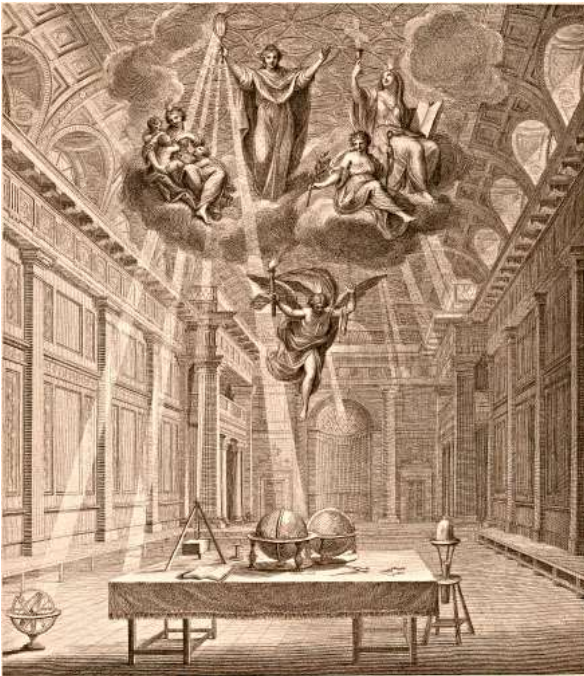


# *The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard*

October 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**

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## Messages from Oasis of Mara #735

### Masters Message for October

Fraternal greetings,

This month we will be voting on the resolutions for the Annual Communication this year. We have discussed them last month at our stated meeting, and hopefully you have taken the time to thoroughly read them.

For those who didn't come out, you missed a good time at the car show. We set up a booth and gave out free water to the community. We are making every effort to get out and help the community by every means. As we enter in to our last month before elections, it is paramount that we get with Brother Cory Adrian and assist him with whatever he needs for next year should he become Master of the Lodge.

Remember brethren, the lodge's success depends on your active participation in its functions and dealings with the community. Your attendance should be second nature. We should be encouraged to invite friends to our functions so that they can get a view of what we do and thereby become interested in our Craft.

This month we'll be practicing the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in preparation for Brother Federspiel. His coach says he is close to being ready and it is better to be prepared than to have to ask for help at the last minute.

I hope you all have a very good month.

Fraternally,

Thomas R Johnson, PM



### Senior Wardens Message for October

Good day brothers.

October is upon us and I hope everyone's year has been going great. By the time you read this the 29 parks and recreation division had hosted a car show at Luckie Park on the 28th of September. Our

brothers united and placed a booth at the event. This is a good way to show our presence in our community and get our name out there.

Last month, Worshipful Thomas held a study session and discussed if a man's faith was luciferianism, would this prohibit is acceptance in our

fraternity. In our application is asks if you believe in a supreme being, not your religious affiliation. What do you brothers think?

I hope all of our brothers have a great month

Fraternally,  
Cory Adrian



## Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802

### Masters Message for October

Brothers, Friends,

Now that fall has finally come and the weather is cooling, we are again reminded by the cycle of seasons that the one great constant in the universe is change. Changing seasons bring a variety of scenes to the wondering eye and allows us to view with delight the wonders of nature. Our own lives like the seasons are in a continuous cycle of change. Change is what brings us growth and experience, it causes us to adapt to new environments, challenges, victories and defeats. Like the seasons our lives take us from youthful spring, through the summer of our laboring years, into the harvest of fall, and eventually we arrive at the winter of our retirement. How we adapt to change in our lives is what defines us. Sometimes change is troubling and dreaded, other times it is a blessing. Weather it comes to us as friend or foe we have no choice but to rise to the occasion and continue upon the paths that lay before us, ever remembering that this too well change. Such is the evolution of our lives, our vocations, our families, and our lodge. This last few years we have been blessed with a great growth in membership and fellowship at our Lodge. We have also faced many challenges. We have paid our respects to dear departed brothers among them Worshipful Joe Johnson who was a multiple time Past Master, brother Lee Simms who shared so much of his wisdom with us, and our Past Master Gary Mason who, through all of our ups and downs, was

truly dedicated to Masonry and our lodge. We congratulate my mentor and one of the most respected Masons in our district Worshipful Joseph Romero PM, who has just been honored for 50 Year dedicated service to our fraternity in ceremonies held by his home Lodge of Los Altos #712. Worshipful Sean Clay PM who moved to Texas for work and was a multiple time Past Master who, like those before him, kept our lodge going through tough times. When Worshipful Matt Harris PM moved to be closer to his family in Idaho, we wished him well and were sad to see him go, yet we knew it was best for him. Worshipful Harris has been blessed in his journey and now attends a new lodge in Logan Utah and we continue to pray that the God of love and peace may continue to bestow upon him many blessings. When Matt left, I wondered how we would proceed? It was then that Worshipful Dowden returned to commune with us once again and served us well during his time in the East. Again, the dynamics of our lodge changed, and again we were blessed with more new members who became a part of our family. Brother Erik Swanson came to us and affiliated from Washington State and brought to us some of the traditions that we have incorporated into our fellowship. Brothers Cano, Samu and Monroe rose to the challenge, excelled in their proficiency and became Master Masons. Each one taking on the challenges of running and improving our lodge both without and within. Brother Samu became our Organist and music once again played in our assemblies. Brother Stevens came to us from the Grand Master's Lodge and has brought so much enthusiasm and energy to our fellowship. Brother York became one of the most inspiring Senior Deacons we have ever had and transformed our Saturday breakfasts into a much-anticipated monthly event. Brother Steve Leazer Pm stepped into the role of Secretary (giving brother DuPont PM a much-needed rest) and kept us running and in compliance with the CMC. Brother DuPont moved into the Treasurers chair relieving Brother McCoy who has served us so well. Worshipful Mark Clark PM who overcame personal challenges and became our Chaplain and has recently completed last term as President of the Hall Association which he held honorably for many terms.



We now have other new members who have joined us and brought with them the blessing of their fellowship each one sharing their talents with

us. Brothers Buice, Conroy, Neiiendam, Lucas, Wright, and Valesquez have brought music, wisdom, friendship, and brotherly love to our fellowship and expanded the dynamics of the lodge even more. Change happens, it keeps us moving, we grow with it and learn from it. Sometimes good, sometimes sad, without it our waters would be stagnant and our lodge would be still. In the coming months we will again be saying farewell to a few of our brothers whose lives are also changing. We wish them well and ask the Lord of Love and Light to bless them on their journeys. Though we are saddened by their departure each one of us have been so blessed by their friendship and their time with us. My brothers, I thank each one of you from the you from bottom of my heart.

Once again, we face change, and as Masons and brothers, together, we will rise to the occasion facing East in anticipation of the rising sun and the light that shines upon those who have the fortitude to face each new day. It is up to us to take on the challenges we face in filling our chairs and maintaining the viability of our lodge. Who among us can best



work and best agree? I send out a call to each of you to seriously consider how can fill a role in our lodge and help us keep it vibrant. Our degree work continues with upcoming second and third degrees. Our fellowship continues with our Tuesday night proficiency and guitar jams. It's fire pit season again. Our Thursday nights will be a time to prepare for the challenges of the coming year and the chairs that we must fill. We will continue with the work we are doing on our building and property and together we will beautify our lodge. We will begin to expand our charity to our community and our larger masonic family. We will revisit our five-year plan and renew our dedication to fulfilling the goals we have set for ourselves. We will Hold true to our commitment to guarding the west gate and will remain faithful to our lodge and each other. Change may be a constant in the universe, so is our ability to adapt to it, we are Freemasons and our fidelity is one thing that does not change.

Fraternally and Respectfully,  
WM Darin Sanden PM

## Senior Wardens Message for October



Brethren,

Before I get into the normal Senior Warden stuff... be sure to plan ahead for the October Stated Meeting Dinner. I am, as in previous years, doing an Octoberfest-themed dinner featuring bratwurst, pork ribs w/sauerkraut and dumplings, red cabbage salad, apple sauce, herb-roasted red potatoes, and potato soup. If you care to bring a dessert, dark bread, or a fine Bavarian beverage, well, that would be very fine!

We are nearing the time for election of officers and officer qualifications. I am very happy with the progress that has been made by our up-and-coming officer line over the previous months, with a special call-out to brothers Rob York and Raymond Cano for their exceptional dedication to learning and delivering their lectures! Well done, brothers! For those of you who are just beginning your Masonic officer path, always look ahead to the next chair and begin preparations early. With the travel schedules many of our brothers have, we need to be able to fit in wherever needed. I used to call brother Sims my "utility infielder" who could fit in almost anywhere. Look to his example, my brothers, and be prepared to step in wherever needed. That is a purpose of learning long form proficiencies, to prepare or cross-train men to step up.

Speaking of proficiencies, kudos to brother Joey Buice on his recent proficiency, he's a fast-mover and will soon be prepared for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason! I'd like to be able to field a full roster for that, so if you are interested in a particular part, contact me.

Fraternally,  
TC Dowden, PM

## Junior Wardens Message for October



## LODGE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ONLINE

This is a FREE Series of courses designed to give every mason the essential skills necessary for Lodge and Hall Association Operations. Help build a stronger lodge and hall. Learn the basics of managing your lodge and hall association.

## *Our Fraternal Ties*



Worshipful Joseph Romero PM was presented with a Golden Veterans Award at Los Altos Masonic Lodge #712 on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Celebrating 50

years of Service to our fraternity. Worshipful Joe Romero has a distinction of being a 5x Past Master four of which were as Master of Yucca Valley Lodge and past member of Desert Valley Chapter OES, and Member of High Desert Shrine Club. His tireless devotion to our fraternity has touched many of our lives.



Dear Sisters and brothers,

September is flying by, and our fraternal year is coming to a close. In September we had a great meeting, the theme was School Days and a welcome back to all members following our Summer vacations I hope everyone took an opportunity to escape the summer heat to visit family and friends. I had Joe DuPont as my acting Worthy Patron, Our Deputy Grand Matron, Janet West, was there as well as several sisters from around the district. It has been a busy month, preparing for the coming year and renewing ties with old friends and making new friends. On Saturday the 21st of September, Yucca Valley Lodge held an Open House and Pancake Breakfast, and invited us to share our OES experience



with the community, and on September 26th at Orange Masonic Lodge we learned who to expect as the Grand Chapter officers and the Deputy Grand Matrons will be for 2020.

The Yucca Valley Lodge is having dinner at 6 pm on October 3rd. Our next Desert Valley Chapter meeting is October 5th. This month we will be electing our officers for the coming year, and look forward to the election of two new candidates into our order. Galaxy club will begin taking orders for Holiday baked foods. It is also Election of Officers. The Grand Chapter Annual Session will be from October 23rd to 26th and eight members of the chapter will be heading to Visalia. Stay happy and healthy. See you soon.

God bless you all,  
Barbara Wiley, W.M.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
As your Masonic Outreach coordinator, I would like to invite you to an informational meeting about Masonic

Outreach Services,(MOS) on

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, at Yucca Valley Lodge.**

I will be sharing information about services that are available to Masons **and their families**, and how you can receive them.

If you have questions or concerns or would like to speak to me directly, I am available by phone, 760 831 0854.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Fraternally,  
Marlene White

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Menu: Filet Mignon or Chicken

Salad, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

Ticket are \$25 / RSVP by September 29th to [hiramaward@gmail.com](mailto:hiramaward@gmail.com) or 951-265-7717

## Flying Saucer Study Group (FSSG)

The FSSG is a local group of likeminded individuals who are interested in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and other related phenomena. Will be meeting at Yucca Valley Masonic Lodge on Thursday, October 10, 2019



For more information visit <https://www.meetup.com/FLYING-SAUCCER-STUDY-GROUP/>

## “Sprig of Acacia,”

For at least two hundred years and probably much longer the sprig of acacia has held Freemasonry’s premier teaching. The grave is not the end. Bodies die and decay, but something “which bears the nearest affinity to that which pervades all nature and which never, never, dies,” rises from the grave to become one of that vast throng which has preceded us. Error can slay, as can evil and selfish greed, but not permanently. That which is true and fair and fine cannot be destroyed. Its body may be murdered, its disappearance may be effected, the rubbish of the Temple and a temporary grave may conceal it for a time, but where is interred that which is mortal, there grows an evergreen or ever living sprig of acacia — acacia none the less that it may be a spiritual sprig, a plant not of the earth. For never a man has seen the spirit of one who has gone, or visioned the land where no shadows are. If we see it in our dreams, we see by faith, not eyes. But we can see the acacia — we can look back through the dragging years to the legend of Osiris and think that even as the acacia grew about his body to protect it until Isis might find it, so does the acacia of Freemasonry bloom above the casket from which, in the solemn words of Ecclesiastes “the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”



[Carl H. Claudy, “Sprig of Acacia,” Short Talk Bulletin Vol. X No. 11 – November 1932]

## *LODGE CALENDARS*

1 Oct, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
1 Oct, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
3 Oct, Thu	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Dinner and Stated Meeting
3 Oct, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education
5 Oct, Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
5 Oct, Sat	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting - Election of 2020 Officers
7 Oct, Mon	6 – 10:00pm	OM735 Dinner and Stated Meeting
8 Oct, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
8 Oct, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
9 Oct, Wed	11am – 2pm	Daughters of Nile Meeting
10 Oct, Thu	7 – 9pm	Flying Saucer Study Group @ YV802
12 Oct, Sat	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Breakfast
12 Oct, Sat	6 – 9pm	OSI - DESERT DAYLIGHT LODGE
15 Oct, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
15 Oct, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
17 Oct, Thu	6:30 – 7:30pm	YV802 Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) Presentation
22 Oct, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
22 Oct, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
24 Oct, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Masonic Education
26 Oct, Sat	4 – 7pm	Palm Springs - Past Masters 3rd Degree
29 Oct, Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Hall Association Meeting
29 Oct, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
31 Oct, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Lodge Trunk-or-Treat!
2 Nov, Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
2 Nov, Sat	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting
4 Nov, Mon	6 – 10:00pm	OM735 Dinner and 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 Dinner and Stated Meeting

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



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Exercise your mind.

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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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