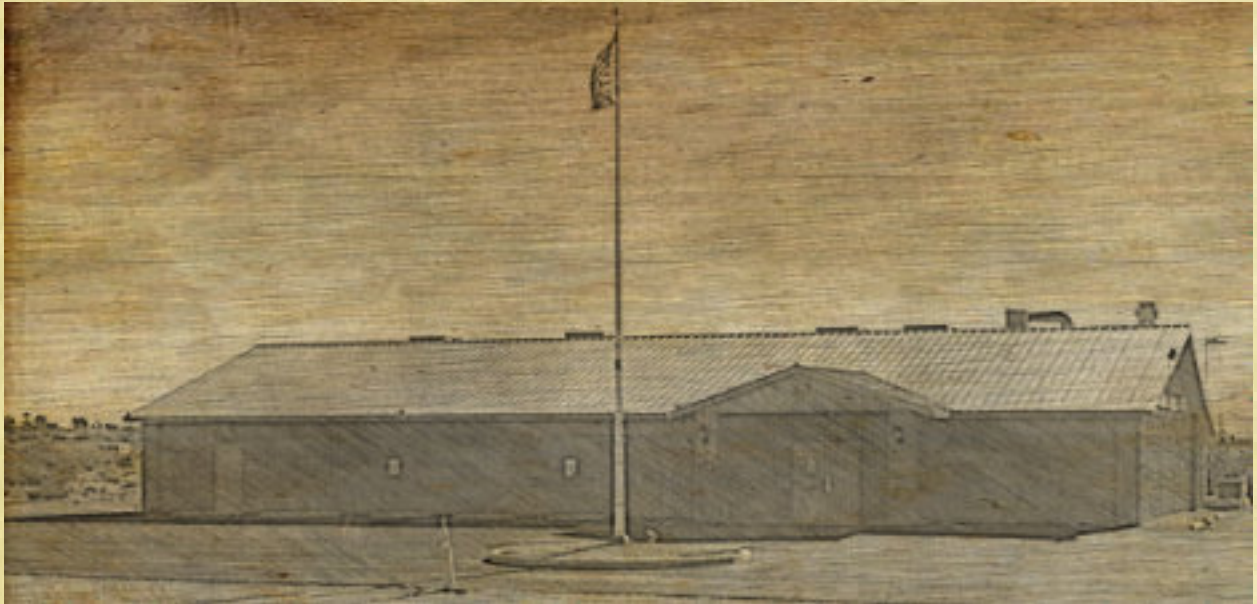




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*February
2025*





From the East

My Brothers,

Thank you for making the month of January a very successful and productive one! We had a very busy month, during which we took care of Lodge business, had excellent educational presentations, including a very well attended DDGL Workshop, experienced great fellowship, and concluded with our fun Poker Night.

February is dedicated to the Observance of George Washington's Birthday. Our Stated Meeting will be a great opportunity to emphasize how important this celebration is for us, as Freemasons, by wearing a Colonial outfit.

February is also the Month of Love. And as we embark on it, I wish all of you, my Brothers, to celebrate a beautiful Valentine's Day next to your Significant Other or next to those special people who have made a particular difference in your life.

Happy Valentine's Day!

*Fraternally from the East,
Vasile Cristian Gliga, WM*





From the West

Brethren,

We are off to a great start this year. It looks to also be a busy year.

We are excited to share that our first raffle of the year has officially begun. This raffle offers participants the chance to win a rifle, a handgun, and a membership. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit www.pahrumpmasons54.org and select the raffle button located at the top of the page. Entries can be conveniently purchased using either PayPal or a credit card. Your participation will greatly support the lodge, and we wish you the best of luck in the drawing.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our DDGL for providing an exceptional learning opportunity in January. This event not only enhanced Pahrump 54's understanding of our ritual but also benefited other lodges within our district. We are anticipating up to three additional sessions this year, and I highly encourage not only our officers to attend but also all members to join us in deepening their knowledge of our ritual practices.

I look forward to our upcoming meeting and encourage attendees to come dressed in their colonial attire in honor of George Washington observance month.

*Fraternally from the West,
Bill Cookston SW*



From the South

Fraternal greetings!

I hope the new year is treating you all well. In the spirit of unity and Masonic excellence, I extend warm greetings as we commence another month of noble endeavors. With unwavering dedication and benevolence, ever mindful of our duty to humanity.

Together we shape the future of our shared commitment to the Masonic virtues.

*Fraternally,
Britton Heller JW*

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Past Masters Word

Happy New Year!! With the new year we also start new traditions with the Junior Past Master's Message. With this I can provide updates on some of the projects I have going and also impart different knowledge to everyone.

As I write this, we have not held installation yet. If you attend, you will notice there are a few new traditions that were added into our ceremony. If you did not attend, feel free to ask about these new traditions and others coming too.

Last year I promised to "Make Pahrump Lodge the example of Masonry in Nevada, Thereby taking Nevada to the forefront of American Masonry." We have begun this, all around the state, Brothers are talking about the things we have started doing in Pahrump. With the Lion's Paw, our programs, and our Ritual, we have begun to be the lodge that is being looked at by all Nevada Masons. I hear many brothers talking about making a trip or another trip to Pahrump.

None of this could have been achieved without the support of our dedicated brethren. All of you are who created this, and together we will continue to improve. We are not fully there yet, but we are well on our way. Please continue to support this year's officers in keeping Pahrump the talk of Nevada.

Fraternally,

Jeremy Turek

Past Master 2024





From the Secretary

Brethren,

It is time again to pay your dues for 2025. 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

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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER WORKSHOPS (DDGLW)

District-wide workshops for all lodges within District 11 are scheduled to occur in January, April, August, and November at the Pahrump Masonic Memorial Temple, situated at 281 E. Gemini Rd, Pahrump, Nevada. Each lodge will have the responsibility of hosting one of these district-wide workshops. For further details, please refer to the accompanying schedule.

Lodges should plan for DDGLW in their calendars and advertise them in their trestleboards. Lodges are not to schedule degree conferrals or other activities at the times scheduled for DDGLW. Every officer should come prepared to do the work of his current or advanced office or station. At district-wide DDGLW, each office and station will likely rotate several times.

DISTRICT WIDE DDGLW – HOST LODGE DESIGNATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>Key Agenda Items</u>
April 19, 6025 (Saturday)	Sandy Valley Lodge No. 57	Discussion: Guarding the West Gate Rod Work, Carrying of the Flag and movements 50 Year Pin Presentation Calling up and back on different degrees Exemplification of the Second Degree Complete
August 16, 6025 (Saturday)	Robert Burns Lodge No. 59	Discussion: Candidate/Brother Education programs and Chambers of Reflection Open/Close Third Degree Rod Work and movements Exemplification of the Third Degree First/Second Section
November 15, 6024 (Saturday)	Pahrump Lodge No. 54	Discussion: 2025 Grand Lodge Actions Review Elections of Officers - Installation of Officers – Funerals – Lewis Jewel Presentation – Honorary Past Master Apron Presentation – Officer Orientation Course – Lodge Succession Planning

Fraternally,



W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M.
District Deputy Grand Lecturer
District 12
Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Nevada

The Masonic Philosophy of George Washington

*by Midnight Freemasons Contributor
James E. Frey*

PART I: THE MASONIC CHARACTER

Freemason George Washington

My Brethren, the subject of Masonry and its connection to the Founding Fathers and the American Revolution has inspired much research and heated debate. The progression of history has accepted the Craft as a mere footnote in the events that lead to the founding of our great nation, when in actuality the Masonic philosophy was a driving force behind the social change of the enlightenment era. Masonry and its rich ideals and virtues changed the social consciousness of the founders to accept social justice not only as inevitability but as a duty they owed to God and the common lot of humanity. They accepted the responsibility of bearing the sword of justice and the torch of destiny and stood strong against the tyranny of kings and monarchs.

The Founding Fathers were really rebelling against the claim of a man that it was the will of God that he is ordained to rule. The Founders saw the darkness of this system, that it was based upon ignorance and fear. Their goal was to lift humanity towards the light of political liberation and democracy, as they also believed it was the will of Deity to institute this change in history. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts addresses the Masonic influence in the American Revolution when they write to George Washington December 10, 1792.

“A Band of brothers, having always joined the acclamations of their countryman, now testify their respect for the milder virtues which have graced the man. Taught by the precepts of our Society; that we all its members stand upon the level, we venture to assume this station & to approach you with that freedom which diminishes our diffidence without lessening our respect.”

Out of all of the Founding Fathers no man is more revered in American Masonry than George Washington. In fact he was almost dubbed the title Grand Master General, or Grand Master of North America, before he declined as an act of humbleness. Washington has become an almost archetypal figure of the Masonic and American character. He stands as an ideal, a symbol for the courage to fight for freedom and not to accept the whims and dictates of those who claim authority not given to them by the consent of the people. But what were Washington's true feelings and thoughts on the craft? What were his concerns on the new nation he forged out of steel and bullets?

Washington was a strong proponent of the Masonic philosophy and how it helped shape his character into the strong leader that we venerate as a champion of liberty. Washington addressed the nature of a true mason when he wrote back to John Cutler, Grand Master of Massachusetts on December 27, 1792.

“Flattering as it may be to the human mind & truly honorable... that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice...to enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity... that discover the principles which actuate them; may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race..”

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The Masonic Philosophy of George Washington

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Washington addressed the philosophical mind state of a mason as being concerned with the virtues of the heart. A Mason should have a strong sense of compassion and mercy toward his fellow man. We can see this concept echoed in the Masonic teaching of "Charity" and "Relief". That is it the position of a Mason to relieve the distressed of those who are afflicted by strife and to offer a hand of charity to help those who do not have the needs to stand for themselves. This sphere of social happiness is the sphere in which this philosophy spreads into the national character. Washington also addresses that this sphere must exist upon the backbone of truth and justice. This truth and justice is the foundational belief that all man is created equal. It is not wealth of privilege that creates a higher class of citizens; this was the belief of the world. In the new world the virtues of the individual would be the basis for social esteem. So this sphere of happiness could not exist within the old system of belief and government. So it is the true duty of the Mason to shield the oppressed and stand up for justice and truth. A Mason shall not stand idly by as his fellow man is exploited by the privileged and powerful.

This is the benevolent design of the Masonic institution that American government implemented, that no one could rule without the consent of the ruled. Those who are self-serving will not exploit us as a people. A true leader, like a true Mason, is interested in the welfare of others and will stand in defiance of tyranny and injustice. It is these ideals that are instilled into every candidate upon the checkered floor, the nature of both good and evil. Washington believed that this new form of government by the people for the people was the great social change that Masonry offered the world. It was the great plan implemented that when established would inspire the rest of the world to throw off the chains of monarchy and take up the cause of truth and justice.

Paul Revere another famous American Mason and Founding Father addresses this Masonic plan when he was Grand Master of Massachusetts wrote to Washington, March 21, 1797

"Of these (Masonic teachings) may you partake in all their purity and satisfaction; and we will assure ourselves that your attachment to this social plan will increase; and that under the auspices of your encouragement, assistance and patronage, the Craft will attain its highest ornament, perfection, and praise. And it is our ardent prayer, that when your light shall be no more visible in this earthly temple, you may be raised to the All Perfect Lodge above; be seated on the right of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and there receive the refreshment your labors merited."

Freemason Paul Revere

Revere discusses how if a man takes in the Masonic teachings in purity and without polluting the truth and universality of it you will understand that this social plan of the Masonic character is assured to be just and true. Revere believed that the Craft would reach its apex of influence when all members adopted this plan to indoctrinate Masonic values into the American character, thus creating a nation of the highest virtue and moral culture. Revere uses Washington as an example of how his Masonic character is a shining beacon of light that we must all adhere to become like.

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Washington responded to Revere on April 24, 1797 and further addresses the Masonic character as being selfless in nature. He claims the true reward to the Mason is the betterment of himself through his morality bringing himself and society closer to God. Washington writes.

“No pleasure, except that which results from a consciousness of having, to the utmost of my abilities, discharged, the trusts which have been reposed in me by my Country, can equal the satisfaction I feel from the unequivocal proofs I continually receive of its approbation of my public conduct... my wishes that bounteous Providence will continue to bless and preserve our country in Peace and in the prosperity it has enjoyed, will be warm and sincere; and my attachment to the Society on which we are members will dispose me always to contribute my best endeavors to promote the honor and interest of the Craft.”

In this Washington shows that the American character should be self-sacrificing in its display of justice and charity. He says his fullest reward of all his earthly labors is that the All Seeing Eye of Providence has blessed their endeavors to liberate mankind politically, thus reflecting honor and the interest of the Craft. In this statement he expresses his belief that God has blessed the Masonic agenda of social justice. To establish a new form of government, and that it is the duty of Masonry to aid in the American destiny of the liberation of humanity. This is the proper attitude of the true Mason. To do what is right and strive to benefit others with no hope for monetary value and reward, only that honor be reflected upon the Craft and society profit through God's will.

So as we look upon the Masonic Character what do we see? From the writings of Revere and Washington we see a man dedicated to serve and protect others. A True Mason understands how the ideals of the Craft can change the character of not only an individual, but also a nation. If the Founding Fathers had not held these virtues and ideals so close to their hearts, in what kind of a nation would we live? Would they have proclaimed themselves rulers to satisfy only their own self-interests? Would they have exploited the people to benefit only themselves? It is a scary thought to think that the American principles could have never existed. But it was the belief of the Founding Fathers that the virtues and ideals of the Masonic institution were a intricate part of the destiny of mankind and the will of God. So when we as Masons lost sight of those truest of virtues, when we join a group for only a lapel pin, or we step outside the length of our obligation, let us remember that the virtues we enact are a central part of God's plan to liberate mankind from the darkness into the light of individual duty and justice. Let us learn from the example of the Founding Fathers, who resisted all temptation to oppress and exploit, but to remain steadfast to the virtues of the craft and to the obligation that makes good men better.





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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.

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Bill Cookston
Junior Warden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Actual Birthday (February)</i>	
<i>W.B. Robert Wilson P.M.</i>	<i>W.B. William Delahunte P.M.</i>
<i>Bro. Edward Underhill</i>	<i>Bro. Brian Martin</i>
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<i>W.B. Arcangelo Cocco P.M.</i>	<i>Bro Terek Schoner</i>
<i>Bro. Logan Gibbs</i>	

<i>Masonic Birthday (February)</i>	
<i>Bro. Timmy Whisenhunt</i>	<i>48 years</i>
<i>Bro. Sean Toomey</i>	<i>18 years</i>
<i>Bro. James Medici</i>	<i>13 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Leslie Peterson H.P.M.</i>	<i>29 Years</i>
<i>Bro Roland Benton</i>	<i>57 Years</i>
<i>Bro Shane Hodge</i>	<i>2 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.

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February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	27	28	29	30	31	1 Sandy Valley stated 10:00 am Meeting Pahrump
2	3	4 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:30 am	5 Weepah Meeting 6:00 pm	6	7	8 Sandy Valley GMOV 12pm. W.B. Harry Smith Services 3pm
9	10	11 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:30 am	12	13 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	14	15 Lodge Breakfast \$7 Open to the public 8am to 9:30am
16	17	18 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:30 am	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:30 am	26	27	28	1

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1991 - Steve Kirker	2004 - Bruce Patterson*	2017 - R. Darce Wilson
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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*
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