

# *The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard*

January 2020



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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## Oasis of Mara #735

### Masters Message for January

Good day brothers.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and I wish everyone a great New Year.

Last month on December 14th our Oasis of Mara Lodge had our 2020 Installation.

Thank you to everyone who attended. I would like to thank Worshipful Joe Romero for being our installing officer, Thank you to Worshipful JB Carrol for being the Master of Ceremonies and Thank you to Worshipful Joe Dupont for being our Chaplain.

Also I want to thank Worshipful Joe Dupont for managing our Trestleboard.

On January 6 we have our first 2020 Stated Meeting at 730 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm and it will consist of Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Pie for dessert. That Saturday January 10th we will also have breakfast from 8am to 10 am. We are performing a Master Mason degree for Brother Mark Federspiel on Tuesday January 28th at 630 pm. Our practices for this event will be January 14th and January 21st which both are on a Tuesday. I invite all of our brothers from our district and abroad to attend Brother Marks special night.

This all for now. Have a great month of January and I pray great things for our Masonic Brothers and their families.

Fraternally

Cory Adrian

Master Oasis of Mara Lodge 735





## Senior Wardens Message for January

Greetings, brethren:

It appears, God willing, that I now have pretty well recovered from my illnesses last year. Now all that's wrong with me is an accumulation of years.

Therefore, I'll try to be vigorous in performing my duties.

As your new Senior Warden there are several things I need to address, and I hope to touch them all; but for now, these are the ones that are foremost in my mind:

- The SW is an *Ad Hoc* member of the Temple Board. As such, I'll be happy to forward, or care for any concerns you may have about the operation of the Lodge building and facilities. The nice thing for me about it is that the actual members of the Board can choose to ignore my input, with due regard to the Master's guidance.
- A primary responsibility of the SW is the supervision/guidance and scheduling of proficiencies of candidates. As of now, I am aware of FC Brother Marc, and EA Brother Matt needing to move up. In addition to them if any brother wishes to provide "suitable assistance" to these or any future candidates, I'll gladly plug you in.

And I think all of our MM have passed their proficiency. If I'm wrong, please bring me up to speed.

- For the next month or so, if he wishes, I'll offer my assistance to Brother Sam, our new Junior Warden, in getting out at least one or two of the monthly meals. In that regard, I'm extremely reluctant to publish a menu a week or more in advance, simply because I never know what the weekly specials at the supermarket will be (except for special observances like St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas). By taking advantage of those specials I can save the Lodge at least twenty and sometimes as much as forty dollars or more. If you would rather have certainty when you sit down to the table, please let me know.
- It seems that with each accession of a new Master, the new Master gets at least a couple of 'phone calls from a brother (?) Guy. He speaks with a strong French accent and complains that nobody here will include him in Masonic activity even though no one of his description appears



on our roster. If you hear from “brother” Guy, please pass along to WM Adrian any information (especially his name and address) you get or give.

I’ll send more thoughts in the coming months. In the meantime, call/email/catch me on the street if there is anything you’d like to pass on.

Philip Fultz  
Senior Warden



## Yucca Valley Lodge #802

### Masters Message for January

Brothers, friends,

I hope you all had a warm and pleasant holiday season, and may we all enjoy the blessings of a new

year.

The coming year promises new growth and the strengthening of our fraternal ties.

We will begin the year by passing a comprehensive budget designed to start offsetting our expenses by organizing more fun and inclusive fund-raising events and activities that will help us cover the costs of our fraternal and community outreach efforts. We will continue working on our ritual and the mastery of our craft. The craft of building friendship and brotherly love, family, self, and community.

We will raise two new Master Masons. The first on Jan. 16th, the second soon after. We will see others passed and initiated as the year progresses.

Our Installation of Officers will be an open ceremony on Jan 18th at 12pm with lunch offered at 1pm for a suggested donation of \$5.00.

Welcome to the new decade the roaring 20's. Here are a few quotes from a century ago

“What is the meaning of life? That was all- a simple question; one that tended to close in on one with years, the great revelation had never come. The great revelation perhaps never did come. Instead, there were little daily miracles, illuminations, matches struck unexpectedly in the dark; here was one.” Virginia Wolf, “To the Lighthouse”



“To learn one must be humble. But life is the great teacher.”  
James Joyce “Ulysses”

Happy New Year.

Fraternally,  
WM Darin Sanden PM



### **Senior Wardens Message for January**

Brothers,

Happy new year! We now enter the Masonic year of 6020, and with it we have plenty to accomplish. We have a third degree for Joey Buice to do, an installation on the 18th, and then another third degree for Mike Neiiandam to do! These degrees are vitally important to our lodge, brothers. The Master Mason degree is the final step in making a man a Mason and it is pivotal to his development. It teaches lessons taught by allegory that round out the Masonic journey. Right now, we do not have a full complement of Masons to do the degrees ourselves. We do have enough local Masons, but too many are inactive. We've mustered enough to do the degrees on our own previously, but with the departure of some key brothers, we're short. If you are a Master Mason reading this and you're not scheduled to take part, please step up to the plate. Even if you aren't prepared to take part in the degree, be there for our brothers who are being raised. Its important to them to have participation and sideliners to take part. OK, enough of that for now.



For those of you who are still working your proficiency on another degree, keep at it! Perseverance and practice are

the keys. Learn the words, but more importantly, learn the meanings and lessons. That's what the degrees are meant for after all.

Well, I'll see you at the practices. Let's make these degrees memorable!

Fraternally,  
TC Dowden, PM  
Senior Warden

**Secretary's Message for January**



As Installation of Officers looms in the rapidly closing distance and my replacement as Secretary, I would like to thank all of you that have given of your time and support to get the job of the Secretary done. It has been almost two years: First as Assistant Secretary and then as Secretary. I have enjoyed that time and appreciate your effort greatly.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to remind you that your 2020 dues are due on the first day of January and it goes without saying, that your lodge needs that support. To date, six members have submitted their dues. Your dues are the primary source of income for your lodge. It is also true that the Grand Lodge of California levies an annual per capita tax for each member as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June each year and the lodge has to pay that tax whether you have paid your dues or not. Other expenses such as rent, educational materials and training of the Wardens and the Secretary are necessary as well. Please take the time to pay your dues and maintain yourself in good standing.



Fraternally,  
Steve Leazer PM



# Our Fraternal Ties



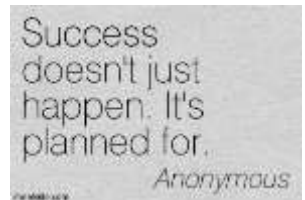
Krista and I join with all of the Members of Desert Valley Chapter of Eastern Star in wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Excitement is in the air can you feel it? We will be starting this year with a LOT of activities to start the new year off right. On Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be practicing the initiation ceremony in preparation for Our meeting Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> because we will be conducting the initiation of a new member into our order, again this month.

Then on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> everyone is encouraged to attend the AMI (All Member Instruction) in Ontario. This is a full day of learning, generously sprinkled with socializing, food, and fun. I hope everyone is able to attend.

2020 is considered “perfect vision”, which inspires me to suggest that this year will be a good time to shape a vision for the future, and put it into action, so it becomes more than a dream. It means work and no doubt sacrifices, but when the vision becomes reality its worth it.

I encourage all of our members to find that perfect vision for their own lives, families, and our fraternity. Then do what is needed to make it reality.



Fraternally,  
Krista McVey  
Worthy Matron

Joe DuPont  
Worthy Patron

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is looking forward to starting a new year.

Please remember to reach out to your members who may not be able to come to meetings so that they can still feel part of their Lodge or Chapter.

Remember if they need assistance the Masonic Outreach Services are there for them. Maybe they just need a ride to meetings and someone from the Lodge/Chapter can give them a ride. I can be reached at 760 831 0854 or you can leave a message at that number and I will get back to you.

Your Masonic Outreach Representative,  
Marlene White



**Journey to Israel and the masonic world conference**

*Join John and Dana Trauner on the Grand Master's Tour of Israel and the World Conference May 21-June 3, 2020*

## THE TWO ST JOHN'S

Among American Freemasons there are two festivals in the Masonic calendar. The Feast of St. John, the Baptist, is celebrated on June 24th and the Feast of St. John, the Evangelist, on December 27th.

The two dates fall at the time of the summer and winter when the sun attains its greatest north or south declination when it apparently stands still for a short time before turning in its course. These are known as the summer and winter solstices.

Why is it that Masonry has chosen these two men as patrons? Why are Masonic lodges dedicated to them? Why do Masons hold celebrations in their honor each year? Were the Saints John Freemasons?

Before answering these questions, let us review a bit of ancient history. Before the days of Christianity, the early Greeks and Romans dedicated their temples and sacred things to some god. To the ancients the sun was the source of power. They observed the course of the sun through the year and knew that at one period the sun brought them warmth, new vegetation, bountiful crops and with it all, a new source of energy and hope. Then the sun, after a fruitful season, left them and they felt the cold, the grains in the field failed to flourish, and all nature seemed to sleep. The ancients knew that, after due time, the friendly sun in its cycle would come back to them bringing again light, warmth, food and hope.

Is it any wonder that these people worshipped the sun as a god? Even today people the world over, revere the sun and welcome its warmth, and even travel to follow it during the cold and dark winter months.

It is significant to note that the two festival days of the Saints John fall at these two seasons - first when the sun is nearest, and second, when the sun has reached its northern-most summit and again turns toward the south.

People in the early ancient days had their organizations and guilds even as we do today and dedicated them to a pagan god for protection. The worshipping of the sun or other deities had so permeated mankind that when Christianity was introduced to the world the church found it was impossible to stop the people from such pagan celebrations. It was natural to feel the need for adopting some patron for protection. The church therefore consecrated its churches to God and wisely substituted the names of its saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the same practice.

### **St. John, the Baptist**

Why did the Freemasons choose St. John, the Baptist, as patron? One would suppose that they would name some outstanding person. But, St.

John, the Baptist, was a humble man, a plain man who held, above all, his obligations to God and, with almost unbelievable steadfastness, met martyrdom. He continually preached repentance - and virtue - and humiliation.

Yes, the early freemasons chose well in selecting such a man as St. John, the Baptist, as a patron of Freemasonry!

**St. John, the Evangelist**

For a long period only St. John, the Baptist, was patron saint of Freemasonry. It was not until after the 16th century that St John, the Evangelist, was also adopted as a patron. The "Old Charges" of Freemasonry speak of St. John, the Evangelist, as a "Saint of the Craft." He was constantly admonishing the cultivation of brotherly love. Of all the gospels, The Gospel of St. John is the most Masonic for the central theme is LIGHT. It portrays God as "the Light of the World."

Lodges Dedicated to the Holy Saints John

Lodges then came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John and it is interesting to note that the early Masons were called "St. John's Masons" or "St. John's Men."

It matters not whether the two Saints John were actually members of the Masonic fraternity. But they have been called the patrons of the fraternity down through the ages because they have exemplified the principles of Freemasonry in their

daily lives by their deeds and their words. These two humble men did not engage in any of the pomp and glory of the world.

It is because Masonry regards the character and internal qualifications of a man - not the exterior appearances - that these two men are fittingly called the patrons of this great fraternity. They possessed those internal qualifications that made the TRUE MAN. Masonry honors them above all others for they were the living examples of the Golden Rule, the practice of virtue, love for their fellow-men and love for their God.



## **LODGE CALENDARS**

<b>1 Jan Wed</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>New Year's Day 2020</b>
2 Jan Thu	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
4 Jan Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
<b>4 Jan Sat</b>	<b>11am – 2pm</b>	<b>Desert Valley OES Meeting</b>
6 Jan Mon	6 – 9pm	OM735 Stated Meeting & Dinner
7 Jan Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
<b>8 Jan Wed</b>	<b>11am – 2pm</b>	<b>Daughters of Nile</b>
9 Jan Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 Degree Practice 3rd
11 Jan Sat	8 – 10am	OM735 Lodge Breakfast
11 Jan Sat	9am – 1pm	YV802 Lodge Cleanup - All Hands
14 Jan Tue	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 3rd Degree practice.
16 Jan Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 3rd degree ceremony
18 Jan Sat	12 – 2pm	<a href="#"><u>YV802 Lodge Installation of Officers</u></a>
<b>20 Jan Mon</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>
21 Jan Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
23 Jan Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 Fellowship/Degree practice
28 Jan Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
30 Jan Thu	6 – 6:30pm	YV802 Hall Association Meeting
30 Jan Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 Fellowship/Degree practice
1 Feb Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
<b>1 Feb Sat</b>	<b>11am – 2pm</b>	<b>Desert Valley OES Meeting</b>
3 Feb Mon	6 – 9pm	OM735 Stated Meeting & Dinner
4 Feb Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
6 Feb Thu	6 – 9:30pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
6 Feb Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 Fellowship/Degree practice
8 Feb Sat	8 – 10am	OM735 Lodge Breakfast
11 Feb Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
<b>12 Feb Wed</b>	<b>11am – 2pm</b>	<b>Daughters of Nile</b>
13 Feb Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 Fellowship/Degree practice
<b>14 Feb Fri</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Valentine's Day</b>
<b>17 Feb Mon</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Presidents Day</b>
18 Feb Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
20 Feb Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 Fellowship/Degree practice
25 Feb Tue	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship
27 Feb Thu	6 – 6:30pm	YV802 Hall Association Meeting
27 Feb Thu	6:30 – 9pm	YV802 Fellowship/Degree 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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### From the Editor

The Trestleboard is for our masonic family. Share generously.

The Trestleboard is not only intended to inform members but also create interest in Masonic events within our local community. I encourage all organizations in our masonic family to submit articles and pictures about what they have going on.

If you receive the Trestleboard by email you might have noticed there are links to additional information.

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