

The Trestleboard

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FROM THE EAST

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Masonic Youth need your help
- Ladies start After Dinner Club during Stated Meeting Time
- Valentines Day Pancake Breakfast February 14
- Our Masonic Culture - a look at being a Mason

Greetings Brothers,

Let me begin by saying that I'm really encouraged by the great turnout we had for the January stated meeting. I hope this an indication that we will be seeing a lot of people much more often at the lodge this year. Sonny was actually worried that we might have run out of food for the dinner, but we ended up having just enough. It would sure help out though, if you would leave a message on the lodge recorder by Monday if you plan to be at the dinner on Wednesday. We'll be preparing plenty of food this month and don't want any of it to go to waste, so be sure to come on out for the stated meeting dinner again.

Amy had a great organizational meeting for her after dinner club, and from what I understand, all the ladies had a good time. Keep coming out, be-



of our social events for the lodge this year. Art and May and their crew have been hard at work putting together a great program for Sweetheart's night, and I hope everyone plans to come out and participate on the 11th. A diligent effort was made to contact all of the widows, but if by some chance, someone was missed, be sure and invite them to visit the lodge for their special night. Transportation is available if needed, just leave a message on the recorder, and we'll get a ride for anyone who needs one.

Getting down to the business of the lodge...we've already conferred several second degrees this year, and there's at least one more in the pipeline. Terry

has already gotten plenty of experience delivering that staircase lecture. What that really means though, is that we should be having a string of third degrees coming up soon. It's always a special night when we raise a new Master Mason, and it's a great opportunity to fill the sidelines. Start making plans now to come down and fellowship with our new brothers.

We've had a really great start to the year, and I hope it just continues getting better. There are several applications for degrees that should start coming in over the next few months, keeping plenty of candidates in line for degree work. We've got an outstanding line of officers this year, and they're working hard to make Victorville Lodge the best place to be on Wednesday night. Come on down and join us.
Brad Bergman

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NEW LOOK FOR THE TRESTLEBOARD

As you can see, there is a new look for the Trestleboard for 2009! This new look is to reflect our new vision for the Lodge. Community involvement and outreach, focus on family, our youth and improving ourselves in Masonry.

There will be interesting articles on Masonic history, people in Masonry and some humorous looks at our craft. We want your involvement. If you have news about yourself or families, please let us know. We want to share it with our Masonic family!

You can send it by email to vlodge634@charter.net or give me (Terry Fenske) a call at (760) 949-7741.

So here's is to 2009 as we begin our celebration of **Freemasonry!**

FROM THE WEST - SENIOR WARDEN



Greetings Brethren and Ladies

A report from the Kitchen: Last month we served about 32 dinners and only had reservations for 11. Yes I know that the Officers will be at the lodge or I think they will but, it would be nice to be able to buy the right amount of food and not have an over run of food. If we do have an over run how about buying it up. Also the stoves are not working right and we are in the process of look into new stove and ovens. So please help the Kitchen crew by calling in your reservations by

Monday before NOON as the head cook can go buy the food for the Stated Meeting.

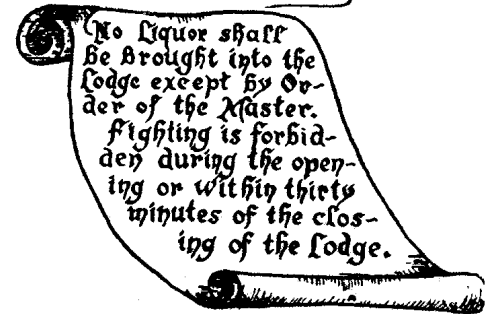
Now we are having a sweethearts night and the menu will be, Salad, Ham baked Potatoes, vegetables of some kind, and a dessert by May Laing, Who is helping me with this dinner on the 11th of February. Hope to see all of you at the dinners. Again Please make reservation as if is a big help for the kitchen crew.

A great big Thank you to Norma Nikkel who has been out looking for stove and ovens, and has put us in touch with a person who has a stove and double stacked ovens for a very good price if the will fit in were our old stove is now. Norma, Dave and I will be look at

them. Also I would like to thank Norma for her donation to get these new/used ovens/ stove. THANK YOU Norma.

Fraternally
Sonny Magstadt, Senior Warden.

*BRISTOL LODGE
(MASS), WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1797, HAD THE FOLLOWING AS ONE OF ITS EARLY REGULATIONS:*



FROM THE SOUTH - JUNIOR WARDEN



THE ELDERS

On a recent trip, I noticed that a Lodge that I had visited, had the same profound element; older gentlemen as members. The majority of Lodges today have a significant number of older men, who have served their Lodge in one capacity or another. These men deserve our gratitude for

their service and dedication. The many hours, days, weeks and years that are spent on our work is a testament to our great fraternity. So the next time you see an older gentleman, whether at our Lodge or while traveling, thank him, for without him there would be no Lodge for us today.

NEXT MONTH: BROTHERLY LOVE

Bobby Martinez, Junior Warden

DID YOU KNOW? The Elevator Runs Sideways!

To give unbroken floor space in the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria VA, the cars move sideways 35 feet as they rise 225 feet in 2 slanting elevator shafts from the main floor to the observation platform

Attention After Dinner Club

Our February after dinner club will consist of helping prepare the decorations for the lodge dining room for the Sweethearts' dinner. Please plan to stay after the stated meeting dinner on the 4th and have fun with us.

I also wanted to sincerely thank all of those who stayed after for our first meeting in January. Looking ahead we are planning to help with Public Schools Night (April), have a Cinco de Mayo potluck (May), Sadie Hawkins Dinner (June) where the ladies cook & serve a hearty meal for our Masons, as well as hosting several guest speakers for entertainment after the stated meeting dinners. So remember, eat dinner and stay for the fun and fellowship.

Hope to see you all there.



MASONIC EDUCATION SERIES
MASONIC CULTURE



The advancement of high moral and intellectual forces in an environment of harmonious social interaction. The expression “**knowledge is power**” was well known even to ancient civilizations, and the development of mind, so-called enlightenment, was a paramount ambition among them.

Symbols of moral power were clothed in “mysteries”, in order to indelibly impress their lessons upon initiates to the philosophical orders. For similar purposes, Freemasonry’s ritual has preserved the essence of these elegant traditions. Beyond the candidate level, however, it becomes a brother’s duty to continually study and reflect and teach not only Masonic history and philosophy, but also the liberal arts and sciences.

The brethren should proudly discourse on Freemasonry’s mission as an instrument of friendship, benevolence and

compassion toward others; as a model for man’s plans, purposes, hopes and striving to be better; and as a platform to strengthen and express a belief and devotion to God. Such are the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth!

The true purpose, therefore, of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us; to develop to their fullest extent the capacities of every kind with which the God who made us has endowed us.

WHAT CAME YOU HERE TO DO? To learn, to subdue our passions, and to improve ourselves in Masonry.

TO LEARN - Do you read Masonic periodicals and books? What have you taught your brethren and candidates?

TO SUBDUCE OUR PASSIONS -

In an expression of brotherly love or caring, how many ill brethren have you visited?

Has your understanding and appreciation of our beautiful ritual enabled you to apply its lessons in your daily life at work, at home, and at leisure? Do you exemplify the four cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, so that others notice behavioral changes in you?

TO IMPROVE OUR SELVES IN MASONRY - How else have you made yourselves better men? In an expression of brotherly love or caring, how many ill brethren have you visited? Have you personally transported a non-driving or inactive brother to Lodge? Have you contributed to Masonic and community charities? How have you demonstrated that you are a good neighbor and a good citizen? How have you shown reverence for God? Does spirituality enter your

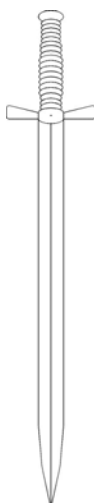
every-day life? ***What shall we do?*** - exclaimed by the triad of Fellow Crafts exemplifies the importance of fraternal caring and concern, and promote dependence upon one another in collective effort. But, as conversation proceeds, they remind us that ultimately we are accountable for our actions and must report to a higher authority. *“Agreed!”*

The degree then teaches us the importance of independent thought and action. *“Hold! Before we return and report, let us separate,”* ostensibly for individual experiences.

But, *“let us keep within hailing distance”*, that is, within the same context, so we may once again *“meet and consult should any important discovery be made.”*

*Jack R. Levitt
Past Grand Master
of California*

Is Freemasonry a difficult organization to join?



It can be! This story gives one version:
A man was checking in at a Hotel, and while at the Registration desk, he noticed a group of men heading toward a function room.
He said to the Clerk, “Who are those men?”
She replied, “Oh, they’re the Masons. They are meeting in one of our function rooms until their new Lodge is finished.”
He replied, “Oh yeah, the Masons! Isn’t that the group that’s so hard to get into?”
She replied, “You don’t know the half of it!. See that man with the sword? He’s been banging on that door for eight months and they haven’t let him in yet!”



2009 Lodge Officers

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. If you cannot attend remember to call either myself or your Master to get excused. All officers are required to attend the OSI's.



Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day.

One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?"

"No," the second may replied, "it's Thursday."

And the third man chimed in, "So am I, Let's have a beer."

Fraternally,
George Whitmore, PM,
Inspector District #802

SCRIBES SCRIBBLES

Brethren

We are progressing with several degrees early this year, so be sure to come down to the lodge and support these new brethren as they progress in Masonry.

Just a reminder that your 2009 dues are now past due. Please remit them as soon as possible



Your Secretary, George McKiernan

HOWARD "SMITTY" SMITH

I'm sure that by now all of you know that Howard W. "Smitty" Smith and his wife, Marion, are leaving this area. Smitty has been a fixture in both this Lodge and Fox-Coates Daylight Lodge 842, to say nothing of his many contributions to the Apple Valley Shrine Club. Both he and Marion are also very active in the Eastern Star and in the Order of the Golden Slipper, where Marion has served as State President. To say that we all will miss them is an understatement.

That being the case, none of us wants to see them leave without a proper send-off. Please plan to come to the Lodge on Saturday, 21 February, where we'll have lunch and a program to honor them. Since they have so many friends, reservations for lunch are a must. Please call me at 243-9584 no later than February 14th, so that we can be sure to be able to accommodate you. We want this to be a special day for both of them, so please make every effort to join with us.

A social hour will begin at 11:00 AM, with lunch following at noon.

Jere Wolf

MASONIC YOUTH

DeMolay

For the months of January and February, the Keith Lee Seals Chapter of DeMolay will meet on the first Monday at the lodge at 7:00pm and then be meeting with the Rialto Chapter DeMolay on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. This will give the boys the opportunity to meet with a group of boys from a larger chapter and learn ritual with them. The boys in our chapter have grown older and have aged out and the new boys are young and need time to grow through chapter activities and friendships. We appreciate your continued concern for our chapter and hope that also meeting with another chapter will keep our boys involved while we recruit new boys from the high desert area. If

you know of any 12-21 year olds who would like to become involved in our chapter, have them call Charlie Brown at 948-2116. Thanks.

Rainbow Girls

The Rainbow Girls will now be meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30pm. We are holding open meetings, and invite all interested girls from 8 - 20 years old to come down and join in the fun! For more information, please call Merle Ann Fenske at (760) 963-8484.

Jobs Daughters

Job's Daughters meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm. The girls invite you all to come visit a meeting.

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Victor Valley Assembly #273



Invites you and your Sweetheart
to a

**Valentines Day
Pancake Breakfast**



**Saturday
February 14, 2009
8:00am - 11:00am**

**\$7.00 Adults
\$5.00 Youth**

Victorville Masonic Center



**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**



February 2009



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 <i>Keith Lee</i> <i>Seals DeMolay</i> 7:00pm	3 <i>Lodge #847</i> <i>Stated Meeting</i> 10:00 <i>Cryptic/Royal Arch Masons</i> 7:00pm	4 <i>Lodge #634</i> <i>Dinner</i> 6:30pm <i>Stated Meeting</i> 7:30pm	5 <i>OES</i> <i>Cancer Dressing</i> 10:00am <i>VMCA Meeting</i> 7:00pm	6	7
8	9 <i>Rainbow #273</i> <i>Prospect Party</i> 6:30pm	10 <i>Lodge #847</i> 10:00am <i>Jobs Daughters</i> 7:00pm	11 <i>Lodge #634</i> <i>Sweetheart's Night</i> 6:00pm	12 <i>OES #537</i> <i>Dinner</i> 6:00pm <i>Stated Meeting</i> 7:30pm	13 <i>Rainbow</i> <i>Sleep Over Night</i> 5:00pm -	14 <i>Rainbow</i> <i>Valentines Day Pancake Breakfast</i> 8:00am - 11:00am
15	16 <i>Keith Lee</i> <i>Seals DeMolay</i> 7:00pm	17 <i>Lodge #847</i> 10:00am <i>OSI - 7:30pm</i> <i>At Barstow Lodge</i>	18 <i>Lodge #634</i> <i>2nd Degree</i> 7:00pm	19	20 <i>Amaranth #123</i> <i>Lunch 11:00am</i> <i>Stated Meeting</i> 1:00pm	21 <i>Reception</i> <i>Howard "Smitty" Smith</i> 11:00am
22	23 <i>Rainbow #273</i> <i>Prospect Party</i> 6:30pm	24 <i>Jobs Daughters</i> 7:00pm	25 <i>Lodge #634</i> <i>3rd Degree Practice</i> 7:00pm	26 <i>OES #537</i> <i>Dinner</i> 6:00pm <i>Stated Meeting</i> 7:30pm	27	28

February Birthdays

David Cavit
Jimmie Whitley
William Moffat
John Toth
David Miller
Edward Morris
Matt Mabry
Randy Madan Jr.
Garold Partin
Olin Hodges
Arthur Laing
Steven Perry
Dewald Magstadt

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Larry Wray
Louie Martinez
Michael Neitzel
Raymond Baldrige
Rafaelito Simbulan

Raised To The Sublime Degree Of A Master Mason

Elmer Cash*
Vester Lawrence PM*
John Osborne
John Vaughn

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Lionel Halbe*
Michael Rollin
Ralph Carrico
Arthur Laing**
Eric Hansen
Robert Buck**
John Gibson PM*
Richard Mark
William Moffat*
David Elliott
Charles Rader*
Royce Avery PM**
Melvin Green**
Delbert Teis*
James Piper**

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Congratulations to Royce Avery
On His Golden Veteran's Anniversary
50 Years
Initiated - Sept 10, 1958
Passed - October 29, 1958
Raised - February 25, 1959
Join us at the Lodge for the Presentation on March 4, 2009
Please RSVP

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
CALODGES.ORG/NO634



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MEETINGS
EVERY WEDNESDAY
7:00PM

STATED MEETING
FIRST WEDNESDAY
7:30PM

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Stated Meeting Dinner

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Pork Chop Dinner

Salad, Green Beans, Red Potatoes
Pudding Dessert

\$7.00

Please call in your Reservations to the Lodge!
(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 FENSKE

PHONE: (760) 949-7741

E-MAIL: VVLODGE634@CHARTER.NET

Leaders of Other Resident Masonic Bodies

Fox-Coates Lodge #842	Darrell Bunker, WM	243-1530
OES, V.V. Chapter #537	Laura Thompson, WM	949-9694
Amaranth Joshua Ct #123	Norma Palmer, RM	241-3423
RAM Hi Desert Ch #127	Darrell Bunker	243-1530
Keith Lee Seals DeMolay	David Brown	947-0837
Rainbow for Girls #273	Merle Ann Fenske	949-7741
Job's Daughters #262	Robin Vrsalovich	241-3200
Golden Slipper Shofit Ch.	Lillie Bluff	762-5323
Golden Slipper Beth II Ch.	Gaylene Bacom	248-2589
Oasis Council #64	Darrell Bunker	243-1530

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	Bill Shirley, PM	244-7903
Webpage	Terry Fenske	949-7741
Publicity	Art Laing	242-5768
Trestleboard	Terry Fenske	949-7741

Victorville Lodge #634 – Officers 2009

WM	Brad Bergman	(Amy)	247-5404
SW	Sonny Magstadt	(Marie)	245-3696
JW	Robert Martinez		662-1653
TR	Horace Larkin, PM	(Emmi)	245-5582
SC	George McKiernan, PM	(Linda)	961-0631
CH	Art Laing	(May)	242-5768
MA	John Verret	(Alice)	956-7912
SD	Terry Fenske	(Merle Ann)	949-7741
JD	Bud Strode, PM	(Pat)	247-7559
SS	Alan Molineux	(Kerry)	951-7064
JS	Robert Blaker	(Delina)	245-5157
TI	Bill Shirley, PM		243-1303

Officers Coach

Jere Wolf, PM	(Doreen)	243-9584
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Inspector, 802nd Masonic District

George Whitmore, PM	(Pamela)	244-0073 885-3196
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Victorville Masonic Center Association

Pres	Sonny Magstadt SW	(Marie)	245-3696
VP	John G. Verret,	(Alice)	956-7912
TR	Brad Bergman WM	(Amy)	247-5404
SC	Horace Larkin, PM	(Emmi)	245-5582
M	David D. Cavit	(Betty)	242-3331
M	John E. Jobson, P M	(Zulie)	946-1404
M	Robert Blaker	(Delina)	241-5157
M	Howard W. Smith	(Marion)	244-1608
M	Jere Wolf, PM	(Doreen)	243-9584
M	Larry L. Wray, PM	(Joan)	244-2312
M	Terry Fenske	(Merle Ann)	949-7741