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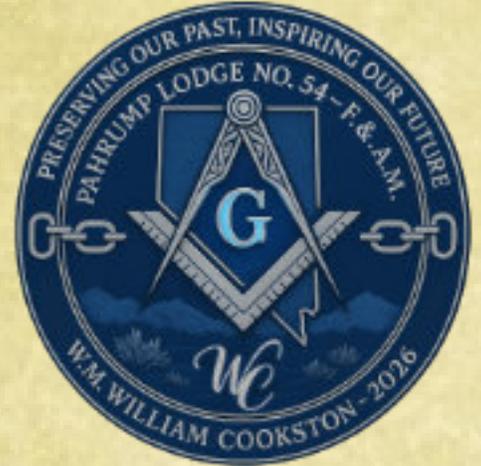


January 2026





From the East



From the East — A New Year of Service

January marks not only the beginning of a new year, but the opening of a new chapter for our Lodge. I wish to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the Brethren for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. To be elected and installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge is a profound honor—one I do not take lightly. I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve you and to labor alongside you in the East.

Our Lodge has been built by dedicated men who understood that Masonry thrives when each Brother is present, engaged, and willing to work. As we look ahead to the year before us, I am confident that we have all the pieces in place for a strong and productive year—one marked by harmony, growth, and meaningful labor. Together, we can ensure that our Lodge continues to be a place where good men are made better through fellowship, instruction, and service.

*This year, I ask each Brother to renew his commitment in three important areas: **attendance, education, and degree work.** Your presence in Lodge matters. When the Brethren assemble, the Lodge is strengthened—not only in numbers, but in spirit. Regular attendance ensures that decisions are made with wisdom drawn from many voices and that our traditions are carried forward with care.*

Education is the foundation upon which our Craft stands. Whether you are newly initiated or a seasoned Past Master, there is always more light to be gained. I encourage every Brother to take part in Masonic education, discussion, and mentorship throughout the year. A Lodge that learns together grows together.

Finally, degree work is the heart of what we do. The care, proficiency, and dignity with which we confer the degrees reflect who we are as Masons. I ask for your support—whether on the floor, in instruction, or behind the scenes—to ensure that every candidate's experience is worthy of the obligations we ourselves have taken.

As we begin this new year, let us move forward united in purpose, mindful of our duties, and proud of the Lodge we serve. With your support, I am confident this will be a positive and rewarding year for our Lodge and for every Brother within it.

*Worshipful Master
Bill Cookston*



From the West

Brethren,

I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank the Lodge for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me as Senior Warden. I am truly honored and look forward to serving the Lodge and working alongside our officers in the year ahead.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Installation Team for a well-run and impressive installation ceremony. Your preparation and professionalism were evident, and it was a pleasure to witness.

A special thank you goes to Brother Shane Hodge for preparing an excellent meal. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated and helped make the evening even more enjoyable.

As we move into the new year, I wish all the Brethren and your families a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Lastly, congratulations to Worshipful Brother Bill Cookston on his election as Worshipful Master. I look forward to serving under your leadership and supporting you in every way I can.

Fraternally,

*Brittan Heller
Senior Warden*





From the South

Brethren,

As we labor together upon the common work, let us remember that true leadership and true Masonry are always expressed through humility. No Brother is elevated above another in worth, for we all stand upon the same level and are governed by the same obligations. To serve with humility is to place the harmony of the Lodge above personal pride, and the good of the Craft above individual opinion.

When challenges or differences arise among us, let us strive to be inquisitive rather than accusatory. A Brother's words and actions deserve thoughtful consideration, not immediate judgment. By asking questions with sincerity and patience, we demonstrate respect for one another and preserve the bonds of Brotherly Love that unite us.

Let us also labor diligently to understand every Brother's point of view. Each of us comes to the Lodge shaped by different experiences, lessons, and perspectives. Listening with an open mind strengthens our collective wisdom and reminds us that truth is often revealed through mutual understanding rather than debate.

Finally, let us never forget that within this Lodge we meet on the level—upright and equal men. Titles and offices are temporary, but our obligation to treat one another with dignity, fairness, and respect is eternal. If we hold fast to these principles, our work will be stronger, our fellowship deeper, and our Lodge a true reflection of the Light we seek.

Fraternally,

James McRae J.W.





From the Secretary

Brethren,

As we arrive at the month of December, we find ourselves standing at the threshold between the labors of the year now closing and the promise of the one soon to begin. This season invites us to pause, reflect, and take account—not only of records and reports, but of the work accomplished together as Brothers of Pahrump Lodge No. 54.

Throughout the year, the Secretary's desk has borne witness to the steady heartbeat of the Lodge: petitions received, degrees conferred, communications exchanged, and the countless details that quietly support our meetings and activities. Each entry in our records represents more than ink on a page; it reflects the dedication, attendance, and fellowship of the Brethren who continue to sustain this Lodge.

December is also a time of transition. As we prepare for the installation of officers and the beginning of a new Masonic year, I encourage each Brother to remain engaged and attentive to Lodge communications. Timely responses, accurate contact information, and continued participation help ensure a smooth transition and a strong foundation for the year ahead.

In this season of light and goodwill, may we be mindful of those Brothers who may be absent or facing challenges, and extend to them a hand of friendship and support. The strength of our Lodge is found not only in our ceremonies, but in the care we show for one another beyond the tiled door.

As we close the year, I thank you for your cooperation, patience, and continued commitment to Pahrump Lodge No. 54. May the coming year find us united in purpose, diligent in our labors, and steadfast in the principles that bind us as Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Gregory F. Curtin P.M.

Secretary

Grand Senior Deacon



From the Treasurer

Brothers All,

Thank you for having the confidence in me by electing me to another year as your Treasure.

I will continue to do my very best to fulfill my masonic duties as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

As we move into the 2026 Masonic year all our financial banking accounts, certificates of deposits, and cash on hand accounts for Saturday Breakfast and Junior Wardens meals/refreshments are reconciled with no deviations.

I will present a Year End summary of major spending & income items at our January Stated Meeting.

We are not in bad financial shape, but we are now faced with a “major building system (HVAC) unit replacement” project that will deplete over 50% of the funds available in our building CD. We will not be able to access this fund without interest penalty until March/Apri of 2026 when the CD matures and we renew it.

We will be able to wait until Spring for this replacement without any issues in still having the dining room being able to be heated to a comfortable setting when needed.

I have a commitment from one Brother for a \$1000.00 (10% of total cost) donation for this project. We hope that other Brothers can and will also donate to this project so we can reduce the hit on the Building Fund.

Please contact me personally if there are any questions concerning Lodge Finances.

*W.B. Cameron McRae H.P.M.
Treasurer*

Officers of Pahrump Lodge No. 54

A New Year of Service, Leadership, and Light

With gratitude for the labors of those who have gone before, and with confidence in the Brothers now entrusted with authority, Pahrump Lodge No. 54 proudly presents its officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

Each Brother who has accepted office has done so with a clear understanding that leadership in Masonry is not a position of honor alone, but a solemn obligation of service. These officers are charged with preserving the landmarks of the Craft, upholding the laws and traditions of our Fraternity, and guiding the Lodge in harmony, diligence, and brotherly love.

As they take up their respective stations and places, they do so supported by the trust of the Brethren and inspired by the timeless principles of our Order. Their collective experience, dedication, and willingness to labor ensure that the work of Pahrump Lodge No. 54 will continue to be performed with excellence, reverence, and purpose.

Let us extend our fraternal congratulations to these Brothers and commit ourselves to supporting them in their labors. May we work together as one Lodge—strengthening our bonds, improving ourselves, and ensuring that the Light of Masonry continues to shine brightly in our community and beyond.



Our Newest Entered Apprentice

On Friday, December 19, our Lodge had the pleasure of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree upon Brother Brad Swanson, marking the beginning of his journey in Freemasonry. It was a meaningful evening of ritual and fellowship, and we thank all who were present to support him as he took his first step upon the path of Light.

Worshipful Brother Rick Hall has graciously agreed to serve as his coach, and we appreciate his willingness to guide Brother Swanson through his instruction and early Masonic labors. Please continue to offer your encouragement and support as Brother Swanson progresses in his Masonic journey.

Such moments remind us of our shared responsibility to nurture and strengthen the Craft through Brotherly Love, instruction, and example.



To the Brethren All:

As builders united by the square and bound by the compasses, we continue to labor not only upon the spiritual temple within, but also upon the physical edifice that houses our sacred work. It is with that in mind that I write to share several important undertakings in the quarries of Pahrump Lodge No. 54.

A Fence for Our Sanctuary

In recent times, we have been met with concerns over trespassers and theft upon our Lodge property. In keeping with our charge to preserve and protect that which is entrusted to us, plans are underway to construct a secure fence around our Lodge. This fence shall not only provide physical security but shall also serve as a symbol of the boundary between the profane world and our sacred space. Let us rally together, as Brothers ought to do, to support this endeavor for the safety and dignity of our Lodge.

The Fire Pit Fellowship Project

In the spirit of Brotherly love and conviviality, we are excited to announce the development of a fire pit area on Lodge grounds. This space is envisioned as a gathering place under the canopy of heaven—where sparks of light and friendship may rise with the flames. We aim to have this project completed in time for our Fourth of July Barbecue, and for future gatherings where warmth, stories, and fellowship may be shared in the true spirit of Masonry.

40th Anniversary .999 Fine Silver Coin - Now Available

To commemorate 40 years since our Charter and 25 years in our current Lodge building, we are proud to offer a limited edition .999 fine silver coin, each individually serial numbered and custom-designed to honor this dual milestone. These stunning keepsakes are available for \$150 each, with all proceeds directly supporting the work and future of our Lodge. This is not only a collector's item, but a lasting symbol of our shared legacy. Secure yours while supplies last.

January: Laying the First Stone of the Year

*January stands at the threshold of the Masonic year much as the **Entered Apprentice** stands at the threshold of the Lodge—poised between intention and action, promise and fulfillment. It is a month of beginnings, of setting direction, and of renewing our commitment to the principles that first drew us to the Craft.*

*In operative days, the laying of the **first stone** was among the most important acts of any great work. Upon its placement depended the alignment, stability, and success of all that would follow. So too in speculative Masonry does January invite us to carefully lay our first stone—examining our conduct, refining our purpose, and aligning ourselves once more with the **plumb of rectitude**, the **level of equality**, and the **square of virtue**.*

Masonic education is not confined to lectures or proficiency work alone. It is found in the quiet moments of reflection, in the words exchanged among Brethren before and after Lodge, and in the steady labor of self-improvement. Each meeting attended, each degree witnessed, and each Brother assisted becomes a living lesson—one that shapes not only the Lodge, but the man.

As we begin a new year of labor, let us ask ourselves:

What rough edges remain upon my stone?

Where can I better apply the working tools entrusted to me?

How may I contribute more fully to the harmony and strength of the Lodge?

January reminds us that progress in Masonry is intentional. It requires effort, presence, and a willingness to learn—both from our ritual and from one another. When education becomes a shared pursuit, the Lodge flourishes, and the Light we seek grows brighter for all.

May this month inspire each of us to recommit to our Masonic journey, to seek Light diligently, and to lay our work this year upon a foundation both strong and true.

Fraternally submitted,

Athanasius Illumini,

A Mason's January

January enters not with thunder bold,
But with a hush, both sharp and clear;
A frosted breath, a steady light,
That marks the turning of the year.

The Plumb reminds us: walk upright,
Though paths ahead remain unseen;
The Compass draws its measured arc
To guard our bounds, both just and clean.

The Lodge stands still in winter's frame,
Its columns firm, its altar bright;
The working tools lie close at hand,
Awaiting hands renewed in might.

No harvest crowns this winter's toil,
No laurels yet adorn the brow;
But foundations laid in January
Will bear the weight of all that follows now.

Here, resolutions are not loud—
No boast is sworn beneath the sky;
Instead, the craftsman squares his heart
And sets his level patiently.

So labor on, though days are short,
And warmth seems distant, far from sight;
For Light is not denied the patient—
It waits for those who build aright.

The gavel falls within the soul,
Not breaking stone, but shaping will;
Each fault observed, each edge made
true,
Each passion taught to stand and still.

When spring at last shall call us forth,
And hands are calloused, hearts are strong,
The stones set true in winter's quiet
Will prove where faithful work belongs.

By Athanasius Illumini



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 \$100 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 \$100 dollar price.

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

To purchase a coin, click below

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Bill Cookston
Junior Warden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>Actual Birthday (December)</i>	
<i>W.B. Bryan Pettengill P.M.</i>	<i>Bro. Paul Sindorf</i>
<i>Bro. Howard Wick</i>	<i>Bro. David Neschke</i>
<i>Bro. Bryan Gentry</i>	



<i>Masonic Birthday (December)</i>	
<i>W.B. Jeffry Allen Thornhill P.M.</i>	<i>47 years</i>
<i>Bro. Michael j. Davis</i>	<i>14 years</i>
<i>Bro. Howard Purden</i>	<i>50 Years</i>



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 Breakfast Club Living Free Cafe 7:00 am	7	8 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	9	10 GMOV - Joint Pahrump 54 & Sandy Valley 57. 10:00am
11	12	13 Breakfast Club Living Free Cafe 7:00 am	14	15	16	17 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting. DDGL Workshop
18	19	20 Breakfast Club Living Free Cafe 7:00 am	21	22	23 Pahrump Mason Poker Night. 6:00pm	24
25	26	27 Breakfast Club Living Free Cafe 7:00 am	28	29	30	31

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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Marshall	Rick Hall P.M.
Tyler	Jerome Willinsky
Historian	Bryan Pettengill P.M.
DGL	Jeremy Turek P.M.
Master of Ceremonies	Tarek Schoner
Master of Ceremonies	

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*	2012 - Philip Bertuglia
1986 - Floyd Neth*	1999 - Dave Stundon*	2013 - Gred Beeman*
1987 - Harvey Rakestraw*	2000 - Dave Stundon*	2014 - David B. White*
1988 - Harold Dolan*	2001 - Wade Peterson	2015 - John D. Wehrly
1989 - J.D. Bowman*	2002 - George Stofferan*	2016 - JGregory F. Curtin
1990 - David Hall	2003 - Ed Robinson*	2017 - R. Darce Wilson
1991 - Steve Kirker	2004 - Bruce Patterson*	2018 - David Darrow
1992 - Harold Waltz	2005 - Dave Hall	2019 - Michael Burkintas
1993 - Paul Lunsford	2006 - Ray Raffety*	2020 - Dave Cook
1994 - Robert Clark	2007 - J.D. Bowman*	2021 - Fred Beeman*
1995 - Bobby Hurst*	2008 - Richard Willey	2022 - Thomas O'Boyle
1996 - Ira "Red" Copass*	2009 - Sam Davis, Jr.*	2023 - Mike Cappa
1997 - Robert Clark	2010 - Jerry Keeney	2024 - Jeremy Turek
	* Deceased 2011 - James Webb*	2025 - Vasile Cristian Gliga

Honorary Past Masters

2012 - Vaughn Rasmussen	2018 - Harry Smith *
2017 - Les Peterson*	2024 - Cameron McRae

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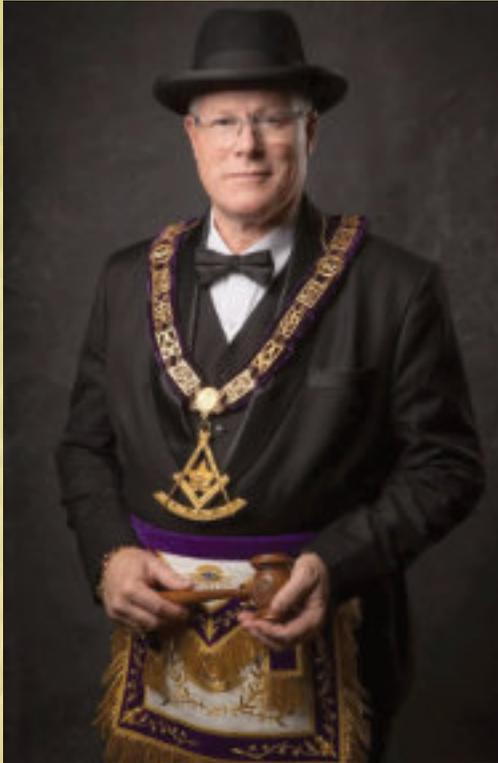
3 year Vasile Cristian Gliga P.M.
2 year Jeremy Turek P.M.
1 year Mike Cappa P.M.

Grand Lodge Officers



R. W. Gregory F. Curtin, Grand Junior Warden

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada
Most Worshipful David E. Bechtel*



May your year in the East be filled with Light, harmony, and continued success in the service of our noble Fraternity. As you preside over the Craft in Nevada, may your labors be guided by wisdom, strengthened by resolve, and inspired by Brotherly Love.

Under your leadership, may our ancient principles be preserved, our Lodges united in purpose, and our Brethren encouraged to labor with renewed zeal for the good of the Craft and our communities. We extend our best wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling term and pledge our support as you guide the Craft with fidelity and devotion to the timeless ideals of Freemasonry.

*Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nevada
R. W. Gregory F. Curtin, P.M.*



A shining example of dedication, integrity, and faithful Masonic service. Your continued commitment to the Craft and to the Brethren you serve reflects the highest ideals of our Fraternity. Congratulations, Brother—may your labors in the Grand Line be rewarding, and may your service continue to inspire those who work alongside you.

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