ancients, although it might be going too far to say they had no grain similar to the Indian maize from which our great corn crop has grown.

Scarcely less important to our ancient brethren than their corn and oil, was the wine. Vineyards were highly esteemed both as wealth and as a comfort - the pleasant shade of the "vine and fig tree" was a part of ancient hospitality. Vineyards on mountain sides or hills were most carefully tended and protected against washing away by terraces and walls, as even today one may see the hillsides of the Rhine. Thorn hedges kept cattle from helping themselves to the grapes. The vineyard operator frequently lived in a watch tower or hut on an elevation to keep sharp look-out that neither predatory man nor beast took his ripening wealth.

Corn, wine, and oil were the wages paid our ancient brethren. They were the “Master’s Wages” of the days of King Solomon. Masons of this day receive no material wages for their labors; the work done in a lodge is paid for only in the coin of the heart. But those wages are no less real. They may sprout as does the grain, strengthen as does the wine, nourish as does the oil.

How much we receive and what we do with our wages depends entirely on our Masonic work. A brother obtains from his lodge and from his Order only what he puts into it. Our ancient brethren were paid for their physical labors. Whether their wages were paid for work performed upon the mountain and in the quarries, or whether they received corn, wine, and oil because they labored in the fields or vineyards, it was true then, and it is true now, that only “in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.” To receive the equivalent of corn, wine and oil, a brother must labor. He must till the fields of his own heart or build the temple of his own “house not made with hands. “He must labor to his neighbor or carry stones for his brother’s temple.

References

Corn, Wine, and Oil (n.d.). The Masonic Towel. Retrieved from http://www.themasonictowel.com/masonic_talk/stb/stbs/30-08.htm

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!

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www.sandyvalley57.com

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Respectfully,

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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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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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