

The High Desert Masonic Trestleboard

May 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

Freemasonry

THE DIFFERENCE IS...YOU

Messages from Oasis of Mara #735



Masters Message for May

Brethren,

I'd like to thank you for your donations to Public Schools. It is not too late to donate. All proceeds go to ensuring our future leaders get a head start on their higher education. Remember, every penny counts.

This month we will move into studying on the qualities and characteristics of a Master Mason. If you have not been attending our study groups, you have been missing out on good study and fellowship. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, except the Tuesday following our Stated Meeting. If you have topics that you would like to discuss please bring them to the group and we will put them on the calendar.

This month we are having a Masonic Social at the lodge on the 18th. Please RSVP with Brother Mike Gibson if you are coming. His number is (760)333-5023

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so immediately. The lodge functions on our dues and whatever fundraisers we dedicate to it. Don't let your lodge close due to nonpayment of dues.

This month is "bring a friend to lodge" month. Our breakfast and dinners are open to the public. It would be nice to have potential bothers come out and see the lodge and meet the brothers. We don't solicit but it is not wrong to invite to dinner or breakfast.

Finally, this month serves two important purposes. It is Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Both are equally important to me as it was my mother who birth me and allowed me to join the Military. So Happy Mother's Day to all the moms around the world, and to my fallen fellow servicemen and women, we remember you and your sacrifice for us and this country.

Fraternally,
Thomas Johnson PM
Master



Senior Wardens Message for May



Another month has gone by. It's hard to believe it's going to be May when this is printed. Our lodge had a great showing for the 29 palms car show last month. We had numerous people say that they didn't even know we existed in 29 palms. Now they know. We had two young men approach the booth and acquired information about our fraternity. Now they have been coming to lodge to get to know our brethren and learn more about who we are. Thank you to all of the brothers who helped represent our booth. We also built a soap box car representing us and participated in the race. We were not the fastest out there but were not the slowest either.

April 13 the young Marine program used our lodge for a ceremony and it so happened to be the same day for our breakfast. We served over 60 people that morning and I want to say thank you again for everyone's help in the kitchen.

I hope our brothers and families are doing well and enjoying our spring weather. This is all I have for now.

Fraternally
Cory Adrian



Messages from Yucca Valley Lodge #802



Masters Message for May

Brothers, Friends,

Spring has sprung and with it the renewal of life, light, and warmth. We continue to follow our five year plan and we have made a great many strides in the revitalization of our lodge. We have seen the positive effects that tradition and modernization can accomplish when balanced

together. Our brotherhood is enjoying a revival of interest among younger generations and our member diversity is strengthening our ties with each other as friends and brothers who can work and agree together in harmony. We have another new application to ballot on this month and it is my hope that a First Degree will take place later in the month.

Just as seasons change from year to year, so do the generations that seek light and truth. So many brothers of our ancient and esteemed fraternity around the globe have declared that Masonry is fading into obscurity in their social media comments. Yet I disagree. Yucca Valley Lodge and other lodges in our district are experiencing quite the opposite. Young men of good moral character are knocking at our doors and seeking membership with our lodges. They come to us with the same age old questions, desires, and some misconceptions. They get to know us and then they see who we truly are and how much Masonry has done for each of us in our lodges as well as the strength of our friendships despite our differences of age and creed. Freemasonry is still and will continue to be a great light in a world that is so distorted with shadow so long as there are good men who seek out others of like interest and a willingness to learn and grow. We should never forget who we are and what we stand for as a brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

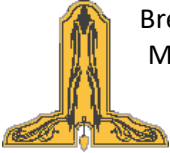
I would like to thank everyone that had a hand in our Public Schools Recognition Night including our Worshipful Inspector who graciously joins us each year to speak on behalf of the Grand Lodge and the great many things that we as Masons do for our public schools. This years event was amazing. The feed back from the schools and their admins was outstanding. We have students interested in applying for our scholarships and a renewed dedication by the schools to participate with us to honor those found deserving of receiving the newly appointed Harry Tanzer Cornerstone Award of Excellence. I found it very moving when those being recognized took time to speak to the audience about how much brother Harry Tanzer had touched each of them as a substitute teacher and coordinator of this event in the past. We will continue to honor brother Tanzer by working hard each year to continue the legacy he perfected.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support and interest in our Lodge and it's future. Only together can we build not only our lodge but also our own inner temples and show the world that by being Mason's we are better men.

Officers of Yucca Valley Lodge #802 it is time to work towards your next evolution and advancement of chairs. I am looking forward to the dynamics that each of you will bring to the line.

In Brotherly Love,
WM Darin Sanden

Senior Wardens Message for May



Brethren,

May is here and with it comes the warmer season! With it also comes preparation for next year's officer line. What?! All ready?! Yes! I know from experience that if you are waiting for the last minute to begin learning the lectures and floor work for the next chair, you're asking for heartache and struggle. I will work with you on the Tuesday proficiency nights on lectures and floor work all Summer and you'll be ready come Autumn to advance.

Special recognition again goes out to Brother Raymond Cano for installing the solar lights in the gazebo and to Wor. Mark Clark for the generous donation of the system! Thank you, both, for your generosity. Raymond has also taken on the task of re-felting the pool table and getting it ready for our brothers to use. Again, thank you! Brother Vern Monroe has been generous in his work and money, donating new clocks for the Lodge, painting, and generally looking after the building. Thank you brother!

We have brought in a number of younger members, but sadly, many have moved on to other states and better jobs. However, more young men are finding us, and it is the duty and obligation of the more "seasoned" brothers to come by and get to know them. Our lodge cannot sustain itself with just the current membership. New members are the lifeblood of the lodge, those men will be the next generation of leaders. If we do not "raise" them well, our lodge will atrophy. We have made great strides over the past few years, let's continue that same momentum into the next few years as well. "What we maintain, we sustain."

V/R

TC Dowden PM

Lodge Website & Social Media

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



Facebook page

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

The Lodge App:

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



Would you be Guilty of Being Called a Mason?

While taking a plane trip to Wisconsin this month, I couldn't help but feel connected to the senior woman sitting on the other side of the aisle from me. It also appeared she felt the same way, but we both couldn't figure it out. I had never seen or met this woman in my life, but I had an overwhelming feeling of closeness to her. We never spoke to each other but exchanged friendly smiles as we were caught looking at each other. While departing the plane, she tapped on my shoulder and asked: "are you a Mason"?

A Mason is someone who truly believes they have a responsibility to make a positive difference in the world. Our ancient and honorable fraternity of men is dedicated to improving one another through moral teachings and fellowship. At my lodge, we make personal development a priority. By educating ourselves, we strengthen our relationships with our families and communities.

That day on the plane, I was found guilty of being a Mason. The woman went on to explain that her late husband was a Mason and secretary of his lodge. She said she just knew I was a Mason by the way I carried myself and it reminded her of her husband. I hugged her and, we both went our separate ways. I felt great knowing that the teachings being taught at my lodge are indeed becoming inculcated into my character.

Our society has a common misconception about Masons. It is our responsibility as Masons to display our good characters at all times to dispel those misconceptions. We must always remember that we are ambassadors of our respective home lodges and we represent the

fraternity every time we travel. In conclusion, you should be humbled if you were found guilty of being called a Mason as all great men have been called in all ages before us.

Raymond Cano
Senior Steward
Yucca Valley Masonic Lodge #802

Our Fraternal Ties



LODGE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ONLINE, AND FREE!

The Lodge Management Certification Program was created by California Masons, for California Masons as a way to help build stronger lodges and halls. The free program consists of a series of online courses that help you learn the basics of managing your lodge and hall association.

Hall Management Course - Now Available!

Lodge Administration Course - Now Available!

Visit the Grand Lodge website for details.

Desert Valley OES Chapter 602

Hi all!

The 37th District just had our Official Visit of the WGM and WGP in Hemet Lodge. It was awesome. It is Spring and we have all been very busy. Desert Valley Chapter #602 had a wonderful meeting on Saturday with our Deputy Grand Matron present. Clint and Cindy Marshall came after the Breakfast at Oasis of Mara Lodge. It was an Easter Celebration, and we all got Easter eggs and a wonderful lunch by Raelene Qualls, Cecilia Speaker and Laura Eversole. We are starting Secret Pals in May and keeping in touch with each other. It was a wonderful School Night that Krista McVey and I were providing the help for dessert there in Yucca Valley Lodge. Darin Sanden, Worshipful Master of Yucca Valley did a great job. What a wonderful bunch of kids! There was music and trophies! I appreciate what our

organizations do for the youth! We at Desert Valley Chapter #602 will be having our Official Visit of the DGM on May 4th. The Miniature Golf fun day is on May 11th at Boomers in Cathedral City. Yawl come!!!
God bless you all
Star love
Barbara Wiley, Worthy Matron

LAS PALMAS FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday, May 14, Desert Valley Chapter #602 will be holding a fundraiser at Las Palmas Restaurant in Yucca Valley. They are known for their authentic Mexican cuisine and are extremely popular with the locals here in the area. Please join us to help raise money for our Galaxy Club, which is the fundraising entity of our Desert Valley Chapter. Las Palmas is located at 55792 Twentynine Palms Highway (Highway 62), Yucca Valley, CA,

Just arrive on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and order anything on their menu. You don't need to give them your name or show them a flyer. This is important because they will be donating money to our group based on all their proceeds during this time. Yes, you can order ANYTHING! This includes all meal, fountain drinks and alcohol purchases. A donation will be made on their behalf to our Galaxy Club. So, come and help us make this a great time for EATING and FELLOWSHIP! Hope you can join us in an evening of fun! If you should have questions, please call or text me at 760-501-6088.

Thank you for your continued support!

Cherryl LaMar (Conductress)

Desert Valley Chapter #602

Coachella Valley OES Chapter 360

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Again I would like to "THANK" each of the officers for the amazing job you did at our OV. I am so proud of each and every one of you!! Our chapter received many compliments.

We are getting ready to initiate a new member at our May 14th Meeting. This is a special time for us to remember our vows and the heroines our Star points represent. If you are unable to attend this meeting take a minute to read our heroines stories in our ritual.

May 14th is also our Deputy Grand Matrons Official Visit. Let's let our "Stars" shine for her.

Wishing all of our Moms a Happy Mothers Day.

Star Love and Hugs,
Marlene White, WM



50th Anniversary Festive Board, this night is ours to gather amongst our brothers, our community partners and champions, and our loved ones as we look back on the

accomplishments of the past 50 years and look forward, together. Join Grand Master Wright to raise a toast (or two) to a night we'll always remember. Vivat!

When: June 22, 2018

Where: Millennium Biltmore, Los Angeles

Time: 6pm - 10pm

Change a Child's Life – One Mitt at a Time

Discounted Masons Night tickets are now available!



San Francisco: Oracle Park, August 26

Anaheim: Angels Stadium, August 28

Los Angeles: Dodger Stadium, September 17

San Diego: Petco Park, September 25

DeMolay Honorary Degrees



As a part of this year's celebration of DeMolay during its centennial, come and experience a DeMolay degree and enjoy a delicious banquet dinner. This May 11, witness a Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Honorary degree at San Diego Al Bahr Shrine and acquaint yourself with the legacy and founding principles of the Order of DeMolay.

Cornerstone Ceremony in Covina

The Masonic Homes is building a new home on the Covina campus for its residents who need skilled nursing and memory care. On July 13, join Grand Master Wright and his Grand Lodge officers as they consecrate the cornerstone of the new building. All are invited to witness this time-tested ceremony of our new facilities in Covina.



Cryptic Education Series:

Consciousness

Saturday May 4th, 2019

At the San Bernardino Scottish Rite
4400 N Variety, San Bernardino, CA

Open to the Public

8:00 Registration \$30 (includes lunch) / Open House

9:00 Hank Kraychir - Claustum Oil; An Immortal Lesson

11:30 Lunch (included)

12:30pm Timothy Hogan - Consciousness, The Elements of the Elements

For more details / limited early registration pricing contact Richard 760-219-8329.

Hosted by High Desert Cryptic Council #64
and the Scottish Rite Valley San Bernardino

LODGE CALENDARS

30 Apr, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
30 Apr, Tue	6:45 – 8:45pm	YV802 Masonic Education
2 May, Thu	6:30 – 9:30pm	YV802 Lodge Dinner / Stated Meeting
3 May, Fri	8am – 4pm	Drivers Training at YV802
4 May, Sat	7 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
4 May, Sat	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting @ YV802
5 May, Sun	All day	Cinco de Mayo
6 May, Mon	6 – 10pm	OM735 Dinner / Stated Meeting
7 May, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
7 May, Tue	6:45 – 8:45pm	YV802 Masonic Education
8 May, Wed	11am – 2pm	Daughters of Nile
9 May, Thu	6 – 8pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
11 May, Sat	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Lodge Breakfast
12 May, Sun	All day	Mother's Day
14 May, Tue	4 – 6pm	OES - Las Palmas Restaurant
14 May, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
14 May, Tue	6:45 – 8:45pm	YV802 Masonic Education
16 May, Thu	6 – 9pm	OSI Yucca Valley
18 May, Sat	11am – 2pm	High Desert Shrine Club
21 May, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
21 May, Tue	6:45 – 8:45pm	YV802 Masonic Education
23 May, Thu	7 – 10pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
27 May, Mon	All day	Memorial Day
28 May, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
28 May, Tue	6:45 – 8:45pm	YV802 Masonic Education
29 May, Wed	12 – 2:00pm	OES Tea and Fashion Show
30 May, Thu	6 – 6:30pm	YV802 Hall Association Meeting
30 May, Thu	7 – 10pm	YV802 Fellowship & Practice
June		Masonic Homes Month
1 Jun, Sat	8 – 10am	YV802 Lodge Breakfast
1 Jun, Sat	11am – 2pm	OES Meeting at YV802
3 Jun, Mon	6 – 10pm	OM735 Dinner / Stated Meeting
4 Jun, Tue	6:30 – 8:30pm	OM735 Fellowship and Practice
4 Jun, Tue	6:45 – 8:45pm	YV802 Masonic Education
6 Jun, Thu	6:30 – 9:30pm	YV802 Lodge Dinner / Stated Meeting
8 Jun, Sat	8 – 10:30am	OM735 Lodge Breakfast

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.

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



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From the Editor

The Trestleboard: Is not for only for Masons its 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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**Grand Master of the State of California
Most Worshipful Stuart A. Wright**

**Inspector 830th Masonic District
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY MONTH.

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