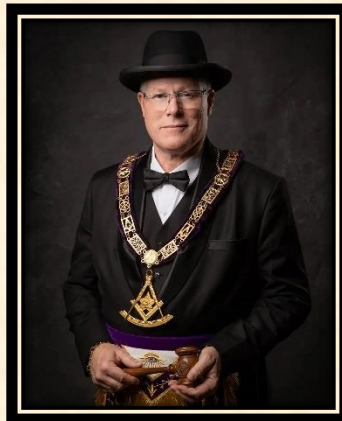


Sandy Valley Lodge No.57

Free and Accepted Masons

Trestle Board



Most Worshipful David E. Bechtel

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada

Next Stated Communication

Saturday, March 7, 2026 @ 10am

Location: 281 Gemini Drive, Pahrump, Nevada 89048 (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9xJDVTRgfJecY8Xz5>)

February 2026 A.D. / 6026 A.L.

www.sandyvalley57.com

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

Celebrating Our Brothers



March Birthdays

Frank F Heyer, P.:M.:	3/29/1938
Dennis A Williams	3/22/1944
Ron Krever	3/28/1945
Phillip Pupanek	3/16/1948
Gregory F Curtin, P.:M.:	3/21/1980
Ian W Johnson	3/22/1980
Eli J Armstrong	3/07/1990
Brett Williams, P.:M.:	3/31/1993



March Masonic Birthdays

Jan F Wisecup	3/23/1984
Michael G Barry, P.:M.:	3/13/1995
D Travis Nordyke	3/25/2013
Jeremy H Turek, P.:M.:	3/28/2000
Tarek Schoner	3/19/2022
Reginald Winbush	3/19/2022

The Master's Calendar - 2026

(Subject to Change)

NOTE: ALL DEGREES ARE TO BE HELD ON STATED MEETING DATES, WHEN POSSIBLE. ANY OFFICIAL VISITS, WORKSHOPS, OFF-SITE FELLOWSHIP, ETC. WILL BE ADDED TO THE CALENDAR AS THEY ARE SCHEDULED.

NOTE: 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY EVERY MONTH AT 7:45 AM, VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME FOR SANDY VALLEY KEYSTONE PANTRY WORK.

March

March 7th: Stated Communication.

April

April 4th: Stated Communication.
Tentative Month for Masonic Charity Shooting Competition

NOTE: 1st and 3rd Friday at 7:45 AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Keystone Pantry.

May

May 2nd: Stated Communication.

NOTE: 1st and 3rd Friday at 7:45 AM volunteers for Sandy Valley Keystone Pantry.

June

June 6th: Stated Communication. Report on the progress of the Silver State Award.

July (Dark Month)

August (Dark Month)

September

September 5th: ***No Stated Communication due to Holiday.***

September 12th: Stated Communication. Discuss plans for the fall season.

October

October 3rd: Stated Communication.

November

Nov 7th: Stated Communication. Step Up for ALL Officers. Senior Warden to Open/Close and run the meeting.

December

December 5th: Stated Communication. Election of 2027 Officers.

December (TBD) Sandy Valley Installation of Officers for 2027.



From the East

"Past Masters and Brethren et al,

Congratulations to Brothers Bogdan Donu and Jeffrey Barth on their successful completion of the Fellow Craft Degree on February 24, 2026. This achievement was part of a joint Degree ceremony with Boulder City Lodge #37.

We also started our monthly Fellowship at your Brother Senior Warden Tarek Schroner's home (Garage Lodge).

We already started planning the next fellowship. Here is what I have in mind. Either on March 21st or 22nd at a breakfast location, with details to follow. Our monthly fellowships are not just for the Brethren who drink alcohol, but I would also like to include the Brethren who either don't drink or can't drive at night.

Also, I will be setting up Zoom meetings for the Officers and Trustees, typically two weeks before our scheduled Stated Meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you on March 7th for our Stated Meeting!

Fraternally yours,

Carl Agbayani
Senior Warden

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The Master's Goals for 2026

- PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP WITH MONTHLY EVENTS.
 - Events will be published in the calendar.
- EARN SILVER STATE AWARD.
- RAISING AS MANY MASTER MASONS AS THE LODGE CAN.
- CONTINUE ASSISTING THE KEYSTONE PANTRY.
- RAISE FUNDS VIA DONATIONS FOR THE SANDY VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- CONDUCT A MASONIC CHARITY SHOOTING MATCH FOR DONATIONS TO THE LODGE.
- SPONSOR UP TO THREE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SANDY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



From the West

Greetings from the West,

I hope everyone is in great spirits as we welcome a new spring. This is a beautiful time of year in Vegas, with trees and flowers blooming all around. Take a moment to appreciate and enjoy the beauty our Great Creator has provided for us.

March 13 is Zelzah Shriners' 6th Annual Golf Tournament. March 21st is the Potentates Luau at the Orleans Hotel. Don't sit at home during this amazing weather—get out and get involved.

Tarek Schoner

Senior Warden

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From the South

Brethren,

Hopefully, you all had a great February. I was told that the fellowship at the “garage lodge” was a really fun time, and I look forward to being part of it this coming month. I want to shout out “T” for always being willing to let us use his place for practice and hangouts.

We have a good meal coming up for our March Stated meeting. We will be doing pulled chicken and pulled pork, with macaroni and cheese and baked beans. I want to follow up on what I said last meeting regarding the donations. The refreshment committee is dedicated to providing the best meals we can, so we really appreciate all the donations we

receive.

I also want to congratulate Brother Jeff and Brother Bogdan on their Fellowcraft degree. It was a great degree, and I appreciate everyone who helped out with it, including the members of Boulder City.

Justin Rittenhouse

Junior Warden

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Monthly Education Lecture - February 2026

*Provided by Sandy Valley No. 57 Worshipful Master & Masonic Education and Leadership Committee
NV Grand Lodge Short Lecture Series*

Researched by R. Montana Williams, P. : M. : , and presented by WM Carl Agbayani

George Washington and the U.S. Capitol Cornerstone

This month our lecture covers George Washington and his role in laying the cornerstone during construction of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. The cornerstone was laid on Wednesday, September 18, 1793, during the first large public event staged in the federal city. A Georgetown newspaper accounted the event, citing a rather large procession of Maryland and Virginia masons led by George Washington marched from President's Square in Washington DC until they reached the location of the capital. Once there they formed a circle around President George Washington, who, wearing the Masonic apron (made for him by the wife of his fellow American Revolution General Lafayette), was served as one of the honorary leaders over the ceremonies.

A silver plaque, fashioned by Georgetown silversmith Caleb Bentley, was handed to Washington, who stepped into the foundation trench and placed the plaque, whereupon the cornerstone was lowered. The plaque was inscribed the following: This South East corner stone, of the Capitol of the United States of America in the City of Washington, was laid on the 18th day of September, in the thirteenth year of American Independence, in the first year of the second term of the Presidency of George Washington, whose virtues in the civil administration of his country have been as conspicuous and beneficial, also his military valor and prudence have been useful in establishing liberties, this is place here in the year of Masonry 5793, by the Grand Lodge of Maryland and Lodge 22, from Alexandria, Virginia.

Washington accompanied the Most Worshipful Joseph Clark, Grand Master of Mason in Maryland and by three Worshipful Masters who carried corn, wine, and oil, then struck the stone three times with a gavel, as prescribed by Masonic custom. Washington exited the trench to ritual chanting by the assembled Masons and a 15-gun salute (one gun for each U.S. state) from the Alexandria Volunteer Artillery. Most Worshipful Clark then delivered a short invocation, after which a 500 pounds (230 kg) ox was slaughtered and roasted. Though some anti-masons would later deny the event as ever occurring, it was document and witness by many observers and reporters.

The Missing Cornerstone

Today, we do not know exactly which southeast corner is being described by report accounts of the event, whether that meant the southeast corner of the Senate wing, the first section of the building to be completed, or the southeast corner of the whole building as intended, which would locate it over on the House side. More than two centuries later, the Architect of the Capitol is still searching for that cornerstone. Metal detectors have failed to locate the silver plate.

Regardless of where the cornerstone may be found, the significance of masonry's role in America, was apparent in the personal interest that George Washington and other federal leaders took in this building and proclaiming such an event to all, and they were conscious of creating a republic amid a world of monarchies, and they turned to the ancient Roman republic as a model.

In addition, the federal leadership renamed Jenkins Hill as Capitoline Hill—soon shortened to Capitol Hill. On the draft plans for the city, Thomas Jefferson also crossed out "Congress Hall"—as the meeting place for Congress was called in Philadelphia—and wrote "Capitol" instead. At the time, the federal government was situated in Philadelphia, a city of brick, but Washington wanted a classical style for the new capital city that would be named for him, with buildings constructed in stone.

References

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2. Architect of the Capitol. N.D. The First Cornerstone. Retrieved from <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/buildingsgrounds/capitol-building/first-cornerstone>.



From the Treasurer's Desk

Brothers,

The Finance and Charity Committee will continue to seek ways to enhance our Lodge's financial well-being. In collaboration with the Lodge Trustees, we will develop a new strategy to optimize our funds, ensuring greater financial stability and more responsible use of resources.

Fraternally,

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

The Grand Lodge Newsletter is now available for viewing on the Grand Lodge Website (<https://www.nvmasons.org/newsletter>). Both a video and a PDF version are available for download. The newsletter contains a lot of information on upcoming special events and programs. I will provide a formal review during our Stated Communication.

As a reminder, the 2026 dues cards have arrived. Sandy Valley Lodge is now accepting payments via Zelle, Cash, or Check. If you prefer to pay by check, please mail it to:

Ken O'Neill
527 Albacate St.
Henderson, NV 89015

For those who need assistance with Zelle, the following steps and information are provided. You may also contact your financial institution for guidance on setting up the service.

Step-by-Step Guide to Using Zelle

1. Check if Your Bank Supports Zelle: Most major U.S. banks and credit unions offer Zelle through their mobile apps or websites. If your bank supports Zelle, you can use it directly through their app.
2. Download the Zelle App (if needed): If your bank does not offer Zelle, download the Zelle app from the App Store or Google Play. You will need to link a U.S. debit card to use the app.
3. Enroll with Your Email or Phone Number: Sign up using your U.S. mobile number or email address and link your bank account or debit card.
4. Send Money: Choose a recipient using their email or mobile number (payments@sandyvalley57.com). Enter the amount and hit send. The recipient will receive a notification and can accept the money, usually within minutes.

Things to Keep in Mind

- There are typically no fees, but your bank may have limits on how much you can send.
On a business note, the Lodge continues to accept 2026 dues via cash, check, or our new electronic payment options.

PAYPAL. If you prefer to use PayPal, you can scan the QR code in this message or the one at the Secretary's desk at the lodge.

We are experiencing technical issues with the existing PayPal QR code. A new code is being created. In the meantime, you can still pay or donate via PayPal by visiting their website or using your bank's Zelle service.

In November, I will send out a lodge-wide communication with the Zelle information and PayPal/Venmo QR code. Please note! If you choose to pay via PayPal, the dues amount is \$104.00. According to policy, the lodge is charged a \$3.00 fee for PayPal/Venmo transactions. This fee is non-negotiable, and the lodge cannot under any circumstances absorb or divert this expense. Zelle is free, and your total charge will remain at \$101.00 for the yearly dues.

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.

GRANDVIEW. As a reminder, please check your GrandView accounts to ensure all your information is current and accurate. Instructions for accessing your account are provided below if needed.

Step-by-Step Guide to Using GrandView.

From your browser, type in 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.

Fraternally,,

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From the Lodge Communications Mason

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Respectfully,

Adrian Goins

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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 Michael Kearns, P.:M.:

Member 2: WB Albert Navarro, P.:M.:

Member 3: WB Montana Williams, 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: TBD (York Rite)

By Laws Committee:

Chairman: WM Carl Agbayani

Member 2: Brother Tarek Schoner

Member 3: Brother Justin Rittenhouse

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

Chairman: Brother Adrian Goins (Web Master)

Member 2: WB Brian Boles, P.:M.:

Member 3: WB Albert Navarro, P.:M.: (Trestle Board)

Finances and Charity Committee:

Chairman: Brother Ped Palmer

Member 2: WB Albert Navarro, P.:M.:

Member 3: WB Michael Kearns, P.:M.:

Investigation / Degree Progression Committee:

Chairman: Brother Justin Rittenhouse

Member 2: Brother Reginald Winbush

Member 3: Brother Ped Palmer

Sickness and Distress Committee:

Chairman: WM Bill Cookston

Member 2: WB Michael Kearns, P.:M.:

Member 3: Brother Marcus Cantoneru

Masonic Education Committee:

Chairman: Brother Tarek Schoner

Member 2: WB Montana Williams, P.:M.:

Member 3: Brother Justin Rittenhouse

Ritual and Hi-Twelve (Third Degree) Committee:

Chairman: WM Carl Agbayani

Vice Chairman: WB Michael Kearns, P.:M.: (MM)

Member 2: Brother Tarek Schoner (FC)

Member 3: Brother Charles Mallard (EA)

Member 4: Brother Russ Gray (Funerals)

Member 5: WB Brett Williams, P.M. (DGL)

Refreshment / Entertainment Committee:

Chairman: Brother Justin Rittenhouse

Member 2: Brother James Valera

Member 3: Brother Jon Reed

Member 4: Brother Ped Palmer

Instruction "Redbook" Committee:

Co-Chairman: WB Albert Navarro, P.:M.: & WB Brian Boles, P.:M.:

Vice Chairman: WB Greg Curtain, P.:M.:

Member 2: WM Bill Cookston

Member 3: Brother Dennis Williams

Member 4: WB Kenneth O'Neill, P.:M.:

Member 5: Brother Justin Rittenhouse

Scholarship Committee:

Chairman: WM Carl Agbayani

Member 2: WB Troy Schneiderman, P.:M.:

Member 3: WB Kenneth O'Neill, P.:M.:

Member 4: WB Michael Kearns, P.:M.:

From Your Board of Trustees



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On behalf of your Lodge Trustees, we sincerely thank you for your trust and ongoing support. I also wish to take this opportunity to inform our new members of the Board of Trustees' responsibilities and authority.

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 perform these duties with Masonic integrity, guided always by the benefit of the craft and lodge.

I hope to see you all in attendance this year.

Fraternally,

Brian Boles
One-Year Trustee

Brett Williams
Two-Year Trustee

Michael Kearns
Three-Year Trustee



From the Editor's Desk

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To Our Fellow Lodges Throughout Southern Nevada:

If you prefer not to receive our monthly Trestle Board electronically, please notify me using the email below, and you will be removed from our mailing list. Unless you request to unsubscribe, you are welcome to continue enjoying our TB.

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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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Carl Agbayani	Worshipful Master 619-301-0910	Donald Daum George W. Odell	UD 2001 2002
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2-Year	Brett Willams, P.: M.:	Fred Horne	
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	*Jim Cook, P.: M.:	Fred Robinson	
	Harry Christopher, P.: M.:	Harold Scalzo	
	Frank Merica, P.: M.:	Richard Hunker	
		*Clifford Wiltse	
		*Dave White	
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*Parke Potter	2007		*Deceased