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OASIS OF MARA LODGE # 735

YUCCA VALLEY LODGE # 802

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Oasis of Mara #735

Masters Message for June

Good day brothers,
Doing trestle board entries again means that we are one step closer to being back to normal and soon hopefully our lodges will be back open.

All of us got familiar with the zoom app. It has been a great tool to keep in touch and take care of business. I thank the brothers for participating and we are realizing that we are more computer literate when we thought.

Since this pandemic we had lost our Senior Warden, PM Phil Fultz. He was a great man and a great attribute to our lodge. He had a wealth of knowledge on so many things I personally don't think I will ever acquire in my lifetime. When our lodge opens a first priority will be performing a masonic lodge service for our departed brother.

Thank you to all the lodges in our district for coming together and always being supportive of one another.

This is all for now brothers. I hope great things for our brothers and families and enjoy this month of June.

Fraternally,

Cory Adrian

Master Oasis of Mara Lodge 735



Yucca Valley Lodge #802

Masters Message for June

Brothers, Friends,

I have not been able to find the words as of late to inspire and direct our lodge. I apologize for that. These times have been so very trying for so many and we as Masons and caring men can often allow our own emotions to become disheartened. We are all trying our best to stay connected in our own ways. Some of us make it point to call and talk with at least one brother every week. Some of us have been on conference calls and Zoom meetings together.



We have joined other lodges on their Zoom meetings and some of us have taken the time to visit and aid each other with projects around the house. I know we are all patiently waiting for our lodge to reopen. As soon as we get the OK from the GL we will hit the ground running with meaningful degrees and our Stated Meetings.

These times have also shown us the frustrations in our society and the results of what some call tyrannical over reach and unjust force of Law. the peoples reaction to what we have seen lately is a violent reminder that civility in society is not easily maintained. The world needs Masonry more than ever. We need to be men of Light and Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. Each of these cardinal virtues must work together with the Mason's heart and conscious to maintain civility and a calm demeanor while the world around us becomes so charged in outrage. It is OK for us to join our communities in protest to injustice. It is OK for us to seek resolve to these issues and a change to the evils that cause such injustice to occur, yet we must not allow further injustice to be our path. We must use compassion to commiserate with our fellow man. We must always seek to find the path of peace and civility in our protest and we must diligently defend those who can not defend themselves.

May the GAOTU keep us all safe in these troubling times.

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



Senior Wardens Message for June

Brothers,

I'm hoping and praying that the ban on meeting will be over soon as this Wuhan COVID virus winds down. As far as I know, we were unaffected in our Masonic family by the virus itself, yet many were effected by the economic shut-down enacted by the state government. As the state is entering Phase 3 of the recovery, we may be able to meet again by the next Stated Meeting date. Let's all hope that that will be the case. As I understand it, the Grand Lodge's distressed brother program has helped out with a number of you, which makes me even prouder of our institution.

As I mentioned last month, we will be having degrees to do once the shut down is lifted, so be sure to keep refreshing yourselves on the ritual. I realize that many of you have been busy enough just trying to get by in these uncertain times, but re-reading the ritual or doing other Masonic studies can have a calming effect and remind you of the lessons of the ritual and obligations.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Be well. Be strong. Be positive. This too shall pass!

Bro. TC Dowden, PM
Senior Warden

Our Fraternal Ties



Masonic Outreach Services Representative

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



I hope this finds everyone doing well. I very much miss seeing and visiting with you.

As your Masonic Outreach Services Ambassador (MOS) I have not had any needs brought to my attention. There are programs available to you to help with any hardships you may have because of COVID-19. Please feel free to contact me about concerns you may have.

I also would like to say THANK YOU to all the Brothers and Sisters who have been helping their Masonic Brothers and Sisters. You are a true example of what Masonry is all about!!

My contact information is as follows:
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Virtual Hugs (cause we all need them)
Marlene White



Desert Valley Chapter 602 OES

Sisters and Brothers,

We cannot encourage our members enough to keep safe during this time. We miss meeting with all of you in person and look forward to the time when it

will be possible again.

While it is not possible for all of us to gather and celebrated together, we can continue to support each other. The Chapter Telephone Committee is actively reaching out to members to ensure they are doing well and help access assistance if needed. We encourage all of you pick up the phone and call a sister or brother often, show that you are thinking of them see how they are doing and spend a little time socializing. Your call could be the medicine they need to overcome feelings of isolation during this time, and the effect goes both ways. For many of us Online social gatherings are something we never imagined or have had any interest in, right now is a good time to have an adventure you never imagined. Zoom meetings are easy to join and can be a lot of fun, A “smart” cell phone with a camera, and good data plan is enough to get started. A Computer, camera, and an internet connection make it even better.

Social events and activities have shifted to the online world, what we cannot do in person we can do in the virtual environment than so we can come together at least in a virtual sense. Remember that none of us are alone, we are all part of a fraternal family and there are sisters and brothers available to spend a little time with. Most of our social calendars are open, we have time to do all the things we have been putting off. Brighten someone else’s day and brighten your own at the same time. Work on a project that was set aside until there was more time. Study our ritual work, learn something new every day.

Finally, we ask everyone to remember those who are working to contain and eliminate the threat we face and those that have been affected directly. Keep them in your prayers. This will pass and we hope to see all of you again very soon in person.

Star Love to you all,

Krista McVey

Worthy Matron

Joe DuPont

Worthy Patron

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Need a distraction? DOWN THE MASONIC RABBIT HOLE

If, like many of us, you suddenly find yourself stuck at home with a lot more time on your hands, you may be looking for any diversion you can find. In which case, there's a whole world—or rather Internet—of Masonic blogs, videos, articles, and journals to peruse.

In the interest of lending our brothers a hand, we've rounded up some of our favorite online Masonic resources, from both the Masons of California library and from elsewhere in our Masonic universe, to help you kill a few hours—or days. See something you think we should add to the list? Drop us a line at communications@freemason.org or give us a holler on [Facebook](#). Happy reading!

- View past issues of **California Freemason** magazine and catch up with what's happening in the fraternity at the CFM homepage. **VISIT:** [California Freemason Digital Edition](#)
- Check out the Masons of California's **video archive** of Masonic Education programs through freemason.org: **VISIT:** [Masonic Education Videos](#)
- The **Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum** of Freemasonry serves as a research source for Masons, academic scholars, and others who wish to explore the history of Freemasonry in California. **VISIT:** [Henry Wilson Coil Digital Library](#)
- [The Southern California Research Lodge](#) has published their Masonic education publication *Fraternal Review* for over six decades. More recently, they've launched a new Masonic podcast. VISIT their channel [here](#).
- Keepers of the Word is an esoteric Masonic study blog—hosted by Masons based in San Pedro—that discusses a wide variety of cultures and Masonic practices. VISIT: [Keepers of the World](#)
- The Midnight Freemasons are a group of Master Masons from various states that discuss different topics of Masonic interest—each from their own unique perspective. READ: [Midnight Freemasons Blog](#)

- Interested in Masonry outside of California? Learn about other Grand Lodges using the “Grand Lodge of the Month” section of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Grand Lodge of California was featured back in 2018. VISIT: [GW National Masonic Memorial Website](#)
 - If esoteric knowledge is your goal, this documentary follows the progress of Freemasonry from its earliest beginnings right up to the present day. WATCH: [Freemasonry: Tracking the Code](#)
 - The United Grand Lodge of England’s Museum of Freemasonry offers an online catalogue for Masonic research that includes various objects of Masonic interest, from 18th-century song-books to jewels owned by King Edward VII. VISIT: [UGLE Online Museum Catalogue](#)
 - The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library hosts a superb blog that includes all sorts of interesting Masonic archival finds and historical nuggets. VISIT: [Scottish Rite Museum Blog](#)
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LODGE CALENDARS

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in California

All Masonic Organization Meetings have been suspended until further notice.

This includes all members of Masonic Orders within the Jurisdiction of California. For the Time being we are forced to get inventive and tap into technology.

While we go through this trouble don’t forget to practice Freemasonry outside the lodge. Stay in touch with lodge members and keep you families safe.

Watch your email, the Lodge App, Facebook, Lodge Website, and call 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.

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

<http://1sudoku.com>

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The Trestleboard is for our masonic family. It is not only intended to inform members of upcoming and past events, but also create interest in Masonic events within our local community. I encourage all organizations in our masonic family to include articles and information about public events as well as keeping their own members informed.

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