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Oasis of Mara Lodge #735

From the Oriental Chair

Bro. Cory Adrian, PM
Worshipful Master, Oasis of Mara #735



I hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day Weekend. June is already here, time for the warm sun, pools and BBQ's. But Memorial Day should be a chance for us all to reflect. Take a pause from our daily lives to honor those who have fought to protect our freedoms, and realize we can enjoy our summer and freedoms because of their sacrifice. Major General John A. Logan was a famous and popular Union Army general of the Civil War. After the war, he became an advocate of creating what eventually came to be called Memorial Day as a national holiday. Which become observed the 30th day of May,

1868. Major General Logan was a Master Mason.

Last month our lodge had 3 Fellowcrafts return their proficiencies, so hopefully this month, with the help of our brothers from other lodges in our district, we can raise them to Master Mason. That is the goal.

Our Stated Meeting will be on Mon. June 6th at 7:30 p.m. Our doors will be open at 6 p.m. There will be refreshments and fine dining compliments of Stater Bros.

That's all for now. Enjoy your month of June, brothers.

Fraternally,
Cory Adrian PM



Yucca Valley Lodge #802**From the East***Bro. TC Dowden, PM**Worshipful Master, Yucca Valley #802*

Well brothers, after a month of caring for my wife after her surgery, I'm looking forward to getting back into the swing of things with the Lodge. Its amazing how disconnected I feel after just four weeks of being unable to attend meetings and social activities. Just being able to attend and minorly participate in the Public Schools celebration last month was refreshing.

It makes me consider just how disconnected so many of our brothers must be who have moved away, who may not be able to drive themselves at night, and most regrettably, who did not experience the comradery we now enjoy when they last participated! For you brothers who haven't been around to see

us in a while, please come and join us again and get to know who we are.

Something that was missed in the COVID years was the celebration of two of our Golden Veterans (50 years in Masonry). Brother Hugh Muessel passed 50 years on 8/24/2020. Brother Gerald Schultz passed 50 years in Masonry on 5/23/2022 – just last month! I am working with the Inspector to get the proper recognition for both these brothers and set dates for their public recognition of this outstanding achievement. I may never reach that milestone, seeing as I did not enter Masonry until I was 50 years of age, so I respect these brothers who have

made Masonry as part of their lives for half a century!

It's, hard to believe, but June marks the halfway point of the Masonic Year! We have much to do to recover from the restrictions placed on us by the state and the Grand Lodge, including welcoming new candidates, performing degrees, and incorporating them into our family.

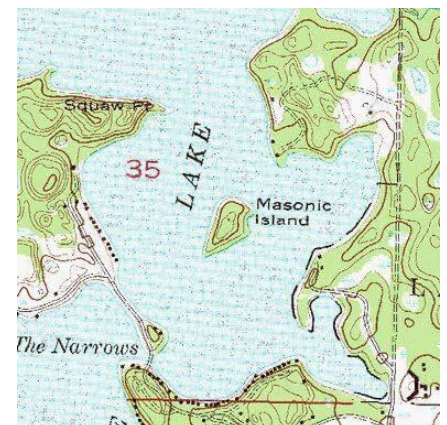
I extend my personal thanks and "Well Done" to worshipful Darin Sanden PM, brothers Vern Monroe, Joey Buice, CJ Allen, and candidate Dennis Cross for their work putting together the 33rd annual Harry Tanzer Cornerstone Award celebration! Bravo brothers!

MASONIC ISLAND

Masonic Island is a seven-acre site on Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota. It was originally named Park Island. In 1904, the island was owned by Bro. V.J. Noble, who was a member of Tuscan Lodge #44 of North Dakota. With a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and the permission of Bro. Noble, the island was cleared in 1906 for the purpose of holding outdoor Masonic conferrals of degrees. Tuscan Lodge was joined by Westhope Lodge #74 for conferrals of three Master Mason Degrees that year. The events were such a success that rituals were held annually for six

consecutive years. When Bro. Noble died, Masons became interested in reviving the conferral of rituals on the island. On November 28, 1933, the Probate Court authorized the sale of the island with a deed to the North Dakota Masonic Foundation for the sum of \$277.25. At the landing dock is a flight of winding concrete stairs consisting of three, five, and seven steps that rise to the representation of a Lodge Room. The significance of the steps might be explained to you if you have a Masonic guide. An altar and officers' chairs were constructed of "beach stones" and mortared cement. Other amenities were added over the years to

accommodate the island's use by Royal Arch Masons, Eastern Star, and other appendant and concordant bodies.



The Editor's Corner

Bro. T.C. Dowden, PM



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TRAIN HIM WELL



ONE DAY, HE MIGHT BE
GRAND MASTER

In 1963, the Most Worshipful Brother Dwight L. Smith posed the following question: *"What has become of that 'course of moral instruction, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols,' that Freemasonry is supposed to be?* If it is a course of instruction, then there should be teachers, and if ours is a progressive science, then the teaching of a Master Mason should not end when he is raised. I am not talking about dry, professorial lectures or sermons – heavens no! That is the kind of thing that makes Masonic education an anathema. Where are the parables and allegories? Alas, they have descended into booklets and stunts. No wonder interest is so hard to sustain."

That question is as germane today as it was back then. What is being done to

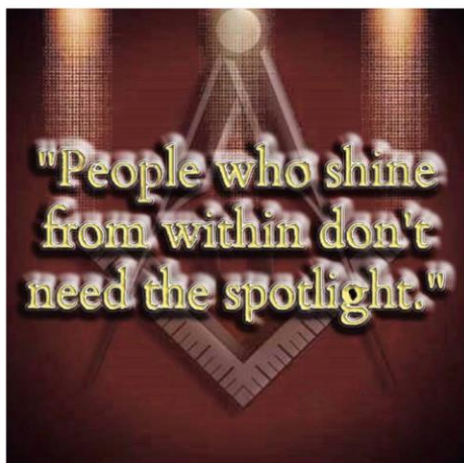
promote Masonic Education that teaches how to be a better man in the Lodge? It has been said that "when the student is ready, the teacher will appear". Who are the teachers? Are they the masters of recital of the ritual? Are they the studiers that comb through ancient tomes and writings looking for choice bits of trivial information? Or are they the newly raised Master Masons that question the writings and discuss them with others that have the curiosity of the newly raised?

Perhaps, they are all of the above! In fact, they *need* to be all of the above. After all, when a lodge is dependent upon one person to be that teacher, the effort will be only as strong as the presence of that one person.

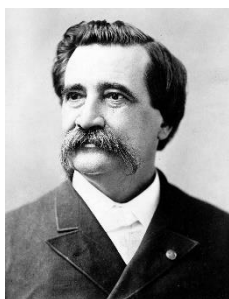


One thing is for sure, if our brothers do not demonstrate the simple curiosity of the newly raised, the concentrated effort of the dedicated ritualist, and the critical thinking of the Masonic scholar, our brotherhood will continue to slide into the morass and befuddlement of a strictly social organization.

I believe that it is incumbent on all brothers to be Masonic teachers in the best way we know how, and to respect those that step forward to teach in the manner we are most comfortable.

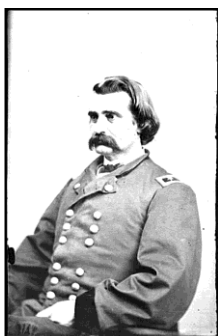


Famous Mason: Major General John A. Logan, US Army, Politician, Freemason



John Alexander Logan (February 9, 1826 – December 26, 1886) was an American soldier and political leader. He served in the Mexican-American War as a private and became lieutenant in the 1st Illinois Infantry.

He was a U.S. Congressman for Illinois from 1852-1861, until resigning his seat to take part in the Civil War. A powerful orator, he staunchly defended the Union during the months leading up to the Civil War despite representing an area of Illinois that harbored secessionist sentiments. In fact, his oratorical skills swayed many of his constituents to change their views and support the Union.



After fighting at Bull Run, he returned home to organize the 31st Illinois Infantry as its colonel. He rose to the rank of Major General in November of 1862. Nicknamed "Black Jack" for his black hair and dark eyes and complexion, Logan led his regiment into combat for the first time at Belmont in November 1861. He proved to be a natural military leader and later fought with distinction at Fort Donelson, Corinth, and Vicksburg, and rose to the rank of major general of volunteers. During the Atlanta campaign, he commanded XV Corps, was wounded, and then temporarily commanded the Army of the Tennessee.



After the war, he declined an appointment from President Johnson as minister of Mexico.

He was elected to the 40th, 41st, and 42nd U.S. Congresses, but before the 42nd Congress could convene, he was elected as a U.S. Senator and served from 1872-1877. He was again elected to the Senate in 1879.

As one of the founders and the 2nd Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, he is regarded as the most important figure in the movement to recognize Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) as an official holiday.

Logan also returned to politics after the war as a Republican and served in both the House and Senate. He was on the 1884 Republican ticket as vice president with presidential candidate James Blaine.

Logan died on 26 December 1886 and is buried at the United States Soldiers' & Airmen's Home National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

The State of Illinois commissioned an equestrian statue of the general that now stands in Chicago's Grant Park. Another equestrian statue stands in Logan Circle in Washington, D.C., which

gives its name to the surrounding neighborhood.

Bro. Logan was raised in Mitchell Lodge No. 85 of Pinckneyville, IL and affiliated with Benton Lodge No. 64 in 1851.

Bro. Logan received his 32^o in Oriental Consistory, in Chicago, IL, in 1880. He also was exalted in Washington Chapter No. 43, Royal Arch Masons, Chicago, IL, in September of 1885 as well as being knighted in Chevalier Bayard Commandery No. 52, Knights Templar, Chicago, IL, in December of 1885.

On September 15, 1886, he was elected to receive the 33^o, but died on December 26, 1886 before it could be conferred.



Masonic Education – Masonic Principles

The principles of Masonry are clear and distinct. While they do involve social and moral obligations, our organization is not a religious fraternity within the restricted interpretation that would mean it to be exclusively identified with any one particular creed, sect or denomination.

Brotherly Love means the development of that confidence whereby we may regard a fellow-man in the highest valuation as a companion and friend -- not from any materialistic viewpoint, but because of the virtuous character he is found to possess and of the sincere friendship he is observed to practice.

Masonic **Relief** does not mean, primarily, monetary relief; and, notwithstanding that large sums of money are disbursed annually in that respect, a member has no claim on Masonry for financial relief. Its meaning is found in the broader interpretation: that of advice, encouragement and moral assistance. At the same time, charity is not relegated to a subsidiary place; for, charity is the great distinctive feature of the Masonic heart and is bounded only by due discretion respecting one's family.

Truth needs no elaboration. Its meaning is obvious; for Truth is the supreme virtue without which nothing can be certain or secure, and all else must inevitably crumble in helpless ruin and decay. "The eternal years of God are hers".

Masonry admonishes its members steadfastly to practice the Golden Rule; and it teaches and maintains a high sense of respect for and toleration towards all religions. To all Masons it recommends serious study and consideration of the scriptures as contained in the Volume of the Sacred Law that lies upon the altars of its lodges. It believes that therein is provided safe and sane guidance concerning man's duty to

God, to his neighbor, to his family and to himself.

Indeed, our symbolism places God as the center of all things. Masonry ever strives to bring its members into closer harmony with the Divine Being and counsels them to observe reverence and humility which ought always to exist between the creature and his Creator.

Neither is Masonry a political party nor an ally of any political party. It leaves its members free to form for themselves their individual political affiliations. Yet Masonry does inculcate a commonsense conception of good citizenship. Moral obligations bind its members to respect and uphold, not to subvert, established authority and order; and, while remembering with filial affection the land of birth, to remain loyal to the law of the land, which, at least for the time being, extends the courtesy and the privileges of residence and citizenship.

Concerning the duties of a Mason: of first importance are the exercise of strictest caution in guarding the mysteries and secrets of the Craft; fidelity to its principles; loyalty to the officers of his lodge; and unqualified obedience to its laws and regulations.

Regular attendance at meetings is, of course, an implied duty, for there the member takes his proper place in the consideration and direction of the affairs of his lodge and of Masonry generally. So, also, regular payment of dues is essential; for only thereby is a lodge enabled to discharge its obligations and to function to the fullest extent in all branches of the work.

There are many other matters, all of them interesting, that might be mentioned -- for instance, the organization and conduct of a lodge. But there is not occasion here to enter into details of these unless desired. If there be any questions, we shall be pleased to give what information we may and can impart.



Our Social Media



Yucca Valley Masonic Lodge #802 is in Joshua Tree, California.

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Congratulations to Sandro on scoring a free skateboard deck!

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Our 33rd annual Harry Tanzer Cornerstone of Excellence Public Schools Night Appreciation Awards Ceremony. Tonight we had the honor of awarding 48 outstanding individuals, students and faculty and Staff members, from 9 of our local area schools for their commitment to public education, their participation, helpfulness, engagement, citizenship, and overall positive attitude. These individuals are the Cornerstones of Excellence in their schools and in their dedication to making education rewarding. We congratulate them for their merit.



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Join us each first Saturday of the month for breakfast from 8-10am.



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People reached

32

Engagements

Boost post



						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gemini 	Cancer 	June Birthstone:  Alexandrite (June)	1	2 Yucca Valley Stated Mtg 5:45 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Open Mtg 	3	4 YV Breakfast 8-10 AM YV Lodge 
5	6 Oasis of Mara (OM) 6:00 Dinner 7:30 Stated Mtg 	7 OM Degree Officer Practice 6:30 pm	8	9 YV Degree/Officer Practice 6:30 pm	10	11
12	13	14 OM Degree Officer Practice 6:30 pm  ***** FLAG DAY	15	16 YV Degree/Officer Practice 6:30 pm	17	18
19 Fathers Day 	20	21 OM Degree Officer Practice 6:30 pm	22	23 Officer's School of Instruction @ Palm Springs Lodge Coachella hosting	24	25
26	27	28 OM Degree Officer Practice 6:30 pm	29	30 YV Degree/Officer Practice 6:30 pm		





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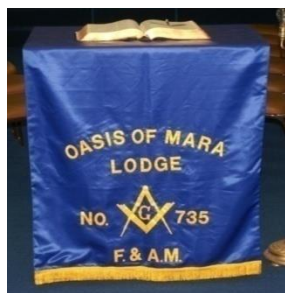
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June Yucca Valley Birthdays

Gerald Schultz	June 2
Trevor Kraycher	June 7
Joe McNamee	June 27
Ken VanTassel	June 28



June Yucca Valley Masonic Birthdays

Roger Sherwin	June 28, 1973
Don Shiflett	June 22, 1976
Dave Davis	June 23, 1998
Hank Kraycher	June 21, 2008
Trent Kraycher	June 21, 2008
Darin Sanden	June 16, 2011

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