

**ANNUAL
STATED MEETING
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2008
9:00 AM
ELECTIONS**

**CALLED
MEETING FOR INSTALATION OF OFFICERS
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 20, 2008
9:00 AM
NOTE THE DATES**

FROM THE EAST
Brethren:

Grand Lodge is over and it was a great one! It was good to see so many of you there at your Grand Lodge. Of the 4 resolutions, which were placed up for a vote, three of them passed with over 90% of the vote. The 4th. is being held over, as it received about 80% of the votes in favor of it. Masonry is normally very slow to change, and this is for good reason. Remember, our fraternity is the oldest that has ever existed. It remains much the same as when George Washington took his vows. This is one of the reasons we are such a success. Masonry does not look for the latest "fad" and go for it, and for that reason it takes a 90% vote for any resolution to pass on the first attempt. Anything that gets less than 90% of the vote, but more than 50% of the vote is held over for the next year. For those of you who attended this year: thank you for your interest in your Grand Lodge. For those of you who could not attend, please think about making the pilgrimage to Reno next year!

Fraternally,

Michael Rodgers, WM

FROM THE WEST
Brethren:

I want to let you all know just how much I have enjoyed this past year as Senior Warden and look forward to next year. I want to remind you that our Stated Meeting is December 6th. and is our election for new officers. Fellows please attend this important meeting and cast your vote for our new officers. Don't forget the installation of the new officers will be Dec. 20th. Lodge will open at 09:00 AM. The Grand Lodge session was outstanding; it was great having the meeting here in our hometown. I want to personally thank the Grand Master and Michael Rodgers for volunteering me for transportation services.

John Pennington, SW

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren

A note at this time of the year thanking our Lodge leadership, Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Secretary for making 2008 a special year for Sandy Valley Lodge #57. These Brothers have provided opportunities for growth and special commitment to excellence.

However, it is also the time of the year to consider dues and the importance of taking care of this obligation in a timely manner. As we all have been made aware, our lodge travels on a very tight budget. The sooner our Secretary can receive the dues from each individual, the more consideration can be given to allocating this revenue. Also we need to continue our efforts to carpool to lodge meetings on Saturday mornings. Carpooling is an excellent time for us to become better acquainted with one another and assist one another in our Lodge duties and responsibilities.

We are growing in membership, and as Brothers in the Lodge we need to take responsibility to assist in this growth.

Assisting means working with our new members and helping in any way necessary.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this year as Junior Warden. Thank you for allowing me to serve at this station.

Mike Barry, JW

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren

With the passage of the 3 resolutions, my workload will increase for the next month or more. For starters, Our 2009 DUES are now **\$60**. I will be preparing the Dues Cards for distribution at the Dec. Meeting. Next I will need to upgrade the completeness of our contact information on all members. I will make up a generic form for each member, to be added to their folder. When I send them out, please complete and return them ASAP.

Each month we first class mail 30 Trestleboards to members and friends. If you are one who receives a hard copy, and has email, please consider allowing us to email your trestleboard. We will save printing and \$0.42 postage each month. 20 of our members and friends are now receiving it this way. If you are willing to try it, email me at flynfez@sandyvalley.net

George

Being right too soon is socially unacceptable