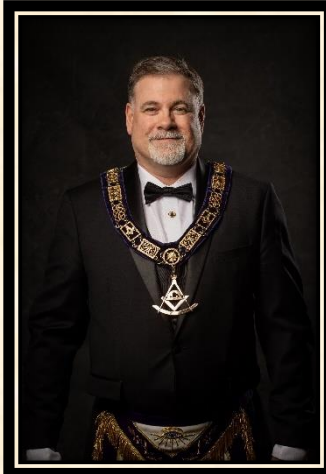


# Sandy Valley Lodge No.57

Free and Accepted Masons

Trestle Board



Most Worshipful Zakariah A. Gulling

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada

Next Stated Communication

Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 10am

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

April 2025 A.D. / 6025 A.L.

[www.sandyvalley57.com](http://www.sandyvalley57.com)

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

# Celebrating Our Brothers



## May Birthdays

Jan F Wisecup	5/25/1954
Michael L Rodgers, P.:M.:	5/13/1955
Reginald O Winbush	5/16/1963



## May Masonic Birthdays

James E Lytner	5/02/1980
James Porter	5/14/2002
Ron Krever	5/19/2003
Dwain A Rittenhouse, P.:M.:	5/07/2011
V Cristian Gliga, P.:M.:	5/17/2018
John L Stelsel	5/16/2019
William A Cookston Jr	5/08/2021
Joseph S Marotta	5/21/2022

# The Master's Calendar

(Subject to Change)

## MAY 2025.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication. Finalize picks for Sandy Valley HS scholarships.  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Lodge Social at Top Golf (4627 Koval Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89109).  
May (TBD) Sandy Valley Scholarships 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

Brothers,

Well, the first half of the year is almost completed, and we have got a lot of work done. However, much is still left to accomplish. In the coming months before darkness, we have two Fellowcrafts that we need to raise to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Our Senior Warden, Carl Agbayani, will be putting together a degree team for this important occasion that will occur tentatively on Saturday, May 31st. We may also have other degrees to complete before we go dark. One big item upcoming is our Sandy Valley High School George Odell Scholarship. Worshipful Brother Ken O'Neill is working with personnel at the High school to get completed scholarship applications. Once we have all those applications, Worshipful Brother Ken has assembled a team to rate those applications and pick our scholarship winners. Graduation at Sandy Valley is on Tuesday, May 27th, in the evening, and it would be nice to have a good contingent of Sandy Valley brothers attend that event. Remember, we are also supporting the Sandy Valley food bank by volunteering on Fridays to hand out food to the people of Sandy Valley who need this assistance. My goal of having a volunteer assist at least one Friday a month has been met so far this year. Let's keep up the good work. I wish to thank those brothers who attended the DDGL workshop in April. I heard it was a fun and educational event. Finally, our Junior Steward approached me about doing a fun social event in May for all Sandy Valley brothers. He will be speaking about that event at our upcoming Stated Meeting. I look forward to seeing all my brothers at the upcoming stated meeting, where we will have the honor of having Illustrious Sir Eric Halberg, the Potentate at Zelzah Shrine, speak to us about all the fun events at Zelzah and the importance of the role of Shriners in the life of Shriners' children.

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

Brethren,

By the time you read this, you should've received an email about the upcoming Master Mason degree. If you could let me know by responding to the email about what roles you can fill, I would appreciate it. The date for the MM Degree right now shows to be for May 31. Thanks for your support in this effort.

Our volunteering at the pantry continues, and I am thankful to all the Brethren that have helped.

Fraternally,

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## From the South

Greetings from the South,

This month, I encourage everyone to do some extra Masonic reading. Grandview has many excellent articles and lectures. It always helps me stay on the Illuminated Pathway by increasing my Masonic knowledge. Reading helps me relax and put the worldly stresses at bay. It's enlightening to walk into a lodge room and not just see "stuff" on the wall. But to know the story, background, reason, or explanation of why it's there. Read and get to know the insights of Masonry from Great men from ages past. Summer break is coming soon. Dive into a good book.

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# Monthly Education Lecture ~ April 2025

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

*Researched by Brother Jeffrey Vrabel*

## THREE GREAT PILLARS: WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY

When young and seeking knowledge, we tend toward dyads (groups of twos). Yes/no, black/white, if/then, right/wrong, cold/hot. Higher learning, however, leads us to triads or threes.

Three, a number that has, from time immemorial, represented divinity and creation. One father and one mother joined to create a third: creation at its most fundamental form. Three is the first number to stand on its own; a stool will not stand with fewer than three legs. The very G that adorns our most recognizable symbol, geometry, relies on the dimensions of length, breadth and thickness.

- Creation: thought, word, action
- Grammar: subject, verb, object
- Adjectives: good, better, best
- Government: Legislative, Executive, Judicial
- Religion: duty to God, your neighbor, yourself
- Masonry:
  - Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason
  - Time, patience, perseverance
  - Friendship, morality, brotherly love
  - Three Great Lights: the Holy Bible, square, and compasses

When a candidate is first initiated, he is released from the cable tow and then he is brought from darkness to see the light by which Masons work. The first objects presented to his view are the three Great Lights of Masonry visible by aid of three lesser lights representing the Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge.

The candidate is then told that there are Three Great Pillars that support every Lodge, denominated Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty for there should be Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support, and Beauty to adorn every great and important undertaking. These three pillars not only uphold our Masonic ideals but also guide us in our journey toward personal and collective enlightenment.

The Worshipful Master represents the pillar of Wisdom and is symbolized by the Ionic column as it combines the beauty of the Corinthian with the strength of the Doric. Proverbs VIII, 11 tells us "For wisdom is better than rubies and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." Wisdom represents the ability to discern truth from falsehood, to navigate the complexities of life with understanding, and to apply knowledge judiciously. Knowledge comes from study, Wisdom from experience and reflection. Knowledge is cognizance of facts, Wisdom the strength of mind to apply knowledge. Knowledge alone may be the possession of the criminal or the wastrel; Wisdom comes only to the wise, and the wise are ever good.

In the ancient world, wisdom was often personified as a figure who guides and teaches. In our own lives, we can embody this principle by cultivating a spirit of inquiry, remaining open to new ideas, and learning from one another. It is through the practice of wisdom that we make informed decisions, both in our personal affairs and in our dealings with others.

The Worshipful Master, being the only one adorned with a head covering, symbolizes enlightened leadership, because he should have wisdom to open his Lodge, set the craft at work, and give them proper instruction for their labor. We do not become wise upon ascending to the East. In fact, it has been said the wisest thing any man can learn in the East is that he cannot do it all himself. It takes real strength to ask for help and be willing to accept it when its offered. Given the best

intentions, any man can err, yet with the strength of his brothers and the support of brotherly love, we can overcome our personal flaws and serve our brothers with the dignity that is afforded us through Wisdom.

The second of our Grand Pillars, without which nothing endures even when contrived by Wisdom and adorned by Beauty, is Strength. Not the strength which lies in power or might. Not the strength of the arm nor the might of an army. Not physical power but, more importantly, moral and spiritual fortitude for Freemasons build no temporal buildings. The Freemason constructs only the spiritual building; his stone is his mind, mentally chipped by the common gavel to a perfect ashlar. The strength by which he establishes his kingdom is not a strength of iron but a strength of will; his pillars support not a wall to keep out cowans and eavesdroppers but a character proof against the intrusion of the vices and superfluities of life. Strength is the resolve to uphold our principles, even in the face of adversity. It is the courage to stand firm for what is right, to support our Brethren, and to act with integrity.

The Senior Warden represents the pillar of Strength, represented by the Doric column as it is the most massive column in all the orders of architecture, it being his duty to assist the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge, to pay the craft their wages, if any be due, and see that none may go away dissatisfied, harmony being the strength of all institutions, most especially, this of ours.

In our lives as Masons, we encounter challenges that test our character. It is in these moments that we must draw upon our inner strength, standing united as a brotherhood, living by our principles, and living uprightly despite adversity. The strength we cultivate is not solely our own; it is amplified by the bonds we share with one another. Together, we can withstand the trials of life, lifting each other up and encouraging growth and resilience.

True strength is often found in humility. It takes great courage to admit our weaknesses and to seek help when needed. In doing so, we embody the strength of our fraternity, supporting one another in our quest for self-improvement. Strength is essential for us to serve mankind and our creator.

Finally, we arrive at the pillar of beauty, which transcends mere aesthetics. In Masonry, beauty reflects harmony, balance, and proportion in our lives and in our relationships. It is the manifestation of our highest ideals and the pursuit of excellence in our thoughts, actions, and creations.

In the story of Solomon's Temple in the Great Light we find detailed descriptions of what was evidently, to those who went into details of its construction, the most beautiful building possible for the engineering skill, the wealth, and the conception of the people of Israel.

The Junior Warden represents the pillar of Beauty, represented by the Corinthian column as it is the most beautiful of the ancient orders of architecture and is, to us, not merely the support of a building but that which upholds character.

Artists dispute and philosophers differ about what is beauty. All of us have our individual conceptions of what constitutes it. As no two men are agreed as to what is beautiful in a material sense, the Masonic conception of beauty cannot be of material beauty. The Masonic Pillar of Beauty, then, must be the symbol of an inward loveliness, a beauty of the mind, of the heart, a beauty of the spirit. Beauty is found in the bonds of brotherhood, in acts of kindness, and in the pursuit of knowledge. It inspires us to create a more just and compassionate world. As we engage in the work of our Craft, let us strive to infuse our actions with beauty, be it through architectural endeavors, charitable acts, or the cultivation of our moral character.

A man may keep every law, go to church twice on Sunday, belong to our Order, subscribe to every charity and still be mean of spirit, unhappy to live with, selfish, inconsiderate, disagreeable. He has not learned the inward meaning of the pillar of Beauty. He has never stood symbolically in the South. For him the sun at meridian is but the orb of day at high noon and nothing more. But here stands our Junior Warden, it always being his duty to observe the sun at meridian, which is the glory and beauty of the day. Beauty involves completeness, harmony and proper form. A beautiful Lodge is filled with wise, strong brethren living with virtue. By progressing through the three degrees, Masons perfect themselves in all respects. They craft symmetrical, elegant lives guided by the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth using the speculative compasses to draw circles and arcs related to symmetry and perfection.

Beauty is an odd ideal for a fraternity. Yet beauty is seen as the resolution of a life that is brimming with wisdom and strength. Men who exhibit wisdom and strength create beauty and find beauty in their fellow man because their inner self is beautiful.

While these pillars are represented by our principal officers, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty do not stand alone for there is Wisdom in Beauty as there is Strength in Wisdom. There is Wisdom in harmony, which is the strength and support of all societies just as there is strength in the wisdom of knowing ones' self. Wisdom is gained over time through study, observation, and experience. Masons are charged to seek more light through reflection on their rituals and symbols. Wise brethren live with principle and discernment, acting as upright citizens and leaders in their communities.

Triads such as Wisdom, Strength and Beauty form an essential framework in Freemasonry's rituals, symbols, and philosophy. These are not arbitrary but chosen purposefully to shape Masonic ideals. Contemplating the triadic concepts provides a lens for greater understanding and self-improvement through revering Wisdom, building Strength, and pursuing Beauty. His house not made with hands is glorious before heaven, not because in imitation of Solomon he "overlaid also the house, the beams, the post and the walls thereof and the doors thereof, with gold" but because it is made of those stones which endure before the Great Architect: unselfishness, and kindness, and consideration, and charity, and a giving spirit; of brotherhood genuine because it springs from the heart. For these things endure. Material things pass away. The Temple of Solomon is but a memory. Scattered the stones, stolen the gold and silver, destroyed the lovely vessels cast by artisans. Memory, like the history of the beauty and the glory which was Solomon, abide unto this day.

Let us hold fast to the principles of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. These pillars not only support our Masonic ideals but also enrich our lives and the lives of those around us. As we continue our journey, may we seek wisdom in our decisions, draw strength from our unity, and create beauty in all that we do. Let us strive to embody these principles, not only within the walls of our lodges but in every aspect of our lives to build a better world, reflecting the very essence of our Craft.

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## From the Treasurer's Desk

Brothers,

At last month's Stated Meeting, the Brethren voted affirmatively to advance the modernization of our dues collection and event donation process. Brother Adrian Goins and I, in consultation with the Worshipful Master and Secretary, have been working to set up the PayPal and Zelle platforms, and we have made significant progress.

As emphasized during last month's meeting, this does not replace cash or checks; it simply offers another option for electronic payment. This should make our collection efforts more efficient and accessible to everyone, especially those members who live outside the Southern Nevada area.

The Finances and Charity Committee continues researching more effective and efficient strategies for managing the Lodge's finances. Our aim is to ensure that our funds are utilized optimally, thereby enhancing the overall financial health of our Lodge. We must make our money work for us.

Fraternally,

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Treasurer

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well. I am pleased to announce that the Lodge has voted in favor of moving forward with establishing electronic payments for dues in addition to checks and cash. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for GrandView and ensure your information is correct. The GrandView platform is used to send you notices, etc. I've included GrandView instructions below for your convenience.

For all other Brethren, please verify your personal information in GrandView to ensure it is correct. I'm still getting at least eight emails returned for a bad email address, and some dues cards have been returned due to no forwarding information.

If you wish to mail a check, please mail it to:

Ken O'Neill  
527 Albacate Street  
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 need to update their contact information 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

## Lodge Website

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## Social Media

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

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

Respectfully,

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# Sandy Valley No.57 Committees at a Glance

## MANDATORY COMMITTEES:

### **Cognizance Committee:**

Chairman: WB Kenneth O'Neill, P.M.  
Member 2: WB Dwain Rittenhouse, P.M.  
Member 3: WB Brian Boles, P.M.

### **Delinquency Committee:**

Chairman: WB Albert Navarro, P.M.  
Member 2: WB Montana Williams, P.M.  
Member 3: WB Dave Sims, P.M.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

### **Appendant Bodies Committee:**

Chairman: Brother Russ Gray (Shriners)  
Member 2: Brother Buzz Ingram (Youth Groups)  
Member 3: WB Brett Williams, P.M. (AASR)  
Member 4: Brother Cyril Bradshaw (York Rite)

### **By Laws Committee:**

Chairman: Brother Michael Kearns  
Member 2: Brother Carl Agbayani  
Member 3: Brother Tarek Schoner

### **Membership/Marketing/Community/Communications (M2C2) Committee:**

Chairman: Brother Justin Sobota (Web Master)  
Member 2: WB Brian Boles, P.M.  
Member 3: WB Albert Navarro, P.M. (Trestle Board)

### **Finances and Charity Committee:**

Chairman: WB Albert Navarro, P.M.  
Member 2: WB Cristian Gliga, P.M.  
Member 3: Brother Carl Agbayani

### **Investigation/ Degree Progression Committee:**

Chairman: Brother Justin Rittenhouse  
Member 2: Brother Reginald Winbush  
Member 3: Brother Ped Palmer

### **Sickness and Distress Committee:**

Chairman: Brother Bill Cookston  
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Member 3: Brother Justin Rittenhouse (EA)  
Member 4: Brother Cyril Bradshaw (Funerals)  
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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

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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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