



THE TRESTLEBOARD

VICTORVILLE LODGE #634, F&AM



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From The East



Brethren,

This being my last trestleboard article I would like to thank all the 2008 Officers for an outstanding job this year. I would also like to congratulate all the 2009 Officers on their elections and appointments.

This year was definitely one to remember. The brothers from High Desert Lodge #107 visited several times throughout the year, as well as several members from our lodge visiting theirs. We had a successful barbeque, several presentations and different events.

Although several officers from our Lodge resigned for various personal reasons, through it all we came together as a Lodge and conferred many degrees. I would like to thank George McKiernan for taking the reigns as Secretary, Jere Wolf as Assistant Secretary, Bud Strode as Junior Deacon and Allen Mulineux as Senior Steward, as these brother have filled their respective positions on a regular basis since mid year. I would also like to thank all the Brothers and visiting Brethren who for filling in the chairs as needed. It was greatly appreciated. Thank You for all your hard work and efforts.

Fraternally,
Steve Koonrad
Worshipful Master

From The West



Greetings Brothers,

Did this year go by as quickly for you as it did for me? As they say, time flies when you're having fun, and this year was a great one for me. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Worshipful Steve for all the work he put in as Master this year. I'd also like to thank all the brothers of Victorville Lodge for electing me to be Master next year. As good as this year was, there are a couple of things I want to do next year that I think will make it even better, but I'm going to need everybody's help to make it work.

The biggest thing I want to do is to get more people down to the lodge more often. Amy often tells me that she doesn't see how we can be conferring so many degrees when she never sees anybody new around the lodge. I'm guessing that part of the problem is that all we ever do anymore is practice degree work, confer degrees, and hold stated meetings. I'm hoping that if we give people more reasons to come to the lodge, more people will actually come to the lodge. I've noticed that a lot of the activities we used to have, like Sweetheart's night, constitutional observance, and even the Eastern Star social, don't happen anymore. Well I want to bring all of those back.

My big idea is to take the publicity committee and turn it into the community outreach committee. And when I say "community," I don't just mean the high desert community. I'm talking about our entire Masonic family as well: widows, youth groups, and concordant bodies. I want us to make the lodge a place where all of us can get together and enjoy the fellowship.

Brother Art Laing has graciously agreed to chair the committee for me, and I'm deeply grateful to him for taking this on. My goal for this year is to have 6 social events – one every other month. Our first event will be sweetheart's night sometime in February. Now here's what I need from you... 1) I need volunteers to help Art put these events together. We're going to need a real committee with actual members to help pull this off. (Plus I promised Art that he wouldn't have to do it all by himself.) 2) I need you to show up. If we don't get participation, I'm afraid this will just end up dying off again. If we get good results, I'm hopeful that this can be just the start of a positive trend.

So once again, thanks, and I hope to see you around the lodge much more often next year.
Fraternally,
Brad Bergman, Senior Warden



In Memoriam - Alfred Ezekiel Johnson

Alfred Ezekiel Johnson was born on July 28, 1913, in El Monte, California. Alfred was a very proud life-long Mason. As a 65-year member of the Lodge, he developed many friends in the Masonic Lodge and enjoyed the group even as he aged. Alfred served as Master of the Victorville Lodge in 1958. He received the Hiram Award, the highest honor in the Lodge, in 1983. He then became active with the Apple Valley Shrine Club, often traveling with the Shrine Miniature Cars in numerous parades. Alfred passed away on November 13, 2008. A Masonic Service was held on November 18th with more than 35 Masons in attendance.



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From The South

Greetings Brethren and ladies,

Here we are at the end of another year. I hope to see you all at the Installation of Officers for Victorville Lodge #634 at 4:00pm on December 6, 2008.

Remember that this month the VMCA will be finalizing all the calendars and contracts for the upcoming year. The leaders of all the concordant bodies need to be at the VMCA meeting on December 4, 2008

The Stated meeting dinner this month is December 3, 2008. Please be sure to call in your reservation.

Fraternally,

Sonny Magstadt, Junior Warden

Scribes Scribbles

Brethren,

Well here we are again, another Christmas season. My, oh my, how time flies. We are full of Thanksgiving turkey and then here comes the Christmas Carols, the Christmas Cards and the dreaded Christmas shopping. I sure hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season. The Club parties and Lodge parties may now begin... Hooray.

Lodge Installation is Dec 6th, please don't miss it. Transportation can be provided if requested just call me at 961-0631, we would love to see the Lodge just jam packed.

I am the new guy around here, but have noticed that we have many Brothers who live here in the Valley, and many who have not been back to Lodge in a while. I would love to meet as many brethren face to face as I can.

I challenge you to send an RSVP to the Installation, and come back and see how your Lodge is still doing. We just Initiated 5 new members in the last month and a half, many 2nd degrees are on the horizon, and I know how everyone appreciates a 2nd degree and its lecture.

Now is the time to help us fill the sidelines, and make an impression on our new members.

Your Secretary, George McKiernan

From Our Inspector

Hello All,

It has been a great year as your inspector, thank you all for your kindness, friendship and help. I believe we have all moved forward as Masons and our lodges are better for it. There will be no OSI this month, just the installations. We will begin again in January, 2009. See you at installation.

Fraternally, Geo. Whitmore, P.M., Insp. 802 Masonic District

Circle of Concern

To all our Brothers,
May the Holidays find you healthy and well.

Our wishes go out to the family of Al Johnson.
We will miss him.

The Entered Apprentice

A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree."

Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain.

"I was entered on July 4, 1959. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree."

So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1959.

"Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask.

He replied: "I was learning to subdue my passions!"

RSVP TODAY! Installation of Officers

Saturday, December 6, 2008,

4:00PM

Dinner to Follow

**We need your RSVP
for this catered event.**

**Leave a message on the Lodge Recorder
or email to vv lodge634@charter.net**

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Upcoming Events - December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 DeMolay 7:00pm	2 Fox Coates #834 10:00am 7:00pm Royal Arch/Cryptic	3 Victorville #634 Dinner - 6:30pm Meeting - 7:30pm	4 VMCA Board 7:00pm	5	6  Victorville Lodge #634 Installation 4:00pm
7  Pearl Harbor Day	8 Rainbow #273 Planning Meeting 6:00pm	9 Jobs Daughters 7:00pm	10 Victorville #634 7:00pm Degree or Practice	11 10:00am Cancer Dressing 5:30 All Masonic Christmas Party OES 7:30pm	12	13
14	15 DeMolay 7:00pm	16 Fox Coates #834 10:00am	17 Victorville #634 7:00pm Degree or Practice	18	19 Amaranth #123 1:00pm	20
21 Hanukkah Begins First Day of Winter	22 Rainbow #273 Dark	23 Job's Daughters 7:00pm	24 Victorville #634 Dark	25 Merry Christmas	26 	27 St. John The Evangelist Day
28	29	30	31 Victorville #634 Dark	THE REAL SECRET OF FREEMASONRY MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER		

December Anniversaries of Their Raising As A Master Mason

Michael Neitzel Dec 1
 Artie Gardner * Dec 4
 Lawrence Huber * Dec 8
 Michael Barrett Dec 9
 Oliver Goodwill ** Dec 10
 Joe Mapalo * Dec 15
 Douglas Watson Dec 16
 Howard Walker * Dec 20
 Jerome White ** Dec 20
 Vernal Kennedy ** Dec 21
 Dale Mower Dec 22
 Edgar Lundy II * Dec 28
 Marshall Riness * Dec 28

** 50 Year Members
 * 25 year members



Stated Meeting Dinner

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

6:30 PM

Baked Potato Bar

All The Fixing's,
 Salad, Dessert

Please Call in your Reservation to the Lodge!
 760 245-2889



Our American Flag

This month's flag is raised in tribute to the spirit of the season. Wishing you all a joyous holiday

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

December Birthdays

Dick Shirk Dec 02
 Ed Lundy Dec 04
 Kyle Gower Dec 08
 Kenneth Jackson Dec 09
 Gene Wilcutt Dec 10
 Alan Mulineux Dec 11
 Bennett Carter Dec 11
 John Verret Dec 12
 John Jobson Dec 13
 Lloyd E. Harris Dec 13
 Ricky Cameron Dec 13
 Kenneth Crawford Dec 16
 Nicholas Dudynsky Dec 19
 Larry Walker Dec 14
 Jeff Eisenhower Dec 14
 Jerry Rickerl Dec 20
 John Cooper Dec 21
 Delbert Teis Dec 24
 David Waring Dec 27
 Larry Newman Dec 28
 Allen Miller Dec 29
 Oliver Goodwill Dec 29
 Len VanVelkinburgh Dec 30
 Bob May Dec 30

Happy Birthday!

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Meetings
Every Wednesday 7:00PM

Stated Meeting
First Wednesday 7:30PM



Victorville Lodge #634 – Officers 2008

WM Steve Koonrad	(Jilana)
SW Brad Bergman	(Amy)
JW Sonny Magstadt	(Marie)
TR Horace Larkin, PM	(Emmi)
SC George McKiernan, PM	(Linda)
CH Art Laing	(May)
MA John Verret	(Alice)
SD Robert Martinez	
JD Terry Fenske	(Merle Ann)
SS William Draple	
JS William Henderson	(Jenee)
TI Dale Mack	(Barbara)

Officers Coach
 Jere Wolf, PM (Doreen)

Inspector, 802nd Masonic District
 George Whitmore, PM (Pamela)

Victorville Masonic Center Association

Pres Sonny Magstadt	(Marie)
VP John G. Verret,	(Alice)
TR Robert Brad Bergman	(Amy)
SC Horace Larkin, PM	(Emmi)
WM Stephen J. Koonrad	(Jilana)
M David D. Cavit	(Betty)
M John E. Jobson, P M(Zulie)
M Robert Blaker	(Delina)
M Walter Rodin, PM 842	(Herma)
M Howard W. Smith	(Marion)
M Jere Wolf, PM	(Doreen)
M Larry L. Wray, PM	(Joan)
M Terry Fenske	(Merle Ann)

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Leaders of Other Resident Masonic Bodies

Fox-Coates Lodge #842	Jim Baum WM
OES, V.V. Chapter #537	Nancy Brown
Amaranth Joshua Ct #123	Norma Palmer
RAM Hi Desert Ch #127	Jim Baum
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 Bath II Ch.	Ernestine Redmond
Oasis Council #64	Jim Baum

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	7:00pm
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	Bill Shirley, PM
Webpage	Terry Fenske
Publicity	Bill Shirley, PM
Trestleboard	Terry Fenske

If you have any articles to submit, typos or corrections for the Trestleboard, please let me know. Contact me at:
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