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From the East



Brethren,

As we move into October and the fall season, our Lodge is entering what looks to be a busy and important final part of the year. I hope to see as many of our Brothers as possible at our upcoming meetings. Your attendance and participation are important, especially with several matters coming before the Lodge.

Over the next couple of months, we will be discussing our Lodge dues and preparing for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in November. We have been advised that Grand Lodge per capita may increase, so this is something we will need to discuss as we look ahead and plan responsibly for the coming year.

We will also need to vote on our Past Master representative to Grand Lodge. I encourage our Brothers to attend so that they can take part in these decisions and make their voices heard.

We also have petitions that will be read in Lodge, along with petitions that will be coming before us for ballot. It is always encouraging to see men seeking admission into our Fraternity. At the same time, we should remember the responsibility entrusted to us when we investigate and ballot upon a petitioner. Guarding the West Gate is one of the important duties we share as Masons, and every Brother has a part in protecting the character and future of our Lodge.

October also brings a change of season. The days grow shorter, the temperatures begin to cool, and we are reminded that every season has its own purpose. In Masonry, our labors are much the same. There is a time to plant, a time to build, and a time to see the results of the work we have accomplished together.

As we enter these final months of the year, there is still plenty of work upon the Trestleboard. Let us continue that work together, support one another, welcome our Brothers back into Lodge, and remember that the strength of Pahrump Lodge No. 54 does not rest with any one officer or Brother. It comes from all of us meeting upon the Level and working together in harmony.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge this October and to finishing the year strong together.

Fraternally,

W. B. William A. Cookston

Worshipful Master



From the South

Acting by the Plumb Brethren

Brethren,

In Masonry, the Plumb is a simple but powerful symbol. It teaches us to walk upright—to be straight and true in our actions, our words, and our dealings with others.

To act by the Plumb means doing what is right, even when no one is watching. It means holding ourselves to the same standards we expect from others. Life will constantly tempt us to take shortcuts, compromise our principles, or bend to circumstances. The Plumb reminds us that our character should remain upright regardless of which way the world around us leans.

As Masons, we are not expected to be perfect. We are expected to continually improve ourselves. When we make a mistake, we should have the humility to acknowledge it, correct our course, and return to the path of virtue.

Every day gives us an opportunity to ask ourselves: Am I walking upright? Am I being honest? Am I treating others fairly? Am I living according to the principles I profess?

Brethren, let us take the Plumb from the Lodge into our daily lives. Let our actions be straight, our intentions honorable, and our character true.

May we always strive to act by the Plumb and walk upright before God, our Brothers, and the world.

*Bro. Shane Hodge
Interim Junior Warden*





From the Secretary

Brethren,

As we enter October and begin the final months of the Masonic year, I would like to ask every Brother to take a moment to ensure that his Lodge records and dues are current.

We are continuing the process of updating our membership records and reaching out to Brothers who may have fallen behind on their dues. If you are unsure of your current status, have recently moved, changed your phone number or email address, or need assistance with your dues, please contact me. Keeping accurate records allows the Lodge to communicate effectively with every Brother and helps ensure that no one unintentionally loses touch with his Lodge.

I also encourage our Brothers to attend Lodge whenever possible. Whether you have been at every meeting or have not crossed the threshold of Pahrump Lodge in several years, you are always welcome home. Come enjoy the fellowship, support our newer Brothers as they advance through the Degrees, and help us continue building a strong future for Pahrump Lodge No. 54.

As always, if there is anything I can assist you with, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

*Brian Boles, P.:.M.:
Secretary Pro Tem
Pahrump Lodge No. 54*





From the Treasurer

Brethren,

As we move into the final months of the year, I would like to thank everyone who continues to support Pahrump Lodge No. 54 through their dues, donations, and participation.

Like any Lodge, we have regular expenses necessary for the general operation and upkeep of our building. Utilities, insurance, maintenance, repairs, supplies, and the other everyday costs of keeping our Lodge operating all require continued funding. These expenses may not always be the most visible part of our Masonic work, but they are necessary to provide us with a place where we can meet, confer our Degrees, enjoy fellowship, and conduct the business of the Lodge.

From time to time, Brothers also ask how they can make an additional donation to the Lodge. Donations can always be made toward our general operating needs, or a Brother may wish to designate his contribution toward a particular need or purpose that is important to him. If there is an area of the Lodge you would particularly like to support, please let us know when making your donation.

As Masons, we understand that maintaining our Lodge is a shared responsibility. Every contribution, whether through dues, a donation, or simply giving your time and talents, helps us continue the work laid out upon our Trestleboard.

Thank you for your continued support of Pahrump Lodge No. 54.

Fraternally,

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



From the Chaplain

The Heart of the Lodge: The Power of Mentorship

The Masonic journey is far more than receiving degrees; it is a lifelong process of learning, reflection, and lasting brotherhood. A truly vibrant lodge is built on the strength of its members, and the key to that strength is effective mentorship.

A Masonic mentor is far more than a teacher of ritual. They are a coach who guides a new brother through the customs of the craft, a confidant who provides a safe space for questions, and a friend who welcomes them into the fraternal circle. By offering personal support, reassurance, and guidance, a mentor ensures that no new brother feels isolated, overwhelmed, or adrift.

When we invest our time in guiding newer members, we not only deepen their Masonic education and pride, but we also weave stronger bonds across all generations of the lodge. This dedication directly impacts our unity and membership retention, ensuring our lodge remains a warm and engaging home for all.

Every brother has a part to play in this mission. Let us all strive to be the supportive guide a fellow brother needs, honoring our obligation to support one another as we work to build up our lodge.

*Brother Kent Storer
Chaplain*

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

On September 18th, Pahrump Lodge No. 54 had the great privilege of raising Bro. Brad Swanson and Bro. Jon Watt to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

This was a significant evening for our Lodge, but an even greater milestone in the Masonic journey of these two Brothers. From their first steps as Entered Apprentices, through their advancement as Fellowcrafts, they have continued their journey in search of further Light in Masonry. On this special evening, they were welcomed into the full rights, responsibilities, and fellowship of a Master Mason.

The Third Degree is much more than another step through our ritual. Its lessons remind us of fidelity to our obligations, integrity in the face of adversity, and the importance of living an honorable and upright life. It teaches us that the true measure of a Mason is not found in the title he holds or the apron he wears, but in the character he displays and the manner in which he applies the principles of our Craft to his daily life.

Being raised a Master Mason is therefore not the completion of a Brother's Masonic journey. In many ways, it is the beginning.

Bro. Brad and Bro. Jon now join generations of Master Masons who have stood in that same place and received those same timeless lessons. Before them lies a lifetime of opportunities to learn, serve, mentor, participate in our ritual, support their Brothers, and continue building that spiritual temple within themselves.

*We are also pleased that both Brothers have already stepped forward to take an active role in the work of our Lodge. **Bro. Brad Swanson and Bro. Jon Watt will be filling our Senior and Junior Deacon stations for the remainder of the year. It is especially fitting that, having just been raised to the Sublime Degree, they are continuing their Masonic journey by taking their places among the officers and helping with the work of Pahrump Lodge No. 54. We thank them for their willingness to serve and look forward to watching them grow in Masonry.*

We congratulate Bro. Brad Swanson and Bro. Jon Watt upon being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and welcome them into the fellowship of Master Masons.

May the Light they have received continue to guide their steps, may Brotherly Love accompany them throughout their travels, and may they always find Pahrump Lodge No. 54 a place where they can meet among Brothers, work upon the Level, and continue their Masonic journey.

Congratulations, Brothers Brad and Jon. Well done, and welcome to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!



Proposed Life Membership Changes

Resolution 2 - 2026 | Voluntary Prepaid Life Memberships

PROPOSED • NOT YET ADOPTED

Brethren, this proposal comes before the **162nd Annual Communication on November 9 and 10, 2026**. The current Life Membership formula remains in place unless the proposal is adopted.

What would change?

Under the current provisions, a Brother in good standing may purchase a voluntary prepaid Life Membership for **21 times his Lodge’s annual dues**. Resolution 2 would amend Section 6.095 of the Nevada Masonic Code to base the purchase price on his **age at the time of application**.

Current vs. proposed purchase price

Illustrations using Pahrump Lodge No. 54’s \$121 annual dues for 2027.

AGE AT APPLICATION	CURRENT 21 × dues	PROPOSED MULTIPLIER	PROPOSED COST AT \$121
18 through 40	\$2,541	32 × annual dues	\$3,872
41 through 50	\$2,541	25 × annual dues	\$3,025
51 through 60	\$2,541	20 × annual dues	\$2,420
61 through 70	\$2,541	15 × annual dues	\$1,815
71 and older	\$2,541	10 × annual dues	\$1,210

At the same dues level, the proposal would raise the purchase price for members ages 18 through 50 and lower it for members ages 51 and older. **These are examples, not adopted prices**; actual costs depend on the annual dues applicable when purchasing a membership.

Why the proposal, and what else changes?

The resolution cites sustainability and fairness to Lodges and members. It also applies the age-based formula to any additional payment required for a Life Member’s affiliation or restoration, using the current dues of the Lodge involved.

Understanding Your 2027 Dues

The June vote and a separate proposal before Grand Lodge

APPROVED FOR 2027

\$121

Brethren, at our June Stated Communication, the Lodge approved a change setting **2027 annual dues at \$121**. The breakdown below shows how that amount is allocated.

A proposed change at Grand Lodge

Resolution 1 - 2026 proposes raising the Grand Lodge of Nevada per-capita assessment from **\$35 to \$55** for each Master Mason on a Lodge's rolls at its annual return. This would increase the Lodge's annual assessment by **\$20 per member**.

The proposal will be considered at the **162nd Annual Communication, November 9 and 10, 2026**. It has not yet been adopted. The resolution cites declining membership and inflation, noting that per capita was last increased in 2019.

Where your dues go

ANNUAL DUES COMPONENT	CURRENT 2027 approved	IF ADOPTED Illustration only
Pahrump Lodge No. 54 Retained for Lodge purposes	\$85	\$85
Grand Lodge of Nevada Per-capita assessment	\$35	\$55
George Washington Masonic National Memorial contribution	\$1	\$1
TOTAL	\$121	\$141*

***An illustration, not a newly approved dues amount.** The \$141 total assumes the Lodge portion remains \$85 and the Memorial contribution remains \$1. Any effect on members' dues depends on the Lodge's bylaws, including whether they automatically pass through Grand Lodge increases, and any required Lodge action.

Brethren are encouraged to review the resolution and remain informed.



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 Common Gavel

Removing What Does Not Belong

Every Mason is familiar with the Common Gavel and its lesson of removing the rough and superfluous parts of the stone. Yet, like many of our working tools, its lesson becomes more meaningful the longer we remain in the Craft.

When we first entered Masonry, we may have thought of the Rough Ashlar as representing the man we were at that moment—unfinished and in need of improvement. But becoming a Master Mason does not mean that the work upon that stone is complete.

The gavel must remain in our hands throughout our Masonic journey.

Sometimes the rough edges we need to remove are easy to recognize. At other times they are more difficult to see: impatience with a Brother, an unwillingness to listen, pride in our own opinion, neglect of our Masonic duties, or simply becoming too comfortable and allowing someone else to do the work.

*The lesson of the Common Gavel is not that a Mason must become perfect. Rather, it reminds us that ****improvement requires labor****.*

As we enter the final months of our Masonic year, October gives us a good opportunity to examine our own work. Have we become better Masons than we were at the beginning of the year? Have we strengthened our Lodge? Have we supported our Brothers? Have we helped a newer Mason find his place among us?

A Lodge is built one stone at a time, and each of us is one of those stones.

If each Brother continues to work upon his own Rough Ashlar, removing a little more of that which does not belong, then together we build something stronger than any one of us could build alone.

The sound of the gavel reminds us that the work is not finished. There is always another rough edge—and always another opportunity to become a better Mason.

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.

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

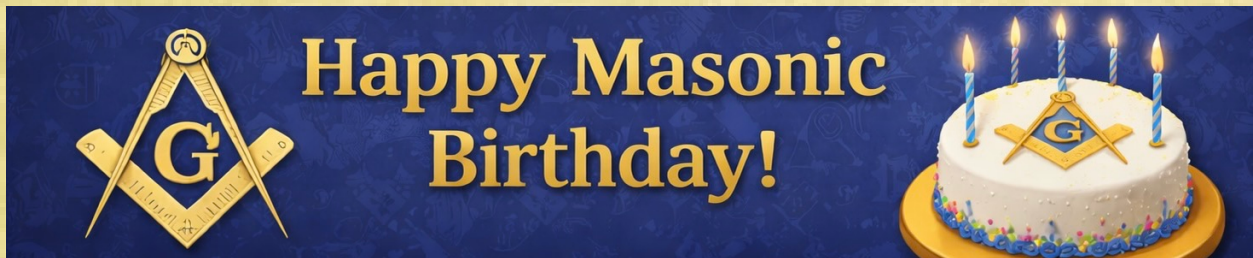
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Bill Cookston
Worshipful Master





<i>Actual Birthday (October)</i>	
<i>Bro. Lynn Sivrais</i>	<i>W.B. David Hall P.M.</i>
<i>Bro. Stephen Larson III</i>	<i>Bro. Thomas Gibson</i>
<i>Bro George Richards</i>	<i>Bro. Artie Shaw</i>
<i>Bro Glen Schlaht</i>	<i>Bro Jon Watt</i>
<i>W.B. Neal Snyder P.M.</i>	



<i>Masonic Birthday (October)</i>	
<i>Bro. John Bergstrom</i>	<i>12 years</i>
<i>W.B. Neil Gross P.M.</i>	<i>52 years</i>
<i>Bro. Grederick Hall</i>	<i>62 Years</i>
<i>W.B. Robert Wilson P.M.</i>	<i>15 Years</i>
<i>Bro. Lloyd Peugh</i>	<i>9 Years</i>

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pahrump Lodge 54. Practice Night. 7pm	2	3 Sandy Valley No 57. Stated Meeting. 10am
4	5	6 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	7	8 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting.	9 King Solomon Visitation	10
11	12	13 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	14	15	16	17 Public Breakfast. \$7 per person. 8am to 9:30 am
18	19	20 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	21	22	23 Pahrump Mason Game Night. 6:00pm	24
25	26	27 Breakfast Club Terribles Roadhouse 7:00 am	28	29	30	31

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Prices will remain the same, \$25.00 for personal sponsorship and \$50.00 or a business. If you know of a reputable business that would like to advertise in our Trestle-Board, please contact:

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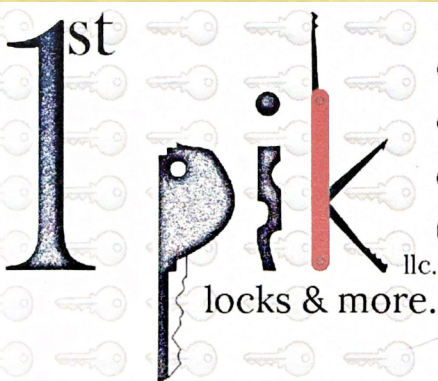
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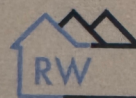


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1985 - Hershel Trucks UD*	1998 - George Bunch*	2012 - Philip Bertuglia
1986 - Floyd Neth*	1999 - Dave Stundon*	2013 - Gred Beeman*
1987 - Harvey Rakestraw*	2000 - Dave Stundon*	2014 - David B. White*
1988 - Harold Dolan*	2001 - Wade Peterson	2015 - John D. Wehrly
1989 - J.D. Bowman*	2002 - George Stofferan*	2016 - Gregory F. Curtin
1990 - David Hall	2003 - Ed Robinson*	2017 - R. Darce Wilson
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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
	2011 - James Webb*	2025 - Vasile Cristian Gliga

* Deceased

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2012 - Vaughn Rasmussen	2018 - Harry Smith *
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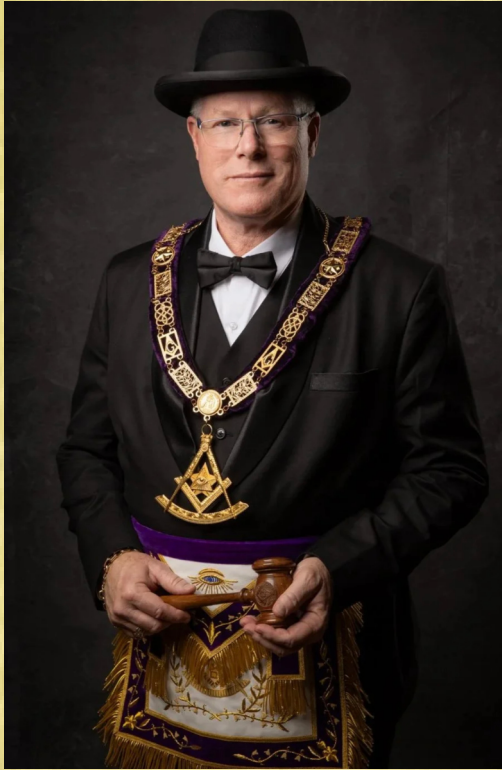
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*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada
Most Worshipful David E. Bechtel*



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.

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