

The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard

December 2019



A COMMUNICATION BY AND FOR
OASIS OF MARA LODGE # 735
YUCCA VALLEY LODGE # 802
TOGETHER WITH THE APPENDANT AND CONCORDANT BODIES
IN THE HIGH DESERT COMMUNITIES OF
TWENTYNINE PALMS AND YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

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CONCORDANT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Combined Christmas Party for the Masons, Shrine, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and their families, will be held on December 15, 2019 at the Masonic Hall at 2pm. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5.00 per child or \$30 per family.

The meal will be prime rib, baked potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert.

Santa Clause will be making an appearance for the Children and those who are Children at heart.

Unwrapped gifts for the Shrine Children will be accepted. They would prefer clothing for the Children or a gift card from WalMart.

If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, bring a gift no more than a Value of \$15, wrapped with male, female or child on the wrapping. Only those who bring a gift will be participating.

We need a head count for the meal by December 4, 2019. If each organization can get a head count and call Nancy Rank at 760-369-8310, it would be appreciated. That way we will know how many to cook for.

Don't forget to RSVP



Oasis of Mara #735

Masters Message for December

Fraternal Greetings,

As this is my last message as Master of the Lodge, I will start by saying thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year. It was a year full of ups and downs, and realizations. However, we survived.

This month is our Christmas celebration month, as well as our Installation of Officers. We will start the month with our Stated Meeting. Our dress for the meeting is slacks with an ugly Christmas sweater. Come join us as we get into the festive mood.

On the 14th we will have our Installation of Officers at 4pm. Also, that morning we will host the Young Marines as they do their semiannual graduation. We plan on starting the day with a breakfast for them at 0800.

Dues for this year expire on the 31st of this month. The dues for next year will be \$133. You should receive invoices from the secretary soon, if you have not already received them. Remember the lodge is dependent on your dues to function.

Finally, once all the particulars are done, we will shut down for the Holiday season. We will resume Business after the new year, under the new Master, Cory Adrian.

Happy Holidays to you all and blessings for a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Thomas R Johnson, PM





Senior Wardens Message for December

Good day brothers,

At our November Stated meeting we had our lodge business and our voting for our next years officers. Yours truly was voted in as the 2020 Worshipful Master. Senior Warden will be Worshipful Phil Fultz, Junior Warden will be brother Sam Jones, Our Treasurer is Worshipful Steve Leazer and our Secretary is Worshipful Thomas Johnson. Our appointed officers are Senior Deacon brother Bob Coghill, Junior Deacon brother Mike Gibson. Senior Steward brother Jose Landeros.

Our installation is Saturday December 14 at 4 pm and attendance would be greatly appreciated. This same day we have lent our lodge to the young Marine Program which they will have their graduation. They will be there from 0800 to 1300 We are having our monthly breakfast also from 0800 to 1000 and attendance will again be greatly appreciated.

We are having our December stated meeting on Monday December 2nd. Dinner will be at 6 pm and our meeting will be held at 730 pm. Our lodge is going to be part of the 29 palms Christmas light parade and tree lighting ceremony on Tuesday December 3rd. We are going to display a banner and put Christmas lights on a vehicle and be part of the parade.

The rest of December we will be dark for all of our brothers and families to enjoy the holidays. This is all for now and I hope all of our brothers and families have a great Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally:
Cory Adrian





Yucca Valley Lodge #802

Masters Message for December

Brothers, Friends,

I hope you all had a loving Thanksgiving. Now we head into the Christmas Season and the end of our Masonic year. This year has given us so much to be thankful for as a Lodge. New membership, great fellowship, events, charitable works, property improvement and excellent degree work. For all of this I feel truly blessed to be working with such an outstanding group of brothers and friends.

We will be holding our installation of officers on Saturday January 18th. I encourage everyone to attend and support our new line up of officers. This coming year will prove to be one of much labor and much reward for Yucca Valley Lodge. We will see some new exciting changes and continue in our lodge renovation and growth. I would like to thank everyone for your support as I head into my Third term as Master. I would also like to thank and introduce to you all my supporting team of officers for the ensuing Masonic Year:

Senior Warden: T.C Dowden PM

Junior Warden: Robert York

Secretary: Dylan Luster

Treasurer: Joseph DuPont PM

Senior Deacon: Raymond Cano

Junior Deacon: Michael Samu

Chaplain: Vernon Monroe

Marshal: Spiro Zafirov

Senior Steward: Joshua Stevens Junior Steward: Joey Buice (once raised)

Please join me in welcoming and applauding these brave men who have dedicated themselves to the governance of our beloved Lodge.



Finally, my friends and brothers, this joyous season remember to be kind and give with your heart for every person has a claim to your kind office.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Merry Kwanza, Festive Feast of St.

John the Evangelist, and Happy New Year to everyone

Fraternally and in brotherly love,

WM Darin Sanden



Senior Wardens Message for December

Brethren,

The holidays are upon us, and I certainly hope your Thanksgiving was enjoyable. I'm pleased that we once again sponsored meals for the Unity Home, special thanks to brothers Vern Monroe and Mike Neidendam for seeing it through. I'm reminded of a favorite quote from our illustrious brother Albert Pike, "What we do for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." We should be ever mindful of our works and actions, brothers, for they will leave an impression on others. When we do good things for others, when we improve their lives, we live on through their memories and stories.

This month marks a distinct change for me. For those who don't know, I've retired from federal service at the Combat Center and have moved back to Menifee and Idyllwild on a full-time basis. With that, my Tuesday visits will be very few, but I will be here at the Lodge on Thursdays. We will be focusing on those nights on degree work, degrees, and the stated meeting. On Tuesdays, I trust that the brothers will continue working on proficiencies as well as music and fellowship.

Keep up the trajectory we are on, brothers. As we have discussed, what you imagine you will manifest, and the law of attraction will continue to bring men of good morals who want to better themselves. Our Lodge is vibrant, and those who choose to stay away only cheat themselves of a great experience.



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year, and Good Yule!

TC Dowden PM, Senior Warden

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Our Fraternal Ties

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



As your Masonic Outreach Services representative, I would like to remind there are many services available to you. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 760 831 0854. You can call or text me at this number.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Marlene White



Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of Desert Valley 602 Worthy Matron Krista McVey and myself we would like to say thank you to all who attended the Installation of Officers for Desert Valley Chapter 602, you helped to make the occasion more special. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together.

We will be having a practice on December 4th starting a 5:00pm for all Chapter members, our Deputy Grand Matron asks that arrive on time (early) ready to go over our parts. Our Stated Meeting will be on Saturday December 7th Since we will be initiating new members the Worthy Matron has chosen white for the occasion. Come early to relax and enjoy a great breakfast hosted by the Masonic Lodge.



We have three community outreach activities this month, for our Chapter meeting we will be collecting toys and other items for Unity Homes Battered Women children and men in Joshua Tree. On December 14th Raelene Qualls will be hosting her annual Teddy Bear Tea, which provides teddy bears to homeless children in Indio. On December 15th our Annual Concordant

Christmas Party, gifts for Shrine Children. This Party is for all of our Masonic families, please make reservations early, and come prepared for a wonderful day with our extended family. (see the announcement at the front of this Trestleboard.) This holiday season remember the small act of kindness that can have a lasting effect.

Fidelity, Masonry and Christmas - A Story

There it sat, wrapped in green paper with drawings of little candy canes, surrounded by a carefully-tied broad red ribbon. The smell of the cookies inside the package lingered in the air. The Masters wife had baked several dozen of the Christmas treats and put them into little parcels to be delivered to the widows of members of the Lodge. The Master had driven around to drop them off, along with a card and a holiday wish from their late husband's brothers in Masonry. But one package remained on the dining room table.

All of the guys jumped up and volunteered at the last meeting to take these to the widows, but I'm the only one who's been doing it, thought the Master to himself. I know! I'll call around and see who can deliver the last one.

He punched some numbers into his cell phone. The Senior Warden answered.

Dave, its Rick, said the Master cheerfully. Mrs. Wilsons cookies are over here and I was wondering if you could drop them off? We talked to her a few days ago and told her wed do it tonight, and...

Yeah, I'd like to, replied the Senior Warden, but tonight's a really bad night. You know Thursdays my Warcraft night and I'm kicking ass.

Can't you play some other night?

Not now. I'm the middle of this. Maybe tomorrow, if I'm not at a new level in a few hours.

The Master thanked him and put a call in to the Junior Deacon.

Steve, remember you said you could help deliver the widows Christmas presents? Mrs. Wilsons is sitting here...

I'm sorry, said the Junior Deacon. I know I said that, but my office Christmas party is tonight and I have to go to that. The boss kind of expects it.

Can't you say no to him?

Well, you know he doesn't have a high opinion of us to begin with because he wants me to work late all the time and I can't if something with the Lodge is happening. Besides, drinks are free. Talk to you next meeting.

The Junior Deacon hung up. Somewhat forlornly, the Master tried a few other members, all of whom had promised they would personally hand out gifts to the widows. But one was going out with some buddies that night. Another was too tired after work. Yet another said the widow lived too far out of the way for him. Still another had a concordant body meeting he wanted to go to. Finally, the Master tried the last person on his list, a Past Master of the Lodge.

I need your help. Last meeting you said you'd help deliver the widows gifts. Mrs. Wilsons is sitting here and...

Wilson?! he interrupted. Did you know her husband? He dumped on me the whole year I was in the chair. He kept giving me hell for all kinds of little things.

That doesn't have anything to do with his widow. It's a Lodge tradition we go out and deliver...

And another thing, butted in the Past Master. Last meeting you came down to the altar at the wrong time. And you gave the wrong knocks to close the Lodge. Can't you follow traditions? Don't you pay attention at practices or know what's in your ritual book?

We were talking about Mrs. Wilson...

Wilson. The hell with him. With that the cell went dead.

The Master prepared to pick up the lonely little parcel when the phone rang unexpectedly in the other room. He picked up the receiver.

My name is Mrs. Lane, the feeble old voice at the other end quavered. I live next door to Gladys Wilson. I thought I'd better call you. She has been taken to the hospital.

What!?! answered the stunned Master.

I had invited her over for dinner tonight, but she said she couldn't come because she was waiting for the Masons. She got a little tired while waiting and went to call someone to see if there was a problem, but she slipped on the carpet and fell. I think she had been on the floor for a while. It looks pretty serious. I thought I'd better call you.

My father was a Mason a long time ago, Mrs. Lane went on. He didn't talk about it much, but all I know is when I was a girl during the Depression, the Masons helped us. One Christmas we had nothing. And there was about two feet of snow. But a bunch of the Masons came over with a tree and a huge baked turkey. They put up the tree and

decorated it, then we ate the turkey and they sang Christmas carols to me and my three sisters until it was bedtime. It was so wonderful. I learned then that when times are tough, you can depend on the Masons.

Thank you for calling me, Mrs. Lane, said the Master.

It's just too bad someone didn't get here a little earlier because this probably wouldn't have happened, added the old woman. But God bless you Masons.

Yes, thanks again, replied the Master, and gently hung up the phone.

And as the Master pulled on his jacket, and picked up the little wrapped parcel to take to the hospital in the clear, moon-lit evening, he wondered if the Masons today really were as dependable as their forefathers. Or, if the admonition of not letting public and private avocations interfere with Masonry had turned into nothing more than a convenient excuse.



LODGE CALENDARS

Mon Dec 2	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Dinner
Mon Dec 2	7:30 – 10pm	OM735 Stated Meeting
Tue Dec 3	6 – 8pm	YV802 Practice and Fellowship
Tue Dec 3	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
Wed Dec 4	5:00 – 7:00pm	OES Practice
Thu Dec 5	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
Sat Dec 7	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
Sat Dec 7	11am – 2pm	Desert Valley Chapter OES Meeting
Tue Dec 10	6 – 8pm	YV802 Practice and Fellowship
Tue Dec 10	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
Thu Dec 12	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education/Degree Practice
Sat Dec 14	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Lodge Breakfast
Sat Dec 14	12:00 – 3:00pm	Teddy Bear Tea
Sat Dec 14	4 – 6pm	Oasis of Mara Installation of Officers
Sun Dec 15	2 – 3pm	Concordant Christmas Party
Tue Dec 17	6 – 8pm	YV802 Practice and Fellowship
Tue Dec 17	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
Thu Dec 19	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education/Degree Practice
Sat Dec 21	11am – 2pm	High Desert Shrine Club
Tue Dec 24	All day	Christmas Eve
Tue Dec 24	6 – 8pm	YV802 Practice and Fellowship
Tue Dec 24	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
Wed Dec 25	All day	Christmas Day
Thu Dec 26	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education/Degree Practice
Thu Dec 26	6 – 6:30pm	YV802 Hall Association
Tue Dec 31	All day	New Year's Eve
Tue Dec 31	6 – 8pm	YV802 Practice and Fellowship
Tue Dec 31	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
Wed Jan 1	All day	New Year's Day
Thu Jan 2	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
Sat Jan 4	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
Sat Jan 4	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting
Mon Jan 6	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Dinner
Mon Jan 6	7:30 – 10pm	OM735 Stated Meeting
Tue Jan 7	6 – 8pm	YV802 Practice and Fellowship
Tue Jan 7	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
Wed Jan 8	11am – 2pm	Daughters of Nile

Watch your email and the Lodge App for updates to events and activities.



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Sudoku is a game of number logic, not math.

Each row, each column, and box must contain the numbers 1-9 only once.

Exercise your mind.

	7	2			9		6	3
	6			4				
	5				7			1
	9	5			1			
3			8	5	2			6
			9			5	1	
1			4				5	
				8			2	
5	4		1			8	3	

http://sudoku.com

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From the Editor

The Trestleboard is for our masonic family. Share generously.

The Trestleboard is not only intended to inform members but also create interest in Masonic events within our local community. I encourage all organizations in our masonic family to submit articles and pictures about what they have going on.

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