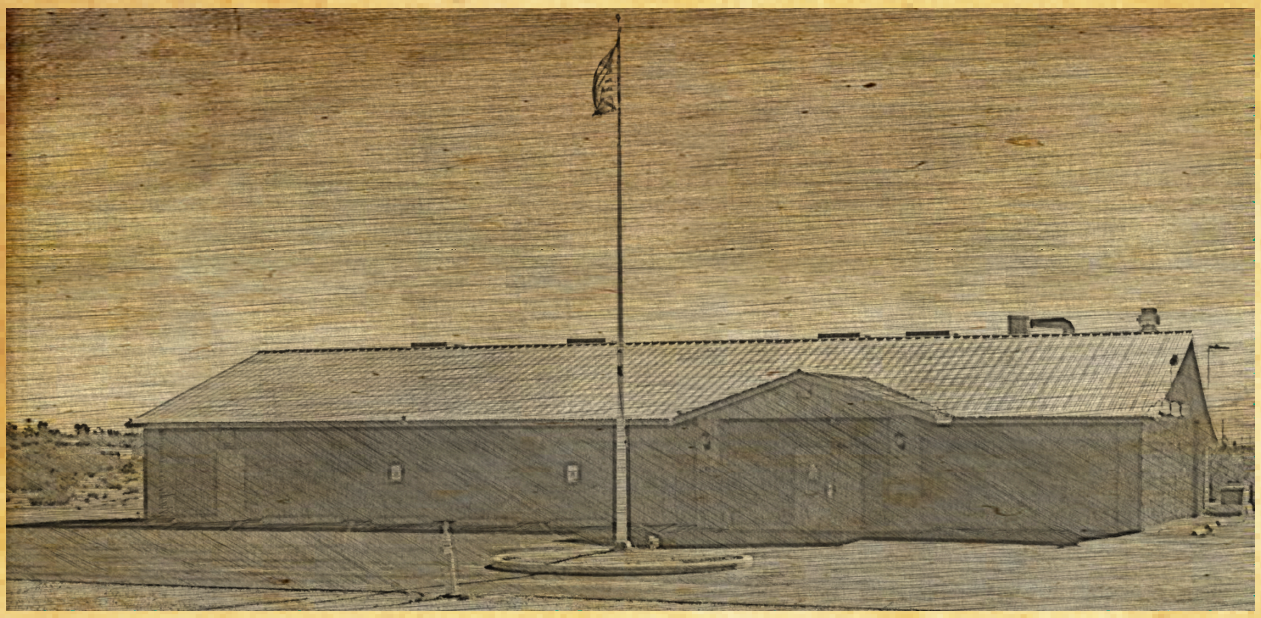
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TRESTLEBOARD



DECEMBER 2023

FAMILY



From the East



Brethren,

As the year winds down, here we are in the holiday season, and the weather is getting cold each evening and at this time of year as I hope the brothers are well and in the spirit.

December is here and just around the corner on the 14th we will be having our stated meeting and elections for new leadership of the lodge. I want to thank all the line officers for their support over the last year and for the great job they have done for the lodge.

Please everyone try to remember that we have our 3rd Saturday breakfast. Everyone is invited to come join in and have the best $5.00 breakfast in the town.

I wish all happy holidays and come join us for the installation of the new officers Dec.16th.

By the Square
W.B. Mike Cappa
Worshipful Master





From the West

Greetings My Brothers,

After my last message being a long one, I will keep this one shorter. We are already well on our way to the Silver State Award with 2 of our visits already done. We had our Robert Burns visit (and a special thank you to the brothers that came) and we had an unplanned visit to St. John's Lodge in Pioche (enough members happened to be there). We will have our next official visit in December, and it will be all the way to Sandy Valley.

The officers will be heading to Grand Lodge shortly and taking your votes with us. The Legislation we will be voting on could have many changes and modernizations to our fraternity. I urge you over the next year to follow the changes and also to bring up any ideas you may have to better our craft.

This brings me to a task for everyone to make sure you are reading my messages. I ask every member to either email or come up to me and say:" I will watch the state of our craft". Although, this is not only for seeing who is reading the messages, rather it is a reminder to each brother to strive to watch and improve our craft.

I want to reassure all brethren that any ideas you may have are welcome. The officers will give our best effort to bring those ideas to fruition. As I have stated many times before, this is OUR craft, not the officers or grand lodge officers. Without the basic members of each individual lodge, the grand lodge would not exist. Likewise, without the members, the lodges would not exist. The Grand Lodge Officers and Lodge officers are just the caretakers to keep things running.

Fraternally,
Jeremy Turek
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren,

I hope our gatherings and dinners during my Junior Warden's position will be remembered.

My sincere appreciation goes to Worshipful Master Mike Cappa and the entire line of officers for managing so well the Masonic activities for the whole year and I'm looking forward to seeing you and your families at our Installation of Officers.

We now step into the holiday season. I wish everyone a joyful Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally from the South,
Vasile Cristian Gliga, JW





From the Secretary

Brethren,

It is time again to pay your dues for the next year. Please watch your email and mail. You can pay by mail or online. Follow the link in the email you receive.

sec@pahrumpmasons54.org

Fraternally,

W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M.
Secretary
Grand Trustee



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

"The Holy Saints John"

The following short article is written with the intention to be read within an open Lodge, or in fellowship, to all the members in attendance. This article is appropriate to be presented to all Masons. Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons should be invited to attend the meeting where this is presented. Following this article is a list of discussion questions which should be presented immediately following the presentation of the article.

The Holy Saints John Lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon, who was said to have been our first Most Excellent Grand Master. But Masons in modern times dedicate theirs to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were said to be two eminent Christian patrons of Masonry; and since their time, there is, or ought to be, represented in every regular and well-governed lodge a certain Point within a Circle. The Point representing an individual brother, the Circle the boundary line of his duty, beyond which he is never to suffer his passions or prejudices to betray him. This Circle is embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; upon the top rest the Holy Scriptures. In passing around this circle, we necessarily touch upon both lines, as well as upon the Holy Scriptures, and while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed, it is impossible that he should materially err.

The patron saint of operative stone masonry is Reinhold and the patron saint of carpentry and building is Peter.

In ancient times building were consecrated to God and dedicated to an idea(s), a virtue(s), or a person(s) who embodied that idea or virtue. If a building had a sacred purpose then it was consecrated to God and dedicated as stated before. If a building were not for sacred use then it was usually just dedicated. Masonic temples are seen as sacred places amongst the craft so are both dedicated and consecrated. A temple is the dwelling place of a deity. A shrine or church is a building or place set aside for the worship of deity. In Greek and roman culture a temple was were the physical presence of a god could be found and a shrine was set up for those who could not literally pilgrimage to the temple of that deity. While the Jews recognized the universal nature of God, (He is everywhere) the Temple was the dwelling place for the Holy Name of God.

Solomon's Temple was consecrated by God himself when a cloud entered and engulfed the temple in both cloud and lightning. Solomon then dedicated the court yard before the temple" and the temple itself with prayer, oil, cleansing, horns of brass, and the sacrifice of 22,000 bulls and 120,000 sheep.

"The Holy Saints John"

Enough background. Why the Holy Sts. John? Why John the Baptist and John the Evangelist?

Simple answer because of the values they upheld and personified. John the Baptist was an extremely moral and righteous man. His zealotry for morality was what made him famous in his own time. `The Jewish people and other cultures of the time had ceremonies of ritual washing so his baptizing was not what made him well known. Here was a man who held himself to the highest standards, standards he was unwilling to compromise. John the Baptist spoke out in public against any lack of morals in society and even condemned the king publicly for his lack of morals. Later he would condemn both the king and queen to their face for their lack of morality.

For calling out the king and queen John was imprisoned. He was given the chance to recant his accusations, knowing that his death would be certain he refused. John the Baptist preferred death than compromising his morality, his virtues, not unlike a certain widow's son.

John the Evangelist dedicated his life to charity and brotherly love. He spoke and wrote about caring for the widow and orphan, brotherly love, and charity. The traditions surrounding John the Evangelist are all ones of giving to the less fortunate and forgiving and upholding others.

Therefore our lodges are dedicated to virtue and brotherly love/ charity. Masonically these men represent two extremes of our nature. John the Baptist our desire for a correct moral and upright walk. (The common gavel, square, and plumb.) John the Evangelist our desire for brotherly love and to be of service to our fellows. (The twenty-four inch gauge and the trowel.) Both men zealots for their passions.

In our lectures we talk about a point, within a circle, bounded by two parallel lines representing these two men. This lecture uses these two men because of their passions. As Masons we should touch upon morality and we should touch upon charity. Both of these it is easy to become overzealous about. The circle represents the due bounds in which we should attempt to live. Warning us to emulate the virtues of both but to guard against the zealous nature of them both. The Holy Writings serving as a guide for employing both in due measure.

"The Holy Saints John"

"Discussion Questions
The following discussion questions are written to be presented immediately following the presentation of the topic above. There is no right or wrong answers to these questions, they are designed to promote thought and engage all the members that are present in conversation. Take care that the presentation of the topic and the discussion questions does not exceed 30 minutes. The presenter can present any part of the questions below, or any additional questions, he feels is appropriate.

- If Masonry were being founded today who might our "Patron Saints" be?

- Why should we expect a non -Christian man to practice Masonry in a lodge dedicated to Christian saints?

- How would you explain the use of these men to a non- Christian coming into your lodge?

- Our Masonic forefathers used the examples they knew. Which by virtue of their time and location would have come from the Judaic-Christian writings of Western culture. What if instead of John the Evangelist, our Masonic forefathers had used Mahatma Gandhi or the Dalai Lama would we attempt to hide this lesson from our non - Hindu or Buddhist brothers?

- The circle also represents the calendar year and these two men represent summer and winter, June and December. In what other symbols or ideas does Masonry use opposing or opposites to achieve balance with in a man?

- If Saint Reinhold is the patron of operative Masonry why not use him? Why do you use the Sts. John instead as speculative Masons?

- In building the temple of your life which men of virtue might you dedicate that temple to? Which virtues do they embody?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Actual Birthday (November)	
Bro. John Bergstrom	W.B. Michael Burkintas P.M.
W.B. Thomas O'Boyle P.M.	W.B. Harold Scalzo P.M.
Bro. Sean Toomey	W.B. Albert Turek
Bro. Timmy Whisenhunt	

Masonic Birthday (November)	
W.B. Gregory F. Curtin P.M.	12 years
Bro. Stephen Larson	31 years
W.B. Albert Turek P.M.	30 years
W.B. Flyd Neth P.M.	63 Years

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada
Most Worshipful Ted P Bendure

Congratulations to all Grand Lodge Officers elected and appointed for the year 2023. More information and pictures can be found at the Grand Lodge website.

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December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Sandy Valley stated Meeting 7:00pm Meeting
3	4	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	13 Weepah/Flivers Meeting 6pm dinner 7pm Meeting	14 Stated Meeting Pahrump 54 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	15	16 Lodge Breakfast $5 Open to the public 8am to 10am
17	18	19 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 7:00 am	27	28	29	30
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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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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	5 Breakfast Club Terible's Roadhouse 6:030 am	3 Weepah/Flivers Meeting 6pm dinner 7pm Meeting	4	5	6 Sandy Valley stated Meeting 10:00 am Meeting
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$50.00 you will receive a Pahrump Lodge Commemorative Coin.



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coin holder.



$200.00 you will receive a 20oz Tumbler and a Commemorative Coin.

$500.00 you will receive a Flag display which will contain an American
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You can join the Century Club with a donation of $100.00. This will get your name on a plaque in the dining hall showing your donation to the Pahrump Masonic Memorial Temple for all to see.



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Junior Steward	Shane Hodge
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Tyler	Neal Snyder
Historian	W.B. Dave Smith P.M. (Barbara)
DGL	Harry Smith

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1986 - Floyd Neth	1999 - Dave Stundon*	2012 - Philip Bertuglia
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1997 - Robert Clark	2010 - Jerry Keeney	* Deceased

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2018- Harry Smith

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Grand Lodge Officers



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