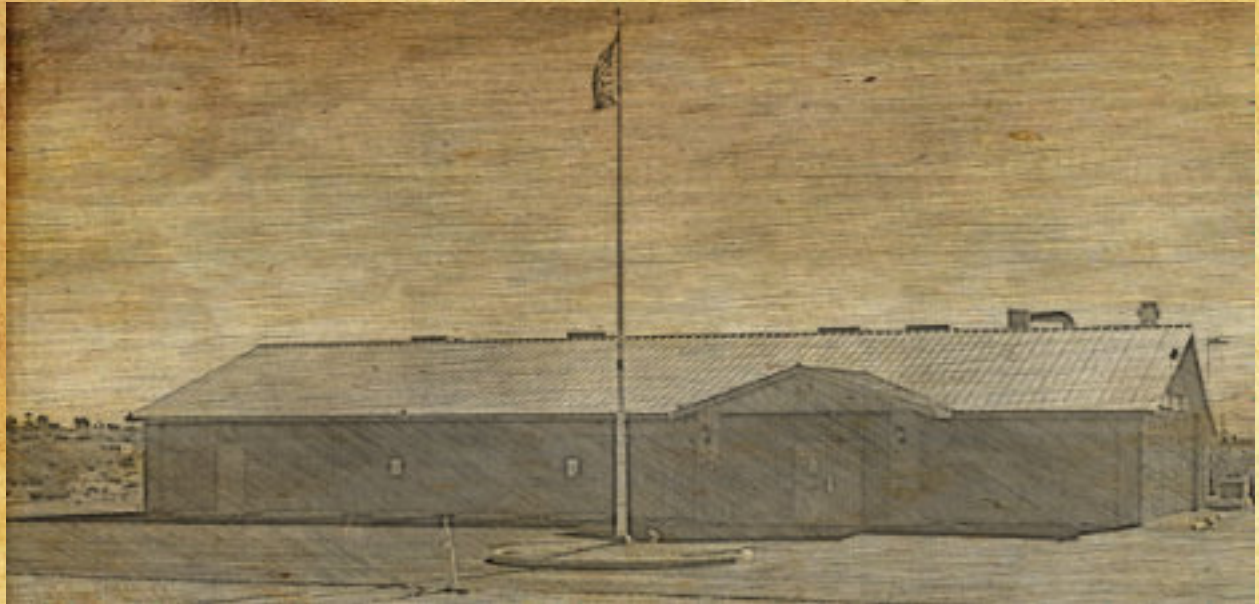




*PAHRUMP LODGE NO. 54  
F.&A.M. OF NEVADA  
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# *TRESTLEBOARD*



*April  
2024*







# *From the East*

*Brethren,*

*Welcome to April! We had a wonderful GMOV right before our March Stated Meeting, if you missed it, you missed out. The Grand Master had a wonderful time from what I have heard. We put on a good show for him and could not have done it without the help we had from Sandy Valley.*

*Coming up in April, we have our Brother's Trip to Dumont Dunes. Please contact Brother James McRae or Brother Bill Cookston for further details. This trip will be lots of fun and also includes Masonic Education. This trip is not only open to officers, all Brothers are welcome to join us.*

*My Brothers, we did have an incident at the lodge over the last month. Without going into too many details due to an active investigation, it has caused us to upgrade our security at the lodge. As we go through and add additional security features, they will tend to get expensive. We will have some additional fundraisers coming up to assist with paying for these upgrades. Please consider assisting with these upcoming fundraisers as much as you can within the length of your cable tow. Remember that the lodge is our second home, and we should be protecting it as we protect our primary residences.*

*Along with adding security to the lodge, we are also looking into performing additional upgrades to the building. As I stated at the beginning of the year, I want to make Pahrump the envy of Masonic Lodges in the State. This is already starting to happen, but we would like to take it to the next level and improve more. Our goal is to have brothers come visit and then not be able to stop talking about Pahrump when they return home. I have heard rumors of a Shrine in California that is now talking about making their Oasis like our Lion's Paw. We may be becoming the envy of more than just Nevada.*

*Brethren I will close with repeating my request from earlier. Please think of the upcoming fundraisers or direct donations to the lodge as we go through the upgrades to the building.*

*Fraternally,  
Jeremy Turek  
Worshipful Master 2024*





# *From the West*

*Brethren,*

*I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.*

*In the month of April, may we reflect on the virtues of wisdom, strength, and beauty of the blossoming nature!*

*Let our bonds of brotherhood grow stronger as we continue our journey of self-improvement and service to humanity through our lodge.*

*Don't forget about the April Fools Day (April 1st), my brothers!*

*Happy Easter!*

*Fraternally,  
Vasile Cristian Gliga  
Senior Warden*







## *From the South*

*Brethren,*

*As a lot of you know, I am part of a lot of committees in the lodge. This includes education for candidates. It is great that we are seeing new candidates this year and we are moving them towards becoming Master Masons.*

*I have picked a couple articles for this month's trestleboard to hopefully get through to some of our Master Mason Members. As an operating Lodge, it takes the Brethren to be present to help it move forward. We have a lot of Members that we have not seen for an extended period. I am writing to encourage these members to attend lodge.*

*We would like to see you for a couple reasons. One, we miss our Brothers and would love to see them again. Second, this lodge runs by having members come in and help guide it so that it stays on a proper path and to better it while moving forward.*

*I realize that your cable tow may keep you from being able to come in, but if it will allow, please come back and help us in Lodge.*

*Fraternally,  
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*

*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*



## *A Mason and a Man*



My Brother, Masonry means much more,  
than the wearing of a pin.  
Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt,  
So the Lodge will let you in.

You wear an emblem on your coat,  
from your finger flash a ring.  
But if you're not sincere at heart  
this does not mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show,  
the world that you belong.  
to this great fraternal brotherhood,  
That teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep,  
within the human breast.  
The Masonic teachings brings it out,  
and puts it to the test.

If you practice out of Lodge,  
the things you learn within.  
Be just and upright to yourself,  
and your fellowmen.

Console a brother when he's sick,  
and assist him when in need.  
Without thought of personal reward,  
for any act or deed.

Walk and act in such a way,  
that the world without can see.  
That only the best can meet the test,  
laid down by Masonry.

Be faithful to your trust,  
and do the best you can –  
Then you can proudly tell the world,  
you're a Mason and a Man.

This poem was penned by a Brother C. E. Reynolds





# Masonic Retention

*Masonic retention is a word upon the lips of every Grand Lodge, subordinate lodge and its many Freemason members, today, across the world.*

*It may surprise you to know that Masonic retention was on the mind of Albert Mackey, Freemason Researcher and Historian, when he wrote Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry over 130 years ago.*

*Here is what he wrote:*

## Parrot Masons

*"One who commits to memory the questions and answers of the catechetical (sic: Relating to or consisting of asking questions and receiving answers by rote rather than by understanding) lectures, and the formulas of the ritual but pays no attention to the history and philosophy of the institution; is commonly called a Parrot Mason, because he is supposed to repeat what he has learned without any conception of its true meaning.*

*In former times, such superficial Freemasons were held by many in high repute because of the facility with which they passed through the ceremonies of a reception, and they were generally designated as Bright Masons.*

*But, the progress of Freemasonry as a science now requires something more than a mere knowledge of the lectures to constitute a Masonic scholar."*

## Masonic Retention

*Memorization without understanding will only take a person to the end of his memorized work...much like memorizing a geometric equation does not prove truly useful unless you understand its components.*

*Example: If I asked you to tell me the equation to measure the area of a circle, the answer quickly coming from your lips may very well be  $\pi r^2$  ... and I would applaud your knowledge.*

*But how useful is that knowledge if you do not know that:*

*$\pi$  = the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle; approximately equal to 3.1415926..., or 3.1416 if you round it off.  $r$  = Radius of the circle...the measurement from the center-point to its perimeter or boundary.<sup>2</sup> (Squared) = the radius times itself.*

*Therefore, your quick answer of  $\pi r^2$  (the equation with which you may perform the task) was absolutely correct, but if you cannot understand each component of the equation, you cannot "do the math", and therefore your journey ends.*

*Memorization of ritual is important within Freemasonry, however without learning the biblical, symbolic and historical components within Freemasonry's depths, your journey, too, will end without your actually finding Freemasonry's true light.*

*True Masonic retention is obtained when both ritual and Masonic knowledge are balanced with one another.*

*Masonic education is the only means with which the fraternity can both retain its current membership and produce new members to carry on Freemasonry's proud traditions.*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Actual Birthday (March)</i>	
<i>Bro. James Medici</i>	<i>Bro. Odell Wesatzke</i>
<i>Bro. David Harvey</i>	<i>Bro. Philip Bertuglia</i>
<i>W.B. Mike Cappa P.M.</i>	

<i>Masonic Birthday (February)</i>	
<i>W.B. Thomas Mouer P.M.</i>	<i>37 years</i>
<i>W.B. David Smith P.M.</i>	<i>20 years</i>
<i>W.B. Brian Boles P.M.</i>	<i>6 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Richard Willey P.M.</i>	<i>57 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Bryan Pettengill P.M.</i>	<i>27 years</i>
<i>Bro. Artie Shaw</i>	<i>38 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Jerry Thomas</i>	<i>18 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Brittan Heller</i>	<i>8 Years</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)



## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b> Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	<b>3</b> Weepah/Flivers Meeting 6pm dinner 7pm Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Sandy Valley stated Meeting 10:00 am Meeting  <i>EA Degree After Meeting</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b> Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	<b>12</b> <i>Brother Retreat at the Dunes.</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Brother Retreat at the Dunes.</i>
<b>14</b> <i>Brother Retreat at the Dunes.</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b> Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Lodge Breakfast \$5 Open to the public 8am to 10am
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b> Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b> Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am				

### *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*

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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



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