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— NO. 54 —

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— SEPTEMBER 2026 —

*Renewed Labor,
Fellowship & Light*





From the East



Brethren,

As we come out of our summer break and prepare to return to our regular labors, I am looking forward to seeing the Lodge filled once again with Brothers working together in friendship and fellowship.

The summer has not been without its challenges, but Masonry reminds us that the strength of a Lodge is found in its Brothers and in our ability to work together in harmony. As we return to our labors, I hope we can put our attention toward the work that lies before us, support one another, and continue building Pahrump Lodge No. 54 into a Lodge of which we can all be proud.

We have a busy few months ahead of us. Several Grand Master's Official Visits will be taking place in the Las Vegas area during September, and I hope some of our Brothers will have the opportunity to attend. Visiting another Lodge and supporting our Grand Master is always a good opportunity for fellowship and to strengthen the bonds we share with Brothers throughout our jurisdiction.

On September 18, we will have the privilege of conferring a dual Master Mason Degree. I encourage everyone who is able to come out and support our Brothers as we raise them to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. A degree is at its best when the sidelines are filled, and your presence shows these Brothers that their Lodge stands behind them as they take this important step in their Masonic journey.

We are also quickly approaching Grand Lodge in November, and before we know it, another Masonic year will be drawing to a close. There is still much that we can accomplish together.

As we return to the Lodge this September, let us remember one of the great lessons of our Craft: each of us brings something different to the work, but it is only when we labor together that we can build something lasting. We may not always agree, but we can always meet upon the Level, treat one another as Brothers, and work together for the good of the Lodge.

I look forward to seeing you all back in Lodge and to finishing this year strong—together, in harmony, as Brothers.

*Fraternally,
William Cookston
Worshipful Master*



From the West

Brethren,

As we return to labor this September, I have been reflecting on what it means to be a Mason—not simply to belong to a Lodge, but to be responsible for the Lodge we have been entrusted with.

Every Brother who takes an officer's chair eventually leaves it. Our time in the East, West, South, or any other station is temporary. What remains is the Lodge itself, and the reputation and foundation we leave for those who come after us.

That is what makes leadership in Masonry such a serious responsibility.

There are times when keeping harmony is easy. There are also times when maintaining harmony requires difficult conversations, honest reflection, and the willingness to address matters that may be uncomfortable.

Brotherly love should never be confused with looking the other way.

We are taught to extend charity and understanding to our Brothers, but that does not mean that the interests of the Lodge should ever be placed behind the interests of an individual. We should be willing to help a Brother when he stumbles, but we must also remember that our first responsibility is to the principles of the Craft and to the good men who have entrusted this Lodge to its leadership.

There will inevitably be disagreements among Brothers. There will be mistakes, misunderstandings, and difficult circumstances. What matters is how we respond to them.

Do we choose honesty or convenience?

Do we address problems or simply hope they disappear?

Do we protect the integrity of the Lodge, even when doing so is uncomfortable?

Those are not always easy questions, but they are important ones.

A Lodge is built over generations. The work of those who came before us becomes the foundation upon which we build, and the decisions we make today become part of what we hand to the Brothers who follow us.

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We are temporary stewards of something that is meant to outlast all of us.

That means we should think beyond our own friendships, our own positions, and our own time in the Lodge. We should consider the Brothers who are here today, the Brothers who may walk through our doors tomorrow, and the reputation of the institution itself.

Protecting the Lodge does not mean protecting it from difficult truths.

Sometimes protecting the Lodge means having the courage to face those truths.

And while we should always strive to be fair, patient, and charitable toward our Brothers, we should never allow those virtues to come at the expense of the men who are doing their best to uphold the principles of Freemasonry.

The good men of the Lodge deserve our consideration as much as anyone.

As Senior Warden, I believe our work should continue to focus on strengthening the Lodge—not just for the remainder of this Masonic year, but for the years that follow.

We cannot control every circumstance that comes our way. We cannot undo every decision that has already been made. But we can decide how we move forward.

We can choose to rebuild trust.

We can choose accountability without bitterness.

We can choose unity without ignoring problems.

And we can choose to leave this Lodge in better condition than we found it.

At some point, every one of us will turn over our working tools to the next Brother. When that day comes, I hope we can each look back and know that we did what we could to protect the Lodge, support the good men within it, and uphold the principles we profess to believe in.

Our positions are temporary. Our actions become part of the Lodge's history.

Let us make sure that history is one of which we can be proud.

Fraternally,

Brittan Heller
Senior Warden





From the Secretary

Brethren,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. As we return from our summer break, I look forward to seeing everyone back in Lodge and to a great remainder of the year filled with fellowship and Masonic work.

I am pleased to assist the Lodge by serving as Secretary at this time. I appreciate the opportunity to help keep things moving and look forward to working with the Officers and Brethren in the months ahead.

As a reminder, annual dues notices will be sent out soon. Please note that Lodge dues for the coming year have increased to \$121.

The Lodge website is also being updated to reflect the new dues amount. As in previous years, Brothers may pay their annual dues electronically through the Lodge website, with PayPal securely processing credit and debit card payments. We hope Brothers will continue to find this a convenient option for paying their dues.

Thank you for your continued support of Pahrump Lodge No. 54. I look forward to seeing everyone back in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

*W.:B.: Brian Boles, P.M.
Secretary, Pro Tem
Grand Trustee*





From the Treasurer

Brethren,

As we return from our summer break and begin the second half of our Masonic year, I want to thank everyone who continues to support our Lodge and help us care for the home we all share.

Unfortunately, we are once again facing an issue with our air-conditioning system. One of the units serving the west side of the Lodge room has a failed compressor. We have received a quote of approximately \$10,500 to replace the compressor and make the necessary repairs.

This is obviously a significant and unexpected expense for our Lodge. As we resume our regular meetings, we will be discussing the situation and working together to determine the best way to move forward with getting the unit repaired while being responsible stewards of the Lodge's finances.

Our Lodge building has served generations of Masons, and maintaining it is one of the responsibilities that has been entrusted to us. Just as we are taught to build with care and upon a firm foundation, we must also take care of the physical Lodge that provides a home for our Masonic work.

I encourage our Brothers to attend our upcoming meetings and be part of these discussions. By working together in harmony, I am confident we can find the best path forward for Pahrump Lodge No. 54.

Fraternally,

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





From the Senior Deacon

Coming Back Together After the Summer

Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brothers,

It's good to be back together. After being away for the summer, it's easy to get caught up in everything that happens outside these walls. Work, family, vacations, responsibilities, and the everyday challenges of life can pull our attention in a hundred different directions. But coming back into Lodge reminds us why we became Masons in the first place.

This Lodge is more than a building. It is a place where brothers come together, regardless of our differences, and remind one another of the principles we promised to uphold.

The summer may have given us time away, but it also gives us an opportunity to return with a renewed sense of purpose.

As we begin a new season of Masonry, I think we should ask ourselves a simple question:

What am I going to do to make this Lodge better than I found it?

Maybe that means attending more meetings. Maybe it means helping with an event, mentoring a younger Mason, reaching out to a Brother we haven't seen in a while, or simply being willing to listen when another Brother needs someone to talk to.

Masonry isn't measured only by what we say inside these walls. It is measured by how we treat one another and how we carry the lessons of the Craft into the world.

So, as we return from our summer break, let's not simply return to the same Lodge we left.

Let's return as better Brothers, with a renewed commitment to our Craft, our Lodge, and to one another.

Thank you, Brothers, and welcome back.

*Bro. Shane Hodge
Senior Deacon*





From the Chaplain

To the Brethren of Pahrump Lodge 54,

In our journey as Freemasons, we are constantly working on smoothing the rough ashlar, which reminds us that we are all flawed and imperfect. When a Brother makes a mistake, it is not for us to meet him with harsh judgment, but to extend support, forgiveness, and brotherly love. True brotherly love means offering gentle guidance, not scorn, that we uplift, not cast out, and that we protect a Brother's reputation as we would our own. Let us apply the cement of fraternal love to actively heal the wounds caused by mistakes, remembering the mercy we each crave.

May peace and harmony dominate our Lodge.

Fraternally,
Kent Storer
Chaplain



Welcoming a New Brother

In June, Pahrump Masonic Lodge No. 54 had the pleasure of welcoming Bro. Charles Weeks into our Fraternity as he received the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Entered Apprentice Degree marks the beginning of a Brother's Masonic journey—a time when he first enters the Lodge in search of Light and begins laying the foundation upon which his Masonic life will be built. Each of us who has traveled this path can remember that first important step and the Brothers who were there to guide us.

We congratulate Bro. Weeks on taking that step and thank all of the officers and Brothers who came together to make his degree a meaningful occasion.

As Bro. Weeks begins his journey through the degrees of Masonry, let us offer him the same friendship, instruction, and Brotherly support that were extended to us. May he continue to seek further Light, improve himself in Masonry, and find a lasting place among the Brethren of Pahrump Lodge No. 54.

Welcome to the Craft, Bro. Weeks. We look forward to traveling this Masonic journey with you.



Masonic Education From Refreshment to Labor

As September arrives, Pahrump Lodge No. 54 once again comes out of the summer months and returns to our regular Masonic labors. For many Lodges, the summer is traditionally a time when the Craft is called from labor to refreshment. Our stated meetings may cease for a time, but the work of a Mason never truly stops.

*There is an important lesson contained in the familiar phrase **“from labor to refreshment and from refreshment to labor.”***

In our ritual, labor and refreshment are not opposites. Each has its proper place. A man cannot labor continually without rest, just as refreshment without a return to useful labor eventually loses its purpose. The balance between the two is part of the order we are taught to establish in our lives.

*September therefore gives us an opportunity to consider what it means to return to **Masonic labor**.*

Our labor is certainly found within the Lodge. There are degrees to confer, proficiencies to hear, ritual to practice, Brothers to instruct, meetings to attend, and the everyday work necessary to keep a Lodge operating. Every Brother who takes a part, fills a chair, helps prepare a meal, cleans the Lodge, attends a degree, or simply sits on the sidelines in support of another Brother contributes to that labor.

But Masonic labor extends much farther than the walls of our Lodge room.

The operative mason worked upon stone. As speculative Masons, the stone upon which we principally labor is ourselves. We are reminded of the Rough Ashlar—that imperfect stone taken from the quarry—and the Perfect Ashlar, prepared by the hands of the workman to be tried by the square.

That transformation does not happen in a single degree, meeting, or year.

Every one of us still has rough edges.

Perhaps there is a part of our ritual we have never completely learned. Perhaps there is a Brother we should get to know better. Maybe we have allowed an old disagreement to remain longer than it should. Perhaps we could be more patient, charitable, dependable, or willing to lend a hand. Or perhaps there is some part of Masonry we have always wanted to understand but have never taken the time to study.

These, too, are opportunities for Masonic labor.

The working tools given to us in our degrees are not intended merely to be remembered during ritual. Their lessons are meant to accompany us into the world. The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge reminds us to properly divide our time. The Common Gavel teaches us to remove those things that prevent us from becoming better men. The Plumb reminds us to walk uprightly, the Level of our equality, and the Square to square our actions.

The real measure of our Masonic labor, therefore, is not simply how often we enter the Lodge. It is whether the lessons taught there leave with us when we go.

As we return from summer refreshment and begin the remaining months of this Masonic year, perhaps each of us can choose one piece of unfinished work.

Learn something new about the Craft. Improve a piece of ritual. Help a newer Brother. Reach out to a Brother we have not seen recently. Attend a degree even when we do not have a part. Volunteer for something that needs doing. Or simply choose one rough edge in ourselves and begin applying the tools Masonry has placed in our hands.

A Lodge becomes stronger when its members labor together, each contributing according to his abilities and each recognizing that the work is greater than any individual Mason.

The summer months have given us our season of refreshment.

Now it is time once again to set the Craft to work.



162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada

Brethren,

*As we return to our Masonic labors this fall, it is also time to begin looking ahead to the **162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada**, being held this November in Las Vegas.*

*This year's Annual Communication will be held at the **Orleans Hotel & Casino**. Fellowship activities begin on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, with the formal Grand Lodge festivities beginning Sunday evening, November 8. The Annual Communication will continue through Tuesday, November 10, concluding with the installation of the new Grand Master and his Grand Lodge officers.*

Grand Lodge is an important part of the work of Masonry in Nevada. It is where representatives of our Lodges come together in fellowship, consider the business and future of our Craft, and help set the direction of Nevada Masonry for the coming year. It is also an excellent opportunity to renew old friendships and meet Brothers from Lodges throughout our jurisdiction.

*Brethren who are interested in attending should begin making their plans now. **Registration for Nevada Masons must be postmarked no later than October 9, 2026. Grand Lodge has advised that late and on-site registrations will not be accepted.***

I encourage the Brethren of Pahrump Lodge No. 54 who are able to attend to take advantage of the opportunity. Our Lodge is but one stone in the larger Masonic edifice of Nevada, and Grand Lodge gives us an opportunity to see how the labors of individual Lodges come together for the good of the Craft throughout our state.

November 7-10, 2026

Orleans Hotel & Casino — Las Vegas, Nevada

Mark your calendars and make your plans early.



The Strength of Our Lodge Is Our Brotherhood

*As we return from our summer darkness and once again gather in Lodge, it is a good time to remember that the strength of Pahrump Lodge No. 54 is not found simply in our building, our membership rolls, or the number of meetings on our calendar. **The strength of our Lodge is found in the Brothers who come through its doors.***

Every Brother brings something of value to the Lodge. Some have many years of Masonic experience to share, while others are just beginning their journey in the Craft. Some know the ritual from beginning to end, while others lend a hand at breakfast, help prepare the Lodge room, support a degree from the sidelines, or simply sit beside a Brother and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Each has a place in the work.

When we confer a degree, the presence of the Brethren shows a new Brother that his journey matters to us. When we gather for a Stated Communication, every voice helps us conduct the business of our Lodge. When we meet for breakfast, practice, or fellowship, we strengthen those bonds of Brotherly Love that extend well beyond the opening and closing of the Lodge.

Freemasonry was never intended to be practiced alone. We improve ourselves individually, but we build the Lodge together.

As we begin the remaining months of this Masonic year, let us make an effort to be present—not merely to fill a chair, but to support one another and share in the work entrusted to us. If you have not been to Lodge for a while, September is a wonderful time to return. Your Brothers will be glad to see you.

There is work upon the trestleboard, there are Brothers beside us, and there is still much good work to be done. Let us labor together in harmony.

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.

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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.

Their 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.

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*Bill Cookston
Junior Warden*





<i>Actual Birthday (June)</i>	
<i>Bro. William Brine</i>	<i>Bro. Darryl Gotto</i>
<i>Bro. John Powell</i>	<i>W.B. Montana Williams P.M.</i>
<i>W.B. Michael Kearns P.M.</i>	<i>W.B. David Kearns P.M.</i>
<i>W.B. Francis Way P.M.</i>	<i>W.B. Brian Boles P.M.</i>



<i>Masonic Birthday (June)</i>	
<i>Bro. Joseph Zaky</i>	<i>19 years</i>
<i>W.B. Thomas O'Boyle P.M.</i>	<i>16 years</i>
<i>Bro. Paul Sindorf</i>	<i>28 Years</i>
<i>Bro. William Brine</i>	<i>12 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Logan Gibbs</i>	<i>14 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Harry Williams</i>	<i>14 YeaRs</i>
<i>Bro. Timothy Curtin</i>	<i>12 Years</i>
<i>W.B. David Darrow</i>	<i>46 Years</i>

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	2	3 Pahrump Lodge 54. Practice Night. 7pm	4	5
6	7	8 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	9	10 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting.	11	12 Sandy Valley No 57. Stated Meeting. 10am
13	14	15 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	16	17	18	19 Public Breakfast. \$7 per person. 8am to 9:30am
20	21	22 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	23	24	25 Pahrump Mason Game Night. 6:00pm	26
27	28	29 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	30			

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DGL	
Master of Ceremonies	Tarek Schoner
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Past Masters

1985 - Hershel Trucks UD*	1998 - George Bunch*	2012 - Philip Bertuglia
1986 - Floyd Neth*	1999 - Dave Stundon*	2013 - Gred Beeman*
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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

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2017 - Les Peterson*	2024 - Cameron McRae

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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.

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