

The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard

September 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 September

My Brothers,

As we get back to work, I would hope everyone had a good restful break. Our first order of business for this month is to present the resolutions for voting at the Annual Communication this year. I would like to send a representative to experience Grand Lodge this year and carry our votes. We will discuss them this month and vote next month. If you would like to get a head start, the resolutions can be found on the Grand Lodge's website.

We will also pick up our study group again. I have a couple great topics for this month that may take more than one week to accomplish them. I would also like to hear from you as to what questions you may have so that we can get answers as a masonic family and not so much the Master is not just giving you topics that may satisfy you but not intrigue your masonic learning. Our first study session will resume on the 17th.

If you have not done so as of yet, I implore you to sign up for our lodge app. It is a great tool for communicating brother to brother, and seeing the lodge happenings without waiting for the trestle board to come out. The link is included in this issue of the Trestle Board.

Let us continue to support our sister lodges as they support us. We are one big family of brothers who should if possible, answer all calls from each other.

Travel well brothers
Thomas Johnson, PM



Senior Wardens Message for September

Hope all of our brothers have enjoyed the summer months and I am personally looking forward to the upcoming cooler months. Other than our Stated Meeting on August 5th, our lodge has been pretty quiet. This month of September we will get back to our Stated Meeting

Dinner, our breakfast on the second Saturday of the month and our Tuesday meetings.

This is all for now. Hope good things to all of our brothers and families

Fraternally

Cory Adrian



Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802

Masters Message for September

Brothers, Friends,

Yucca Valley Lodge is once again thriving. Our vibrations are high and our brotherhood is strong. We look



now to the future. As we continue to attract good men and true to our gentle craft, we must remain ever vigilant and stay the course of our five-year plan as it stands and we must also continue to advance our plan into the next five years and beyond. We look now to what our lodge can offer us all as friends and family in the way of activities, fund raisers, social events, etc. We have some great ideas for a number of these types of events and gatherings that will strengthen our bonds of fraternal friendship and we are always looking for your input and participation. We have been enjoying music on Tuesday fellowship nights as well as some deep water discussions on esoteric insights and masonic education. I can honestly share with all of you that I have had to put on my water wings a few times as we dove into the deep side of the pond. It has been a true pleasure participating with my brothers in these mind and spirit stretching conversations. As we go forward into the future, I know that we will continue on this path of enlightenment and that our education nights well continue to inspire and educate us if not in the least give us much to ponder upon. Our diners have been enjoying great turn out as well as our First Saturday breakfasts and I must say that the bar has been raised for our culinary expectations. If you have not been to visit lodge in a while, I do highly recommend that you find an opportunity to do so. Come by and get to know our new members and enjoy a hearty meal with us. If you have a problem with transportation please get a hold of myself or our Senior

Warden, we will assist in finding reliable and safe transportation for you. We are still working on a few projects around the lodge including running some phone and electrical wire under our drive, new paint on our trim and window sills, we have had our roof patched (by a professional this time), and we will soon start to do more beautification projects around the lodge both inside and out. I would love to see us design some new landscaping and garden projects and am open to ideas from our members and our OES sister and brothers. The lodge is our home away from home and it is also a home away from home for visitors and friend. I am very excited to see that we are taking pride in it and working to improve its luster and appeal.

I cannot stress enough how thrilled I am with the direction our lodge is taking and the fine work our officers are doing. Our meeting has never been so inspiring and engaging. Our ritual work is as good as it has ever been and our chairs are nearly full with well qualified officers. We will continue to hone our craft and carry the light of Freemasonry into the future proudly. Thank you all for the hard work you have all done and for working through even our unscheduled spur of the moment degrees that kept us all on our toes. I am especially proud of the proficiency work that our candidates have been done. Every degree has been returned in long form with excellence.

As long as we continue to carry the light our future is oh so bright.

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



Senior Wardens Message for September

Brothers,

Once again, I have to say that I am so pleased with where we are as a Lodge!

On short notice, we got together a full in-house second degree for Brothers Joey Buice and Vince Gantz. Let me say that again... an in-house second degree on two weeks' notice! And to add to that, preparing for a first degree on the 29th! I can recall a time when this Lodge would go an entire year without doing a second degree, let alone do a double within a week of an initiation. My heart swells with pride over where we are now. Every brother should also take pride in that, as we attract those who align with our intentions.



One segment of the five-year plan was to increase the proficiencies of each officer to cover all the bases and fit in as needed to support our degrees.

That's what gets accomplished with every member performing a long form proficiency; the basics are already covered for each degree. On that, I want to specifically call out a hearty

Bravo Zulu (that's Navy speak for "well done, shipmate") to Bro.

Raymond Cano for stepping up to the plate and learning the Senior Deacon's part in the second degree in two weeks, and then performing it in an exceptional manner! By the time you read this, brother Rob York will have performed the Master's lecture in long form, a great accomplishment as well. Way to go, brother Rob!

We have more first degrees coming up in the coming months as we have new prospects finding us and we finding them in sync with us. Keep working the ritual, brothers. We are setting an example for other Lodges in our District. As we said in the plan, we are establishing a reputation for excellence and meaning in our degree work. I could not be more proud of where we are going, brothers.

V/R

TC Dowden

Yucca Valley Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner – September 5th

Masters Surprise



Our Fraternal Ties



Congratulations to our newly raised Brothers, Joey Buice and Vince Gantz

Welcome Brother , Michael A. Neiiendam Yucca Valley's 'youngest' entered apprentice mason.



Worshipful Joseph Romero PM will be presented with a Golden Veterans Award at Los Altos Masonic Lodge #712 on September 30th. Celebrating 50 years of Service to our fraternity. Worshipful Joe Romero is a 4x Past Master of Yucca Valley Lodge and Past Patron of Desert Valley Chapter OES.



The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Members of
Desert Daylight Lodge – California Masons F & A.M.

Proudly announce that



James L. Ridley, PM

named the recipient of the most distinguished

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For his extraordinary service to his Lodge and Freemasonry



Sunday - October 6th, 2019 at Hemet/San Jacinto Masonic Lodge

150 Lauren Street, Hemet, California 92543

Horderves at 2:00 pm - Program starts at 3:00 pm (Dinner to follow)

Menu: Filet Mignon or Chicken

Salad, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

Ticket are \$25 / RSVP by September 29th to hiramaward@gmail.com or 951-265-7717



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T a s s e l , t e s s e l , t a r s e l , t e s s e l l a t e d ?

July 2018~ *TheResearchLodge.org*

By Guest Editor Bro. Bryan Godwin

In California Masonic ritual we learn that the “Indented Tessel” is a representation of the tessellated border which skirted the pavement of King Solomon’s Temple, and is emblematic of the blessings of the Great Architect that surround us. Many of us take this lesson to heart, and presume that this border has in fact always been and always will be a part of Masonic ritual.

Masonic ritual is the world’s oldest and largest game of telephone. Through centuries of oral traditions that span the entire globe, many of our words and symbols have transmogrified through the ages. Even our own revered “Perfect Ashlar” got its start as a completely different word and symbol, the perpend ashlar, which was an oblong stone that laid perpendicularly across other bricks to strengthen a wall. The indented tessel is no different.

In early English Masonic exposés we see at least five different words alluding to the same concept: tassel, tessel, tarsel, tessellated and even indented trestle. We know from engravings and woodcuts of initiation ceremonies of the 16th and 17th centuries, that the symbols of our order were marked out in chalk, and that these symbols were at times surrounded by a cord, sometimes wavy, sometimes knotted, sometimes with tufts or tassels attached to it. It is very likely that each of these words is a corruption of the prior, or a mix of both.

Dr. Albert Mackey, in his Encyclopedia, says this of the issue: “the gradual steps of corruption and change from the original name indented tassel, which the early French Masons had literally translated by *houpe dentelée* to indented tarsel, and sometimes ... to indented trasel, and then to tassellated border, and, finally, to tessellated border, the name which it now bears. The form and the meaning of the symbol are now apparent. The tessellated border, as it is called, is a cord decorated with tassels, which surrounds the tracing-board of an Entered Apprentice, the said tracing-board being a representation of the Lodge, and it symbolizes the bond of love—the mystic tie—which binds the Craft wheresoever dispersed into one band of Brotherhood.”

While we may never know if the black and white triangulated border of our current ritual was formed with intent, or with the erosion of time and language, it is important to focus on the thing that is symbolized, rather than the symbol itself. Be it a cord that binds us into a sacred

union, or the stones surrounding King Solomon’s temple, it is the spirit of the symbolism that matters, and both are a blessing.

What do Chalk, Charcoal and Clay have to do with the Mosaic Pavement?

Consider, for example, the color of these elements. The first—chalk—is pure white, the second is one of the blackest substances known, while the third is often gray, although there are other colors.

The first two should remind us of the earlier symbol of the mosaic pavement, which depicted life as checkered with good and evil, represented by black and white tiles. But at this point in the lecture, the more profound lesson is taught that the world we live in and on—our “mother earth”—is neither black nor white, but gray. Gray symbolizes that the moral choices we are likely to confront are not going to be so easily decided as if they were obviously black or white. Moreover, its association with the third element, which is said to be constantly employed for our use, teaches us that these moral choices and dilemmas are constantly before us. This should prepare the newly entered Mason to receive the philosophical instruction coming in the subsequent degrees that will assist him in resolving these challenges.

[Excerpted from Roger M. Firestone, 33°,

“Pondering the Three Elements in the EA Degree,” *Scottish Rite Journal of Freemasonry*, July-August 2010.]



LODGE CALENDARS

September

Constitutional Observance Month Masonic Lodge Open House

2 Sep Mon	All day	Labor Day
3 Sep Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
3 Sep Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship/Practice
5 Sep Thu	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
7 Sep Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Breakfast
7 Sep Sat	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting
9 Sep Mon	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Dinner
9 Sep Mon	7:30 – 10pm	OM735 Stated Meeting
10 Sep Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship/Practice
11 Sep Wed	11am – 2pm	Daughters of Nile
12 Sep Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship/Practice
14 Sep Sat	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Breakfast
17 Sep Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship/Practice
17 Sep Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
19 Sep Thu	6 – 9pm	OSI Yucca Valley
21 Sep Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Open House
24 Sep Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship/Practice
24 Sep Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice
26 Sep Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship/Practice
26 Sep Thu	6 – 6:30pm	YV802 Hall Association Meeting
1 Oct Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship/Practice
1 Oct Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Practice

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



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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.

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

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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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