



*PAHRUMP LODGE NO. 54  
F.&A.M. OF NEVADA  
281 GEMINI DRIVE  
PAHRUMP NV 89060*

# *TRESTLEBOARD*



*February  
2024*







## *From the East*

*Brethren,*

*Welcome to February, a month that modern society has associated with love. Valentine's Day falls in the middle of the month and that is why society now looks at February that way. But where did it come from? The true name of the day is the Feast of St. Valentine, it celebrated the Martyr St. Valentine of Rome who was persecuted and imprisoned for ministering to Christians in the Roman Empire. The Feast celebrates the day he was martyred in 269 AD. There are many different versions of the story of St. Valentine, but all state that his miracle was returning sight to a blind girl. There are also many different accounts of him doing one or another of the things we now do on modern Valentine's Day.*

*In this modern Valentine's Day as we now have it, it is most common for lodges to do a sweetheart's dinner or maybe a fashion show or even an afternoon tea. While these are all great ideas and celebrate our ladies, I wanted to try something different this year that will put us having some fun with our ladies. As you should have already received, we will be doing a wine and paint night called Cabs and Colors. Wine will be provided by a couple members of the lodge and will feature bottles from Artesian Cellar's and also from Rombauer. This does not mean you cannot bring a bottle with you of your favorite wine to show off and share among the crowd. There will also be some light food items provided. Please contact the secretary right away to see if there is still space for you at the event.*

*The Grand Master has scheduled his visit to Pahrump this year on Saturday March 9. This will be a joint GMOV with Sandy Valley. More details will follow as they become available. This is just a quick note so that you can get it into your calendar. The lodge website has a calendar on it that is tied into a system where it is always up to date. Any time we make any changes to the calendar, they are updated in real time on the website. I would suggest that a separate bookmark to the lodge calendar.*

*As I bring my February message to a close, I would like to keep with the theme of the month and close with a familiar saying. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.*

*Fraternally,  
Jeremy Turek  
Worshipful Master 2024*





# *From the West*

*Brethren,*

*Happy New Year!*

*First of all, I would like to congratulate all newly installed elected and appointed officers!  
Congratulations, Worshipful Master Jeremy Turek!  
Together we will bring out the best of 2024.*

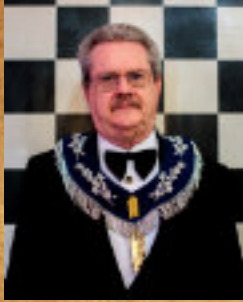
*It is an honor for me to serve our lodge as Senior Warden and I am grateful for all your support.*

*For February 10th, our Worshipful Master Jeremy Turek has planned a wonderful event at our lodge, when my wife Elena will assist our Ladies with Wine Glass Painting, while all of us will enjoy a glass of wine. Looking forward to an excellent evening!*

*Happy Month of Love! Happy Valentine's Day!*

*Fraternally,  
Vasile Cristian Gliga  
Senior Warden*





## *From the South*

*Brethren,*

*As new officers we made it through the first month. It has been a wonderful beginning serving the lodge. As we go through this year, if you have any suggestions or ideas to further the lodge or ideas for menu items, please let us know.*

*Remember to come out and vote on the bylaws changes in February.*

*Being George Washington month, I have included a couple of his quotes below:*

*“Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race.*

*“So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind.”*

*Fraternally from the South,  
Bill Cookston  
Junior Warden*







## *From the Secretary*

*Brethren,*

*It is time again to pay your dues for the next year. You can pay by mail or online. Go to:*

*<https://pahrumpmasons54.org/index.php/pay-your-dues/>*

*Or pay by Venmo or Paypal with the email below:*

*[sec@pahrumpmasons54.org](mailto:sec@pahrumpmasons54.org)*

*Fraternally,*

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



## *From the Treasurer*

*Brethren,*

*As we continue to move forward this year we have seen a rise in some of our everyday expenses (electric, trash, and insurance).*

*If you have not yet done so, please bring your dues contribution up to date, also if you can continue to give extra.*

*Bro. Cameron McRae  
Treasurer*



# Freemasonry and George Washington

The origins of Freemasonry are obscure. The creation of the Craft (as it is also called) occurred over time between the first recorded gentleman joining an Edinburgh stonemasons' lodge in 1599 and the 1721 publication in London of *The Constitutions of the Free-Masons* by Scots Presbyterian minister James Anderson.<sup>1</sup>

Freemasonry is fundamentally a self-improvement, volunteer association that teaches moral, intellectual, and spiritual lessons through three initiation ceremonies. Freemasonry's three degrees are modeled after a craftsman's progress: Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. Freemasonry was, and remains, open to all men of good reputation who profess a belief in Deity (referred to in lodge as *The Supreme Architect of the Universe*). By the 1750s a variety of Christian and non-Christians, European, and non-European men, and a few women, were members.<sup>2</sup>

Freemasonry grew popular within cities as political, commercial, and intellectual elites gathered within a lodge. With aristocratic, and later royal patronage, Freemasonry evolved into the preeminent fraternal organization of the eighteenth century. The earliest records of American Masonic lodges are in Philadelphia. In 1732, Boston's St. John's Lodge was duly constituted by the Grand Lodge of England and remains the oldest lodge in North America. Interwoven with the British Enlightenment, Masonic lodges formed throughout Europe and the Americas. The network of Scots, English, and Irish Lodge helped knit the British commercial empire together.<sup>3</sup>

Although American elites initially joined the Freemasons to keep pace with genteel English behavior, the fraternity contributed to the spread of the ideas and ideals behind the American Revolution. During the revolutionary era, Masons of note included George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Otis, and Paul Revere. While individual Freemasons actively participated in the American Revolution, Freemasonry, as an institution as well as its local lodges, remained politically neutral.<sup>4</sup>

Washington joined Freemasonry in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was 20 years old when he received the first degree of Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1752. He paid the lodge two pounds and three shillings to join. Ten days after turning 21, on March 3, 1753, he was passed to the second degree of Fellowcraft. On August 4, 1753, he was raised to the third degree of Master Mason. The lodge's surviving minute book records Washington attending only two more meetings: September 1, 1753, and January 4, 1755.<sup>5</sup>

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# Freemasonry and George Washington

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Many of Washington's brothers in the Fredericksburg Lodge later served within in the Continental Army or Virginia Militia, including Hugh Mercer, George Weedon, and Thomas Posey. Washington's "Mother Lodge" was renamed and numbered as Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 after the creation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1778. It continues to meet today.<sup>6</sup>

Beginning in 1778 and through the remainder of his life, Washington was a frequent participant in Masonic ceremonies. On June 24, 1779, for example, Washington attended American Union Lodge's celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist. That lodge comprised officers and enlisted men within the Connecticut regiments. He also visited King Solomon's Lodge in Poughkeepsie, New York, on December 27, 1783.<sup>7</sup> After the war, in 1784, Washington accepted the invitation of his friends and neighbors to attend a June banquet at Alexandria Lodge No. 39, where he was elected an honorary member. Four years later he agreed to be charter master of the lodge when it transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. In 1794, the lodge commissioned William Williams to paint Washington dressed in Masonic regalia. After Washington's death the lodge changed its name to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.<sup>8</sup>

As president, Washington exchanged letters with many Masonic local lodges and state grand lodges. He also met delegations of Freemasons during his visit to Rhode Island in 1790 and his 1791 tour of the southern states. His most significant Masonic activity, however, occurred on September 18, 1793. Acting as grand master pro tem, he presided at the Masonic ceremonial laying of the United States Capitol cornerstone.<sup>9</sup> At Washington's 1799 funeral, brothers of Alexandria Lodge performed Masonic rites. After Martha Washington's death the lodge acquired many valuable items from the estate, including a Masonic apron sent from France in 1793. With these items and many curiosities, the lodge opened a museum in 1812.<sup>10</sup>

In 1910 the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was formed. Then in 1932 the Association dedicated its great Masonic Memorial to Washington in Alexandria, Virginia. Today Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 displays many of its valuable Washington artifacts and continues to meet there. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial welcomes the public seven days a week to view its many exhibitions and enjoy the spectacular view for the top of its 333 foot tower.<sup>11</sup>

Washington himself best articulated his membership in, and relationship to, Freemasonry when he replied to the brethren of King David's Lodge in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1790:

*Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother. 12*

Mark A. Tabbert  
Director of Collections  
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association



# BYLAWS COMMITTEE

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of Pahrump Lodge No. 54 F.&A.M. of Nevada:

The By-laws Committee has reviewed the by-laws of the lodge as suggested by the previous year's committee and makes the following motion for the amendment of Pahrump Lodge By-laws Article IX. Of Dues Section 1 and Section 2.

Section 1 currently reads: The dues for each Master Mason of this lodge shall be \$65.00 annually plus the Grand Lodge Per Capita fee. The entire amount is due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, except in the case of new members whose dues shall be as set forth in Section 2 of this article.

Section 2 currently reads: Newly raised Master Masons and those elected for affiliation shall pay dues as follows: if raised or elected to affiliate between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, the full amount of annual dues prescribed in Section 1 of this article; if raised or elected to affiliate between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, one half of the amount of annual dues as prescribed in Section one of this article.

This By-laws Committee moves that Article IX. Of Dues Section 1 and Section 2 be changed to read as follows:

Section 1: The dues for each Master Mason of this lodge shall be \$65.00 annually plus the Grand Lodge Per Capita fee. The lodge at the stated communication held in June of each year may after giving due notice to all members by mail or email raise the dues of the lodge up to ten dollars (\$10.00) annually upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of all members present. The entire amount is due September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, except in the case of new members whose dues shall be as set forth in Section 2 of this article.

Section 2: Newly raised Master Masons and those elected for affiliation shall pay dues as follows: if raised or elected to affiliate between September 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, the full amount of annual dues prescribed in Section 1 of this article; if raised or elected to affiliate between March 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, one half of the amount of annual dues as prescribed in Section one of this article.

The By-laws committee would also suggest that the By-laws committee of 6024 research a way to regulate the increase of lodge dues if needed to be done in a more expedited manner.

The By-laws Committee thanks the Worshipful Master for the opportunity to serve Pahrump Lodge No. 54 for this year. I move that this report be received and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Bill Cookston Chairman; W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M., Bro. James McRae, Britton Heller and W.B. Neal Snyder.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Actual Birthday (February)</i>	
<i>W.B. Darc Wilson P.M.</i>	<i>W.B. William Delahunte P.M.</i>
<i>Bro. Edward Underhill</i>	<i>Bro Jeffrey Thornhill</i>
<i>Bro. Jerry Thomas</i>	<i>W.B. Arcangelo Cocco P.M.</i>
<i>Bro. Logan Gibbs</i>	

<i>Masonic Birthday (February)</i>	
<i>Bro. Timmy Whisenhunt</i>	<i>47 years</i>
<i>Bro. Sean Toomey</i>	<i>17 years</i>
<i>Bro James Medici</i>	<i>12 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Leslie Peterson H.P.M.</i>	<i>63 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Rolan Benton</i>	<i>60 years</i>
<i>Bro. Shane Hodge</i>	<i>1 Year</i>

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada  
Most Worshipful Ted P Bendure*



*Congratulations to all Grand Lodge Officers elected and appointed for the year 2024. More information and pictures can be found at the Grand Lodge website.*

[www.NVMasons.org](http://www.NVMasons.org)



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Visitation to Tonopah 7pm	3 Sandy Valley stated Meeting 10:00 am Meeting  Visitation to Montezuma 9am  Officer meeting 6pm
4	5	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	7 Weepah/Flivers Meeting 6pm dinner 7pm Meeting	8 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	9	10
11	12	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	14	15	16	17 Lodge Breakfast \$5 Open to the public 8am to 10am
18	19	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	21	22	23 Poker Night for members. 6pm start	24 Tentative Entered Apprentace Degree
25	26	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	28	29		

## Trestle-Board Sponsorship

We will continue offering this program and hope to receive more personal and business sponsors each year. Prices will remain the same, \$25.00 for personal sponsorship and \$50.00 for a business. If you know of a reputable business that would like to advertise in our Trestle-Board, please contact:

W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M. @ (775) 751-0755

## Trestle-Board Sponsors

W.B. Greg & Maria Curtin, WB Harry Smith, W.B. Frank Meyer, W.B. Dave Cook and W.B. Harold and Janice Calzo..



**R. Darce Wilson**  
Senior Loan Officer



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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Sandy Valley stated Meeting 10:00 am Meeting
3	4	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	6 Weepah/Flivers Meeting 6pm dinner 7pm Meeting	7	8	9 Joint GMOV 10am
10	11	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	13	14 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	15	16 Lodge Breakfast \$5 Open to the public 8am to 10am
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24	25	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	27	28	29	30
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# *Pahrump Masonic Memorial Temple Sponsorship Packages:*

*\$50.00 you will receive a Pahrump Lodge Commemorative Coin.*



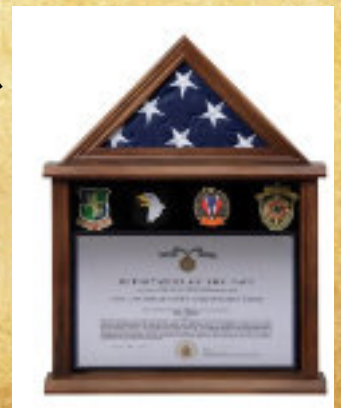
*\$100.00 you will receive a Pahrump Lodge Commemorative Coin and coin holder.*



*\$200.00 you will receive a 20oz Tumbler and a Commemorative Coin.*



*\$500.00 you will receive a Flag display which will contain an American Flag that has been flown in front of the Pahrump Masonic Memorial Temple, along with a commemorative coin and 20oz tumbler.*





### *Chair Sponsorship:*

*Help Sponsor a Chair. You will get your name on the chair of your choosing if it has not already been taken:*

*Lodge Gallery Chair: \$25.00*

*Officer's Chair: \$50.00*

*(Please Contact the Secretary for Available Chairs)*

*Principle Officer's Chair: \$75.00*

*(Junior Warden or Senior Warden: Contact Secretary for Availability)*

### *Century Club:*

*You can join the Century Club with a donation of \$100.00. This will get your name on a plaque in the dining hall showing your donation to the Pahrump Masonic Memorial Temple for all to see.*



### *Apron Storage:*

*You can rent a spot in the Apron Storage Case for \$100.00. (Contact the Secretary for availability).*





*YES, I want to help the Pahrump Masonic Memorial Temple in planning for the future.*

*Please accept my generous donation of:*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Lodge Sponsorship Programs:*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Commemorative Coin

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Commemorative Coin and holder

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00 20oz Tumbler and Commemorative Coin

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 Flag display Case, Commemorative Coin and Tumbler

Chair Sponsorship Program: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Gallery Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Officer Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 Junior Warden or Senior Warden  
(Contact Secretary for Availability)

Century Club: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00

Apron Storage: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00

*Please make checks payable to Pahrump Lodge No. 54 F.&A.M. of Nevada*

*Total amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_*

*Thank you for your donation and support to the Pahrump Masonic Memorial Temple.*



## Officers

Worshipful Master	Jeremy Turek (Stacey)
Senior Warden	Cristian Gliga (Elena)
Junior Warden	Bill Cookston (Sue)
Treasurer	Cameron McRae (Sue)
Secretary	Greg Curtin P.M. (Maria)
Secretary Emeritus	Frank Heyer P.M. (Lois)
Senior Deacon	Britton Heller
Junior Deacon	James McRae
Senior Steward	Rick Hall
Junior Steward	Neal Snyder
Chaplain	Shane Hodge
Marshall	Harry Smith
Tyler	Neal Snyder
Historian	W.B. Dave Smith P.M. (Barbara)
DGR	Harry Smith

Due to the problems we are having with scammers., We are eliminating the contact info for the officers. If you want to contact one and need their contact info, you can call us or email us at: [inquiry@pahrumpmasonsiv.org](mailto:inquiry@pahrumpmasonsiv.org)

## Past Masters

1985 - Hershel Trucks UD*	1998 - George Bunch*	2011 - James Webb
1986 - Floyd Neth	1999 - Dave Stundon*	2012 - Philip Bertuglia
1987 - Harvey Rakestraw*	2000 - Dave Stundon*	2013 - Fred Beeman*
1988 - Harold Dolan*	2001 - Wade Peterson	2014 - David B. White*
1989 - J.D. Bowman*	2002 - George Stofferan*	2015 - John D. Wehrly
1990 - David Hall	2003 - Ed Robinson*	2016 - Gregory F. Curtin
1991 - Steve Kirker	2004 - Bruce Patterson*	2017 - R. Darce Wilson
1992 - Harold Waltz	2005 - Dave Hall	2018 - David Darrow
1993 - Paul Lunsford	2006 - Ray Raffety*	2019 - Michael Burkintas
1994 - Robert Clark	2007 - J.D. Bowman*	2020 - Dave Cook
1995 - Bobby Hurst*	2008 - Richard Willey	2021 - Fred Beeman*
1996 - Ira "Red" Copass*	2009 - Sam Davis, Jr.	2022 - Thomas O'Boyle
1997 - Robert Clark	2010 - Jerry Keeney	2023 - Mike Cappa

\* Deceased

## Honorary Past Masters

2012- Vaughn Rasmussen\*  
2017- Les Peterson  
2018- Harry Smith

## Trustees

3 year Mike Cappa P.M.
2 year Darce Wilson P.M.
1 year Harry Smith H.P.M.

## Grand Lodge Officers



W.B. Greg Curtin P.M., Grand Steward