

NEVADA SUPPLEMENT

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Sir Knights,

At this writing Grand Lodge should be over and one of our Past Grand Commanders, James G. Kelley is the new Grand Master. Congratulations Most Worshipful Brother Jim, I am looking forward to working with you for the rest of my term. The Southwest Regional Conference is over and some very good topics were discussed and worthwhile presentations given. Grand Captain General Ogle was the man that made that happen and we thank him for his continuing efforts for York Rite Masonry

The Colorado River Fall Festival is also over and we now have several new Knights in our ranks. There was lots of good work at this festival and I am sure everyone had a good time. It takes a quite a few men many hours and days of work and coordination to make a festival like the CRFF work and I want to thank all that make it happen year after year.

Coming up is the culmination of a very busy fall season. . Thanksgiving. Let us all remember what it is all about and consider all the things for which we should be thankful.

Almost everyday I see someone who does not appear to have a place to live or enough money to eat or feed his family. Of course I cannot tell by looking but I cannot help but think that it could have been me instead of him, without a place to live or money to feed my family. It makes me very thankful for all that I have in this life.

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The three men pictured here from left to right are M.E. Richard Stark, GHP of the Grand Chapter R.A. Masons of Nevada, in the center is M.I. John Singleton, GM of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Nevada and at the far right is R.E. W. Wayne Perkins, PGM Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Nevada.

What makes it strange is that all three are from the same York Rite Bodies of Fallon Nevada and all three live in Fallon.

Sometimes things just happen!

The photo (by PM Dennis Moore) is at the "Churchill County Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair" where MI Singleton is presiding over the Child I. D. program he started in 2001 and to date has processed well over 9,000 children from the small towns around central Nevada, or "Cow Counties" as we affectionately refer to them. All the equipment, shelter and supplies are furnished by MIGM Singleton. He hosts a "Luau" every year and uses the proceeds to fund the Child I.D. and a Masonic Childrens Christmas Party.

M.I. Singleton has been assisted for many years by M.E. Companion Stark and PM Moore with the Luau and Child I.D.. Most of the time our P.M. Joe Winchester, who is also a Nevada State Highway Patrolman is there in uniform to take the fingerprints which is a big boost for Masonry and the Highway Patrol's public awareness. P.S. The big guy on the right has helped a few hours.

Submitted by W. Wayne Perkins

Colorado River Fall Festival

This month we, as York Rite Masons, are on the threshold of an event that some fifteen or sixteen years ago was accepted in Nevada as an opportunity for Freemasons to become members of the Chapter-Council and Commanderies in Nevada in a two day session held annually in Laughlin, known as the Colorado River Fall Festival. We know this has been successful to aid in membership growth. As this membership report is intended to stimulate sharing of success and concepts for improved membership for York Rite Freemasonry we offer a new twist and would like a response to the following questions:

*How many Members were introduced into the three York Rite Bodies as a result of the Colorado River Festival?

*How many have remained active the past ten years?

*How many have gone on to hold officer positions in York Rite Bodies?

*How many Bodies feel they have been weakened by letting the Colorado River Festival be the primary source of York Rite degree work?

As we have no data on other Jurisdictions offering York Rite work like the Colorado River Festival offers, the data generated from the questions could prove to have merit to York Rite Freemasonry.

We are aware of course that Scottish Rite Freemasonry offers similar two and three day programs in Nevada for the Reno Valleys and Las Vegas Valley's on a once a year basis, however, this is their only source for new membership.

Nationally, data suggests that Freemasonry offers One Day Classes for all degrees or many variants of such to confer the three degrees of Masonry. .A simple majority of all Jurisdictions in the United States are doing so, it being unusual that a State does not offer such opportunity.

It has been well documented that the past two years a large increase in Freemasonry has been taking place in many Jurisdictions compared to the years since the late 1950's. This heartening increase becomes an avenue for success in other Concordant Bodies. In fact, this success has in some Lodges placed a burden on the officers to keep up with the degree work in a timely manner. This does pose an issue with candidates for the degrees, where they have limited available time to advance due to many factors. Here a question may be considered, is there a place for the One Day Class or Variant thereof ?

We offer these comments to stimulate thought for all of Masonry and particularly to generate input from York Rite Freemasonry.

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