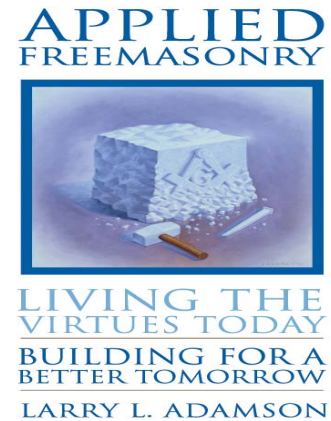


**September 2009**



**Welcome Back!!!**

**Kern River Valley  
Lodge # 827  
Trestleboard**

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John Dodd - Pres.  
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Mike Hoff, Master  
Richard Schock  
Jack Rowe  
Toby Rossback

## 2009 - Lodge Committees

**Advisory:** Elected Officers

**Audit:** Sam McWilliams, PM  
George Hupp PM, Mike Szepfalvi

### Budget -

Mike Hoff, Ray Thurm, Tom McKinney

### BBQ:

Tom Wright, Carl Gorham, Ray Viklund,  
Galen Bothwell, Bob Yothers, Jack Rowe

### Child ID

Sam McWilliams, Ray Viklund, Jack Rowe

### Constitution Observance -

### Funeral:

Tom McKinney, Sam McWilliams, Ray  
Thurm

### Home Endowment -

John Dodd, Tom McKinney

### Hiram Award -

Floyd Wilson, Mike Szepfalvi, Joe  
Ciriello

### Member Retention -

Mike Hoff, Mile Pettit, Tom Wright

### Public Schools -

### Refreshment:

Tom Wright, Ed Winship, Chuck  
Shaterian

### Scholarship -

Ray Thurm, Denny Rushton, Mike Hoff,  
Tom McKinney

### Phone:

Ray Viklund, Floyd Wilson, Jack Rowe,  
Galen Bothwell, Bob Yothers, Bob  
Ramsey, Buzz Winship  
**Sickness:** All Brothers

## Lodge Trustees

Ray Thurm, PM  
Sam McWilliams, PM  
Tom McKinney, PM

## Widows Committee

Charles Shaterian

**Kern River Valley Masonic Family  
Calendar September 2009**

Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	RAM Pot luck	6:15pm
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eastern Star	7:30pm
Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Shrine Brd	Noon
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day Bkfst	8am - Noon
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day	
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Officers Meet	6:30am
	King Solomon Bkfst	8:00am
	Officers work	9:00am
	Assoc. Lunch	Noon
Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pot Luck Dinner	6:00pm
	Stated Mtg.	7:00pm
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eastern Star	7:30pm
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pride Day Meet at	8:00am
Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Officers practice	7:00pm
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	KRVPA	9:00sm
Sept. 28	Degree	7:00pm

**STATED MEETING DINNER**

**Chicken Fried Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetables  
Rolls  
Desert**

**Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM**

**Prepared by  
Kern Valley Royal Arch**

**We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!**

**"See you there, if not you will be missed"**

### **From the East:**

September, the time when the Lodge's activities resume in earnest after the dark months of July and August. DARK MONTH! Who's kidding who? The last two "Dark" months have been the 'brightest' we have encountered in several years. Masonry is on the move and a good part is happening right here in our Lodge.

We now have four new Master Masons as of the month of May and three more Brothers about to become Fellow craft as of this writing two of these will have their degree before the end of August. September stated meeting will see still more activities as we will be reading and voting on affiliations and petitions for degrees in our Lodge.

My Brothers, your officer's line has been very diligent in learning and performing the ritual work necessary to accommodate the influx of men here in our valley seeking the Masonic way of life. In addition to the installed officers, there are those brothers who give of their time to assist and take various ritualistic parts necessary to complete a degree ceremony. Truly, Masonry is action.

Brethren and Ladies, the changing of our Bar-B-Q to breakfast was not made without lengthy deliberations within the circle of those brothers who have put forth the effort for all these past years. Time and attrition has taken toll, rendering it necessary to make the decision for this year.

However, this does not necessarily mean the end of our Bar-B-Q event. The growth of our Lodge, as we are experiencing right now, may well see more future Labor Day Bar-B-Q's. So let's make this breakfast a special event and give the people of our valley and visitors, the same quality and atmosphere that KRV #827 is known for.

Pride Day will be on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Junior Warden, Tom Wright has taken on this event for our Lodge and anyone wishing to participate please contact him 379-5439.

There are only two Mondays remaining in September after the stated meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Possible degree ceremonies maybe scheduled. Notification will be made by telephone.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Warren 'Bud' Vermeer whose wife Barbara was called home by the Lord.

See you at the breakfast on the 5<sup>th</sup> and stated meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fraternally  
Mike Hoff, PM, Master

### **From the South**

As always, I hope this finds you in good health and spirits. I want to thank Brother Ray V., Carl G. and Ed W. for all your help with the hot dog dinner in August. I couldn't have done it without your help.

I will be contacting many of you as I am developing the officer's line and calendar of events for next year. If any of you are interested in a particular office or committee please let me know as soon as possible. We will be having an informal meeting at my house in October to discuss the officer line and committee positions for the upcoming year.

If you have any ideas for committees, services, or activities, please write them down and let me know so we can have them on the agenda for discussion.

Next year promises to be a lot of fun (and probably a lot of work to). As most of you know by now, we are having a Labor Day breakfast instead of our usual BBQ. I hope this doesn't upset too many people. I'm looking forward to a day of good fellowship and fun (with a little work mixed in).

If you haven't heard from me by this writing, you very likely will very soon as I am putting together the work teams for the breakfast. Our September Dinner will feature Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, vegetables, rolls, coffee, ice tea and desert.

We need to thank our brothers from the royal Arch who will be preparing our dinner for us... I'm sure we will have a good dinner.

Well, I'll see ya Monday night, so take care until then.

Sincerely  
Tom Wright, JW

### **From the Inspector**

**"All Lodge Officers"** (This is a must show event!!!)

District Officer's Meeting at Tehachapi on September 12th.

It just so happens that day is Tehachapi's King Solomon's Breakfast, and after the meeting is our 3rd annual District Luncheon at the lodge. Donations for both breakfast and lunch will be \$5.00 each. French toast and sausage for breakfast and lasagna for lunch.....See ya there....Ron Jones, PM, Inspector

### **Lake Isabella Shrine**

Nobles,

Summer is just about gone and we are ready to get back to our Shrine Dinner Meetings.

Our Board meeting will be on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Airport at noon.

The 10<sup>th</sup> of September will be our Dinner Meeting at the Lodge and another great dinner will be planned utilizing the magic of Jim Wyly for a great feast. We will have a program as well so call and get your reservations into Carl Gorham, 376-8863.

Jim Garrett, President

### **Royal Arch**

Well our vacation is over and it is time to go back to work.

The Royal Arch has a few chores to finish this fall. One is to cook dinner for the blue lodge, award ceremony, sign up a few candidates' appoint a election committee, have a election, have a installation, and have my picture taken for the wall of past High Priest. This will be my first wall.

Well I will see you in Chapter in a few days. Remember the Mark Master Degree is now free. Let's see if we can get a class for this fall. Bring in your petitions to the Stated Convocation and we can get them

voted on so that those that wish can get their degree at Grand Lodge the first Friday in October.

Planning ahead, the Gr. High Priest will be here on October 6<sup>th</sup> for his Official Visit, and assist in the MSA presentation. We will have a catered Steak dinner by Jim Wyly at a cost of \$10.00 per person, save the date and plan on attending.

Please attend the Lodge breakfast on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and show your support, have a petition in your pocket

John Angove,  
High Priest

### **Eastern Star**

We hope you all had a good Summer & are rested up & ready to begin another exciting season of Eastern Star. We start off with Brother's Night on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, when we get to find out who Peggy's lucky Worthy Patron will be. . .

Don't forget the Mason's big Labor Day Breakfast Saturday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 8am to Noon \$5 per person.

DeMar & Cancer dressing meet on Tues. Sept 15, come and help and get caught up with all your Star friends.

We're organizing a carpool to travel to Tehachapi for their Medieval theme Friendship Night. We need a big group so that we can win the Friendship Bear so call and get in on the fun. Call me and we will set up rides.

Sept 17, is our Advance Night! Can you believe it's time for Advance Night already!?!

A quick non-Eastern Star plug: Friday, Sept 18 & Sat the 19<sup>th</sup>, come see your Worthy Matron (me) in a play produced by Sierra Performing Arts and presented at the Reel Cinema in Wofford Heights!!! Watch the local newspapers for more info on this "exciting production" ;-). KV Pride day is also Sat the 19<sup>th</sup>, wear your Eastern Star T shirts and help the Masons in this super opportunity to help the community and

remind all that Masonic groups are worthwhile contributors to our collective well being.

Wow, September is packed with fun stuff! My year is almost over--only 5 meetings left for you to come and help me give Ed a hard time. . . Or is it Ed giving ME a hard time?? Hummm. . . . Either way, we've been having a good time and think you would too. As always, if you need a ride don't hesitate to call me, Ed or Gwen and we'll make sure you get to Chapter.

Star Love,

Adriane Holguin

Edwin Winship

### **Sequoia Scottish rite**

We will be looking forward to our nominations committee to go to work and prepare a slate of officers for 2010. If you are interested in serving our club, please give me a call and we can talk about the club responsibilities.

Many of you have asked about how to participate in this program. I am happy to provide the following information.

The program is made up of 6 open book quizzes covering reading assignments found in the SCOTTISH RITE RITUAL MONITOR & GUIDE. The BRIDGE TO LIGHT is also a required reading. The course can be completed at your own pace. There are no deadlines and no required number of correct answers for any of the quizzes. When you finish a quiz, you mail it back the Supreme Council. Your answers will be checked for accuracy and returned to you with your next quiz.

The cost for this program is very reasonable. \$35.00 buys you the SCOTTISH RITE RITUAL MONITOR & GUIDE. You may use the copy of the BRIDGE TO LIGHT that you were given when you came into the Scottish Rite or you may purchase the 2006 revision of this book for \$15.00.

If you would like to purchase this program on-line, you should go to [scottishritestore.org](http://scottishritestore.org). Find the Master Craftsman logo and go from there. I am glad that you have expressed your interest to obtain further light in Masonry. I look forward to being able to present you with your certificate and lapel pin upon your completion of this course.

Carl Gorham, 32<sup>nd</sup> President

### ***Lodge Management Certification Program***

The five-course Lodge Management Certification Program

#### **Courses**

- Program Planning ([available online](#))
- Lodge Finance ([available online](#))
- Hall Association Management ([available online](#))
- Membership Development ([available online](#))
- Lodge Administration ([available online](#))

For those of you that can, these are all on line classes and available to you to increase your knowledge of masonry. If you have any questions, please call our Secretary and he will be glad to assist you as you work through these classes.

#### **From the Secretary**

My brothers, we have the September 5<sup>th</sup> breakfast Tickets in the mail. All of the members have received a letter about the breakfast and most of you received your letter with a return envelope included. This breakfast will assist us in the operation of the Lodge and keep us from having to raise our dues. We are looking forward to the new Verizon Cell Site on our Lodge property however that is a ways away as the company deals with the permit process and easements to get the site in place.

As always if you have any concerns, please give me a call or send me a note and I will glad to respond to the best of my knowledge.

Tom McKinney, PM Secretary