

The Trestleboard

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FROM THE EAST

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Bylaws Change
- Hiram Award
- Lodge BBQ



Greetings Brothers,

Wow. It's hard to believe it's already September.

Summer's over, and it's time for the kids to get back to school and the lodge to get back to work. Not that we actually took the summer off, but we should have a couple of applications to vote on this month, so we'll hopefully be getting busy with the degree work again.

August turned out to be a good month to end the summer on. As I'm writing this, we've just finished Constitutional Observance

night, and we're expecting to raise a new Master Mason on the last Wednesday of the month.

Even though we didn't have a lot of great entertainment to promote the night, we still had a respectable crowd show up for Constitutional Observance night. When I asked Art at the end of last year to be my committee chairman for these events, I knew he was going to work hard at it. After spending a couple of months trying to drum up a speaker or some other entertainment and being unsuccessful, Art just rolled up his sleeves and

wrote his own material.

With a little extra musical accompaniment from our go-to guy, Dale Mack, and some filler on the piano at the end from yours truly, I think the evening turned out just fine. In the end, we had some good food, some good fellowship, and we got a good reminder of what the night was about – the US Constitution.

On a separate note, a letter recently went out to inform everyone of some business we'll need to take up at the October
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Notice of Proposed Bylaws Change

Brethren,

We understand that times are tight and finances have become a very sensitive subject. The officers of the lodge have done their best to make the last dues increase last as long as possible. We've cut expenses to the bone and added fundraisers to the calendar in an attempt to delay raising the dues for as long as possible.

However, the time has finally come for a new dues increase. This letter is to notify you that on Oct 7th we will be voting on a raise in the lodge dues. Your presence is especially requested to approve this change to our by-laws.

The stated meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 pm. The proposed language will read:

"The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$66.00 plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January."

George McKiernan PM , Secretary

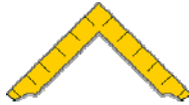
**FROM THE WEST
SENIOR WARDEN**

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stated meeting: a dues increase. While we try as hard as possible to keep our dues structure lean and efficient, every once in a while, a raise is needed. I think Sonny has done a good job of putting together not only his budget for next year, but of working with the other officers to put together a plan for the next several years.

Now that everyone's back from their summer vacations and the evenings are starting to cool off a little bit, I'm going to expect to see you all at the lodge on Wednesday nights. The fall schedule's already filling up, and we could always use some sideliners to let us know what we're doing wrong. Don't forget to join us on the 9th for Dave's Hiram award. I hear Larry's got another fun evening planned for us...

Fraternally,
Brad Bergman
Worshipful Master

**Greetings
Brethren and
Ladies**

I am pleased to see the new tables are in and we got too use them on the Constitution night. Thanks to John Wales for arranging the purchase and Bud & Pat Strode for donating the price of the shipping for the tables

The VMCA is getting ready for the BBQ. However I need to inform you that we need to change the name after this year as the VMCA cannot do any more fundraiser as per Grand lodge instruction. So if you see the name change do not get worried its the same guy doing it. Please mark your calendar for Oct 10, 2009 for the BBQ the letter will be mail out in September sometime.

It is with deep regret that I must inform all of you that if you use the lodge and it is not on the calendar, or take chairs, tables, or other things like from the kitchen, the board has the right to charge you for the use of these items. Please come to the board meeting and request the use, or send a letter to the board requesting the use of lodge property. It belongs to the lodge and only if you ask for may it be use outside the lodge.

We are still working on the no parking sign a for the fire line we need on the north side of the building. Brother Cavit has been ill and is now on the mend and we will be back to working on that project.

Fraternally Sonny Magstadt
Senior Warden
VMCA President



**FROM THE SOUTH
JUNIOR WARDEN**

From the South

Not too much this month. Just a little history you may not know about King Solomon's Temple, as described in the Bible and other historical records.

Freemasonry teaches by Symbolism and much of that symbolism is based on the accounts of Solomon's Temple.

The temple was built in the 10th century B.C. on Mount Mariah in

Jerusalem. Solomon built it as a temple to God and to store the sacred Arc of the Covenant, which contained the tablets of the Ten Commandments (given by God to Moses).

Tom Holcomb
Junior Warden

**In Memoriam****Wesley Dee Davis**

Born June 28, 1937
Initiated May 14, 1969
Passed July 16, 1969
Raised September 20, 1969
Died June 2, 2009

Wesley was a 39 year member of the Victorville Lodge #634.



VMCA ANNUAL DEEP PIT BBQ

Saturday October 10, 2009
11:00am - 3:00pm

**Best Darn BBQ Beef you have ever tasted
(Plus a great meal)**

\$8.00 per person.



Orders for 1 lb. packages of BBQ Beef are welcome! \$8.00/lb.
Please pre-order at vvldodge634@gmail.com or call (760) 245-2889

All are welcome, Masons, OES, Amaranth, Youth Orders, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Family Members, Friends,
Visitors, Guests and even Shriners!
(Proceeds to benefit the VMCA fund for building upkeep)

A Letter to the Brethren

Dear Brethren,

Other than having honorably served my country for over 20 plus years, my next greatest pleasure was joining up with the Membership of the Victorville Masonic Lodge #634. I find it difficult to believe that over 27 plus years have passed since I was first raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason back in February of 1982.

Although I am somewhat ashamed of the fact that I have only visited a few of the local lodges in my area, I still remain true to #634 and cherish the memories of all the happenings that took place within the time frame that I was able to attend its lodge meetings.

For the record, my memory work was a real challenge and I owe a lot to a few of my Brother's that saw fit to walk and talk with me all over the flight line of ole George AFB, which I understand is no longer active. At the time, what I failed to share with anyone was the fact that I had suffered a severe memory loss as a result of being blown up during my last tour to Vietnam. For the record I served 4 and 1/2 tours over there and of course the last one in 1967 was cut short. I know that it might be difficult to appreciate it, but I lost all of my childhood memories and somewhat of my ability to do memory work, so I really do appreciate all the efforts that my fellow brothers expended in helping me so that I could earn my rights to sit amongst them. Thank you!

I just received my latest copy of "The Trestle board" and of course I read it from one end to another and with this thought in mind, I would like to comment about the way they are being distributed now.....Whoever came up with the idea to place the information in an envelope should be complimented for doing so. It is such a pleasure to receive and be able to read a nice clean copy of the same and without having to damage my old fingers due to trying to remove one or two staples that were previously used so that they could be mailed. Thank you!

Another one of my birthdays has been acknowledged in this latest issue and this I appreciate as well, for seeing my name posted amongst the other members who just so happen to share the same birth month as mine is something special.....I guess its an ole' farts thing, but trust me its received and taken in the same light as receiving a birthday card. Thank you!

To the membership of #634, I would like to extend a special greetings to each of you and I hope that our lodge continues to grow.

Fraternally, and respectfully yours,
Joseph A. Kurdell

FROM THE INSPECTOR

Hello Brethren,

We will be resuming the Officers School of Instruction in September after a two month summer break. It will be held on the third Tuesday of each month with even months held in Barstow, and odd months in Victorville.

Note: September's school will be held in Barstow. We will be working on the second degree. All Master Masons and Fellowcraft are invited to attend.

Fraternally,
George Whitmore, Insp. 802

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Brethren,

Dues are still an issue with several members still in arrears. Check your dues card to see if you are current for your 2009 dues.

Please let us know if you have had an address or contact information change as we are updating our database. If you have any changes, please send to:

George McKiernan, Secretary
15095 Ramona Ave.
Apple Valley, Ca. 92307

Thank You,
George McKiernan, Secretary



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




Rainbow Girls
Assembly #273
2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:00pm



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

Join Us
September 9, 2009
To Present
The
Hiram Award
To
David Cavit
Dinner - 6:30PM
\$7.00
Program To Follow
7:30PM
Please RSVP To The Lodge Recorder
(760) 245-2889

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lodge #842 Stated Mtg. 10:00 Cryptic/Royal Arch Masons 7:00pm	2 Lodge #634 Dinner 6:30pm Stated Meeting 7:30pm	3 VMCA Meeting 7:00pm	4	5
6	7 Keith Lee Seals DeMolay 7:00pm	8 Lodge #842 Practice 10:00am Jobs Daughters 7:00pm	9 Lodge #634 Hiram Award 6:30pm Dinner 7:30PM Program	10 OES #537 6:00pm Dinner 7:30pm Meeting	11	12
13	14 Rainbow #273 7:00pm	15 Lodge #842 Practice 10:00am OSI - Barstow 7:30PM	16 Lodge #634 1st Degree Practice 7:00pm	17	18 Amaranth #123 12:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Meeting	19
20	21 Keith Lee Seals DeMolay 7:00pm	22 Jobs Daughters 7:00pm	23 Lodge #634 1st Degree or Practice 7:00pm	24 OES #537 7:30pm Meeting	25	26
27	28 Rainbow #273 7:00pm	29	30 Lodge #634 1st Degree or Practice 7:00pm			

September Birthdays						
Wayne Archuleta	21	Gefffrey Sikorski	1	Ken Crawford*	22	
Gene Trudeau	21	Rafaelito Simbulan	8	Jimmie Whitley*	22	
Mohammed Bwaneh	2	James Andrews	22	Mikhaiel Mougala	10	Milton Barr
Robert Buck	4	Victor Vasquez	22	Tom Holcomb PM*	11	Arthur Garlick III
Mike Hasegawa	5	James Beebe	23	Lester Morton Jr.*	11	William Henderson
James Piper	9	Deane Lumert	23	John Jobson PM*	14	Rufus Lambert Jr.*
Donald Henry	9	Ronald Cuellar	23	Charles Brown PM	15	Worden Hodge PM
William Davis	12	James Wilmot	26	William Davis**	18	Douglas Brisbin*
George Whitmore	18			Edward Hengenius*	18	William Daily
Danny Parks	20			Terry Fenske	20	
Larry Smith	21	Raised To The		Louie Martinez*	20	* 25 Year Member
Roger Andrick	21	Sublime Degree Of A		William Chittenden*	21	** 50 Year Member
Raymond Puffer	21	Master Mason		John Emmens II	21	

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
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MEETINGS
 EVERY WEDNESDAY
 7:00PM
 STATED MEETING
 FIRST WEDNESDAY
 7:30PM

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Stated Meeting Dinner

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Meatloaf Dinner

Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy
 Green Beans, Bread & Butter, Cake

Reservations \$7.00 - At the Door \$10.00

Please call in your Reservations to the Lodge by no later
 than Noon Monday August 31st
 (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) 245-2889
 E-MAIL: VVLODGE634@GMAIL.COM

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	Lynn Olson, RM
RAM Hi Desert Ch #127	Darrell Bunker, PM
Keith Lee Seals DeMolay	David Brown
Rainbow for Girls #273	Merle Ann Fenske
Job's Daughters #262	Robin Vrsalovich
Golden Slipper Shofit Ch.	Lilla Rutter
Golden Slipper Beth II Ch.	Marie Schmidt
Oasis Council #64	Darrell Bunker, PM

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	Bud Strode, PM
Webpage	Terry Fenske
Publicity	Art Laing
Trestleboard	Terry Fenske

Victorville Lodge #634 – Officers 2009

WM	Brad Bergman	(Amy)
SW	Sonny Magstadt	(Marie)
JW	Tom Holcomb, PM	JoAnne
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	James Stevens	(Kristal)
TI		

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, PM	(Zulie)
M	Terry Fenske	(Merle Ann)
M	James Stevens	(Kristal)
M	Jere Wolf, PM	(Doreen)
M	Larry L. Wray, PM	(Joan)
M	John Wales	(Kathy)