

# Sandy Valley Lodge No.57

Free and Accepted Masons

## Trestle Board



Most Worshipful Zakariah A. Gulling

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada

Next Stated Communication

Saturday, January 4, 2025 @ 10am

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

December 2024 A.D. / 6024 A.L.

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

# Celebrating Our Brothers



## January Birthdays

Wilton Swenson Jr., P.:M.:	01/15/1944
Richard P Hunker	01/12/1947
Cyril D Bradshaw	01/17/1953
Mark T Tavarez, P.:M.:	01/11/1957
Dennis C Carr	01/05/1975
Michael J Kurcab, P.:M.:	01/24/1977
Buzz D Ingram	01/28/1984
Patrick D Miralles	01/26/1991



## January Masonic Birthdays

Ray Armstrong	01/05/2008
Michael J Kurcab, P.:M.:	01/05/2008

# The Master's Calendar

(Subject to Change)

## JANUARY 2025.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. Overview of yearly goals. Discuss committee assignments.  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> (OPEN) Possible EA degree for J. Clayton.  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> District-11 DGL workshop with Pahrump 54 and Robert Burns 59.  
Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Practice and planning session for Grand Masters Official Visitation (GMOV).  
*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

## FEBRUARY 2025.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Communication.  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup> GMOV. Brisket lunch after the meeting.  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> (OPEN) Possible degree work.  
Feb (TBD) Work with the Entertainment Committee to set up social events.  
*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

## MARCH 2025.

March 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Communication. Get updated on the Sandy Valley HS scholarship program.  
March 7<sup>th</sup> Official Visit to Vegas 32. Reclaim the traveling trophy. Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm.  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> (OPEN) Possible degree work.  
March (TBD) Work with youth Chairman Buzz Ingram to set up an event with the youth group.  
*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

## APRIL 2025.

April 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. Scholarship program update.  
April 8<sup>th</sup> Official Visit to Silver Cord 51. Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm  
April 12<sup>th</sup> (OPEN) Possible degree work.  
April 19<sup>th</sup> District-11 DGL workshop with Pahrump 54 and Robert Burns 59. SV Hosting.  
April (TBD) Work with entertainment committee to setup event for past Sandy Valley Masters.  
*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

## MAY 2025.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication. Finalize picks for Sandy Valley HS scholarships.  
May 17<sup>th</sup> (OPEN) Possible degree work.  
May (TBD) Sandy Valley Scholarship's awarded.  
*\*May 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Zelzah Shriners Potentate's trip to New Orleans.*  
*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

## JUNE 2025.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. Report on the progress of the Silver State Award.  
June 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Daughters of the Nile Supreme sessions. National conference. Work with Grand Lodge and Vegas 32 to Co-host a Table Lodge for visiting Masons.  
*\*June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup> Shriners Imperial Sessions in Atlanta, Georgia.*

## JULY 2025. (Dark Month)

July 13<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> My trip to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco.  
*\*\* Although we are dark during July and August, we can still do degree work if we fall behind. Also, I want to continue our volunteer work at Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

## AUGUST 2025. (Dark Month)

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> District-11 DGL Workshop with Pahrump 54 and Robert Burns 59. RB59 is hosting.

## SEPTEMBER 2025.

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. Discuss plans for the fall season.  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> (OPEN) Possible degree work.  
*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

**OCTOBER 2025.**

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication.  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Official Visit to King Solomon 58. Meeting 7pm.  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup> (OPEN) Possible degree work.

*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

**NOVEMBER 2025.**

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Communication. Senior Warden to Open/Close and run the meeting.  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Sessions in Reno, Nevada.  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> District-11 DGL Workshop with Pahrump 54 and Robert Burns 59. P54 Hosting.  
Nov (TBD) Official Visit to an LV valley lodge or a social event. To be arranged by Senior Warden.  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> (OPEN) Possible degree work.

*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*

**DECEMBER 2025.**

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication. Election of 2026 Officers.  
Dec (TBD) Sandy Valley Installation of Officers for 2026.  
Dec (TBD) Strongly consider arranging an Official Visit to another lodge.

*\*Friday AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Food Bank.*



## From the East

Brethren,

I am humbled by your confidence in me as your new Worshipful Master. It is an honor that you chose me to lead Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 for 2025. It is also a big responsibility. I will work hard this year to do what is best for our lodge and earn the confidence you placed in me. I look forward to our next Stated meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>, where I will talk to you about some of my goals for the year. Be prepared, as I really want to make this a special year, but I will need the help of all my brothers to make this happen.

In the meantime, I hope all of my brothers, their families, and friends had a great holiday season. Be safe, and stay happy and positive. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,

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# The Master's Goals for 2025

## **RECRUITMENT.**

- Work with the Sandy Valley Officers, all Sandy Valley brothers, and the Grand Lodge of Nevada on a recruitment program. It is critical that we involve our younger members in this process and give them advice on how best to promote freemasonry to their peers.
- Work with our youth group committee chairman to schedule a time to visit with the DeMolay youth as part of the month of the Grand Lodge's March youth groups. It is critical that these young men see that Masons are interested in their group and what they are working for. This will also allow us to talk to these young men and give them advice on how to best recruit members to their organization.

## **RETENTION.**

- Work with the entertainment committee to set up at least two social events this year. Those events would be open to all brothers, their families, and any guests they wish to invite.
- I would like one of these events to be fun, such as going bowling. The other event I envision doing is one that honors all the past masters of Sandy Valley Lodge No.57. They have been a vital part of the lodge's development, and I want to honor their commitment to the lodge and Masonry.
- Work with the leadership of our brothers in Pahrump Lodge No.54 to beautify the areas of the lodge that Pahrump Lodge No.54 has given to us. For instance, post pictures of all this year's Sandy Valley officers. Also, please post photos of all our past masters to honor them.
- Most importantly, perform timely degrees for the candidates and brothers going through the various degrees. It is essential that we don't fall behind in this process. When we do, we can often lose perspective, Master Masons. My goal is that no one should wait more than two months before being elected to take the degrees or pass a proficiency before moving on to the following degree. Of course, this will take a concerted effort from the team.
- Finally, work with the brothers completing their degrees to pass their various proficiencies. We all have the responsibility to offer this assistance. However, the primary persons who should be driving this are those brothers who are first—and second-line signers.

## **RE-ENGAGEMENT.**

Formulate a process to reach out to those members we don't see often at meetings. While their dues are vital, it is even more vital, in my opinion, to have a lodge where more members participate in the stated meetings, degree work, and social functions. Find out those members' barriers to participating in meetings and work with those brothers to find ways to eliminate those barriers.

## **EDUCATION, DEGREE CONFERRALS, AND CEREMONIES.**

- Take part in all District 11 DGL training opportunities. Dates for these are 1/18/25, 4/19/25, 8/12/2025, and 11/15/2025. These are all great opportunities for learning and improvement. We will also need maximum participation in the Nevada Grand Lecturers workshop date to be announced.
- Work with appropriate committees to set up team members to take roles in the various degrees of masonry, especially the Master Mason degree's second section. Work with members to learn multiple roles.
- Junior Warden will open/close a meeting of Entered Apprentices and confer an EA degree. Senior Warden will open/close a meeting of Fellowcrafts and confer a Fellowcraft degree.
- Work with appropriate committees to work on our funeral degree. Do at least one practice this year of the funeral degree.
- We will continue conducting monthly education during our stated meetings. My vision is that various officers will take turns performing the monthly education. I will work with the education committee to accomplish this goal.
- We will invite a brother from one of our sister lodges to do one of the monthly educations and offer to conduct education at that lodge when we make an official visit.
- Work with the education and ritual (Hi-twelve Committee) to set up practices for opening and closing a lodge, all the various degrees, balloting, and special presentations such as the GMOV.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER MASONIC LODGES.**

- We will continue our practice of official visits to other Masonic lodges. We will take that opportunity to learn best practices from our brothers at these lodges.
- Special project that I want us to be involved in. Work with the Grand Lodge of Nevada, Vegas Lodge No.32, and other lodges to do a Table Lodge during the Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session in June. Many Masons from

all over the United States will attend with their spouses. When I attended last year's sessions in Boise, Idaho, the Idaho Grand Lodge and an area lodge hosted a dinner, and the Grand Lodge officers did the second section of a Master Masons degree. I want to do the same here in Nevada.

- Additionally, work with the Entertainment Committee to try to set up a joint summer function involving as many area lodges as possible. My suggestion would be a picnic lunch and lawn games. Invite as many brothers, family members, and guests as possible. Show everyone that Masons like to have fun.

#### **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES.**

- We will continue to provide food donations to the Sandy Valley Food Pantry and work with the Charity Committee to develop a plan for at least one donation this year.
- Assist the Sandy Valley food pantry by volunteering at least one Friday a month this year to help hand out food to those who need it.
- Work with the Charity Committee to consider raising funds to buy turkeys to hand out at the Sandy Valley Food Pantry in November 2025.
- Work with the Charity Committee to discuss how we can assist the Sandy Valley Activities Center. This is a center where area kids can go after school. When I asked how Sandy Valley could help, they told me we could provide recreation equipment such as soccer balls, etc.
- We will continue to work with the Scholarship Committee to award deserving students the George Odell Scholarship.

#### **FINANCIAL SECURITY.**

- Work with the Finances Committee and the Trustees to set up appropriate tax-deductible opportunities for Sandy Valley Lodge. This may be a way for members to contribute to Sandy Valley Lodge as a tax-deductible item.
- Work with the Finance Committee and the Trustees to see if there are any opportunities to invest our monies in investments that might earn us more capital. Of course, we must do this within the bounds of the Nevada Masonic Code.
- Work with Pahrump Lodge No.54 leadership to try and set up a fundraiser to assist in building maintenance, security, and beautification.

#### **APPENDANT BODIES.**

- We will continue to have the members of the Appendant Bodies Committee report on various activities occurring at those bodies.
- As stated before, participate in as many youth events as possible. Invite youth group members and appendant body leadership and members to any social events we plan.
- If possible, pick a time for appendant body leadership to visit a Stated meeting and talk to us about their various activities and opportunities.



## From the West

Brothers,

I am elated to send you these tidings as your Senior Warden! I know that we have an exciting year ahead, especially with the Leadership of WM Kearns at the helm.

I am still part of the Charity Committee and Sandy Valley Keystone Pantry still needs volunteers on Fridays to assist with handing out food at the pantry and any other help needed. Please contact me directly if you can volunteer on a Friday morning and I will get you the needed information.

I look forward to the EA Degree in January and the MM Degree in February. WM Kearns and team will be contacting everyone about the upcoming practices.

Officers, I have been asked to set up Chat communications using Signal Private Messenger. I will be adding the Officers to the necessary channels in Signal.

Thank you for all your support!

Fraternally,

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## From the South

Happy New Year Brothers!!

This is my first Trestle Board Message. I hope the New Year was great for everyone. Just a reminder that the Refreshment Committee will be collecting 10\$ per person for our meals beginning in January. We have some great ideas for this year as Worshipful Master Mike Kearns takes command. Let's try to reach out to the Brothers who are members that we don't see in Lodge. Let's fill our seats! Thank You

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## From the Treasurer's Desk

Brothers,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your trust in electing me as your Treasurer for 2025. It is an honor to serve in this capacity, and I am committed to living up to your expectations and fulfilling the responsibilities that come with this role.

As our Worshipful Master, Mike Kearns, has emphasized, we will be focusing on developing more effective and efficient strategies for managing the Lodge's finances. Our goal is to ensure that our funds are utilized optimally, enhancing the overall financial health of our

Lodge.

I am eager to engage in open discussions and collaborate with each of you on these important matters in the coming year. Together, we can implement the best practices that will benefit our Lodge and its members. I look forward to working closely with all of you and making a positive impact on our community.

Fraternally,

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits! I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year. The dues cards for 2025 are in and I will be taking cash or a check payable to "Sandy Valley Lodge #57" for the sum of \$101.00 dollars for the ensuing year.

If you wish to mail a check, please mail it to: Ken O'Neill, 527 Albacate St. Henderson, NV 89015. I will mail your dues card to the return address listed on your check or envelope.

Please note that we still have members who have not updated their contact information and need to do so as soon as possible. I have included instructions for GrandView access for your convenience.

For those of you still needing assistance signing up with GrandView, I have included the instructions below.

**GrandView** Instructions: From your browser, type in [nvmasons.org](http://nvmasons.org). Once the page opens, click 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, enter a 3
  - b. **Member ID:**  
This should be the number 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 for 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 that 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 and the Grand Lodge. If you cannot change something (Degree dates, etc.), please inform the 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.
- For the access code (for Brothers in specified Lodges), consult the Lodge Secretary.

I want to remind everyone that all checks and official lodge information must be sent to me directly to the Lodge address on file with the Grand Lodge. That address is:

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Fraternally,,

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# From the Lodge Communications Mason

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Respectfully,

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## 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. I would also like to use this opportunity to educate our newer members on the Powers and duties of the Board of Trustees.

Per 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, always with the benefit of the craft and lodge as their guide.

I hope to see you all in attendance this year.

Fraternally,

*Robin "Montana" Williams*  
One-Year Trustee

*Brian Boles*  
Two-Year Trustee

*Brett Williams*  
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*

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## #VEGASSTRONGER



# Announcements and Events

2025 Sandy Valley Lodge No.57 Installation of Officers

December 13, 2024





















2025 LODGE OFFICERS		PAST MASTERS	
Michael Kearns	Worshipful Master 720-425-6330	Donald Daum George W. Odell	UD 2001 2002
Carl Agbayani	Senior Warden 619-301-0910	Ted Johnson Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2003 2004
Tarek Schoner	Junior Warden 702-684-3633	Swannie Swenson (2004) Al Oppegard	2005 2006
Albert Navarro II	Treasurer 702-218-5060	Troy Schneiderman Michael L. Rodgers	2007 2008
Kenneth O'Neill, P.M.	Secretary 702-237-2259	John Pennington Mike Barry	2009 2010
Jeffrey Vrabel	Senior Deacon 702-527-2744	Wade Schneiderman (10yr Anniversary-UD) Fred Horne (10yr Anniversary)	2011 2012
Justin Rittenhouse	Junior Deacon 702-540-7947	Mark Tavarez John Pennington	2013 2014
Russell Gray	Chaplain 303-901-7044	Michael Kurcab Dwain Rittenhouse	2015 2016
Dennis Williams	Tyler 702-596-3104	Mathew McCarthy Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2017 2018
Reginald Winbush	Senior Steward 702-460-1130	Steven Benjamin Dave Sims	2019 2020
Ped Palmer	Junior Steward 702-301-1856	Albert A Navarro II (20yr Anniversary-UD) Robin "Montana" Williams (20yr Anniversary)	2021 2022
Bill Cookston	Marshall 775-253-0159	Brian Boles Brett Williams	2023 2024
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	Brett Willams, P.M.	David Owens	
2-Year	Brian Boles, P.M.	Fred Horne	
1-Year	Robin 'Montana' Williams, P.M.	*George Gilbert	
HONORARY MEMBERS		Terry Baker	
*Jim Cook, P.M.		Fred Robinson	
Harry Christopher, P.M.		Harold Scalzo	
Frank Merica, P.M.		Richard Hunker	
		*Clifford Wiltse	
		*Dave White	
HONORARY PAST MASTERS		Greg Curtain	
*Parke Potter	2007	*Deceased	