

The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard

June 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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Messages from Oasis of Mara #735



Masters Message for June

Fraternal greetings brethren,

This is the last month before going into our dark months. We are looking to hopefully initiate one candidate this month. Mr. Mark Federspiel has waited diligently and patiently and now awaits our answer.

For those who were in the area and did not attend the barbeque last month, you missed a good time. Brother Mike Gibson put on a good feast, and we sat and fellowshiped for a good four to five hours. I think it was a good thing for our lodge and hope to continue this at least once a month, or every other month.

I hope that you paid homage to those who gave their all for our survival last month. As a military man, I am thankful for my brothers and sisters in arms, who sacrificed themselves so that I may continue living. We remember.

Our study groups are progressing really well. If you have a topic that you would like to venture on, bring it to our meetings and we will put it on the schedule.

Hopefully all of the officers are preparing for their roles for next year. During our dark months, it is your time to really commit to memorizing your work for next year. If there are any questions, assistance needed, or problems, I am a phone call away.

Lastly, this month is Father's Day. I would like to wish all the fathers a very special day. Go out and get that steak you deserve.

Fraternally

Thomas Johnson PM

Master

Senior Wardens Message for June



Good day Brothers:

The Month of May has been good. Our Worshipful Master has been holding different topics for discussion on our weekly Tuesday meetings. This is a good thing because Masonry is a life long journey and acquiring wisdom through our own personal research is highly recommended.

I would like to thank Worshipful Clint Marshall for all that he does for our lodge. Lately he has been a maintenance man and an electrician all while still meeting with our brothers during the week to help with proficiency and answering any questions they may have appertaining to Masonry.

We do have a future candidate in the works and we are waiting on his background check from Grand Lodge. If favorable we will have him initiated before we go dark in July.

Thank you to the brothers and families for attending our breakfast last month.

This is all for now and I wish the best for all of our brothers and families.

Fraternally
Cory Adrian



Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802



Masters Message for June

Brothers, Friends,

In my last article I mentioned that spring had sprung, apparently spring did not get the trestle board for May. I hope that you all have enjoyed the continuance of the cooler weather and that it did not affect anyone's plans for their Memorial Day Weekend. In honor of Memorial Day, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our Veterans and their families especially to the families who have lost loved ones to conflict for the sake of our Freedom and Security.

This month we welcome a newly initiated brother to our ranks and also, we have a new affiliate from the Grand Masters Lodge who has recently purchased a home in Joshua Tree. A warm High Desert welcome we extend to both of these brothers.

Our Pool table has been re-felted and is ready to play on (though it may still require some leveling) and we are looking forward to some fun fellowship to take place over a game of Eight or Nine ball in the coming months.

We are looking at the inner decor of the lodge and banquet areas and would like to start beautifying the building. We have talked about themes and Southwestern has continued to come up in conversation. Old mining, cattle herding, early pioneer settler, and Native American blends seem to go with both the area and the feel of our lodge. We are therefore looking for donations of items and pictures that may reflect these themes and also Masonry. Ideas could include wall art of Square and Compass made from barbed wire, old tools such as pick and shovel, gold pans, horse shoes, native art, sand painting, a dream catcher with a square and compass in it, feather art, yucca or Joshua tree art, etc. Any items donated that end up not being used will be returned to the person who donated it and or saved for other applications or yard sale items. Donation receipts can be supplied if needed.

It is also a great time to look at the outside of the lodge for improvement and beautification. We will be looking for volunteers in the coming weeks for a painting party to redo our trim and eve paint. If you are interested or willing to help out let the Hall Association know and they will reach out to you with dates and times.

The Eastern Star and Galaxy Club will be hosting our meal this month as a fund raiser for them. Please come out and join us for dinner and help us support our local OES.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to our Inspector and our brothers from Oasis of Mara who filled in for us while I was out due to family loss and both Wardens where also not available. Without there aid we would not have been able to hold our Stated meeting last month.

Fraternally and in brotherly love,
WM Darin Sanden

Lodge Website & Social Media

Our website <http://lodge802.freemason.org/>



Facebook page

<https://m.facebook.com/YuccaValleyMasonicLodgeNo802/>

The Lodge App:

https://www.grouphahead.com/app/ent_cafmgl_yucca_802/a9225fe9-a726-49f6-ab49-53cd57e49717



On the Menu for June Dinner

Pulled Pork sandwiches
Baked beans
Potatoes salad
Macaroni salad
Sliced tomatoes &cucumbers
Chips
Ice cream & cookies

Our Fraternal Ties



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50th Anniversary Festive Board, this night is ours to gather amongst our brothers, our community partners and champions, and our loved ones as we look back on the

accomplishments of the past 50 years and look forward, together. Join Grand Master Wright to raise a toast (or two) to a night we'll always remember. Vivat!

When: June 22, 2018

Where: Millennium Biltmore, Los Angeles

Time: 6pm - 10pm

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Night at the Ballpark

San Francisco: Oracle Park, August 26

Anaheim: Angels Stadium, August 28

Los Angeles: Dodger Stadium, September 17

San Diego: Petco Park, September 25

Cornerstone Ceremony in Covina

The Masonic Homes is building a new home on the Covina campus for its residents who need skilled nursing and memory care. On July 13, join Grand Master Wright and his Grand Lodge officers as they consecrate the cornerstone of the new



building. All are invited to witness this time-tested ceremony of our new facilities in Covina.

“Masonic Outreach Services Gazette” Beware of SCAMS.

Caveat emptor!! Normally this adage, “buyer beware,” applies to buying and selling of goods or contracts, however, I believe it also applies to unsolicited phone calls. Simply, when receiving unsolicited calls don’t “buy” whatever circumstances they are “selling.” The National Council on Aging listed the #1 scam targeting the elderly right now is Social Security spoofing calls. It is important to know that Social Security rarely contacts persons by phone and NEVER makes threats about arrest or legal action. I have received these phone calls myself and if you are unaware of these scam tactics they can be quite convincing. While some of the scams try to elicit payment by unconventional means (ie. gift card), others try and obtain your personal information. What is known as the “Jury Duty” scam, the caller states you missed jury duty and are facing imminent arrest, then they ask for personal information like your Social Security number (SSN) to “prove” identity. A government worker will never ask for your SSN or make threats on an unsolicited call. Another scam is the “technology scam,” where you get a call from “tech support” and they want to walk you through troubleshooting your computer or tablet by having you access a website. Criminals will continue to find creative ways to obtain or gain access to your personal information and it is important to be vigilant to not fall victim to these scams.

~David G., CM in SoCal

Your Attitude Can Make a Difference!

Rev. Don Combs, P.M.

Grand prelate

Grand Commandery of Georgia

It is hot!! It is summer time and a period when my work ethic seems to falter because it is hard to get motivated when you are miserable. However, sitting in my nice cool office today I started thinking about how some people never seem to have problems with motivation and always seem to have that "sunshiny" disposition despite their life

situation. Then, like the heat when you open the door, it hit me that it is all about attitude. Attitude and how you approach life's situations. Here is an example, I heard this Story about a cancer patient who woke up One morning, looked in the mirror, and saw that she had only three hairs on her head. "Great, " she said. "I think I'll braid my hair Today " So she did, and had a great day. The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two her head. "Hmm, " she said. "I guess I'll part my hair down the middle. so, she did. and again, had a great day. The next day she woke up. looked in the mirror and saw that she had only one on her head. "Wow, " she said, "today I get to wear my hair in a pony-tail. " so, she did. and had a super great day. The next day she woke up. looked in the mirror and saw that there wasn't a single hair on her head. " Thank God:" she exclaimed. was running out of things to do with my hair!" Do you see how you approach life can make a difference?? ATTITUDE is everything!

We are living in a world that is full of darkness, doom and gloom as my mother puts it, and full of bad news. Sometimes it is hard to get into that positive attitude mode when all around us is negative. It is also a time of trouble and us as believers. it may be hard to believe sometimes. but it is never as bad as it seems. There is always a better perspective if we choose to see it.

Here is another example. a cowboy was driving down a country road. his dog riding in the back of his pickup truck, his faithful horse in the trailer behind, as he takes a curve a little too, he suddenly loses control of the vehicle and has a terrible accident, A short time after, a Sheriffs Deputy comes on the scene. As a great lover of animals, the officer's attention is first drawn to the horse. Realizing how serious the nature of its injuries are he draws his service revolver and puts the animal out of its misery. Then walking around the accident, he finds the dog, also critically wounded. and whining miserably in pain. This also grips his heart and he quickly ends the dog's suffering as well. Finally, the Deputy locates the cowboy, who has suffered multiple fractures and can barely breathe. "Hey. are you okay.?" he asks. The cowboy takes one look at the smoking gun in the Deputy's hand and quickly replies, with unexpected energy. "Never felt better!" The situation can sometimes dictate our attitude but it is still our choice to smile or frown.

Today may be a day when the world approaches us with a smoking gun, ready to put us out of our misery, but through the strength of the Grand Architect of the Universe I hope we can find that wonderful strength. and simply say, "I never felt better! "" Let us be grateful for all the things

God has given us and have a wonderful day! May God bless each or you and this great Fraternity!!!

So Mote it Be!

[Masonic Messenger, August 2012. publication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia]

EVENT PLANNING 101

Lodges can and do host public events of all kinds, from prospects nights to fundraisers for local community groups and nonprofits. No matter what it is, follow a few tips to make sure it goes off without a hitch.

- **Give Yourself Time:** At a minimum, a three-month lead time is necessary for planning a public event. You might need even longer if you're co-hosting with another organization—many hands may make light work, but they tend to impact people's schedules. Start with this event calendar checklist as a reference.
- **Get It on The Radar:** Schedule your event when your lodge is updating its annual calendar. This makes sure your event is on everyone's minds right at the beginning of the year.
- **Don't Forget Publicity:** Establish a budget for the program that includes both publicity and the costs of staging the event. Publicity costs can be more expensive than you think, but town newspaper calendars and social media use are both budget-friendly ways to publicize your event.
- **Delegate:** Create a subcommittee and appoint a chairman for the event. They can report in before or during your stated meetings to make sure everyone is kept in the loop. Communication is by far the most important thing when planning an event.
- **Get The Word Out:** The best-planned event isn't worth much if no one shows up. When promoting your event, it's important to know your desired audience and reach them where they are. For instance, a family-oriented event can be publicized over Facebook, where parents are constantly on the lookout for news. If it's a prospects night and you're trying to bring in a

younger crowd, consider advertising at a local community college or university.

- Create a Publicity Calendar: A “save the date” advertisement can run four or more months in advance of an event. However, the bulk of your advertising efforts should start around three months before the event and gradually ramp up as the date draws closer.
- Word of Mouth is Best: The most cost-effective—and just plain effective—form of publicity is personal recommendations. So encourage members to get the word out themselves; a personal invite from a member will get the best response. That starts with making sure members know about the event: Post an invitation or announcement on your lodge website, publicize it in your Trestleboard, and post an announcement somewhere in the lodge building.
- Have talking Points: Use this media kit to help answer potential questions posed by the media, if they’re attending. Information in the kit can also be handed out at a prospects night event.

A few other logistical preparations go a long way toward hosting a successful public event:

- Make sure the lodge building is clean inside and out and well lit.
- Request reservations so you know how many to expect.
- Station members at the door to greet guests as they arrive.
- Prepare nametags from the reservation list and give them to the potential members and their families when they arrive. And have a few blank one extra, for latecomers and people who didn’t RSVP. Make members’ nametags different from the guests so people can identify them as Masons—maybe a different color.
- Position a table at the door with Masonic literature for guests to pick up.

LODGE CALENDARS

<u>June</u>		<u>Masonic Homes Month</u>
30 May, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
	6:30 – 8:30pm	YV802 1st Degree / Paul
1 Jun, Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
	10:30am – 3pm	OES SLC Event-Norwalk
	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting
3 Jun, Mon	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Lodge Dinner
	7:30 – 10pm	OM735 Stated Meeting
4 Jun, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education
	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
6 Jun, Thu	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
8 Jun, Sat	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Lodge Breakfast
11 Jun, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education
	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
12 Jun, Wed	11am – 2pm	Daughters of Nile
13 Jun, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
14 Jun, Fri		AM/AP Workshop-Orange MC
15 Jun, Sat		AM/AP Workshop-Orange MC
16 Jun, Sun		AM/AP Workshop-Orange MC
		Father's Day
18 Jun, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education
	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
20 Jun, Thu	6 – 10pm	OSI Coachella 3rd⁰
	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
25 Jun, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education
	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
27 Jun, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
	6 – 6:30pm	YV802 Hall Association Meeting
<u>July</u>		<u>Support Our Masonic Veterans Month</u>
	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Lodge Dinner
	7:30 – 10pm	OM735 Stated Meeting
2 Jul, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education
	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
4 Jul, Thu		Independence Day
	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship

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.

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

<http://13sudoku.com>

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The Trestleboard is for our masonic family. Share generously.

Information from your lodge, chapter or club are always welcome. News for about our fraternity of interest to Lodge members and our extended Masonic Family. Brothers are encouraged to submit articles that they believe would be of interest to the members and our masonic family.

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