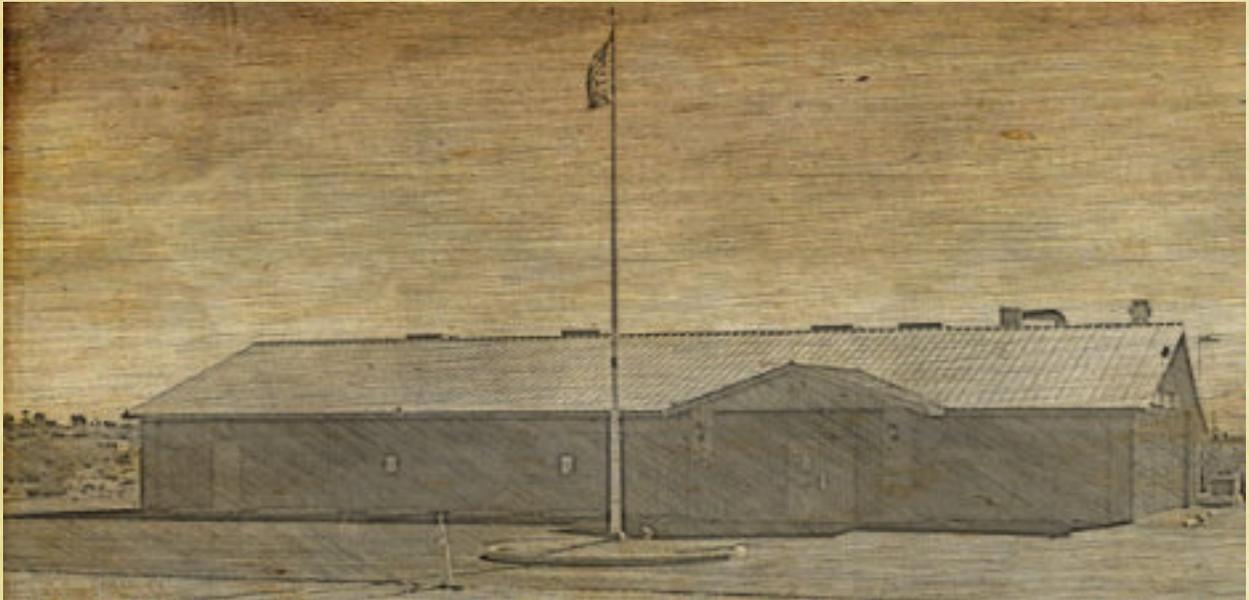




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TRESTLEBOARD



*March
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From the East

My Brothers,

Thank you for making the month of February a very successful and productive one! We took care of lodge business, had excellent educational presentations, and enjoyed the George Washington's Birthday Observance at our Stated Meeting.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the officers for their dedication and hard work. Your commitment to our lodge's mission is truly appreciated.

From the first signs of Spring to Daylight Savings, March is a month full of new beginnings. Wishing each of you a joyous and prosperous spring season ahead.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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





From the West

Brethren,

As Masons, we are given various working tools to aid us in our journey—not just in the Lodge, but in life itself. The Square teaches us to square our actions, ensuring we deal honestly with our fellow man. The Level reminds us of equality, that no matter our station, we are all traveling the same path. The Plumb instructs us to walk uprightly, steadfast in integrity.

Beyond these tools, Masonry offers a deeper lesson: that the work of self-improvement never ceases. Just as an operative mason perfects his craft through diligent labor, we, as speculative Masons, must refine our character through daily application of Masonic principles.

Let us be ever mindful that our trestleboard is not just a plan for a building of stone, but a blueprint for a life well-lived. May we continue to labor with purpose, seek wisdom, and extend brotherly love to all.

So Mote It Be.

*Fraternally from the West,
Bill Cookston SW*



From the South

Brethren,

As we step into March, I'm honored to serve as your Junior Warden. I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day and took the time to celebrate and appreciate your significant others. Our Masonic journey is strengthened not only by our brotherhood but also by the support of our loved ones.

This month, let's continue to uphold our principles, support one another, and enjoy our time together in fellowship. I look forward to seeing you all at our gatherings. If there's anything I can do to assist, don't hesitate to reach out.

*Fraternally,
Britton Heller JW*

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Past Masters Word

As we step into March, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment, akin to the transition from winter to spring. This month symbolizes new beginnings and the potential for growth, not just within nature but also within our Masonic journey in Nevada.

Fellow Masons, we are at a crossroads in our fraternity. We stand on the brink of progress, faced with a critical decision: do we choose to evolve and flourish, or do we allow ourselves to stagnate? If we opt for the latter, we risk the vitality of Masonry in Nevada, potentially leading to a decline in our numbers and relevance. While we may continue to welcome family members and curious seekers, we must actively engage and inspire to remain significant within our communities.

Relevance is paramount for us as Masons and Shriners. Research from other states has highlighted a distinct desire among the younger generation for a richer experience in Masonry than what previous generations sought. Just as those who emerged from WWII craved camaraderie, today's younger members are motivated by a sense of service, education, and profound meaning. They are not satisfied with singular pursuits; they seek a multifaceted experience that encompasses both personal and community development.

This new generation has grown in a digital landscape, where information is readily accessible. They possess an eagerness to explore and discover, often preferring to delve into topics independently rather than relying solely on others for guidance. Their philosophical approach and data-driven mindset inspire them to pursue deeper understanding, often culminating in robust research projects that enrich not only their knowledge but the fraternity as a whole.

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Past Masters Word

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I recently had the pleasure of visiting Robert Burns #59, a lodge exemplifying this innovative spirit. They have adopted a measured approach to conferring degrees, allowing candidates ample time to absorb the lessons before them. Their candidate pool is thriving, bolstered by engaging projects that encourage research and reflection. I encountered several first-timers during their "Concordia" event, all impeccably attired, and their assigned projects yielded insights surpassing even some collegiate academic work.

Taking inspiration from this model, we have initiated similar educational requirements within our own lodge. New Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft members are now tasked with producing research papers, visiting other lodges, and maintaining good attendance—all integral to their Masonic development. Additionally, we have implemented a program for candidates awaiting their degrees, ensuring they remain engaged and connected.

These educational initiatives are precisely what the new generation seeks. By embracing these practices, we are making strides towards renewal within our fraternity. It's essential that we slow our candidates' progression, instilling foundational Masonic principles that will serve as the bedrock of their journey. While earlier generations sought to gain value from Masonry commensurate with their efforts, today's Masons are eager to invest deeply, returning manifold benefits to all involved. Let us move forward together, building a vibrant and relevant future for Masonry in 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

Masonic Presidents: The Influence of Freemasonry on American

Freemasonry, one of the world's oldest and most widespread fraternal organizations, has played a significant role in the lives of many U.S. presidents. With its emphasis on moral uprightiness, brotherhood, and civic duty, Freemasonry has shaped the leadership styles and policies of several American presidents throughout history. This article explores the Masonic connections of some notable presidents and the potential impact of Masonic values on their governance.

The Founding Fathers and Early Presidents

Several Founding Fathers and early U.S. presidents were Freemasons, including George Washington, who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1752 at the age of 20. Washington's commitment to the principles of the fraternity was evident in his leadership, as he frequently referenced Masonic ideals such as unity and service to the nation.

Other early presidents with Masonic affiliations include James Monroe, who served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Andrew Jackson, a passionate Mason who participated in numerous lodge activities. Thomas Jefferson, while not a confirmed Mason, had strong ties to the fraternity and frequently engaged with Masonic leaders.

19th-Century Masonic Presidents

During the 19th century, Freemasonry continued to attract prominent leaders. James K. Polk and James Buchanan were both known Masons, with Buchanan even serving as a Worshipful Master in Pennsylvania. Abraham Lincoln, while not a Freemason, expressed interest in the organization and had close relationships with many Masonic figures.

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20th-Century Masonic Presidents

The 20th century saw a continuation of Masonic influence in the White House. Presidents such as Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald Ford were all active Freemasons. Truman, in particular, had a deep connection to Freemasonry, serving as Grand Master of Missouri's Masonic Lodge and emphasizing its principles throughout his presidency.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, while not a Mason himself, maintained close ties with many Masons and frequently acknowledged the organization's contributions to American society.

Masonic Principles in Presidential Leadership

Freemasonry teaches values such as charity, integrity, and patriotism, which align with many qualities sought in a U.S. president. The emphasis on brotherhood and civic responsibility may have influenced the leadership styles of Masonic presidents, encouraging them to prioritize unity and service to the public.

The secrecy and rituals of Freemasonry have sometimes led to speculation about the organization's influence on government decisions. However, historians largely agree that while Freemasonry provided a strong moral foundation for its members, it did not exert direct political control over presidential policies.

Conclusion

Freemasonry has played a significant role in shaping the lives and leadership of numerous American presidents. From the Founding Fathers to the modern era, the organization's emphasis on ethical leadership and civic duty has left a lasting imprint on the nation's highest office. While not every president has been a Mason, those who were often embodied the values of the fraternity in their governance, reinforcing the ideals of democracy, service, and integrity.

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist and Its Connection to March

Freemasonry has long revered St. John the Evangelist as one of its patron saints, alongside St. John the Baptist. Traditionally, Masons observe the feast day of St. John the Evangelist on December 27. However, in some older traditions, March 27 has also been recognized as an alternative date for his feast.

St. John the Evangelist, often associated with wisdom, knowledge, and spiritual enlightenment, embodies values that resonate deeply with Masonic philosophy. His teachings emphasize truth, love, and the pursuit of higher understanding, which align with the Masonic ideals of moral and intellectual growth.

While December 27 remains the primary date of observance, some Masonic jurisdictions and historical references note March 27 as a time to reflect on his legacy. This connection may stem from varying liturgical calendars or early Christian traditions that commemorated different aspects of his life at different times of the year.

March itself carries symbolic significance in Masonic thought, as it marks the Spring Equinox, a time of balance between light and darkness. This theme of renewal and enlightenment parallels St. John the Evangelist's role as a bearer of divine wisdom.

Though not widely celebrated in modern Masonry, the March 27 connection to St. John the Evangelist serves as a reminder of the historical and philosophical depth of Masonic traditions. It underscores the fraternity's dedication to the pursuit of knowledge, virtue, and spiritual enlightenment.



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Bill Cookston
Junior Warden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Actual Birthday (March)</i>	
<i>Bro Roland Benton</i>	<i>Bro. Timothy Curtin</i>
<i>W.B. Gregory Curtin P.M.</i>	<i>Bro. Stephen Larson</i>
<i>Bro. Jeremiah L'Heureux</i>	<i>W.B. Frank Heyer P.M.</i>
<i>Bro. Peter Gazsy</i>	<i>Bro Patrick Selvy</i>

<i>Masonic Birthday (March)</i>	
<i>Bro. John Shewalter</i>	<i>29 years</i>
<i>Bro. Edward Underhill</i>	<i>13 years</i>
<i>Bro. Tarek Schoner</i>	<i>3 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Harold Rubin-Smith</i>	<i>53 Years</i>
<i>W.B. William Delahunte P.M.</i>	<i>20 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Bryan Gentry</i>	<i>8 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Franklin Merica</i>	<i>47 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Jeremy Turek</i>	<i>25 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Trevor Meade</i>	<i>18 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Philip Bertuglia</i>	<i>19 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Daniel Kelly</i>	<i>19 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Jerome Willinsky</i>	<i>6 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Arcangelo Cocco</i>	<i>20 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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March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	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 Officer meeting / Practice 6:30 p.m.	8
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 Pahrump Mason Poker Night. 6:00pm	29
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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	2024 - Jeremy Turek

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2012 - Vaughn Rasmussen	2018 - Harry Smith *
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1 year Darce Wilson P.M.

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