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## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers,

What a fantastic start to the year! Not that we haven't had a few bumps here and there, but overall, I think things are going about as well as I could possibly have hoped. We had a fabulous start to our social events with a great Sweethearts' dinner last month. Special thanks are in order for Art and May, Larry and John, and everyone who put in time and effort to make our first event such a success. Our candidates are progressing through their degrees, new members are coming in, and old members are coming back. I really look forward to continuing to build on these successes through the rest of the year.

Looking ahead to March, we have a couple of third degrees to confer, and we will likely have a new entered apprentice to initiate. Our officers are definitely working hard to keep up with the demand for degree work. From what I can tell, we have enough candidates in the pipeline to keep us busy at least through the summer – even longer if we continue to get new applications coming in. Even with all that degree work, we



are still committed to restoring the social calendar. This month, in keeping with the Grand Master's focus on our youth groups, we will participate in a bowling match with Jo-Ra-De on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. It's the men against the youth, so come out and show those kids that experience can still beat youthful energy. My bowling balls have been collecting dust for few years, but I know there's still a few strikes left in 'em. Also, keep your calendars clear on April 15<sup>th</sup> because that's when we hold our second social event for the year: Public Schools night.

We're also implementing a new policy for dinner reservations this month. If you've been calling ahead with reservations, nothing will change. As long as you get your reservation in by noon on Monday, it's still \$7 at the door. If you would prefer to not worry about reservations, you can pay in advance for the rest of year and save \$1 off each month's dinner. If you pay ahead before the March dinner, it's \$60 per person for the rest of the year; if you purchase before the

April dinner, it's \$54 for the rest of the year. If you don't pay in advance and it completely slips your mind to call ahead with reservations, you can still get in on the night of the dinner, but it will cost \$10 per person. We really think this will help Sonny in planning the right amount of food each month. I've really enjoyed the crowds we've been getting, and I want to do everything possible to keep everybody coming back.

This has been a great year so far, and I really owe it all to the efforts of our officers, our committee chairmen, and everyone who has volunteered their time. If you're looking for a way to get involved, there are still plenty of opportunities to help out. We're still looking for volunteers to memorize the charges and deliver them during the degrees. Alan can also use a few more coaches to mentor our new candidates. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge again this month.

Brad Bergman  
Worshipful Master



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Grand Master Proclaims the month of May - Youth Appreciation Month
- New Lodge Dinner Reservation Policy
- Masonic Bowling Tournament
- Royce Avery's 50th Anniversary

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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Worshipful Royce Avery is celebrating his 50 years as a Master Mason. He was initiated on September 10, 1958, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on October 29, 1958 and he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 25, 1959.

Worshipful Avery was Master of Victorville Lodge #634 in 1965, and has served as Senior & Junior Wardens.

Please join us for the presentation of the Golden Veterans Award to Worshipful Royce Avery on March 4,

2009. Dinner will be at 6:00, with the presentation of the award at 7:00pm. The Stated Meeting will follow immediately after the presentation.



## FROM THE WEST - SENIOR WARDEN



### Greetings Brethren and Ladies

After much consideration, researching, driving around and telephone calling, the VMCA has purchased a new stove and oven for the kitchen. The new equipment is a six burner stove with oven and there will also be a double stack oven, giving us three ovens to cook with. It should be delivered and installed in early March. The cost of this stove and the ovens was slightly over \$5000 dollars. We are asking any member or organization who wishes to help support the

purchase of this equipment to make a donation to the VMCA. A plaque will be placed in the kitchen commemorating any donations we receive.

Please make your donation check out to the VMCA and include on the memo line "Stove".

Be sure to see the article on page three about the new reservation policy for the Lodge Dinners. It is important for everyone to make reservations for the dinners so we can get an accurate count of how many meals we need to prepare.

Sonny Magstadt  
Senior Warden



### Sweetheart's Dinner

I just wanted, as Chairman of the Sweetheart night to thank everyone for their help in putting on a beautiful dinner and program.

Brother Dale Mack filling in sort of the last minute and doing the best I've ever heard him.

Brother Larry Wray for being the M.C. and doing as usual a fine job. You Brothers in the kitchen and dining room did an excellent.

May and the ladies in decorating the dining room.

What can I say? Thank You seems so simple and not enough.

I appreciate it from the heart.

Fraternally  
Art

## FROM THE SOUTH JUNIOR WARDEN



### Greetings Brethren

First I would like to say that our Sweethearts night turned out very nice, the Ladies really enjoyed it. Thank you Brother Art for a very good night.

As most of you, I read my monthly Masonic magazine from the Grand Lodge along with the Nights Templar magazine at work. A friend asked me the other day what it was that drew me to Masonry, I answered "Love", brotherly love. Brotherly love, among other things, is what binds us together and holds our very fabric of the Fraternity. All

throughout the world, Masons are known because of their caring attitude towards neighbors, friends, family members, and each other. The Bible tells us that if we gain the whole world but do not have Love, we are as a sounding brass.

Love is the key of all Masons; it allows us to express true friendship. Every time I walk into Lodge I am reminded of this virtue; seeing all the brethren gathered together in one place enjoying each other's company, so this is what I answered to my friend: Brotherly Love. **NEXT MONTH:** The three Great Lights.

Bobby Martinez  
Junior Warden



### The New Entered Apprentice

A young Entered Apprentice was being tested on his proficiency.

After going over the signs and passwords, he looked at his tester and asked, "I noticed several of the older members sticking their fingers in their ears and whistling.

What does that sign mean?"

"That's not a sign," his tester said, "Those are Past Masters adjusting their hearing aids."

**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

**Hello Again "After Dinner Club"**

We had a great time last month as we completed two fun activities. In March, please plan to stay after dinner and enjoy a very special guest speaker.

Victorville Sheriff's Dept. Public/Media Relations and Crime Prevention Officer Karen Hunt will speak about important safety topics that all of us can learn from.

Questions encouraged and information will be available on which public services you may benefit from in your community.

See you Wednesday, March 4 after dinner!!

**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.

**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 second 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



**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. Thanks.

**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 would like to thank everyone for supporting our Valentine Cookie Sales and the Valentine Pancake Breakfast. We sold over 40 dozen cookies and served 32 breakfasts. We are more than half way towards meeting our financial goals for our Grand Assembly expenses.

Our current SERVICE Project is a Park Clean-Up on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to Noon. We will then have a picnic lunch before going home. Thank you for all your support to Rainbow!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Jessica Marie Bettencourt, WA  
Jr. Past Grand Representative to IN - KY 2008

For more information, please call Merle Ann Fenske at (760) 245-2889.

**Jobs Daughters**

Bethel 262 has initiated a new girl at our January 27th meeting, and we have another to be initiated on March 24th. Our Grand Guardian will be visiting on Tuesday March 10, with the Barstow Bethel # 341 participating. There will be a dinner at 5:30pm with the meeting following at 7:00pm.

March is also the month we honor Job's Daughters founder, celebrating the birthday of Ethel T Wead Mick.

Our projects for this year are the pajama project for kids of all ages and in need of shelter and may need a pair of pajamas. We also support HIKE - Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment.

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



**Bowling Match**

*The Masonic Youth Orders hereby invite all members of the Victorville Lodge #634 and Fox-Coates Lodge #842 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bowling Match*

**Masonic Youth Groups**





**vs**

**Masonic Men**



**Saturday, March 21**

**12 noon**

**only \$3.85 per game (\$1.75/shoe rental)**

**minimum 10 Masons needed**

**PLEASE RSVP TO Brad Bergman**  
**(760) 245-2889 or bradcon@charter.net**

Match held at:  
**Victor Bowl**  
**12277 MARIPOSA RD**  
**VICTORVILLE, CA 92395**





**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

# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Keith Lee Seals DeMolay 7:00pm  Officers Meeting 7:30</i>	3 <i>Lodge #847 Stated Meeting 10:00 Cryptic/Royal Arch Masons 7:00pm</i>	4 <i>Lodge #634 Dinner 6:00pm 50 Year Presentation Stated Meeting 7:30pm</i>	5 <i>VMCA Meeting 7:00pm</i>	6	7 <i>Job's Daughters Practice 12:00-3:00pm</i>
8	9 <i>Rainbow #273 Prospect Party 6:30pm</i>	10 <i>Lodge #847 10:00am  Jobs Daughters 7:00pm</i>	11 <i>Lodge #634 3rd Degree 7:00pm</i>	12 <i>OES #537 Dinner 6:00pm Stated Meeting 7:30pm</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>Keith Lee Seals DeMolay 7:00pm</i>	17 <i>Lodge #847 10:00am  OSI - 7:30pm At Victorville</i>	18 <i>Lodge #634 3rd Degree 7:00pm</i>	19	20 <i>Amaranth #123 Lunch 11:00am Stated Meeting 1:00pm</i>	21 <i>Masonic vs. Youth Bowling Match 12:00pm</i>
22	23 <i>Rainbow #273 Prospect Party 6:30pm</i>	24 <i>Jobs Daughters 7:00pm</i>	25 <i>Lodge #634 1st Degree 7:00pm</i>	26 <i>OES #537 Dinner 6:00pm Stated Meeting 7:30pm</i>	27	28
29	30	31				

**March Birthdays**

Louis Carbone Jr.	7
William Henderson	7
Ralph Smith	8
Michael Hawley	8
Vernal Kennedy	12
John Jacobs	15
Luisito Wychico	16
John Van Meter	18
Erich Martens	21
Lawrence Huber	21
Robin Bolin	21

Coltin Bestul	21
Virgil Wamsley	22
James Rupert	23
Robert Blaker III	24
Conrad Malcom	27
Gabriel Lopez	27
James Brown II	28
Stephen Koonrad Jr.	29
Herbert Douthit	31

**Raised To The Sublime Degree Of A Master Mason**

David Waring**	7
Dewitt Strode Jr. PM*	9
Jack Roberts	11
Thomas St. John	13
Gene Trudeau*	17
Tom Riggs*	18
Rollen Harvell, PM	19
Charles Mc Farren*	19

Arthur Steffen*	21
Raymond Baldrige*	22
James Clark	22
Marvin Giebelstein*	25
George Whitmore PM	25
Alvin Garlitos	27
John Linnborn	31





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

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## THE TRESTLEBOARD

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### Stated Meeting Dinner

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

#### Corned Beef Dinner

Cabbage, Potatoes, 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	Bill Shirley, PM
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	Bill Shirley, PM	

#### 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)
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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)