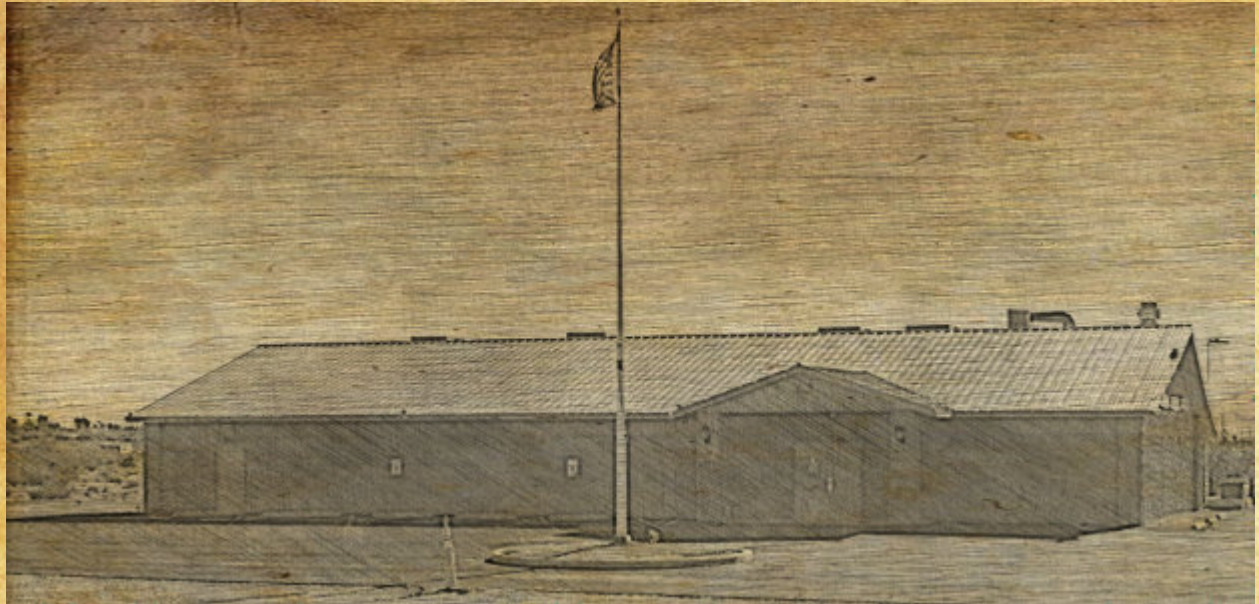




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TRESTLEBOARD



*December
2024*





From the East

Greetings Brethren,

December and the Holidays are upon us. This is also the time for Lodge elections and the end of the Masonic year. As we elect and appoint the next Lodge Officers, this is the time to throw your name in for assistance on committees and being involved in events.

I believe we initiated several commendable projects this year, and I hope we can sustain their progress. Additionally, we have witnessed more brothers actively engaging than at any time since my first visit to the Lodge in 2019. I foresee many positive developments for Pahrump Lodge and am pleased with my service.

As we move towards the next year, those who are able to, please come to an event or meeting. Especially if you could not make it out to one this year. I will continue to be a presence at every meeting I am able to make it to, and will give you plenty of opportunity to call me Junior.

I wish to thank the brethren again for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving the lodge for 2024.

*Fraternally,
Jeremy Turek
Worshipful Master*



From the West

Brethren,

As we move into the month of December, we are about to conclude a successful 2024 for our lodge.

My sincere appreciation goes to Worshipful Master Jeremy Turek and the entire line of officers for managing so well the Masonic activities for the whole year and I'm looking forward to seeing you and your families at our Installation of Officers.

I wish everyone a joyful Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Happy Holidays!

*Fraternally from the West,
Vasile Cristian Gliga, SW*

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From the South

Brethren,

As I noted last month, November was an exceptionally busy period. The most significant event was the degree of our new Fellowcraft Brother, Cody Cunningham. Congratulations to Brother Cunningham! We were able to pull off this last-minute degree with the help of Sandy Valley #57; thank you, Sandy Valley. We also participated in the Grand Lodge meeting, followed by our stated meeting. Furthermore, we conducted a vote on the proposed amendment to the Bylaws, which was approved. The amended Bylaws will now be submitted to the Grand Lodge for final approval.

This month is anticipated to be equally demanding. We have our stated meeting as scheduled. During the December stated meeting, we will conduct elections for the forthcoming year. It is imperative that all available Brothers attend and support the lodge. The success of the lodge is contingent upon the support and participation of the Brothers. Your attendance and support can be realized through volunteering for activities and committees.

For the stated meeting, I intend to provide shredded beef sandwiches, macaroni salad, and corn with Brownies and ice cream will serve as the desserts. As always, please send me an email to RSVP prior to the meeting. This assists me in ensuring that I have the requisite supplies without incurring unnecessary expenses. This will be my final meal prepared as the Junior Warden. I hope you have enjoyed the food over the past year.

As I mentioned earlier, this Lodge is governed by officers, both elected and appointed. We also require non-active members to support the lodge by participating in events and committees or by assuming officer roles. Without this support, the lodge will not operate as efficiently as possible. Your support will enable us to manage the lodge effectively and ensure that we continue to enjoy the fellowship of the Brothers.

I hope to see everyone this year.

Fraternally,
Bill Cookston JW





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
Grand Senior Deacon*



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*

WHY IS ST. JOHN THE PATRON SAINT OF FREEMASONRY?

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JOHN THE EVANGELIST ARE KNOWN AS THE PATRON SAINTS OF FREEMASONRY. BUT WHY?

By John L. Cooper, PGM of California

Freemasonry has many unexplained mysteries in its ritual, one of which is the reference to the "Holy Saints John." It comes in the monitorial lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. Candidates are told that Masonic lodges are dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. Together, they represent the patron saints of Freemasonry.

To this day, Masons all around the world continue to recognize these two figures as the patron saints of Freemasonry. In fact, the closest thing we have to a Masonic holiday are the feast days of the two saints. St. John the Baptist's feast day is celebrated in the summer (June 24), and St. John the Evangelist's is in winter (December 27). Masons and Masonic lodges mark these days with their own celebratory dinners or other events. They are two of the most important dates on the fraternal calendar.

The reasons for this connection go back centuries—and remain shrouded in mystery. What we know for certain is that it isn't strange that there would be a patron saint of Freemasonry. During the Middle Ages in England and Scotland, many societies and guilds were dedicated to a particular saint. That figure received special devotion from the members of the society, and, in turn, he would offer its members special protection and favor.

St. John, the Patron Saint of Freemasonry

In the calendar of the medieval church, there were two saints named John who were associated with Jesus.

One was the "forerunner" of Jesus, John the Baptist. The other was the apostle John, the brother of James. He is commonly known as John the Evangelist because of his supposed authorship of the Gospel of John in the New Testament. At some point, these two saints became known as the patron saints of Freemasonry. When and where that happened remains a mystery.

Now, Freemasonry isn't and has never been a religious organization. It has always been open to members of all religions and faiths. However, the world into which it was born, in Enlightenment-era Europe, was a largely Christian one. As a result, many of the symbols of Freemasonry reflect Christian iconography—including the connection to the two Saint Johns in Freemasonry.

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Duality and the Two Saint Johns

From the Masonic perspective, we can understand the balanced dualism of John the Baptist on one side and John the Evangelist on the other. Together, they represent two sides of a coin: the passionate zeal of the baptist and the knowledge of faith of the apostle. A Masonic lodge dedicated to the two patron saints of Freemasonry can be seen as a space to both reflect on and channel our passion. Taken as an abstract compilation of symbols, they represent a well-balanced path toward enlightenment. Even more, their feast days are closely associated with the summer and winter solstice—underscoring the symbolic duality of the two figures.

But why are St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist associated with Freemasonry in the first place? How did they become the patron saints of Freemasonry? Masonic scholars claim that the custom came from the practice of new Masons taking their obligations on a Bible opened to the first chapter of the Gospel of John. The “John” who was the supposed author of that gospel was, of course, John the Evangelist.

St. John Masonry

The opening words of the Gospel of St. John are:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

We know that in the 17th and 18th century, the “Mason Word” was a very important secret given to the newly obligated Mason.

The “Mason Word” gave members of the fraternity access to all the privileges of Freemasonry. For “operative” stonemasons, that included access to work. The Gospel of St. John may have been chosen for the obligation because of the symbolic connection between the “Mason Word” and the “Word” in the opening verse of the gospel.

This connection was so important that Masons in that era were sometimes referred to as “St. John’s Masons.” In some tilers’ registers from the 18th century, visitors would put “St. John’s Mason” after their name. From that, we can extrapolate that the connection to the “Holy Saints John” in the Masonic ritual originated with St. John the Evangelist. And we can assume that the reference to St. John the Baptist as the second patron saint of Freemasonry came later. None of this can be proven, of course.

These “St. John’s Masons” did not leave us any records about why they adopted that name, or why they adopted the two Johns as the patron saints of Freemasonry. But I think this is as good a guess as any.

THE SILVER COINS ARE HERE. BUY THEM NOW.

40 YEAR AND 25 YEAR COIN

Brethren,

We are coming up on two milestones for the lodge.

- 40 year anniversary as a Lodge.
- 25 year anniversary of our current building

We are having a anniversary coin being minted for this occasion. It will be a special .999 silver 1 ounce coin minted for this special occasion. We will be selling the special anniversary edition coins and using the money for the building fund.

There will only be 100 coins minted. We are taking reservations for these coins already. If you would like to buy a coin and would like a particular number between 11 and 100, send in a request and we will reserve your coin if it is still available. If you don't care about the number, then email us and tell us to give you a random number.

The first 10 coins will have a special raffle. They will still cost \$150 dollars, but you will have to buy a \$10 raffle ticket to win the option to buy one of the first 10 coins. They will draw a number in lodge and the order they are drawn will give you the option to buy the coin at that \$150 dollar price.

As always, email us and ask any question you may have.

To purchase a coin, click below

<https://zfrmz.com/v26TvJoUeiPDfNBJG9I3>

Bill Cookston
Junior Warden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Actual Birthday (December)</i>	
<i>Bro. Timmy Whisenhunt</i>	<i>Bro. Sean Toomey</i>
<i>W.B. Thomas O'Boyle P.M.</i>	<i>W.B. Harold Scalzo P.M.</i>
<i>Bro. Joseph Broadfoot</i>	<i>W.B. Michael Burkintas P.M.</i>
<i>Bro John Bergstrom</i>	<i>W.B. Robin Williams P.M.</i>
<i>W.B. Glen Schlaht P.M.</i>	<i>W.B. David Hall P.M.</i>
<i>W.B. Richard Hall P.M.</i>	<i>Bro. Travis Huggins</i>
<i>Bro Jhames McRae</i>	<i>Bro. Peter Gazsy</i>
<i>W.B. Cameron McRae H.P.M.</i>	<i>Bro. Odell Wesatzke</i>

<i>Masonic Birthday (December)</i>	
<i>Bro Stephen Larson</i>	<i>32 years</i>
<i>W.B. Floyd Neth P.M.</i>	<i>64 years</i>
<i>W.B. Gregory Curtin P.M.</i>	<i>13 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Howard Wick</i>	<i>36 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Albert Turek</i>	<i>31 years</i>

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada
Most Worshipful Zakariah A. Gulling*



Congratulations to all Grand Lodge Officers elected and appointed for the year 2025. More information and pictures can be found at the Grand Lodge website.

www.NVMasons.org

December 2024

1 Sun	2 Mon	3 Tue	4 Wed	5 Thu	6 Fri	7 Sat
		5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	4 Weepah/Flivers Meeting 6pm dinner 7pm Meeting			7 Sandy Valley stated Meeting 10:00 am Meeting
8	9	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	11	12 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	13 Sandy Valley Instalation 6:00 pm	14
15	16	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	18	19	20	21 Lodge Breakfast \$5 Open to the public 8am to 10am
22	23	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	25	26	27	28
29	30	5 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:

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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. Bryan Pettengill P.M.
DGL	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

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	2018 - Harry Smith
2017 - Les Peterson	2024 - Cameron McRae

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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