

The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard



December 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 December

Very shortly we shall celebrate the birth of Jesus. That maintains a long and excellent tradition in the Western world. And this holiday is an appropriate time to consider what it means—or should mean in Masons' daily lives. Consider this:

Although we in Freemasonry do not particularly emphasize it, chiefly because the concept of a Triune God is strongly Christian, and we embrace all believers, there can be no doubt that here in the U. S. Christmas is a time for celebration. Every year Masons around California have Christmas parties (occasionally allied with Hanukkah holiday observances). And every year those observances tend to look inward, to our own families and especially to our children. Well and good. But in my opinion, Christmas is a particularly appropriate time to look outside ourselves, recalling the three principal tenets of Masonry. Brotherly Love – Gift-giving is one way of demonstrating brotherly love; but especially if we give gifts to other than close friends or relatives. Here in the Morongo Basin easy, but still meaningful demonstrations of brotherly love have been contributions of toys to foster children under the aegis of San Bernardino County Department of Children's Social Services. These children, particularly the younger ones, are innocents who have nothing much of their very own, and each time they are moved something gets left behind. Another opportunity to demonstrate brotherly love has been delivering Christmas dinners to elderly or infirm residents of our Basin under the auspices of Tender Loving Christmas. Although that organization's name has changed to Mara's Christmas Wish, the concept is the same and is far more than simply throwing some bills or a check into the pot. It is the investment of time and effort and emotional commitment to taking hot meals miles out of town to folks who cannot come to the Community Center. Relief – Conceptually, demonstration of the concept of relief is different from brotherly love. For example, it is entirely possible, indeed probable, to give a gift to someone who is in no particular (read "life threatening/changing") need. Just now, the concept is brought strongly forward when we turn on the evening television news and watch the devastation wrought by the fires up and down California. Most of the people displaced have lost not only their homes, but everything they

owned except whatever they could carry. They need immediate relief to find a temporary or permanent home, clothing, and most important, emotional comfort. Grand Lodge has undertaken a relief effort, and there can be no reason not to participate as best we all can.

Truth – We Masons have the luxury of knowing that we are in pursuit of truth, wherever it may lead. One, perhaps the fundamental, truth among all non-atheists—us—is that there is an entity we choose to call the Great Architect of the Universe. And among Christians and Jews, among others, there is the belief that that Great Architect cares about us and what we do. Evidence of that caring is commemorated in the holiday of Christmas. Please note that the concept of truth need not require us to announce to our two-year olds that there is no Santa Claus. Note in particular the September 1897 editorial in the New York Sun. If we live true to Masonic principles, yes indeed there is a Santa Claus, per that editorial.

Merry Christmas!
Phil Fultz

Senior Wardens Message for December

Fraternal greetings,

Thank you to all who came out and made the Hiram Award special for me. I take nothing lightly and this was a very humbling experience. As we get into the Christmas spirit now, I would remind you that we are having two stated meetings this month. We also need to prepare for the 3rd Degree on Brother Landeros. Let's make his degree special as we always do. Our Installation of Officers will go in January as our December is packed. Dates to follow. If you are moving chairs, let's make sure we get with our Officers Coach to ensure we are qualified. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from my daughter Briana and I. We hope you receive all of the love and gifts that you ask for.

Fraternally,
Thomas Johnson PM



Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802

Master's Message for December

Brethren,

Well, here it is, my last column as Worshipful Master of our Lodge. It took a little time to get this one done, with all the activity in the November! We had a lot of work last month preparing for the Third Degree for brothers Cano and Samu. We haven't done a Third Degree for some time, so we had a lot of rehearsing and nursing to do! On the whole, I'm quite proud of the work done by our brothers! I want to specifically thank brothers Erik Swanson, Cesar Caramanzana, Spiro Zafirov, Wor. Joe Romero, and Vern Monroe for stepping up and taking on roles in the degree, which varied from practice to practice! I was especially pleased at the turnout we had from Coachella, Palm Springs, and Oasis of Mara Lodges for the event, many whom took part in the ceremony. By the time you read this, we will have put on two third degrees for us and assisted with one for Oasis of Mara. The efforts last week are the epitome of teamwork! Well done to all!

The next big event is the Installation of Officers on December 8th. The installation ceremony is one of very few ceremonies that we, as Masons, do that the public can witness. I believe that it is vitally important to have family members and friends attend it, so they can better understand this fraternity and perhaps engender some interest in joining the Craft. Even if you are not being installed into an office, it is fitting that you to attend to support those men who are taking on demanding leadership roles. We have made great strides in our Lodge this year, and it would be wonderful to have some of our "rusty trowels" come and again be a part of the Lodge... Starting with attending the installation!

I want to publicly thank brother Vern Monroe for heading up the Thanksgiving turkey donation project for the Unity Home. This is our second year providing a Thanksgiving meal for those needed the services of the Unity Home and it is a worthwhile project. Your donations provided 10 turkeys and side dishes to the families there. Most of the recipients are female spouses and children escaping from

an abusive home. This project reminds them that there are good men in the world who care about their well-being.

Lastly, I will be installed as Senior Warden for the ensuing Masonic Year and I look forward to spending more time with the candidates preparing for their various degrees. Worshipful Darin Sanden will again be taking the lead as Master and we'll continue the wining track we've been on the last few years, making our Lodge stronger and our brothers better men. Thank you for your support this past year. Please support Darin as well while we move forward!

Wor. TC Dowden

Senior Wardens Message for December

Brothers, friends,

Our Masonic year is coming to a close and what a year it has been. I would like to congratulate Worshipful Dowden on the success he has had this year as Master. Our lodge has enjoyed a year of growth and prosperity. Our future is bright and on track with our five-year plan. This year was not without loss and we will always hold the memories of our departed brothers in our hearts. Through the good and the bad we have grown closer as brothers and friends.

Our members have come together to accomplish much and our lodge is enjoying more activity and fellowship. I want to thank every brother and friend that has lent a helping hand around the lodge. Our breakfast team is truly amazing and the yard and building maintenance is coming together nicely. You all know who you are.

We have two Master Mason degrees coming up. I would like to congratulate our candidates on the amazing work they all have done on their proficiencies.

I am looking forward to what this next year will bring, together we can keep this momentum going and continue to better our lodge, our relationships, our communities, and ourselves. Thank you for putting your faith in me to serve in the East one more time. I will do my best to keep us working toward our goals.

Thank you everyone and may you all have a very happy holiday season.

Senior Warden

Darin Sanden

Lodge Website & Social Media Committee

Greetings to our Masonic Family

Our website has been live for quite some time now and has attracted many new men seeking the opportunity to become part of the brotherhood at our lodge. Some unique features of our website include a calendar with upcoming events and a link to monthly newsletters. Additionally, included are informative links to our revered annual public schools' night and hall rental request. We expect to include a PayPal link for annual dues in the near future. The address to the website is located below. Please share with friends, family and interested men of good character.

<http://lodge802.freemason.org/>



Our social media campaign is also enduring with an impressive following of over 700 Facebook users! Like and follow our page at the below address.

<https://m.facebook.com/YuccaValleyMasonicLodgeNo802/>

In the continuance of progressing our digital communications plan, we have just added a fun and interactive App just for lodge members. To request access to the App Download, simply click on the below link and follow the instructions.

https://www.groupahead.com/app/ent_cafmgl_yucca_802/a9225fe9-a726-49f6-ab49-53cd57e49717



Fraternally,

Brother Raymond Cano, MM

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Our Fraternal Ties



Hi-Desert Shrine Club

Concordant Bodies Christmas Party

Sun 16 Dec 2:00PM.

Menu Hot Roast Beef Sandwich under Beef Gravy.

salads,
and deserts..

No charge, but reservations are required by
midnight, Thursday 13 Dec
to 442_241_5346.



\$15-\$20 gift exchange..

bring clothing gift for child thru teen for use at Shrine Hospital.

Next Shrine Business meeting is 1130 19 January 2019.

Fraternally, Mark Clark,

1st vice president of HI Desert Shrine Club



Calling All Masonic Leaders

Registration is open for 2019 Masonic Leadership Retreats, and you can save with early bird pricing through December 31! Become an even more effective and inspiring leader while connecting with old friends, building new friendships, and sharing ideas with fellow officers.

✦ | [SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS: REGISTER NOW](#)

✦ | [MASTERS AND WARDENS: REGISTER NOW](#)

Lodge Calendars

Tue Nov 27	6:00 – 10:00pm	YV802 3rd Degree Raymond Cano
Tue Nov 27	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Thu Nov 29	6:00 – 10:00pm	YV802 3rd Degree with OM735
Sat Dec 1	8:00 – 10:00am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
Sat Dec 1	11am – 2:00pm	DV602-OES Meeting YV Lodge
Mon Dec 3	6:00 – 7:15pm	OM735 Stated Meeting Dinner
Mon Dec 3	7:30 – 10:00pm	OM735 Stated Meeting
Tue Dec 4	6:30 – 8:30pm	YV802 Third Degree – Samu
Thu Dec 6	6:30 – 7:30pm	YV802 Lodge Dinner
Thu Dec 6	7:30 – 9:00pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
Sat Dec 8	8:00 – 10:30am	OM735 Lodge Breakfast
Sat Dec 8	1:00 – 3:00pm	YV802 Installation of Officers
Tue Dec 11	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Tue Dec 11	6:30 – 8:30pm	YV802 Masonic Education
Wed Dec 12	11:00 – 2:00pm	Daughters of the Nile YV Lodge
Thu Dec 13	6:30 – 8:30pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
Sun Dec 16	2:00 – 6:00pm	Concordant Bodies Christmas Party
Tue Dec 18	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
Tue Dec 18	6:30 – 8:30pm	YV802 Masonic Education
Thu Dec 20	6:30 – 8:30pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
Mon Dec 24	All day	Christmas Eve
Tue Dec 25	All day	Christmas Day
Thu Dec 27	6:00 – 7:00pm	HA 802 Meeting
Thu Dec 27	6:30 – 10:00pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
Mon Dec 31	All day	New Year's Eve
Tue Jan 1	All day	New Year's Day
Thu Jan 3	6:30 – 7:30pm	YV802 Lodge Dinner

Thu Jan 3	7:30 – 9:00pm	YV802 Stated Meeting
Sat Jan 5	7:00 – 10:00am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
Sat Jan 5	11:00 – 2:00pm	DV602-OES Stated Meeting-YV Lodge
Mon Jan 7	6:00 – 7:15pm	OM735 Stated Meeting Dinner
Mon Jan 7	7:30 – 10:00pm	OM735 Stated 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.

Grand Master of the State of California
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From the Editor

I encourage everyone to receive the Trestleboard by email. Send an email to jdupont1@gmail.com and I will update your preference.

The Trestleboard is intended to present information from your lodge and around the fraternity that should be of interest to Lodge members and our extended Masonic Family. Share it with your family.

Brothers are encouraged to submit articles that they believe would be of interest to the members and our masonic family.

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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