

THE TRESTLEBOARD

VICTORVILLE LODGE #634, F&AM

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From The East



Brethren,

Well, summer is nearly over, the vacations are just memories, and the children are going back to school. I hope that you all had a great summer break. We have several events planned for the next few months, including Grand Lodge on September 26th in San Francisco, the annual BBQ in October, as well as several upcoming degrees. I invite you all to come down and join us for some fellowship and participation in your lodge.

Remember, September is U.S. Constitution Observance Month. Be sure to take time to reflect on how Masonry has supported our Country.

Fraternally,

Steve Koonrad,
Worshipful Master

From The West



Greetings Brothers,

With vacations coming to a close, it is now time to start preparing to get back to work at the lodge. We have several candidates to ballot on at the stated meeting, followed, I am sure, by lots of first-degree work. I had the opportunity to personally meet one of the candidates, and I am really encouraged by the enthusiasm he expressed about becoming a Mason.

I've spoken to plenty of candidates before, and I understand the difference between what some will say they want to do and what most end up actually doing. I heard a different level of commitment in this guy, though. Add to that the continued presence of many of our recently raised Master Masons, and we may end up with a more involved and active lodge membership in the coming years.

One of the problems that has plagued not just Victorville Lodge, but Masonic lodges in general has been the question of how to get the members active and keep them involved. A good start to the solution is to welcome our new brothers fully into our circle of friendship. Make a point to talk to them before lodge and get to know them. Make our lodge a warm and welcoming place they'll love to come back to week after week.

Fraternally,

Brad Bergman,
Senior Warden

From The South



Greeting from the south and the VMCA. Well summer is coming to an end and the board worked all summer. The grill has been installed and is ready to be used.

We have also finalized the contract agreements and a letter is to be mailed to all the heads of the organizations this month. The letter is to ask all the heads to come to the September meeting a talk about their contact and any question they may have. A copy of a contract is to be with this letter. Brother Fenske and Worshipful Horace Larkin will be working on getting the letter out this month.

The VMCA will be working on the water and electric to the BBQ pit. Which reminds me that the BBQ is on OCTOBER 11, 2008 from 11 AM to 3 PM. If you can help with the BBQ, please call me at 245-2889. We need help in the fire pit from Thursday night at midnight to Friday around 5 PM when Brother Dale Mower will be there for the rest of the time. We work 4 hour shifts and would like to have two Brothers from midnight to 4 AM, two brothers from 4 AM to 8 AM, and one brother from 8 AM to noon.

The two brothers in the early morning hours are for safety reason. Also we can use help in the kitchen, Job's Daughters will again serve in the dining room. Tickets to the BBQ will be in the mail around the end of September. Again the BBQ is OCTOBER 11, 2008 11 AM to 3 PM.

Fraternally

Sonny Magstadt,
Junior Warden

P.S. Worshipful Larry, sorry to see you retiring for being Secretary of the Lodge. But I wish to thank - you for the 13 years you were the Secretary of the Lodge. We will miss your great work and I know we can still count on you to help if need be. Good luck and God Bless you Worshipful Larry.

Mark your Calendar! Installation of Officers

Be sure to set aside Saturday, December 6, 2008 for the Installation of the Officers of Victorville Lodge #634. Installation will be held at 2:00PM

Saturday, December 6, 2008, 2:00PM

Circle of Concern

Be sure to keep Brother Bill Draple's wife Karol in your prayers.

We wish Wor. Horace Larkin's wife Emmi a speedy recovery from her injured arm.

Brother John Verret is recovering from surgery. Get well soon!

We hope the summer finds you healthy and well.



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September is U.S. Constitution Observance Month



Why do California Masons observe the anniversary of the signing of our U.S. Constitution each September? We observe the anniversary because active support of the established civil authority is one of the oldest traditions of our Fraternity.

The Masons of Medieval Europe, from whom we trace our historical origins, were dedicated to the establishment and promotion of public order. They were the builders of all the major edifices erected in Europe in the Twelfth through the Seventeenth Centuries. Such construction only occurred in those places where established civil order guaranteed peace and harmonious cooperation

among the local citizenry. Only then could time and wealth be devoted to the erection of the massive stone edifices built by our operative forbearers.

While Masonry teaches loyal and active support of the civil magistrate such loyalty should never be confused with blind obedience to an unjust ruler. Loyalty to the civil authority presupposes a civil authority loyal to its people, governing in response to the people's will and securing everyone's basic rights and liberties. Many leaders of the American Revolutionary War were Masons. They recognized that the inferior status of the Colonies was inconsistent with the natural order of democratic government for freedom-loving people. They temporarily set aside their regard for the established order, the British Colonial Government, to establish a new order to guarantee those inalienable rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

George Washington was a Mason and the Master of his Lodge. The French General Lafayette was a Mason. Paul Revere was a Mason. John Paul Jones was a Mason. Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, eight can be proven to have been Masons, including Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock. Another twenty-four signers may have been Masons, based upon fragmentary evidence which has survived until today. These early American, patriotic Masons demonstrated the noblest support of established civil authority: they temporarily set aside their loyalty when that authority was clearly and oppressively wrong to replace it with one dedicated to freedom and liberty.

Since the founding of our nation, men preeminent in American political life have been Masons, including Presidents Andrew Jackson, a Past Grand Master; James Polk; James Buchanan, a Past Master; Andrew Johnson; James Garfield; William McKinley; Theodore Roosevelt; William Howard Taft; Warren Harding; Franklin Roosevelt; Harry Truman, a Past Grand Master; and Gerald Ford. Our former Governor of California and former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Earl Warren, was a Past Master of a Lodge in Oakland and Grand Master of Masons in California during the 1930's.

Dedication to active service as a citizen is the special charge of all Masons. Today, when a man is initiated into a California Masonic Lodge, he is enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of his civil responsibilities, by never suggesting or supporting any act which might subvert the peace and good order of society. He is further enjoined to pay due obedience to the laws under whose protection he lives and never to lose sight of the allegiance due by every citizen to his or her country. We expect the individual Mason to work at the duties of citizenship, making himself available for service to his community, state and nation. Only through this service can the privileges which we enjoy as Masons and as Americans be saved for posterity.

We commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution to make our Constitution more immediate in our lives, to prevent it from becoming "ancient history." We bring it into our contemporary understanding. We emphasize the need for civic education, wisdom and virtue; for the willingness to sacrifice immediate personal gain for the greater long-term benefit of all; for commitment to our constitutional system of ordered liberty; for the ingenuity to solve complicated new problems, as we have done so many times in the past. What better way for any of us to direct our active support for the system of government we cherish than to emphasize these qualities which will sustain the cornucopia of benefits engendered by the personal creativity and vitality of the American people and encouraged by our constitutional system of government.

From The Secretary

Brethren

It is with a great deal of sadness that I must inform you of my decision to resign as Secretary of your Lodge effective September 1. Yep, after 13 years it is time to hang up the old pen, paper and computer, and turn the job over to some new blood with more modern ideas than this old guy. My health is just fine (except the age bit), and my family is great. I just can't agree with some of the administrative trends within the Lodge, but I will be around helping where I can.

I do wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your help and assistance and will miss your neat little notes. Take care and God Bless each and every one of you and your families.

Larry Wray

Entered Apprentice Masons

We will be holding several 1st degree meetings over the next months, and we would love to have you come down and participate. Let us help you in progressing through the degrees of Masonry. Please call the Lodge Recorder (760) 245-2889 for information on the dates.

This Space Available

Do you have any important events, articles or just plain good news? Send your special story to Terry Fenske to have it included in the Trestleboard. Call
or Email to: tfenske@charter.net

We want to hear from you!



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Upcoming Events - September 2008

- 1st 7:00pm Keith Lee Seals DeMolay
- 2nd 10:00am Fox-Coates Daylight Lodge #842 - Stated Meeting
- 7:00pm Royal Arch Masons
- 9:00pm Cryptic Masons
- 3rd 6:30pm Victorville Lodge #634 - Dinner
- 7:30pm Victorville Lodge #634 - Stated Meeting
- 4th 7:00pm VMCA Board Meeting - Special General Meeting
- 9th 7:00pm Job's Daughters Bethel #262
- 10th 7:00pm Victorville Lodge #634 - 1st Degree or Practice
- 11th 7:30pm Order of Eastern Star #537 – Advance/Brothers Night
- 15th 7:00pm Keith Lee Seals DeMolay
- 16th 6:30pm Officers School of Instruction
- 17th 7:00pm Victorville Lodge #634 - 1st Degree or Practice
- 19th 1:00pm Amaranth Joshua Court #123
- 22nd 7:00pm International Order of Rainbow Girls #273 - Prospect Party
- 23rd 6:00pm Job's Daughters Bethel #262
- 24th 7:00pm Victorville Lodge #634 - 2nd Degree or Practice
- 25th 7:30pm Order of Eastern Star #537
- 26th -28th 159th Annual Communication - California Grand Lodge

September Anniversaries of Their Raising As A Master Mason

- Geoffrey W. Sikorski Sept 01
- Rafaelito C. Simbulan Sept 08
- Mikhael S Mougala Sept 10
- Thomas Holcomb, PM Sept 11*
- Lester L. Morton Jr. Sept 11*
- John E. Jobson, PM Sept 14*
- Charles E. Brown, PM Sept 15
- Louis J. Carbone Jr. Sept 18*
- William A. Davis Sept 18**
- Edward A. Hengenius Sept 18*
- William Shirley, PM Sept 18
- Wesley D. Davis Sept 20*
- Terry C. Fenske Sept 20
- Louie E. Martinez Sept 20*
- William E. Chittenden Sept 21*
- John D. Emmens II Sept 21
- Kenneth D. Crawford Sept 22*
- Jimmie L. Whitley Sept 22*
- Milton E. Barr Sept 27
- William T. Henderson Sept 27
- Rufus J. Lambert Jr. Sept 27*
- Worden E. Hodge, PM Sept 28
- Douglas O. Brisbin Sept 30*
- William E. Daily Sept 30

****Congratulations to William Davis on his 61st year as a Master Mason!**

*** 25 year members**

Stated Meeting Dinner

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

6:30 PM

BACK BY DEMAND

WORLD FAMOUS BBQ RIBS

MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY

CORN, ROLLS

SALAD, CAKE

Please Call in your Reservation to the Lodge!

760 245-2889



Get Ready for the Annual Lodge Barbeque October 11th, 2008

11:00AM TO 3:00PM

Tickets On Sale At The End Of September. DON'T MISS IT!!!



As you know this section of the Trestleboard is reserved for those who have requested a flag in memory of someone living or someone that has passed to the unknown. Since I do not have any more dedications in queue, and this will be my last time preparing these dedications as I am resigning as Secretary, I wish to dedicated the flag this month to all the Brethren and Ladies that have helped me over the past 13 years. You will always be in my heart.

God Bless and keep you all safe and out of harms way, and God bless the United States of America.

Larry Wray

September Birthdays

- Mohammed Bwaneh Sept 02
- Robert Buck Sept 04
- Mike Hasegawa Sept 05
- Donald G. Henry Sept 09
- James T. Piper Sept 09
- William A. Davis Sept 12
- George Whitmore Sept 18
- Robert Gutierrez Sept.20
- Raymond Puffer Sept.21
- Wayne Archuleta Sept.21
- Larry D. Smith Sept 21
- Roger R. Andrick Sept 21
- Gene Trudeau Sept 22
- James Andrews Sept.22
- Victor Vasquez Sept.22
- Ron Krchmar Sept 22
- Deane E. Lument Sept 23
- Ronald L. Cuellar Sept 23
- James E. Beebe Sept 23
- James Wilmot Sept 26
- John Vaughn Sept 30
- Jimmy R. Maxfield Sept 30

22 Members celebrate their Birthday this month!



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Meetings
Every Wednesday 7:00PM

Stated Meeting
First Wednesday 7:30PM



Victorville Lodge #634 – Officers 2008

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 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 | (Karol) |
| JS William Henderson | (Jenee) |
| TI Dale Mack | (Barbara) |

Officers Coach
 Jere Wolf, PM (Doreen)

Inspector, 305th Masonic District
 George Whitmore, PM (Pamela)

Victorville Masonic Center Association

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 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 Mark H. Markenson | (Virginia) |
| 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) |

Visit our webpage:
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Leaders of Other Resident Masonic Bodies

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Fox-Coats 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 Ch. | Ernestine Redmond |
| Oasis Council #64 | Jim Baum |
| Urada Nile Clib #17 | Lillie Bluff |

Scheduled Meetings

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 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 |

Committee Chairmen

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 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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