



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Nevada and its 40 Constituent Lodges with more than 4,000 members, being a strong and highly respected local, national, and international organization, was Constituted in Virginia City, Nevada, and is celebrating its Sesquicentennial on January 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry is a body of knowledge and system of ethics based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry's mission is guided by enduring principles of fraternity, brotherly love, relief and truth, and values, which include: ethics through leading lives based on honor and integrity, personal growth through continuous pursuit of knowledge, philanthropy through charitable giving and community service; and

WHEREAS, charity is at the heart of many of the Masonic activities and Freemasons strive to make a difference in our communities, our country, and our world through philanthropy and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, examples of service throughout the communities in the State of Nevada include: Multiple scholarships to Nevada students attending colleges and universities, Bikes for Books and Bikes for Nooks programs currently active in twenty-two elementary schools which encourage 2nd to 5th grade students to improve their reading skills, of which these students have read more than 100,000 books, Child I.D. program currently held at 53 locations and processing over 2,500 children annually, totaling more than 56,000 children; and JROTC and ROTC awards program at 28 Nevada high schools, UNR and UNLV;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE NEVADA, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2015, as

GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEVADA DAY



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 21st day of November, 2014.

By the Governor:

Governor

Chris Miller

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy