

# *The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard*



*October 2018*

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 October

I'll begin this month's Trestleboard by asking every member of the Lodge to examine his Masonic outlook and determine his strengths and weaknesses, as well as his preferences and dislikes. It is time and past time for Oasis of Mara Lodge #735, Free and Accepted Masons to make a concerted effort to make an impression on our city and community.



Examine the weekly newspaper, the Desert Trail, and you will find all manner of community service projects presented every week. They are sponsored by churches, educational groups, nonprofit organizations, as well as ordinary, concerned citizens. None of these groups has a lock on organizational skills, commitment, or intelligence. Yet each is doing good work in the community and being recognized for that good work. We need to join those groups.

That is where the examination comes in. When each of us has made clear what he can do and what he wants to do (they are not necessarily the same thing) he and we need to enlist in a undertaking that we can do well, and effectively. Obvious possibilities have to do with assisting the five public schools in our city; helping the indigent; and addressing issues like renewing downtown. Each of us also can determine not-so-obvious projects. We then can, having identified what we each want to do, determine the most effective and efficient tasks we can undertake, and get busy.

From time to time we see in various Masonic announcements how this or that Lodge has become locally famous for some undertaking. That fame did not spring full-grown from the Lodge. Rather it had to be carefully built in true Masonic fashion—brick by brick over years, or even generations—until a full edifice stood in their community. But it progressed by being steadfastly focused on the goal that had been set.

Does that mean that once Lodge #735 has set a goal that we need to tend that goal day, week, month, year, in and out? That is exactly what it means. Effectively it means that some citizen, at a city council meeting for example, is not unlikely to ask what is going on with the Masonic project. S/he would be asking not simply what it is we are doing, but how well it is progressing, and what more needs to be done.

I am saying that shortly I shall be asking the brethren to come together at some convenient time to identify their “pet” projects, and implement one of them on behalf of the Lodge. When we have identified that project we will commit ourselves to getting there; setting goals and timelines, assigning brothers, and being sure to keep the media in the loop. It may even be appropriate to name the project after a particularly potent one of our brethren. Heads up! My call will come soon.

Fraternally

Phil Fultz PM



### **Junior Wardens Message for October**

Good day brothers!

September, we got back to business and I am pleased to say that Mindy Ash and her daughters are back with us and helping us with the breakfast and Stated Meeting meals. October 1 is our next Stated Meeting and at 6 p.m. our dinner is going to be Enchiladas, chili relleno, rice and beans and flan is our dessert

which the dessert maybe subject to change. The dinner prices are \$10.00 and our lodge hopes to see a great turn out. Mindy Ash is back with us and with the support of her daughters make delicious meals. They put a lot of time in effort in giving us the best meals in town. Our October breakfast is Saturday the 13th. Again, Mindy Ash and her daughters will give you the best breakfast at the best price. Our lodge asks for \$5 for breakfast and additional donations are greatly appreciated to keep these breakfast and dinners possible. I hope all of our brothers and their families are doing well and safe travels.

Fraternally,  
Cory Adrian



## Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802

### Master Message for October

Brethren,

The last couple months have been productive months for us, as we added two Fellowcrafts and a new Entered Apprentice. By the time you read this, we will have conferred the 1st degree on Vince Gantz. Vince has been a very active prospect/candidate for degrees, never missing a meeting or a social activity. He has been a model of what a prospect/candidate for degrees should be. I have every confidence that Vince will be a stalwart supported of this lodge and Freemasonry in general for years to come!

Unfortunately, we have lost another of our senior brothers in Harry Tanzer, who passed away following a long illness. Bro. Tanzer, for those who don't know, was the author and primary pillar supporting the Yucca Valley lodge Public Schools Program. He was a Hiram Award recipient, and an example of the composite pillar we aim to be. He was a complete Mason. Bro. Tanzer will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him and by those who have been tangentially influence by him. Rest well, brother.



For those keeping count, we have initiated six members in the past 18 months, passed 5 to Fellowcraft, and raised two to Master Mason. Unfortunately, we have lost 14 members through withdrawals, suspensions, and death. Our current total membership now stands at 51 with the loss of Bro. Tanzer and the initiation of Vince Gantz. Which leads me to say, if you know a good man who would be an asset to our lodge and a worthy brother in our family, remember that you can ask him if he has considered becoming a Mason and bring him to a dinner or a fellowship event.

Other events at the lodge bear mentioning as well. Brother Vern Monroe has been hard at work keeping the lodge together materially, including finishing the office project, replacing urinal valves, replacing broken commodes, repairing the evaporative coolers, and too many smaller projects to mention! When you have an opportunity, offer your thanks for his good work.

This Masonic year is winding down, but not our activities! We have two Master Mason degrees to perform this month and next month and are preparing for the installation of officers, tentatively planned for December 8th. For those not currently in an officer's chair, if you are interested in taking a chair let either worshipful Darin or me know.

V/R  
TC Dowden

### *On the Menu*

#### *Yucca Valley Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner*

*Swedish Meatballs,*

*Mashed potatoes*

*or noodles,*

*Garden salad*

*Desert lemon bars.*

*Assorted Beverages*



## ESOTERIC AND EXOTERIC MASONRY

by *Albert G. Mackey*

The ancient philosophers, in the establishment of their respective sects, divided their schools into two kinds, exoteric and esoteric. In the exoteric school, instruction was given in public places; the elements of science, physical and moral, were unfolded, and those principles which ordinary intelligence could grasp, and against which the prejudices of ordinary minds would not revolt, were inculcated in places accessible to all whom curiosity or a love of wisdom congregated. But the more abstruse tenets of their philosophy were reserved for a chosen few, who, united in an esoteric school, received, in the secret recesses of the master's dwelling, lessons too strange to be acknowledged, too pure to be appreciated, by the vulgar crowd, who, in the morning, had assembled at the public lecture. Thus, in some measure, it is with masonry. Its system, taken as a whole, is, it is true, strictly esoteric in its construction. Its disciples are taught a knowledge which is forbidden to the profane, and it is only in the adytum of the lodge that these lessons are bestowed; and yet, viewed in itself and unconnected with the world without, masonry contains within its bosom an exoteric and esoteric school, as palpably divided as were those of the ancient sects, with this simple difference, that the admission or the exclusion was in the latter case involuntary, and dependent solely on the will of the instructor, while in the former it is voluntary, and dependent only on the will and the wishes of the disciple. In the sense in which I wish to convey the terms, every Mason, on his initiation, is exoteric—he beholds before him a beautiful fabric, the exterior of which, alone, he has examined, and with this examination he may, possibly, remain satisfied—many, alas! too many, are. If so, he will remain an Exoteric Mason. But there are others, whose curiosity is not so easily gratified—they desire a further and more intimate knowledge of the structure than has been presented to their view—they enter and examine its internal form—they traverse its

intricate passages, they explore its hidden recesses, and admire and contemplate its magnificent apartments—their knowledge of the entire edifice is thus enlarged, and when more extensive, they have purer views of the principles of its construction, than have fallen to the lot of their less enquiring brethren. These men become Esoteric Masons. The hidden things of the order are, to them, familiar as household words—they constitute the Masters in Israel, who are to guide and instruct the less informed—and to diffuse light over paths which, to all are others, are obscure and dark. And thus it is with masonry. As we cultivate it as a science its objects become extended—as our knowledge of it increases, new lights burst forth from its inmost recesses, which to the inquisitive Mason, burn with bright effulgence; but to the inattentive and un-searching, are but as dim and fitful glimmerings only rendering “darkness visible.” Let every Mason ask himself, if he be of the esoteric or the exoteric school of masonry. Has he studied its hidden beauties and excellencies? Has he explored its history, and traced out the origin and erudite meaning of its symbols? ... [I]f he has ever felt a desire to seek and cultivate the internal philosophy of masonry, let him advance in those rarely trodden paths; the labor of such a pursuit is in itself refreshment and the reward great.

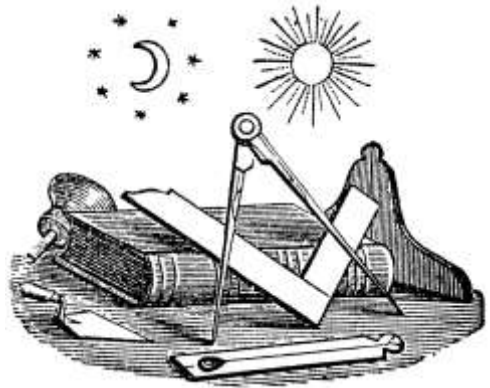
*[Albert G. Mackey, Lexicon of Freemasonry. (Barnes & Noble, 2004, 131-134).]*





### *What are the three lesser lights?*

Sun-worship played a prominent part in the religion of the ancients and was introduced into the mysteries, says [Bro. Albert] Mackey, not as a material idolatry, but as a means of expressing an idea of restoration to life from death, drawn from the daily



reappearance in the East of the solar orb after its nightly disappearance in the West. The Gnostics derived many of their symbols from the Mithraic initiations, in which sun worship played an important part. These again exercised their influence upon the medieval Freemasons. Thus it is that the sun has become so prominent in the Masonic system; not as an object of worship, but purely as a symbol, the interpretation of which is presented in many different ways. As the source of material light the sun reminds the Mason of that intellectual light of which he is in constant search. But it is especially as the ruler of the day, giving to it a beginning and end, and a regular course of hours, that the sun is presented as a Masonic symbol. Hence, of the three lesser lights, we are told that one represents or symbolizes the sun, one the moon, and one the Master of the lodge, because as the sun rules the day and the moon governs the night, so should the Worshipful Master rule and govern his lodge with equal regularity. And this is in strict analogy with other Masonic symbolism. For if the lodge is a symbol of the world, which is thus governed in its changes of times and seasons by the sun, it is evident that the Master who governs the lodge, controlling its time of opening and closing, and the work which it should do, must be symbolized by the sun.

*[Bro. Wildey E. Atchison, "The Symbolic Lights," The Builder Magazine, September, Vol. IV, No. 9, 1918, 269-70.]*

# Our Fraternal Ties



Grand Lodge of California 169<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication. October 19-21



Brother Harry Tanzer

Entered the Celestial Lodge  
September 5, 2018



Brother Samu and Brother Cano passed to the degree of Fellowcraft  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>



Desert Valley Chapter 602 OES at Mesa Fest September 22, 2018



# Lodge Calendars

Mon Oct 1	6 – 7:30pm	OM735 Stated Meeting Dinner
Mon Oct 1	7:30 – 9pm	OM735 Stated Meeting
Tue Oct 2	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Thu Oct 4	6:30 – 7:30pm	YV802 Lodge Dinner
Thu Oct 4	7:30 – 9pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
Sat Oct 6	8 – 10am	YV802 Breakfast
Sat Oct 6	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting
Mon Oct 8	All day	Columbus Day (regional holiday)
Tue Oct 9	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Wed Oct 10	11am – 2pm	Daughters of Nile
Thu Oct 11	7 – 10pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
Sat Oct 13	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Breakfast
Tue Oct 16	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Thu Oct 18	7 – 9pm	OSI Masonic Lodge
Sat Oct 20	11am – 2pm	High Desert Shrine Club
Tue Oct 23	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Thu Oct 25	6 – 7pm	HA 802 Meeting
Thu Oct 25	7 – 10pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
Tue Oct 30	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Wed Oct 31	All day	Halloween
Thu Nov 1	6:30 – 7:30pm	YV802 Lodge Dinner
Thu Nov 1	7:30 – 9pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
Sat Nov 3	8 – 10am	YV802 Breakfast
Sat Nov 3	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting

The Lodge calendars are subject to change. When in doubt contact a lodge officer. Please respect organizations by not interrupting their private activities. Members and Family are encouraged to participate in all public activities of our Masonic Family.

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- TILER** *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.

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2		6	3	9		8

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