

# The Trestleboard

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## FROM THE EAST

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Grand Master Proclaims the month of May - Youth Appreciation Month
- New Lodge Dinner Reservation Policy
- New Master Masons

### Greetings Brothers,

You know, it seems kind of odd sometimes, writing these messages that you'll be getting at the beginning of April, when I don't even know how March will have ended up yet. I know we've had a great start to the month, raising our new Master Mason, Matt Mabry. By the time you read this, though, he shouldn't even be our newest Master Mason. That honor will go to John Wales, who we should have raised on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but since I'm writing this on the 17<sup>th</sup>, I don't know for sure yet. As long as I'm getting ahead of myself, I might as well also say congratulations to Brother Michael Barlow who should have received his Entered Apprentice degree on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Reading that last bit, you should have been able to tell that we had a busy month in March. Actually, the officers have had a busy year so far, conferring seven degrees already! We should be able to stay busy for the foreseeable future, with plenty of candidates working their



way through their proficiencies. In fact, it looks like we won't be going dark this summer, just so we can keep up with the demand for degree work.

Also coming up on April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our second social event for the year, Public Schools night. This year we will be honoring several youths from the Victor Valley Union High School District. Each principal is being asked to recommend one student to receive recognition for exemplary citizenship in support of his or her school or community. The Assistant Superintendent has told me that she is excited to be working with Victorville Lodge this year, and I hope everyone will come out to show our support for our public schools and our community.

So far, the new reservation policy seems to be working out well, and our attendance continues to go up for the stated meeting dinners. Please remember to get your dinner reservations in before

noon on March 30<sup>th</sup>, so you can avoid paying extra at the door.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate David Cavit, this year's recipient of the Hiram Award. This award was created to recognize those brothers that are always there, working behind the scenes to make the lodge a success. The guys that aren't necessarily the officers or committee chairmen that get all the credit when things go right, but the guys who are there working hard just the same. I can't think of a better, more deserving guy to get the award this year than Dave, who has always been there, helping out in the kitchen or performing repairs around the building. Set aside September 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendars to come down to the lodge and help us celebrate. Congratulations, Dave.

Fraternally,  
Brad Bergman  
Worshipful Master



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## FROM THE WEST - SENIOR WARDEN



### Greetings Brethren and Ladies

I hope all is going well with all of you. The VMCA now has the new stove and ovens in place and working great as far as I know. I cooked on the stove and it was great. I used the ovens also and seemed to be ok to me. But some one keeps taking the lighter for the stove or putting it in a drawer for safe keeping. Please leave it on top of the Microwave so we can all use it. Thank-you.

Also all the old codes to the lodge building alarm will be deleted if not assigned to anyone Please see message in lodge, and who to contact

about the problem.

The VMCA is looking into getting new tables for the lodge at this time. We are looking at round tables with one leg at each corner and no cross bar in between.

Thank you Mark Markanson for the work on the lights inside and out. We need brothers to help out with a few projects this summer one is the cleaning of the yard and all the weeds. another is the cleaning of the kitchen. If anyone can help let me know so we can get a work party going to get some of this work done.

Sonny Magstadt  
Senior Warden



### Our Newest Master Masons

Pictured at left;  
WM. Brad Bergman with  
Brother John Wales (right)  
Raised on March 18, 2009

Sorry I do not have a  
photo, but we also had  
another Brother raised this  
last month:

Brother Matt Mabry  
Raised on March 11, 2009

### "After Dinner Club"

**To my fellow After Dinner Clubbers:** This month we are going BUNCO! Bunco is a parlor game played in teams of three. There will be several tables/groups set up to learn and play this fun game. Whether you're a beginner (like me) or a master player, come on down and join us for some super after dinner fun times.

We hope to have received a new letter from our adopted soldier, Tonya Garcia, and we'll share that with the group. The plan is to send her and her husband, Frank (who is stationed with her), a care package to celebrate their 10 yr wedding anniversary. I'll have a list of items that will need to be purchased if you would like to participate. Donations to cover postage will also be accepted.

Some more fun stuff in the future- Desert Valley Hospital health education foundation speaker (no date set, maybe May), the return of the Country Store, **JUNE: Sadie Hawkins Dinner;** ladies will prepare, serve and help clean up dinner (youth group will assist). Main dish will be spaghetti and meatballs. I will need at least 4-6 volunteers to help cook, set tables, assist with plating/serving and dessert. We will meet at lodge at 4p on Wednesday, June 3rd.

Thanks- Amy Bergman

GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION  
YOUTH ORDERS MONTH



"Building for a  
Better Tomorrow"

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California holds our responsibility to the young men and women of the Masonic Youth Orders - the International Order of DeMolay, the International Order of Job's Daughters and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls - a privilege which calls for each and every one of us to participate. To support our youth, today and every day, is a part of our appointed work.

I call on you to assist our Masonic Youth Orders in any way you can. There are many meaningful things that we, as Masons, can do. We can attend their meetings, serve on their Advisory Boards, offer to assist with quality leadership training, give them an extra hour of our time. I know every Mason in this jurisdiction realizes the importance of guiding our young people today. We as Freemasons are obligated to dedicate and commit ourselves to support these intelligent and patriotic young people. They are the future leaders of our Nation, our communities, and our lodges and are destined to preserve the great heritage of our country through the use of moral and ethical standards of the Masonic Fraternity that they have learned as members of our youth orders. Every lodge and every Master

*"the youth of today are our future leaders"*

Mason must enthusiastically support these Youth Orders! It is more important now than ever before. How very rewarding it will be for us individually and collectively to assist and encourage them, to strengthen and supplement their young efforts and help them become better than we are. But our interest in them must be more than just words; it must constitute action. Our example to them must be in the deeds we do, which prove our sincerity; the understanding that proves our character. It must be in the recognition that proves our faith in them individually and together, and in their and our future. Knowing that each Master Mason in this jurisdiction will respond with fraternal love and charity of heart to this Masonic responsibility and to the privilege of encouraging, guiding and assisting our Youth

Orders in all ways possible,

I therefore **PROCLAIM** the month of **MAY 2009** to be **YOUTH ORDERS MONTH** and I direct that this Proclamation shall be read by the Master at the Stated Meetings held during the months of February, March, and April 2009, and that this Proclamation be included in the Lodge Trestleboard. And most importantly, that each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall host special meetings or programs which include one or more youth orders, in order to exemplify our sincerity in our expressed interest and love in them. They are our future and it is up to us now to show that we mean what we say.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2009.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Larry L. Adamson  
Grand Master

Attest: Allan L. Casalou  
Grand Secretary

LODGE DINNERS

To help address the issues facing reservations and obtaining an accurate count for our Lodge Dinners, the Lodge has voted to offer to the members, friends and families a "**Prepaid Dinner Reservation Card**" plan.

These cards will be available to anyone who wishes to prepay annually for their dinners at the stated meetings. The annual price for the card is \$72.00. These cards will be prorated down \$6.00 each month throughout the year. There will be no refund or credit for any meals missed.

Regular dinner reservations (not prepaid) that are made **before noon** on the Monday prior to the Stated Meeting will be \$7.00 per person. Reservations may be made by email at [vvldodge634@charter.net](mailto:vvldodge634@charter.net), or by phone on the lodge recorder at (760) 245-2889.

Any reservations received **after noon on Monday** or at the door will be \$10.00 per person. The availability of food will be limited and will be on a first come first served basis after all prepaid and regular reservations have been served.



THE CORNERSTONE OF THE  
STATUE OF LIBERTY  
WAS LAID BY OFFICERS OF  
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW  
YORK, AUGUST 5, 1885.

FROM THE INSPECTOR

Please remember to attend all Officers' Schools of Instruction. They are always on the third Tuesday of the month. Odd months will be at Victorville, and even months at Barstow-Boron.

This month we will be working on the third degree. If you cannot attend remember to call either myself or your Master to get excused. All officers are required to attend the OSI's.

Fraternally,  
George Whitmore, PM,  
Inspector District #802



Letters to God

A postman, on his route, picked up a letter from a mailbox that was addressed to God. The postman seeing that the letter was not sealed, and there being no postage on it, opened and read it.

It was from a man who was down on his luck and was asking God for help. The letter asked for \$50 to get his family through the next week.

The postman, being a Mason, took the letter to Lodge that evening, read it, and asked for donations for the unfortunate fellow. The Masons, wanting to help, took up a collection, and received twenty five dollars from the brethren. The Secretary placed the cash in a Lodge envelope, and gave it to the postman to deliver the following day, which he did.

Another day passed, and the postman again found an unsealed letter in the mailbox addressed to God. Again he opened and read the letter, which thanked God for the money, but instructed him to send it through the Knights of Columbus next time as the Masons kept half.

Masonic Definitions

**Impious** -(im'-pi-ous)  
phonetically pronounces (im'-pee-us) - lacking in proper respect; irreverent; lacking reverence for God.

**Artificer** - (ar-tif'-i-ser)  
The maker of artifacts; the designer of buildings.

MASONIC YOUTH

DeMolay

If you know of any 12-21 year olds who would like to become involved in our chapter, have them call Charlie Brown at 245-2889

Rainbow Girls

News From: Victor Valley Assembly #273, I.O.R.G.

Hello to all our Adult Masonic groups. Our Prospect Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:30 PM. We have a 30 minute business meeting followed by a craft and snack. You are welcome to attend.

We are getting ready for Grand Assembly in the first week of April. It is always a lot of fun for all the girls and is always filled with many surprises.

Thank you for the support of the adult organizations and remember to come down to a meeting and support the girls.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Jessica Marie Bettencourt,  
WA  
Jr. Past Grand Representative to Indiana - Kentucky 2008  
For more information,

please call our Mother Advisor Merle Ann Fenske at (760) 245-2889.

Jobs Daughters

Bethel 262 recently had our Grand Guardian's Official visit. It was a very good and fun evening for all. The Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian talked about the Pajama Project - collecting PJ's for the kids in the shelters.

The girls are getting ready for Grand Bethel on June 25-28th with Brittany Stube as incoming Grand Bethel Guardian.

Gifts in a jar are available for purchase. A large jar is \$5.00, cookie mix or soup mix. A \$3.00 jar is available for coffee creamer.

Job's Daughters meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm. The girls invite you all to come visit a meeting  
For more information, please call our Bethel Guardian Robin Vrsalovich at (760) 245-2889.



**Job's Daughters**  
Bethel #262  
2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays  
7:00pm



**Rainbow Girls**  
Assembly #273  
2nd & 4th  
Mondays  
6:30pm



**Keith Lee Seals**  
DeMolay  
1st & 3rd  
Mondays  
7:00pm

# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Lodge #634 Dinner 6:30pm  Stated Meeting Inspector OV 7:30pm	<b>2</b> VMCA Meeting 7:00pm Cancer Dressing 10:00am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
				Rainbow Grand Assembly - Fresno CA		
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Keith Lee Seals DeMolay 7:00pm	<b>7</b> Lodge #842 Stated Mtg. 10:00  Cryptic/Royal Arch Masons 7:00pm	<b>8</b> Lodge #634 Degree or Practice 7:00pm	<b>9</b> OES #537 Dinner 6:00pm Stated Meeting 7:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Grand Assembly - Fresno CA						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Rainbow #273 Prospect Party 6:30pm	<b>14</b> Lodge #842 10:00am  Jobs Daughters 7:00pm	<b>15</b> Lodge #634 Public Schools Awareness Night 6:00pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Amaranth #123 Lunch 11:00am  Stated Meeting 1:00pm	<b>18</b> Ella Harrison Memorial 1:00pm
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Keith Lee Seals DeMolay 7:00pm	<b>21</b> Lodge #842 10:00am  OSI - 7:30pm At Barstow	<b>22</b> Lodge #634 Degree or Practice 7:00pm	<b>23</b> OES #537 Stated Meeting 7:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rainbow #273 Prospect Party 6:30pm	<b>28</b> Jobs Daughters 7:00pm	<b>29</b> Lodge #634 Degree or Practice 7:00pm	<b>30</b>		

## April Birthdays

William Gaines	2
Elmer Cash	3
Charles Warefield	3
Mikhaiel Mougala	4
William Heiser	5
Dale Mack	9
Mark Markanson	9
Michael Rollin	9
Neill Erath	10
Eugene Olson	11

Christoff Kilzer	15
James Hall Jr.	18
Burford King	20
James Holland	23
Hilario Venoya Jr.	23
George Boardman	24
Howard Green	27

## Raised To The Sublime Degree Of A Master Mason

John Cooper, PM	7
Roy Giangrossi	10
Ricky Cameron	16
John Russell*	16
Francis Gault*	17
Mark Lawrence*	18
James Holland*	20
Richard Weiss**	22
John Verret	24

Franklin Foote*	25
James Wilmot	27
Scott Zinda	27
Christoff Kilzer	28

- 25 Year Member
- \*\* 50 Year Member





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MEETINGS  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
7:00PM  
  
STATED MEETING  
FIRST WEDNESDAY  
7:30PM

Freemasonry - Making Good Men Better

## THE TRESTLEBOARD

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### Stated Meeting Dinner

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

#### Baked Chicken Dinner

Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad  
Dessert

Reservations \$7.00 - At the Door \$10.00

Please call in your Reservations to the Lodge  
by no later than Noon Monday  
(760) 245-2889

IF YOU HAVE ANY ARTICLES TO SUBMIT, TYPOS OR  
CORRECTIONS FOR THE TRESTLEBOARD OR WEBPAGE,  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW.  
YOU MAY CONTACT ME AT:  
TERRY FENSKÉ  
PHONE: (760) 245-2889  
E-MAIL: VVLODGE634@CHARTER.NET

### Leaders of Other Resident Masonic Bodies

Fox-Coates Lodge #842	Darrell Bunker, WM
OES, V.V. Chapter #537	Laura Thompson, WM
Amaranth Joshua Ct #123	Norma Palmer, RM
RAM Hi Desert Ch #127	Darrell Bunker
Keith Lee Seals DeMolay	David Brown
Rainbow for Girls #273	Merle Ann Fenske
Job's Daughters #262	Robin Vrsalovich
Golden Slipper Shofit Ch.	Lillie Bluff
Golden Slipper Beth II Ch.	Gaylene Bacom
Oasis Council #64	Darrell Bunker

### Scheduled Meetings

Victorville Lodge #634	1st Wednesday	7:30pm
VMCA	1st Thursday	7:00pm
Fox-Coates Lodge #842	1st Tuesday	10:00am
Order of the Amaranth #123	3rd Friday	1:00pm
Order of the Eastern Star	2nd&4th Thursdays	7:30pm
Order of the DeMolay	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00pm
Job's Daughters Bethel #262	2nd & 4th Tuesdays	7:00pm
Rainbow for Girls #273	2nd & 4th Mondays	6:30pm
RAM Hi Desert #127	1st Tuesday	7:00pm
Oasis Council #64	1st Tuesday	9:00pm

### Other Masonic Meetings Elsewhere

Apple Valley Shrine Club	2nd & 4th Tuesday	6:30pm
York Rite Club	1st Thursday	6:30pm
Order of the Golden Slipper	3rd & 4th Mondays	12:00pm
High Desert Lodge #107	1st Friday	7:00pm

### Committee Chairmen

Circle of Concern	
Webpage	Terry Fenske
Publicity	Art Laing
Trestleboard	Terry Fenske

### Victorville Lodge #634 – Officers 2009

WM	Brad Bergman	(Amy)
SW	Sonny Magstadt	(Marie)
JW	Robert Martinez	
TR	Horace Larkin, PM	(Emmi)
SC	George McKiernan, PM	(Linda)
CH	Art Laing	(May)
MA	John Verret	(Alice)
SD	Terry Fenske	(Merle Ann)
JD	Bud Strode, PM	(Pat)
SS	Alan Molineux	(Kerry)
JS	Robert Blaker	(Delina)
TI		

### Officers Coach

Jere Wolf, PM (Doreen)

### Inspector, 802nd Masonic District

George Whitmore, PM (Pamela)

### Victorville Masonic Center Association

Pres	Sonny Magstadt SW	(Marie)
VP	John G. Verret,	(Alice)
TR	Brad Bergman WM	(Amy)
SC	Horace Larkin, PM	(Emmi)
M	David D. Cavit	(Betty)
M	John E. Jobson, P M	(Zulie)
M	Robert Blaker	(Delina)
M	Howard W. Smith	(Marion)
M	Jere Wolf, PM	(Doreen)
M	Larry L. Wray, PM	(Joan)
M	Terry Fenske	(Merle Ann)