# The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard

November 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





## Messages from Oasis of Mara #735

#### Masters Message for November

Brethren,

This is our election month. By the end of the meeting this month we will have a new Worshipful Master and line of officers. It has been a pleasure to serve as Master this year, and I will continue to support our new Master next year. We didn't do a lot of things this year, but I am proud to say that we welcomed a couple of quality brothers into the fraternity. What is your goal for next year? Will you volunteer and hold a seat? Will you take on a project or two to help shine light on the lodge. It is your journey; how will you travel? This is your chance to advance the lodge into another year where we can influence the community and show that we are here for them. For those of you who missed last month's meeting, our western night went well. We even had a western meal of Brisket, beans and coleslaw. It was a great time had by all, and it felt good to dress down for a change.

Congratulations goes out to Brother Mark Federspiel. We passed Brother Federspiel to the degree of Fellow Craft. It was a great degree put on with no outside assistance. The officers in place worked hard and made this degree happen. Brother Federspiel will soon be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Also, for those of you who missed the Past Master's appreciation night, you missed a great degree put on by the Past Masters of our district. As always it is a lot of fun to see the leaders work with little to no practice. Congratulations to Brother Guillermo Morales on his achievement, and to all fellow Past Masters who participated in the ceremony.

We still study on Tuesday nights and will continue to do so until the Master changes the plan. If you are working on your proficiency, meet us at the lodge at 630 pm and work towards your next ceremony. Finally, we have a couple of holidays this month. Veteran's Day (11<sup>th</sup>), Marine Corps Birthday (10<sup>th</sup>) and Thanksgiving (28<sup>th</sup>). As we observe these make sure to thank a veteran for serving and also give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon you. As a precursor to next month, get your ugly Christmas sweaters ready. December's meeting will in our ugliest Christmas sweater we can find.

Fraternally,

Thomas R Johnson, PM



#### **Senior Wardens Message for November**

I hope all of the brothers had a great month of October. Worshipful Thomas had our stated meeting as a country theme. It was nice to do this because it was a relaxed atmosphere and I hadn't wore my cowboy boots in awhile. Worshipful Phil

had an outstanding dinner and we a great attendance.

By the time you read this we will have had a 2nd degree passing for brother Federspiel which was on the 22nd of October. Also, our OSI was at Palm Springs Lodge on Saturday the 26 of October. It was a past masters 3rd degree.

We will have voting on our November 4th Stated Meeting for our officer line for next year. The new masonic year will be here before we know it. I wish the best for our brothers and families and remember to honor our veterans on November 11th.

Fraternally: Cory Adrian





## Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802

<u>Masters Message for November</u> Brothers, Friends.

I hope you all had a great October. I am writing this as we approach Halloween and our first Trunk or Treat event. Hopefully we all had a great time and got to provide a fun and safe place for our families and the community to enjoy some trick or treating. I would like to thank everyone who came out to participate in this event and hope that we make it a yearly tradition.

This month we will hold our annual Election of Officers. Please come out to support them as we move our lodge into the future. The line is advancing and most of our seats will be full. I am very happy that we have such a great group of brothers who are picking up the torch and working together to grow the lodge and keep it moving forward. At this Stated meeting we will also be honoring a couple of brothers who have given so much to our lodge and to Freemasonry.

Look forward to a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree this month on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Come out and join us as we Pass a worthy brother to the degree of Fellowcraft. We are also looking forward to a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> degree coming up very soon. Work continues on the lodge and our efforts to beautify the building. We will be planning work days to try and get some of these projects done so that we can continue on course with our five-year plan.

Together we can bring our lodge into the 21st century.

I want to thank our sisters and brothers of the Order of Eastern Star for preparing the Stated meeting dinner this month and for helping to plan our Holiday events.

I encourage everyone to bring a nonperishable food good or items that a family might need that we can donate to a local food bank. It's the season to be Thankful for all that we are blessed with in our lives and we should all share what we can with those in need. I look forward to seeing all you soon.



Fraternally and in brotherly love, WM Darin Sanden



<u>Senior Wardens Message for November</u> Brethren,

For those who haven't been around lately, we have had a number of proficiencies returned. Most

recently, Bro. Dylan Luster returned his third degree proficiency, Bro. Joey Buice gave his second degree, and Bro. Mike Neiiendam gave his first degree! Other brothers are working on theirs as well on Tuesdays and independently with knowledgeable brothers. We have a stated goal of having 50% of our brothers proficient in the third degree and we are getting there. I'm very proud to say that the emphasis we have on long

form proficiencies is paying off, as even the younger brothers are able to step in and assist in degrees.

I'm equally pleased to see that we, even at our small size, are able to perform our own degrees. What's more, we have a reputation in the district for putting on meaningful, well performed degrees. Your leadership team is always looking for new players to step up and join the degree teams and ensure that any holes from transferring brothers get filled. Are you able? Are you ready?

As worshipful Darin stated in his article, we have more degrees coming up in November, so be prepared, get involved, and take part in the very important duty of initiating, passing and raising brothers.

Fraternally, TC Dowden, PM

#### BY THE WORK YOU DID TODAY

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping past That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did and said?

Does the man whose hopes were fading,

Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it, Was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness, Or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, Do you think that God will say, "You have earned one more tomorrow, By the work you did today."



#### **LODGE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ONLINE**

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#### **Our Fraternal Ties**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Another year is almost over. Clint and I have our last meeting as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Desert Valley Chapter #602. October was an awesome month. We took part in the Masonic dinner on the 3rd,

Breakfast at Yucca Valley lodge before our meeting on the 5th, and The Masonic Outreach Services meeting on the 17th. October also marked the beginning of a new Eastern Star Year with our Annual Session. Sister Marlene White PM has been appointed as our District Deputy Grand Matron for 2020. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be balloting on two prospective members and are will hopefully be initiating three new members into the order at our December meeting. On November 9<sup>th</sup> we will be installing new officers for 2020 in Desert Valley Chapter in an open installation, all are encouraged to come join us in this celebration. We have several more fun activities planned for the last few months of 2019 and hope everyone will make the effort to participate. The Holidays are approaching and Galaxy Club is now taking orders for baked goods, get your orders in early to ensure your meals include some of the best baked foods your sisters can prepare for you.

Star love, Barbara Wiley, W.M.

Clint Marshall, W.P.

#### **LODGE CALENDARS**

29 Oct, Tue 29 Oct, Tue 31 Oct, Thu	6 – 8pm 6:30 – 8:30pm All day	YV802 Hall Association Meeting OM735 Practice Halloween				
31 Oct, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Lodge Trunk-or-Treat!				
2 Nov, Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast				
2 Nov, Sat	11am – 2pm	<b>OES Meeting</b>				
3 Nov, Sun	All day	Daylight Saving Time ends				
4 Nov, Mon	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Dinner				
4 Nov, Mon	7:30 – 10pm	OM735 Stated Meeting				
5 Nov, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship				
5 Nov, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice				
7 Nov, Thu	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting				
7 Nov, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education & Practice				
9 Nov, Sat	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Breakfast				
9 Nov, Sat	11am – 12pm	<b>OES Installation of Officers</b>				
11 Nov, Mon	All day	Veterans Day				
12 Nov, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship				
12 Nov, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice				
13 Nov, Wed	11am – 2pm	Daughters of Nile				
14 Nov, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education & Practice				
16 Nov, Sat	9 – 11am	YV802 Lodge Inventory				
16 Nov, Sat	11am – 2pm	High Desert Shrine Club				
19 Nov, Tue	6 – 9pm	<b>OSI at Palm Springs Masonic Center</b>				
19 Nov, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship				
21 Nov, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education & Practice				
26 Nov, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship				
26 Nov, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice				
28 Nov, Thu	All day	Thanksgiving Day				
28 Nov, Thu	6 – 8pm	Masonic Education/Degree Practice				
28 Nov, Thu	6 – 7pm	HA 802 Meeting				
28 Nov, Thu	6 – 6:30pm	YV802 Hall Association Meeting				
29 Nov, Fri	All day	Black Friday				
2 Dec, Mon	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Dinner				
2 Dec, Mon	7:30 – 10pm	OM735 Stated Meeting				
3 Dec, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship				
3 Dec, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice				

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.

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