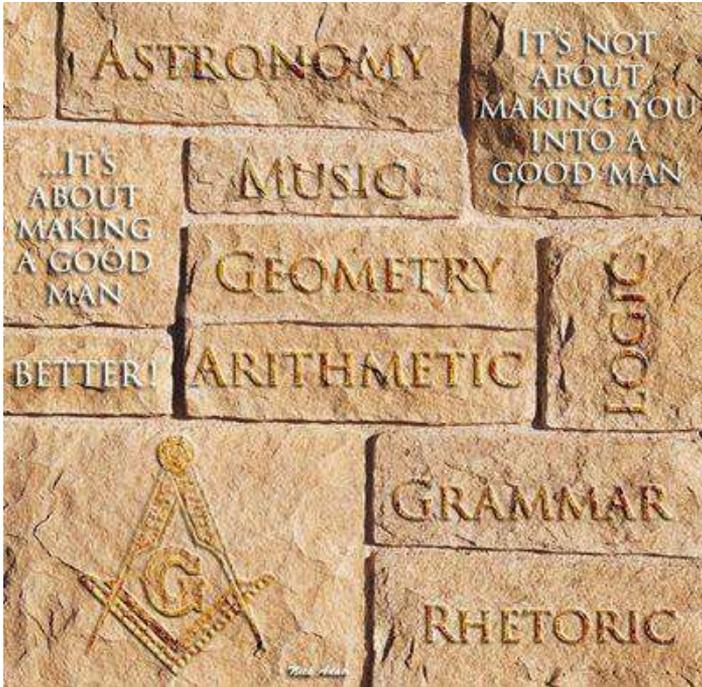


The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard

March 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

Freemasonry

THE DIFFERENCE IS...YOU

Messages from Oasis of Mara #735

Master's Message for March

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.



Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

And now abideth Faith; Hope and Charity – these three, but the greatest of these is Charity.”

Welcome to March, where we are in full swing of our Masonic year.

This month we begin our big push towards our charities. As you know part of our mission as Masons is to take care of our community. We are starting this month with the Car Show and Soap Box derby. We normally sponsor a goat cart in the derby. This year I am asking all the brethren to contribute to combat the cost. Our budget this year will depend on donations from within our lodge and fund raisers.

On the subject of fund raisers, Brother Mike Gibson has put together an initiative to get lodge T-shirts made. There is a sheet floating around the lodge for sizes. If you would like to order a shirt, send an email to the lodge with your size and once the contract is made we will order them and ship them out.

Our committees will be set up this month and start to operate in their respective areas. The Temple Association will be set up as well.

This month we will perform the 3rd Degree of Masonry on Brother Mike Gibson. He has returned his second degree proficiency and is ready to be raised. We are planning on performing his degree on the 26th of this month. However, I am also trying to make it a Past Masters

appreciation degree. If that happens there will be an update sent out via email.

If you are able, we invite you to our Tuesday study group and practice. We are engaging in learning all things Masonic and have a great time fellowshiping with each other. We will continue exploring this month on the Fellowcraft degree. Come on out and enjoy your brothers. Have a great month and remember to always let your light shine while keeping our focus on smoothing our rough ashlar.

Fraternally,

Thomas Johnson PM

Senior Warden's Message for March



Good day brothers.

I would like to congratulate Mike Gibson. He was passed to the degree of fellowcraft at the end of January and he is returning his short form proficiency for that degree on February 19.

I am looking forward to the OSI in Coachella on February 21 two days after that. Brother Gibson is putting together a fund raiser for our lodge by getting masonic t-shirts made with our lodge number. The cost is based on how many brothers are interested in purchasing the shirt and the size. If anyone is interested in purchasing a shirt or just

donating please contact Mike Gibson at Navmed40@yahoo.com. 29 Palms is hosting the 19th annual car show and street fair which is on March 30 Saturday from 10:00 to 4:30

Our lodge is working on getting a booth in place to put our name out in the community. This is going to be done entirely by donations. The vender fee for the info booth is \$50 and we would like to donate to the YMCA soap box derby for the amount of \$125.00. Worshipful Clint Marshal has donated \$60.00. If any of our brothers would like to donate please contact Cory Adrian at coryadrian73@hotmail.com. Our lodge would appreciate any volunteers to help with making our booth presentable to the community. That's all for now. I hope all of our brothers and families are having a great year.

Fraternally,

Cory Adrian

Junior Wardens Message for March

Greetings to all,

On the menu and in the planning March is St. Patrick's Day month, so for our stated meeting dinner:

- Corned Beef
- Cabbage
- Potatoes
- Rolls/butter
- Ice Cream
- Coffee/Tea/Soda



We also will be hosting the **Officers' School of Instruction on March 18.** Food provided at OSI's tends to be less elaborate than full Stated Meeting meals, so I'm thinking on:

- Chili con carne
- Cornbread
- Cookies
- Coffee/Tea/Soda

For April's Stated Meeting dinner, I'm planning on:

- Baked chicken
- Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Braised Bok Choi
- Rolls & Butter
- Cake
- Coffee/Tea/Soda

Please let me know your feelings about these menus, or any others so that I can plan to fatten you up. As I noted previously, I need to know not only your preferences but also your hates. Haggis anyone?



Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802

Master's Message for March

Friends & Brothers,

Get your green out and get ready for a wondrous Spring. The desert is poised to bloom and so is our lodge. We are enjoying a time of great brotherly love and fellowship within our halls and it is radiating outward to our community at large. I am so impressed and pleased with the growth of our officers and their commitment to each other and those around them. Great job to everyone involved including our ladies and concordant body members who have been such a vital help to our lodge. I would like to especially thank Marlene White for her outstanding presence as our official Masonic Outreach Rep.

This month we will be returning Master Mason proficiency's from brothers who have worked hard over the past year and who have earned every bit of honor and gratitude that we bestow them.

Public Schools Night is right around the corner. It will be held on Thursday April 11th starting at 6:00pm. This is our most important public event of the year and over the next few weeks we will be preparing the lodge and grounds to host the students, families and faculty of 10 area schools to honor the ones that make a positive difference every day. If you have never attended this event, I highly recommend that you do.

I would like to thank the brothers that have not only come to my aid, but also to the aid and relief of so many other of our brothers and friends who have found themselves in an awkward position or just needed a hand. You are the men that make a difference and we love you for it.

Let's keep the fire lit and quarries open because our work is not yet done.

Fraternally and in the spirit of brotherly love,
Darin Sanden, WM (PM)

Senior Warden's Message for March

Brethren,



For those of you who don't know, we have added two new members to our lodge in the past couple months; Joey Buice and Garrett Conroy. If you haven't met them yet, you're missing out on two very interesting and well intentioned brothers.

I am very happy to report that the degrees were done entirely by our own brothers, with the degree for brother Garrett having been done entirely from memory, including the charge. According to the District Inspector, we are the only lodge in the district to present a degree with the charge entirely from memory. (Tip of the hat to brother Mike Samu for presenting the charge.) Well done to all that participated.

I'm very pleased to see our younger Master Masons jumping in and volunteering to do parts not aligned with their offices for the degrees and also helping to do candidate coaching!

Which brings me to another topic. We had no/few sideliners at either degree. Really brothers, that is so wrong to not attend a degree just

because you don't have a speaking role. The very core of our teachings is the ritual of the degrees, and having sideliners makes those degrees much more memorable for a candidate. The degrees are announced on the Facebook page, the Lodge App, via text message, and in the Trestleboard, so "not knowing there is a degree" isn't a viable excuse.

In the category of "it's a small world", I had the pleasure of meeting the sitting Master of Santa Barbara Lodge # 192 at the recent meeting of the Past Master's Association, Worshipful Calvin Peterson. The small world part... he's a close friend of our newly obligated brother, Joey Buice! Wor. Peterson expressed a desire to come for Joey's raising when the time comes, so we need to be well prepared for that as we'll have a distinguished visitor that night.



That's all for now, except that yours-truly will be preparing a Irish-themed meal for the March stated meeting dinner in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Come ready and be hungry!

Fraternally
TC Dowden PM

Lodge Website & Social Media

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



Facebook page

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



The Lodge App:

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



Our Fraternal Ties



THIS WEEKEND: 8th International Conference at UCLA

This weekend, Saturday, March 2, is the 8th International Conference at UCLA. Now is your last chance to register!

Explore how 18th century Masons forged bonds with those from outside their own cultural traditions. An international panel of Masonic scholars will present fascinating insights into our fraternity's historic members around the world!

Looking Back at 100 Years of DeMolay

In 1919, Bro. Frank S. Land created a Masonic club for young men named after Jacques DeMolay, the last leader of the mysterious Knights Templar. Since then, DeMolay has become an international organization that has inspired generations of civic and Masonic leaders. Join us to learn more at the California Masonic Symposium!

Show your fraternal pride

Help support the Masonic Homes of California when you purchase one of our limited-edition polo shirts designed by Grand Master Wright with the motto, "Freemasonry: We Make a Difference." Net proceeds will benefit the Masonic Homes of California.



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STUART A. WRIGHT

Grand Master's Proclamation:

MARCH 2019 IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You

Whereas, as we strive to make a difference in the world, it is natural to consider the generations that follow us as a source of inspiration that guides and inspires us; and

Whereas, the Masonic youth who participate in DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls hold an integral role in the future of our Masonic family, acting as a catalyst for great ideas, new possibilities, and future leadership; and

Whereas, since these youth share the treasured values of Freemasonry, they are strengthened alongside us as we exemplify these values in our own lives; and

Whereas, our 2020 Fraternity Plan calls upon us to make a *positive impact in society*; now,

Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim March 2019 to be Youth Orders Month in California. I call upon all California Masons to make a difference for the future of our fraternity by supporting the incredible young people who have turned to Masonic values for guidance. Reach out to the local youth orders in your community to learn how your lodge may provide supporting roles as mentors, chaperones, or ritual coaches. Offer to host meetings or events at your lodges. Plan events at your lodges for youth order members and their families to enjoy.

Our Masonic youth are the leaders of tomorrow. Imagine what they may achieve with the full support of our brotherhood!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

Access the Lodge Management Certification Program Online, On-demand, and for Free!

Are you interested in learning the nuts and bolts of running a lodge? Want to learn how to better manage the day-to-day affairs of your hall? The Lodge Management Certification Program has been updated and is

now better than ever. What’s more, it can now be accessed online, on-demand, for free!

What is the Lodge Management Certification Program?

The Lodge Management Certification Program was created by California Masons, for California Masons as a way to help build stronger lodges and halls. The free program consists of a series of online courses that help you learn the basics of managing your lodge and hall association.

The courses include a guide and links to online resources and further reading that will prepare you for a final test at the end of each course. Courses can be taken at any time in any order, and you can take as many of them as you’d like from freemason.org. You may even re-take each course as a refresher. Your completion of the course will also be reflected on your member record.

Four Courses Teach You “The Basics”. Each of the four courses will help you learn the basics of an important aspect of managing a lodge or hall.

The courses are:

Member Experience

Lodge Finance

Lodge Administration

Hall Management

[The Hall Management Course is Now Available!](#)

Hall management is important to the financial health of our lodges and our fraternity. Wise stewardship of some of our most valuable assets is crucial. This completely free course is designed to teach you the purpose of a hall association, the role of officers and what their authority and responsibilities are, lease and use regulations, employee and insurance concerns, and reporting requirements under the CMC and California state and federal laws.

Find the program under the “My Profile” section of Member Center. The remaining courses will be rolled out over the next few months. As courses become available, they will be emailed to the general membership, but you can always check the Member Center for updates.

PARTY INVITATION

Masonic Sweethearts
You're Invited to
Celebrate with us!

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2019

At the Yucca Valley Masonic Lodge
Social begins at 1pm with lunch at 1:30 pm
Menu will be lasagne with all the trimmings.

RSVP TO: Joe DuPont at jdupont1@gmail.com or Therese
DuPont (760) 808 3889 and leave a message.

CALLING ALL Yucca Valley Lodge MASONS! ALL HANDS WORKING
PARTY MARCH 24th. Clean up around the property in preparation
Public Schools Night. This is our biggest public event of the year and we
want the Lodge to shine for it!

LODGE CALENDARS

| <u>March</u> | <u>Youth Orders Month</u> | |
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| Sat, Mar 2 | 7 – 10am | YV802 Breakfast |
| Sat, Mar 2 | 11am – 2pm | OES Meeting |
| Mon, Mar 4 | 6 – 7:30pm | OM735 Stated Meeting Dinner |
| Mon, Mar 4 | 7:30 – 9pm | OM735 Stated Meeting |
| Tue, Mar 5 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | OM735 Fellowship and Practice |
| Tue, Mar 5 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | Masonic Education |
| Thu, Mar 7 | 6:30 – 7:30pm | YV802 Lodge Dinner |
| Thu, Mar 7 | 7:30 – 9pm | YV802 Stated Meeting |
| Sat, Mar 9 | 8 – 10:30am | OM735 Breakfast |
| Sun, Mar 10 | All day | Daylight Saving Time starts |
| Tue, Mar 12 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | OM735 Fellowship and Practice |
| Tue, Mar 12 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | YV802 Masonic Education |
| Wed, Mar 13 | 11am – 2pm | Daughters of Nile |
| Thu, Mar 14 | 7 – 10pm | YV802 Fellowship & Practice |
| Sat, Mar 16 | 11am – 2pm | High Desert Shrine Club |
| Sun, Mar 17 | All day | <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> |
| Mon, Mar 18 | 6 – 9pm | OSI – Oasis of Mara |
| Tue, Mar 19 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | OM735 Fellowship and Practice |
| Thu, Mar 21 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | V802 Fellowship & Practice |
| Sun Mar 24 | 07:00- ???? | YV 802 WORKING PARTY |
| Tue, Mar 26 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | OM735 Fellowship and Practice |
| Tue, Mar 26 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | Masonic Education |
| Thu, Mar 28 | 6 – 6:30pm | HA 802 Meeting |
| Thu, Mar 28 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | YV802 Fellowship & Practice |
| <u>April</u> | <u>Public Schools Month</u> | |
| Mon, Apr 1 | 6 – 7:30pm | OM735 Stated Meeting Dinner |
| Mon, Apr 1 | 7:30 – 9pm | OM735 Stated Meeting |
| Tue, Apr 2 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | Masonic Education |
| Tue, Apr 2 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | OM735 Fellowship and Practice |
| Thu, Apr 4 | 6:30 – 7:30pm | YV802 Lodge Dinner |
| Thu, Apr 4 | 7:30 – 9pm | YV802 Stated Meeting |
| Sat, Apr 6 | 7 – 10am | YV802 Breakfast |
| Sat, Apr 6 | 11am – 2pm | OES Meeting |

Lodge Calendars are subject to change.

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

**Grand Master of the State of California
Most Worshipful Stuart A. Wright**



**Inspector 830th Masonic District
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- TILER** *Lance Ash*

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.

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From the Editor

The Trestleboard: Is not for only for Masons its 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.

To receive the Trestleboard by email, contact me at jdupont1@gmail.com and

THE THIRD STEP IN MASONRY

Masonry is rooted in antiquity, ripened by modernity and harvested in eternity. Truly it is a growing and progressive science, ever unfolding new beauties as the men of every generation have explored its most

concealed recesses. Someone has aptly said: "The practical object of Masonry is the physical and moral amelioration and the intellectual and spiritual improvement of individuals and society. Masonry labors to improve the social order by enlightening men's minds." It is to our duty as Masons to improve the social order that I would direct your thinking today under the subject of the Third Step.

The Three Steps in a Masonic career expressed in the terms of our beautiful ritual are, initiation, passing and raising but I choose to denominate them Revelation, Education and Operation. These are the three progressive steps of a well-rounded Masonic career. Some Masons stop at the first step, initiation, when the meaning of our mysteries is revealed to them. Others take the second step - Education - by becoming proficient and learned in the art of Masonry and then stop. They fail to put into practical, daily living the lessons we teach. Important as these two steps are--and they must be taken before one is ready for the third step--it is the Third Step, Operation, that marks a man a Mason--what you do, how you live, what you stand for. Revelation, Education, Operation--these three--but the greatest of these is operation.

In our proceedings we frequently hear the phrase "We no longer work in operative Masonry." I wonder! Some assume that the only "Operative" Masons are those who build visible structures with stone and brick and steel, and concrete. Such, however, you know is not the case.

All of the symbolic ritual of our initiation and all of our learning, are as naught, however, if we do not take that third step in Masonry-- Operation--whereby we put into practice those great truths, texts and principles which have been laid down as the rule and guide of our faith.

Excerpts from the Grand Oration of William B. McKesson, Grand Orator, California, 1947

MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY MONTH.

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