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Charter Granted – October 11, 1883

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Trestleboard

August ~ 2010

Stated Meetings
First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

“We take good men and make them better”

Olive Branch Lodge No. 269

Free and Accepted Masons

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From The East

Brethren:

I want to thank our brothers in Corcoran for their hospitality while we were there for "Brother Robert Davis 50 year Award", and also their ladies for the wonderful buffet.

It was a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon, meeting some brothers for the first time, and some for the first time "in a long time". As for me it was great to run into Brother Duane Dye, we were friends in grade school, and I hadn't seen him since high school. We had a good visit, but we've still got a lot of catching up to do, I hope that we get the opportunity to do so. I was sorry that I didn't get to meet brother Bill Franks that day, and let him know that it was Robert VanAusdall's 87th birthday, and that I had talked to Bob that morning, and he was doing well, and going out to celebrate with Corky and their daughter and son in law.

It was a very nice day and I hope that we get together again, even if we don' have a reason, other than just getting together, thanks again the Brothers and your wives, everything was very nice.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Robert E. Myers, PM - Worshipful Master

YORK RITE

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**TULARE CHAPTER NO. 71
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
High Priest's Message**

Companions

The Chapter is dark for the months of July and August.

Tulare Chapter No. 71 Royal Arch Masons will have the First Annual Peach Waffle Breakfast Sunday August 8, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lodge cost \$7.00. See the flyer in the July Trestleboard for info. This is a fund raiser for the Chapter. Grab your neighbors, friends, relatives kids, husband's, wife's, girlfriends or boyfriends and come on down for Breakfast. Many thanks to Tabitha and Cheryl for making the flyers & tickets.

Remember the Chapter will be DARK (no meeting) for July and August with the next Stated meeting being September 8th with a pot-luck at 6:30 p.m. The Grand High Priest Ted Hammack will visit our Chapter that night also.

See you then.

Robert E. Myers, High Priest

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Tulare County Scottish Rite Club – TCSRC

Brethren:

The "FALL PARTY" at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Visalia has been change from September 26, 2010 to September 19, 2010 due to Grand Lodge dates.

It will be a meeting for the members of the Board at Ryan's Restaurant in Visalia on 13 August 2010, a Friday, at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a safe summer vacation.

Venie R. Puntanilla. President

York Rite
Visalia Council No.43 – Cryptic Masons
2010 Officers

Meeting dates 4th Tuesday of Jan., Mar., May, Sept, & Nov.

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Visalia Council No. 43 Cryptic Masons Illustrious Master's Message

Companions:

With this month of August still on the high gear of summer season, we still have some time to refresh our minds before we go back to resume our Masonic labors. For the cryptic masons in particular, we will be back for our stated assembly on the 28th of September 2010, a Tuesday, at 7:30 pm.

As always, I encourage the members to attend our assembly with enthusiasm as this is the most effective way of promoting camaraderie among ourselves, to express your concerns, if any, to the Body, and enjoy the benefits of our great Fraternity.

So enjoy the remaining days left this summer, and see you all on our next meeting. God bless you and your loved ones.

Do you plan to attend the 2010 COLORADO RIVER FALL FESTIVAL! Need some "Masonic Motivation" to visit exciting Laughlin, Nevada during the pleasant fall months? Well - you've discovered it!

Mark your calendar for *October 17, 18, 19, 2010*, and, after you've done that, read on! Every October York Rite Masons from Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah gather to confer the Degrees and Orders upon worthy Candidates, as a courtesy to their home Bodies.

Attending the conferral of the Degrees is the "Masonic Motivation", but the Colorado River Fall Festival is really about camaraderie, fraternalism, education and cooperation. You'll see some of the finest ritual work in the Southwest - we have been used by smaller Bodies as a model for their work. In addition to the conferrals on Monday and Tuesday, there will be Candidate Orientation Sunday evening, conferral of the "Super Excellent Master Degree" on Monday evening, and a Grand Banquet on Tuesday evening - the "Royal Arch Widow's Degree" for the women will return in 2011

Venie R. Puntanilla, Illustrious Master

Visalia Council – Committees for 2010

Auditing Committee

Roland Dillon
Stephen Healy

Standing Committee

IM – Venie Puntanilla
DM – Ralph Medeiros
PCW – Jimmy Barrera

Membership Committee

Richard Parks
Jimmy Barrera
George "Bill" Ferguson
Venie Puntanilla
Ralph Medeiros

YORK RITE
Tulare Commandery No.66 - Knights
Templar
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Meets First Wednesday of month 7:30 p.m. – Dark during July and August

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TULARE COMMANDERY NO. 66 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR Commander's Message

Sir Knights,

Hope you are enjoying your summer and that everyone is well. Remember our next Conclave will be September 1, 2010 with our meeting to start at 7:30 pm.

Check your Trestleboard Calendar and support the bodies that are meeting.

Congratulations to William Gouveia on receiving the Hiram Award July 13.

Have a couple of *Peach Waffles* for me August 8, 2010.

Fraternally, Tommy F. Luce, Eminent Commander



Visalia Rainbow Assembly #55

When: July 30 – August 1 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Time: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Where: Millers yard – 31506B Road 132, Visalia - That's North of St John River off of Ben Maddox.

Call: Megan Hoffman: 635-7817 or Loretta Miller 627-287

Why: Hope's project to benefit Assembly funds

We all have “stuff” hiding in our closets and garages that we don't want and will never use again but it's too good to throw away. So throw all those items this way.

Any and All donations gladly accepted. Please drop off your donations at the Millers house by July 26th.

BBQ & swimming pool for all the helpers

Dick Parks, Advisor

York Rite
SEQUOIA COUNCIL NO. 228
ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES – (AMD)
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NOTE – MEETING DATES FOR 2010

~~Wednesday – March 31st – 6:30 p.m. – Nielsen’s Restaurant – Tulare – Meeting at Tulare Lodge after dinner~~

~~Sunday – July 11th – 5:00 p.m. – BBQ pot luck at Allan Miller’s house – 497 E Sandra, Tulare, Ca – meeting at Allan’s if needed~~

Wednesday – September 22nd – 6:30 p.m. – Ryan’s Restaurant & Bakery
3103 S Mooney Blvd. Visalia, Ca – Meeting at Tulare Lodge after dinner

Wednesday – December 22nd – 6:30 p.m. – Apple Annie’s
1165 N Blackstone St., Tulare, Ca – Meeting at Tulare Lodge after dinner –
(*Election & Installation*)

Lodge No.269 – August –Birthdays

- 6 Lane A. Hill, Fr., PM
- 8 Andrew A. Miller
- 10 Bill White, PM
- 14 Richard A. Hill
- 18 Eddie R. Jones
- 21 Dwayne C. Anthony
- 23 Douglas L. White
- 25 Andre L. Khal



Sick Call: ~ None to report

Pot-Luck dinners and dates for 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day of week</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Time</u>
August 3, 2010	Tuesday	Blue Lodge	6:00 pm
September 8, 2010	Wednesday	Royal Arch	6:30 pm
October 6, 2010	Wednesday	Commandery	6:30 pm
November 2, 2010	Tuesday	Blue Lodge	6:00 pm
December 8, 2010	Wednesday	Royal Arch	6:30 pm

From the desk of the Secretary,

Please check your dues card for all groups:

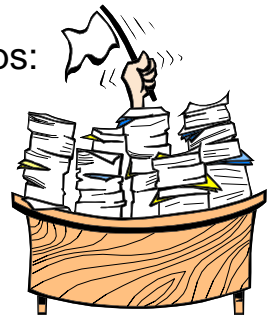
Olive Branch Lodge No. 269

Tulare Chapter No. 71

Visalia Council No. 43

Tulare Commandery No. 66

Sequoia Council No. 228



Make sure they are all for **YEAR 2010**, if not you are delinquent in your dues. If you know of any brother who might be struggling to pay his dues, or is having health or financial problems, please call the Secretary/Recorder at (559) 688-0938.



Lodge Supports Boy Scouts and their Flag Program

The Lodge supports our local Boy Scout Troop by subscribing to their annual flag program. This Boy Scout program places five flags in front of our Lodge Building seven times a year for the day. And the lodge gets to enjoy its support of national holidays in the community. The fee for this program goes to support their scouting trips and is greatly appreciated by the Troop. The Boy Scouts do this for residences in the Tulare area also. If you are interested in being part of this program give Steve Present a call at 559-688-4107.



Notice

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

FRESNO SCOTTISH RITE

Wayne H. Towne, 33° has just notified the Secretary of all bodies that he will purchase a life Membership in the Fresno Scottish Rite bodies for any Mason joining the Scottish Rite in the November Class who is 28 years of age or younger.

TULARE TEMPLE BOARD NEWS

The Lodge Building is available for rent

Contact Allan Miller at 686-0938 or Andre Khal at 685-0569 if you are interested in renting the building for an event so that a price quote can be provided and a Rental Agreement made available. Deposit and Certificate of Insurance is required.



TULARE TEMPLE BOARD NEWS

This section is devoted to the news and events involving your Temple Board and the eight men who work to keep the building at 135 W. Tulare Avenue looking good and in working condition.

There was an insert in the last Tulare Chamber of Commerce newsletter that went out to its members last week. There were 650 inserts in this newsletter to advertise both that the lodge building is available for rental and that Olive Branch lodge encourages those who are interested in Masonry to contact us.

Immediately we were able to book an organization to meet on a regular basis at the Lodge building because they saw this flyer. Hopefully we will be able to book additional events in the near future.

As costs are increasing with the buildings upkeep along with a decreasing membership in all concordant Masonic organizations that rent the building, it is becoming more important to defray expenses with rental income.

If you know of a good organization or event that would like to use the building please go to www.obl269.org or contact Allan Miller at 688-0938 for more information and pricing.

By Steve Present – Sec/Treasurer Masonic Temple Company



Tulare Chapter NO. 71 Royal Arch Masons

First Annual

Peach Waffle Breakfast

Sunday August 8, 2010

8:00AM-1:00PM

**Peach Waffles, eggs, bacon and sausage, milk, coffee, orange
juice**

Choices of Syrups

\$7.00

Tulare Masonic Temple

135 W. Tulare Avenue

Tulare California

Olive Branch Lodge No.269 – Committees for 2010

Master's Advisory Board

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Virgil Shoemaker, P.M.
Allan D. Miller, P.M.
Stephen Present, P.M.

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Andre Khal
Robert Sutton
Robert Moffett

Auditing

Stephen Present, P.M.
Robert Moffett

Lodge Ambassador

Allan D Miller, P.M.

Charity

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Virgil Shoemaker, P.M., SW
Stephen Present, P.M., JW

Investments

Herb Renstrom
Allan D. Miller, P.M.
Virgil Shoemaker, P.M.

Member Retention

Robert Myers, P.M., WM
Chester Jackson, P.M.
Virgil Shoemaker, P.M.
Stephen Present, P.M.
Tommy Luce

Public Schools

Allan D. Miller, P.M.
Robert Myers, P.M., WM
Steve Present, P.M.

Tulare Temple Board Members

Michael Kelley – 2010
Stephen Present, P.M., Secretary/Treasurer – 2010
Herb Renstrom – 2010, 2011
Robert Sutton – 2010, 2011
Tommy Luce – President – 2010, 2011, 2012
Allan D. Miller, P.M. – 2010, 2011, 2012
Robert Myers, P.M., Vice-President (Ex-officio member) – 2010
Virgil Shoemaker, P.M. (Ex-officio member) – 2010

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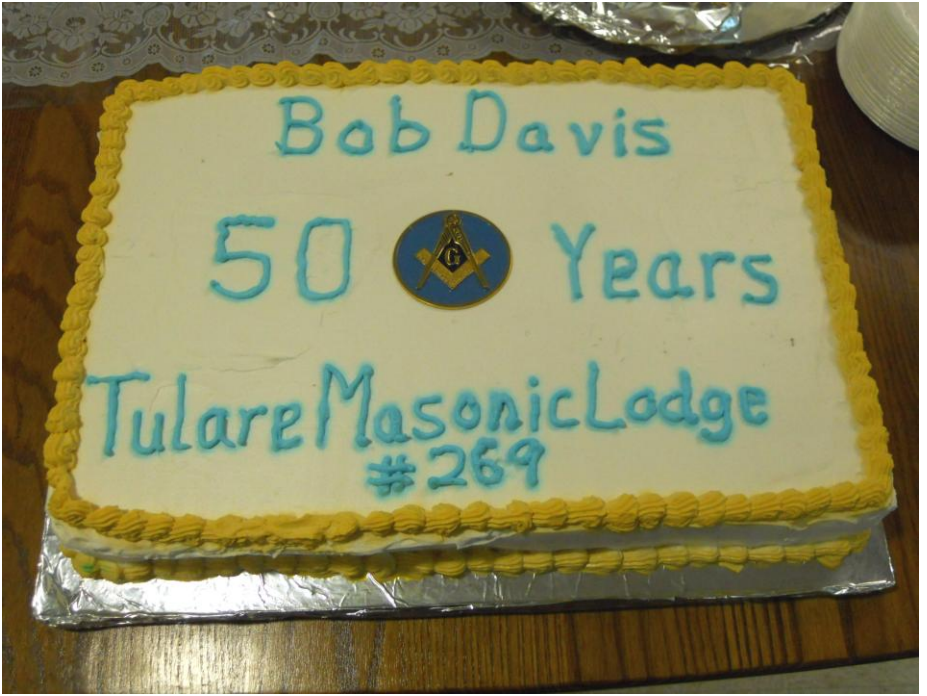
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50 Year Golden Veteran's Award for Robert E. Davis, PM

Held at the Corcoran Station Apartments in Corcoran, CA on June 26, 2010 at 11:00 am, Brother Davis, PM (83) was the last Worshipful Master of Corcoran Lodge No. 490 before they consociated with Olive Branch Lodge No. 269 in Tulare in 1991. There were 22 in attendance they being: 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 sister (90), 1 niece and family, Brothers from Corcoran, Tulare, Visalia and several friends. Worshipful Master Robert Myers and Bill Fulmer, Inspector of the 618th Masonic District presented Brother Davis with his 50 year certificate and pin. Brother Davis was Master of Corcoran three different times 1966, 1989 & 1990.

As you can see in the background there was food and fellowship. (When-ever two or more Masons meet theirs food)



Freemasonry: Scottish Connections

The general view is that modern Freemasonry began on the European Continent, underwent a reshaping in England, spread to Scotland and was re-exported to the Continent.

This present article argues that the re-shaping took place not in England but in Scotland, and in time the Scottish connection was deliberately pushed under the carpet, allowing Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers (1683-1742) , Dr. James Anderson (1680-1739) and others to deflect attention from the truth by inventing a history that never happened.

Of course there were builders in England in the Middle Ages. There needed to be, especially after 1066 when there was a need for castles and cathedrals, but it is highly doubtful whether there were masons' guilds in England. "There is no historical evidence whatever," says the English masonic researcher Bro. E. T. Rylands, "to support the theory of Operative Masonry existing in Medieval England.". Hence when speculative Lodges emerged, it was not at first in England. On the other hand, Bro. Rylands shows, "the development of Operative Masonry in Scotland is well documented". Edinburgh Masons were incorporated as a guild in 1475, and the Schaw Statutes in the 1590s regulated the operation of Scottish Masonry. There are minutes extant from Scottish Operative Lodges. From about 1620 a rudimentary ritual began to emerge.

The 18th century saw considerable intellectual ferment in Edinburgh, leading to the formation of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1783. Philosophical societies flourished. Some led into Freemasonry. For a

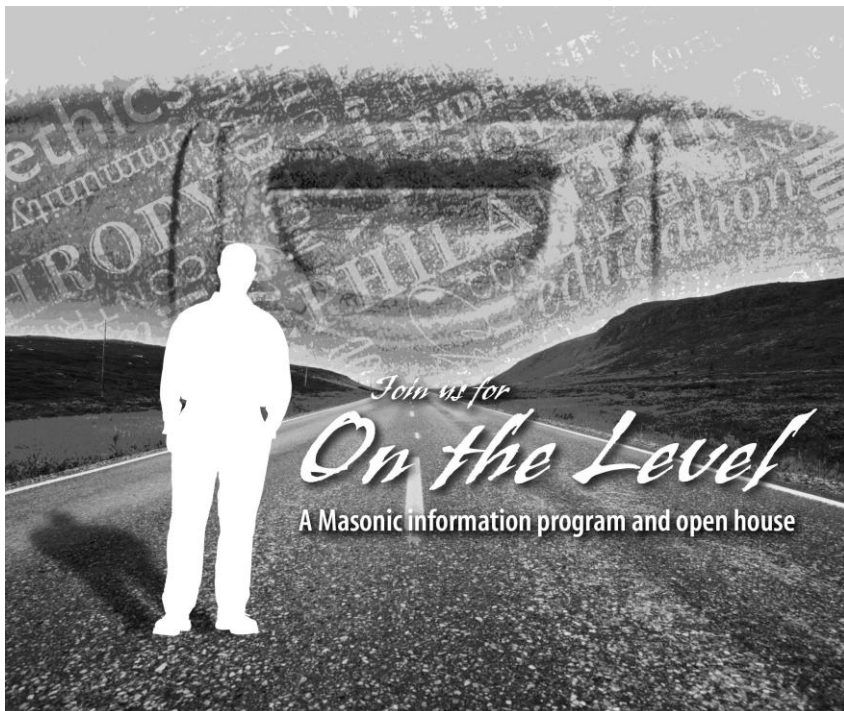
time there were parallel Operative and Speculative groups until, after some tension, the Speculatives prevailed. Speculative Freemasonry, says Bro. Rylands, “filtered south by a kind of intellectual osmosis”, moving from the north of England down to the capital. There even appears to be evidence of Masons from Scotland demonstrating the degrees of Freemasonry in York in the early 17th century.

English Freemasonry had more than one agenda. Some Freemasons, we cannot be certain how many, were involved in the religious and political changes that stabilized England in the early years of the 18th century, but with the Jacobite rebellion of 1715 the Freemasons were accused of being too Jacobite and anti Hanoverian. It therefore became necessary to downplay the movement’s ties with Scotland and to re-position English Freemasonry in a new, patriotic form. This meant creating a new, safe history independent of Scotland, linking it with the Continental building trade and claiming Biblical origins that antedated both the Greeks and the Romans.

Eventually the Duke of Sussex (1773-1843) - who happened to be a Hebrew scholar - became the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) formed in 1813, removed any rituals that betrayed Stuart involvement, and led to the Masonic structure with which we are familiar. The Duke also became President of the Royal Society and disposed of Jacobite or Stuart material in the Society’s library. Thereafter the Society restricted itself to science, the Duke retired, and Freemasonry was set on the course we know today.

SMIB

COMING THIS FALL !



This Masonic information program will benefit our lodge in several important ways:

- Raise awareness in the community
- Attract potential new members
- Promote Member involvement

It allows us to extend an invitation to a potential new member of our lodge. This event is open to men and their families who would like to know more about Masonry or who are interested in membership.

**BE SURE TO RECOMMEND
A GOOD MAN YOU KNOW!**

**DINNER POTLUCK
BEFORE OLIVE**



BRANCH LODGE AUGUST STATED MEETING

What: Dinner Potluck

Where: Lodge Dining Room, 135 W. Tulare Ave.,
Tulare at the Masonic Lodge

When: Tues August 3, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

Chairman: Bob Sutton @ 686-8846

BRING ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE DISHES....



**Olive Branch Lodge will provide funding to
support a lodge member for the Tulare
Chamber of Commerce 2010-2011
Leadership Tulare program.**

Leadership Tulare is a prestigious program that has educated leaders in Tulare for over 16 years. The program has graduated numerous people including many of Tulare's distinguished leaders. The time commitment is day sessions that will be scheduled once a month on a Tuesday from approximately 8:00am to 2:00pm. Electives will be held four times during the year on various weekdays from 11:30am to 1:00pm. One of the highlights of the class is a day trip to Sacramento. An orientation will be held before the first class session. There will be homework assignments which may include going on a police ride along, attending an official City meeting, interviewing people, etc. Also, the class is required to conduct a fundraiser so additional meetings may be scheduled by the class itself.

If a member of Olive Branch Lodge is interested, or knows of good man who would join our lodge to be considered for funding to attend the 2010-2011 Leadership Tulare program, then let our Master Bob Myers know so that he may be considered. Applications must be sent into the Tulare Chamber of Commerce by September 10, 2010. Further information can be found at www.tularechamber.org.

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