

SANDY VALLEY LODGE No.57

Free and Accepted Masons
Trestle Board

Most Worshipful Louis J. Castle, |

Grand Master of Masons in Nevada



Next Stated Communication

Saturday, November 7, 2020 @ 9am

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

October 2020 A.D. / 6020 A.L.

www.sandyvalley57.com

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From the East
My Brothers,

First, I would like to thank everyone that was able to attend the Masonic Funeral Service for our fallen brother, Ken McIntosh. His family was extremely appreciative of the efforts made by our Lodge and I want to personally thank Worshipful Brother John, Brother Montana and

Brother Dennis for helping me prepare, and perform the Masonic Service for Brother Ken. I know Ken was smiling down on all of us that day, and I will miss him dearly.

We have some busy times ahead of us as we prepare to bring additional candidates into our Lodge, prepare for upcoming installations and for Grand Lodge in November! Now that we can continue to move forward meeting face to face in Pahrump, I must say, it was great to see all of you in October and I look forward to seeing you all again!

With so much uncertainty in 2020, the elections, civil disobedience and COVID-19, I simply want to say, cherish your loved ones, enjoy the magic of family and our brethren, and give thanks and appreciation during the upcoming holiday season. Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally from the East,

David Sims Worshipful Master, Master Mason Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-203-0917 Dave. Sims@cox.net



From the West Brothers,

How truly good and pleasant it is for Brothers to dwell together in unity! October returned us to our face-to-face meetings, where we could once again be in each other's presence. While clearly there were required precautions in place, it felt great to be in your physical presence and

energy again, as Brothers were meant to meet. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank Worshipful Brother Greg Curtin for sitting in as our Secretary for the meeting!

The Lodge, and as such our Worshipful Master Dave, have much labor to accomplish in November & December: new Petitions for the Degrees; initiating candidates and advancing of worthy Brothers in the degrees; and making nominations for next year; and planning our Annual Installation of Officers for the ensuing year. The Officers cannot complete our labors without your aid and participation and I humbly ask you to volunteer your assistance anywhere you feel you may be of assistance.

As we continue to mourn the loss of our dear Brothers Ed & Ken, I implore you to remember the good times with them and give thanks not only for having made their acquaintance, but having been regarded as their Brothers. November is the month of thanks and in closing, I am ever grateful to be in your company and wish you and all your families an especially Happy Thanksgiving!

"Stay safe, be responsible, consider others...be Masons!"

Fraternally from the West,

Al Navarro II Senior Warden, Master Mason Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-218-5060 (Cell) Navarro A@cox.net



From the South Brothers,

Brethren, the Summer has passed into fall, and soon the chill of Winter will arrive, though it seems like we have been in a year of Winter as we have labored to maintain our fellowship and been burdened by separation and loss of beloved brothers. I believe in this year of our Lord we

should remember that in the year 1789 or Worthy Brother George Washington proclaimed in early October that Thursday, 26 November, be honored by all a day of Thanksgiving in the United States of America. It so happens that this year, we again celebrate Thanksgiving on that same 26th of November, in honor of our Brother I offer George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation:

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us."

November Stated Meeting Menu

Theme: Thanksgiving Meal

Turkey Stuffing

Sweet Potatoes (Yams)

Vegetables

Fraternally from the South, R. Montana Williams Junior Warden, Master Mason

Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M.

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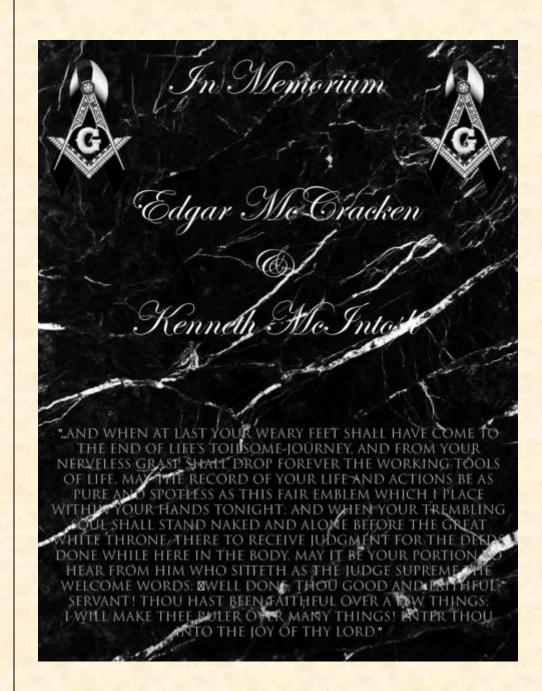
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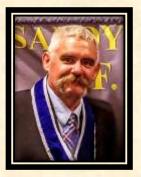
DUANE GILBERT LAUBACH

BORN: NOVEMBER 2, 1931 OKEENE, OK DIED: OCTOBER 17, 2020 LAS VEGAS, NV

GRAND MASTER 1982-1983

"AS A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT, THE CONSTITUENT Lodges will drape their altars in mourning for a period of thirty days."





From the Secretary's Desk Brothers,

As we approach the years end, I remind you Lodge Dues will be due beginning in December.

Please continue to update your personal information with our Senior Warden and myself.

The information required is:

Name / Address / Cellphone / Home Phone (optional) / Email / Date of Birth

Let me know if you have questions or such. My cell number is 702-807-8889. Keep an eye out for our website to be updated and improved.

Peace and Blessings,

Troy Schneiderman Secretary, Master Mason Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-807-8889 Dread Pirate Riggs@gmail.com

Official Minutes of the Lodge Stated Communication 3rd Day of October 6020 A.L. 2020 A.D.

At a Stated communication of Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F.LA.M. of Nevada, held at the Hall of Pahrump Lodge No. 54 F. LA.M. of Nevada on above date, present:

W.B. Dave Sims, Worshipful Master

Bro. Brett Williams, Senior Steward

Bro. Albert A Navarro, Senior Warden

Bro. Mike Kerns, Junior Steward

Bro. R. Montana Williams, Junior Warden

Bro. Curt Mattke, Marshall

W.B. Michael Kurcab, Treasurer

W.B. John Pennington, Trustee & DGL

W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M., as Secretary

Bro. Dennis Williams, Chaplain

Bro. Brian Boles, Senior Deacon

Bro. Buzz Ingram, Junior Deacon

Grand Lodge Officer's:

W.B. Gregory F. Curtin, Grand Orator

Sitting Master's:

W.B. Dave Cook, Pahrump Lodge No. 54

Past Master's Present:

W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M.

W.B. Harry Smith H.P.M

W.B. John D. Wehrly P.M.

W.B. Harold Scalzo Jr. P.M.

W.B. David B. White P.M.

W.B. John Pennington P.M.

W.B. Mike Kurcab P.M.

W.B. Dwain Rittenhouse P.M.

W.B. Wade Schneiderman P.M.

Fifty-year Masons Present:

W.B. John Pennington P.M.

Visitors and members as enrolled on the Tyler's Register of this date.

The Worshipful Master, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. opened in form, on the first degree of Freemasonry.

Sickness and Distress:

The Worshipful Master was saddened to report that Bro. Ed McCraken, a 58-year Mason, passed away peacefully in his sleep. He further reported that Bro. Ken McIntosh had also passed away.

Sunshine:

The Worshipful Master: "It feels great to be sitting up hear again and seeing everyone out there. Sitting in here in a climate-controlled room. To our brothers here at Pahrump Lodge for opening their doors and allowing us to meet here. It's a tremendous honor with Worshipful Dave saying it perfectly, "... that this is Masons helping masons."

W.B. Kurcab says it is so nice to be back sitting in lodge. He was at the Scottish Rite the other night.

W.B. Dave Cook would just like to officially welcome you into the lodge. We have always had a close relationship with Sandy Valley.

Bro. Al for the Pahrump Brothers that are interested we have plural petitions available if you would like to join Sandy Valley Lodge.

W.B. Sims gave some history on how we have ended up where we are today. With COVID there have been several talks on how it impacts us. Last month a friend and active duty Metro Lieutenant passed away due to COVID. Make no mistake that the aircraft hangar is the home of WB George Odell. He was going to try and make it out today. There are things that would have to be done in the hanger due to Masonic Edicts, Governor's Edicts and we would not be able to do that out in Sandy Valley. Remember that the bathroom is where George has to bath every morning. One thing that the W.M. was not prepared to do was just having a meeting saying we would be careful and then George or even one of our members coming down with COVID. We decided to seek an alternate location so we can stop looking at a computer screen looking at my mug of a face. Last month we spoke with the W.M. of Pahrump Lodge and the brethren. We spoke and for the year would be \$750 a year which is a tremendous gift. He has spoken with the G.M. and Grand Sec. They have been very supportive with us. Due to the situation the G.M. has given us emergency permission to move the charter out to Pahrump to meet. That is his sunshine for the day.

One thing that he had numerous people call about. There has been zero discussion about Sandy Valley merging with another lodge. We are not seeking that as a viable option. If you hear the rumor, please let them know that it is not true.

Investigation Committee Reports:

Roger Blankmeyer, George Odell and Cyril Bradshaw. Found everything superb with Jason? Definitely ready we need him in the lodge.

S.W. reports that we have EA waiting investigations. W.M. closing some lose ends as this is the first time we have met in a while.

Investigation committee for Bro. Christian Gliga will be Bros. Brian Boles, Dennis Williams, and Al Navarro from Mt. Moriah.

Balloting:

The report of the committee on the petition of Mr. Jason Ahlin for the degrees of freemasonry was read, whereupon the ballot was spread, and he was declared duly elected to receive the degrees of freemasonry as conferred by Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 by those present.

There was applause for Mr. Jason Ahlin by those members present. W.B. Dave Sims is happy to mentor him.

General Announcements:

Did you bring the "Lion" trophy with you today? Still has not been brought.

W.B. Dave Cook made a point that there are enough members of Pahrump Lodge to make this an official visit.

Bro. Al would like to designate one side of the podium as Pahrump Lodge and the other Sandy Valley.

W.M. has symbolically passed the "Lion" back to Pahrump Lodge.

Need to get something in the works to get Brother Reggie Winbush his FC degree. The sooner the better would be possible. The W.M. extends his apologies on the matter as this year has been a little different because of COVID.

Bro. Curt Mattke asked how W.B. George Odell is doing. W.M. reports that he is doing well. Has had a few problems with lightbulbs and other minor things within is home. Bro. Cyril Bradshaw took care of fixing most of the problems within is home. W.M. Sims thanked Bro. Cyril. W.B. George did just purchase a pickup truck. He is still very honory and has his quick wit. Looks like he is doing well considering.

Can we get W.B. George a card or would he prefer visitors? The W.M. thinks that he would like both. He thinks that if anyone would like to

reach out to him, he would greatly appreciate that. The downside of us seeking an alternate place to meet is that George does not get the face to face with the brothers as he does have problems logging onto the digital meetings. He would argue that it would be better to call then visit in person.

Bro. Al spoke about the Masters and Wardens Association. They are back up and running again. There was a meeting in June when they voted to get it back up and running. Met in July and just now in September. The biggest point of why they exist is to be the repository of everyone's calendars. Please get the information to them so that events can be coordinated. Please have your Master or Wardens come to the meeting and if they cannot, get the info to Al or the Secretary. As an example, we have all the lodges in Southern Nevada setting up installations. By working with Master's and Wardens we can help.

Bro. Buzz Ingram, on October 11th, is organizing an outdoor target shooting in Sandy Valley, we will meet at the Idle Spur at 9am. Everyone is welcome. NO restrictions on caliber or participants.

One of the Wardens at Acacia Lodge teaches CCW classes. It is free for all Masons and their families. The only thing you are responsible for is the State processing fee of \$100.25.

Tentatively, the weekend of October 25th we will be putting on a funeral for Bro. Ken Macintosh. As soon as that is finalized, we will be sending out an announcement. For anyone taking part we will be having a practice prior to the funeral. Even if we are going to be casual can we please coordinate what Sandy Valley Shirt we are going to wear.

Worshipful announced that due to increases in the Grand Lodge. We will next month be talking a bit about the increase of dues. Last thing that he would like to touch on, that we also need to stay in compliance with the Grand Master's edicts. That the danger of COVID does not stop at the door. He would ask for all our help. I am even guilty. Please that even when we are meeting socially please wash your hands, sanitize, please we

just need to make sure that we do not put ourselves in danger. Please be careful, cautious and be diligent when we meet with each other.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer reports that with the COVID situation still not able to access the account. Will be going down next week. We did send a check for \$2,330.00 to the Grand Lodge for our annual returns.

Education:

Presented by Bro. Brett Williams gave a talk on the Fellowcraft tools.

Bro. Al requested that the sitting Secretary send him a copy of the minutes.

Nothing from the south or any other brother.

The Worshipful Master then closed the Lodge in Form.

Respectfully Submitted,

W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M.
Acting Secretary
Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. L.A.M. of Nevada

MASONIC EDU CATION PLAN





Sandy Valley #57 Monthly Masonic Education Lesson Plan

January 2020	Robert Burns
February 2020	George Washington
March 2020	Masonry and Modern Culture
April 2020	Appendant and Youth Organizations
May 2020	Entered Apprentice Working Tools (I
June 2020	Entered Apprentice Working Tools (I
July 2020	DARK
August 2020	DARK
September 2020	Pellowcraft Working Tools (I)
October 2020	Pellowcraft Working Tools (II)
November 2020	Pellowcraft Working Tools (III)
December 2020	Master Mason Working Tools (I)

Scope of the Program: The education officer will prepare the lectures for delivery. It is recommended that the recently raised master masons (e.g., last five years), participate in the program, to deliver the 5-10 min lecture during each monthly meeting. Lectures are encouraged to research the lesson and provide additive content or subjective personal meaning or interest in the lecture topic.

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October in Masonic History

- In 1778, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was organized.
- In 1911, On this date in 1911, Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President 1933-1945) received his 1st degree in Holland Lodge #8, New York City.
- In 1937, Lyndon B. Johnson (U.S. President 1963-1969) received his 1st degree in Texas.
- In 1953, the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel was constituted.



From the Lodge Social Media Manager & WebMason

Connect with your Lodge Brothers and stay up to date on all that is Sandy Valley Lodge No.57, F.&A.M.

Click the links below and become a part of our digital Brotherhood through our Social Media platforms and

Website at:

Lodge Website

www.sandyvalley57.com

Social Media



Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandyvalleylodge57/



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



Twitter: https://twitter.com/sandyvalley57

Fraternally,

Brian Boles

Lodge Social Media Manager & WebMason, Master Mason Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-743-7143 (Cell)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Nevada Carry Concealed Weapon Permit Course

- Acacia Lodge No. 49 will be conducting a NV CCW course free to Masons and their families.
 - While the course and range time are free, the NV Permit processing fee is \$100.25 per permit.
 - o Applications are available online.
 - o Please convey your interest to SW Al Navarro via email: navarroa@cox.net
 - o More details to follow.

2021 Installations of Officers

- The following information was updated or verified:
 - o Mount Moriah Lodge No. 39, Saturday, December 5th at 3pm; Installing Officer, MW Mike Hoaglin.
 - o Acacía Lodge No. 49, Wednesday, December 9th at 6pm; Installing Officer, Craig Phillips, P.M.
 - O Nellis Lodge No. 46, Saturday, December 12th at 5pm.
 - O Oasis Lodge No. 41, Monday, December 14th time TBD.
 - Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57; Saturday, December 19th at 11am at Pahrump Lodge Hall in Pahrump; Installing Officer Mark Tavarez, P.M.
 - o Indían Springs Lodge No. 48, Saturday, December 19th at 6pm.
 - O Nevada Research Lodge No.2; Sunday, January 17th at 2pm.
- As a result of current COVID mandates, contact the respective Lodge Secretary if planning to attend.

From the Editor's Desk

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TO ALL RECIPIENTS

Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 777 E. Quartz PMB 7014 Sandy Valley NV 8901

TO OUR FELLOW LODGE'S THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN NEVADA:

If you would prefer NOT receiving our monthly Trestle Board electronically, please notify me at the email below and you will be removed from our monthly TB mailing. Barring any requests to unsubscribe, enjoy our TB.

navarroa@cox.net

SANDY VALLEY LODGE MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Once again, it's time to ensure we have your updated contact information. Please provide the following:

LAST NAME / FIRST NAME / ADDRESS / HOME PHONE / WORK PHONE / CELL PHONE / FAX NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS / BIRTHDATE

Fraternally,

Al Navarro II Senior Warden & TB Editor, Master Mason Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57 F. & A.M. 702-218-5060 (Cell)

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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

COVID-19 Information

FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RE: COVID-19: KNOW HOW IT SPREADS

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Illustration: washing hands with soap and water
- Clean your hands often
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Illustration: Woman guarantined to her home

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT OTHERS

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- o Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- o Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick
- o If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.

- o If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.
- Clean and disinfect
- o Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- o If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Website links for your situational awareness on current information regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

LOCAL.

https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/coronavirus https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/news-resources/press-releases/

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL.

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html https://www.publichealth.va.gov/ (This Page Left Blank Intentionally)

2020 LODGE OFFICERS			PAST MASTERS	
David Sims	Worshipful Master 702-203-0917		Donald Daum	UD 2001
Albert A Navarro II	Senior Warden 702-218-5060		George W. Odell	2002
R. Montana Williams	Junior Warden 702-743-7143		Ted Johnson	2003
Michael Kurcab, P.M.	Treasurer 818-259-6124		Bill Katz (Unfinished Term)	2004
Troy Schneiderman, P.M.	Secretary 702-807-8889		Swannie Swenson (2004)	2005
Dennis Williams	Chaplain 702-596-3104		Al Oppegard	2006
Brian Boles	Senior Deacon 702-296-8653		Troy Schneiderman	2007
Buzz Ingram	Junior Deacon 702-800-1388		Michael L. Rodgers	2008
Curt Mattke.	Marshal 702-232-3268		John Pennington	2009
Brett Williams	Senior Steward 206-939-7767		Mike Barry	2010
Charles Mallard	Junior Steward 702-430-0962		Wade Schneiderman	2011
Russell Gray	Tyler 303- <mark>9</mark> 01-7044		Fred Horne	2012
Albert A Navarro II	Historian 702-218-5060		Mark Tavarez	2013
John Pennington, P.M.	Deputy Grand Lecturer 702-355-0154		John Pennington	2014
Brian Boles Lodge So Mason	ocial Media Manager & Web 702-296-8653		Michael Kurcab	2015
			Dwain Rittenhouse	2016
			Mathew McCarthy	2017
REPORT OF	To article		Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr.	2018
	BACKET AND		Steven Benjamin	2019
TRUSTEES			AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS	
3-Year	John Pennington, P.M.		David Owens	
2-Year	Kenneth L. O'Neill Jr., P.M.		Fred Horne	
1-Year	Mathew McCarthy, P.M.		*George Gilbert	
			Terry Baker	
HONORARY MEMBERS			Fred Robinson	
*Jim Cook, P.M.			Harold Scalzo	
Harry Christopher, P.M.			Richard Hunker	
Frank Me	erica, P.M.		Clifford Wiltse	
HONORARY	DAST MASTERS		Dave White Greg Curtain	
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