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of

Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
F. & A. M.



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LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE
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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

Our sixty-fourth installation, with its many happy memories, is now behind us and we are looking ahead to another fine year for Las Palmas. I recently became curious as to how the name of our lodge originated and a little research revealed it was suggested by Bro. Herbert Z. Austin, a judge of the Superior Court, who eventually became our fourth Master. "Las Palmas" alludes to the thousands of palm trees that were planted throughout this part of California when irrigation began and which still beautify this area. Our lodge met in the old temple on the southeast corner of Tulare Street and Broadway in those early years.

This is the month that we celebrate the birthday of Bro. George Washington, our first President — and fittingly we have scheduled a First Degree for February 22. Bro. Washington took his degrees in Masonry in "the lodge at Fredericksburg" in Virginia in 1752-53. He was a charter member and first Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, and served two terms as Master. He held that office at the time he was inaugurated President on April 30, 1789. The Bible that was used to swear him in as President was borrowed from St. Johns Lodge No. 1 in Philadelphia and the oath of office was administered by Bro. Robert R. Livingston, who was the Grand Master of Masons of New York. Many Masons today feel they cannot participate in their lodge activities because of the demands of their jobs, yet Bro. George Washington found time to serve as Master of his lodge while at the same time serving his country as President. Bro. George made no secret of his membership but was very proud to display the emblem of our Craft. In doing so, he assumed the task of daily proving to the world that he was worthy to wear it.

So it is today my brethren. Each of us who wears the Square and Compass is watched by others to see if he will live up to their ideas of Masonry. If we fall short of our duties and obligations we may cause criticism, not only of ourselves as individuals but of the Craft as a whole. Taking the degrees of Masonry will do nothing for us unless we live the lessons taught therein.

Reports from our Sickness and Visitation committee indicate that these cold winter months have brought more than their share of illness to many of our brothers. When-

ever you hear of a brother being ill, please notify either Bro. Price Robinson or our Sickness-Visitation chairman, Bro. Heber Moreland (227-4677), so we can remember him with a card or visit. None of us should forget that as Masons, it is our especial duty to soothe the unhappy and sympathize with their misfortunes. By a call, card or visit we can lighten our brother's load and enrich our own lives as well.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for February 15, "Dinner With Our Dates." In celebration of Valentines Day the theme will be "Sweethearts." The brothers will be serving and their "Sweethearts" dinners will be free. We'll be seeing you there!

Fraternally, Len Gottner, W.M.

FRATERNAL BONDS

BOB WINZLER was in the Community Hospital for the repair of a leg injured in skiing. Bob should learn that heavy-bodied men do better on garbage can lids.

PRICE ROBINSON and his wife, Ethel, took a look at the snow packed around their Meadow Lake cottage and bought passage for Hawaii for three weeks.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Feb. 1 - Third Degree - K. O. Steinnes
 - Feb. 8 - Third Degree - Stevens
 - Feb. 10 - Fresno Masonic Temple Dedication, 3:00 p.m.
Eugene S. Hopp, Grand Master, presiding
 - Feb. 15 - Stated Meeting - Dinner With Our Dates, 6:30
Ladies dinners free!
 - Feb. 21 - Visit Center Lodge, Fresno Masonic Temple -
Third Degree - Phillip E. Patton
 - Feb. 22 - First Degree
 - Feb. 29 - Second Degree
- ### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES
- Feb. 4 - Las Palmas DeMolay Pancake Breakfast, 9:00
a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Las Palmas Temple
 - Feb. 7 - Officers School of Instruction - Third Degree
at Ponderosa Temple, 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 11 - Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 197, Chicken Dinner
1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Las Palmas Temple
 - Feb. 27 - Officers School of Instruction - Second Degree
at Clovis Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

YOUR SENIOR WARDEN



WILLIAM HENRY AHLENSLAGER, born in Fresno, August 16, 1926 to Henry and Marie Ahlenslager, is the second son in a family of four boys and three girls.

He attended Kirk Grammar and Edison High School.

Bill served in the U. S. Navy during WW II in the South Pacific. He attended Fresno City College, Fresno State College, Arizona State Teachers College and Texas Christian University. He has worked for the Corps of Army Engineers at Pine Flat Dam and for the past 18 years has been employed by the State of California, Division of Highways, as a highway engineer.

Bill married the former Margaret Anderson of Sacramento in 1950. They have two children, Kathleen, 13, and William, Jr., 11.

He operates the family farm in addition to his own vineyard.

Bill is a member of the California State Employees Association and has served as a local chapter president, Area Regional Director and a State officer. He is the vice-president of the Assembly of Governmental Employees, Western Section. Bill also helps out his local P. T. A. group serving in various capacities, currently as treasurer.

He was confirmed by the Free Evangelical Lutheran Cross Church. His grandfather was one of the founders of the church, having arrived in Fresno with the Volga German Colony immigrants in 1905.

Bill's brothers are: Melvin LeRoy (a mailman), James Norman (a chemical engineer), Leslie Eugene (a parts manager). His sisters are: Mrs June King (Fresno), Mrs. Bernice Hall (Daly City) and Mrs. Donna Napolitano (Berkeley). His mother lives on the family farm in Kerman.

Bill was initiated May 12, 1955 - passed September 22, 1955 and Raised February 9, 1956 in Las Palmas Lodge, Third degree proficiency April 16, 1956.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Fresno having been conferred with the 32nd degree.

FRATERNAL BONDS

Cecil Edgar, our retired judge, suffered a slight stroke early in January. While in the hospital he also had a prostate operation. Get your troubles over all at once, Cecil.

THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE IN FRESNO

The new Masonic Temple, to be the home of Fresno, Center, and Sun Garden Lodges, is now completed and ready for occupancy. The first meeting was held there on Wednesday, January 3rd when Center Lodge held their stated meeting. This was followed by the installation of officers of Fresno Lodge on Friday, January 5th and Sun Garden Lodge on Saturday, January 6th.

The new temple is the culmination of many dreams, plans, heart breaks and work. The first meeting of Master Masons in the village of Fresno was held 90 years ago in Magnolia Hall on H street between Mariposa and Tulare. In 1878 a charter was issued to Fresno Lodge and meetings were held in a building on the north side of Mariposa Street between Broadway and Fulton. The first Masonic Temple was established in a building on the south west corner of Tulare and Broadway streets. A fire on August 6th, 1893 destroyed all lodge records. The building was reconstructed and used until 1911 when the Masonic Temple on the corner of Merced and Van Ness was constructed. That Temple in turn had to make way for progress when it was pre-empted by the city for a parking facility. After many months of discussion, the present site was selected, plans were drawn and construction began on March 21, 1967. Work progressed rapidly and on September 23, 1967 Laurence E. Dayton, the Most Worshipful Grand Master laid the cornerstone. Work was completed and on December 15 the Temple Board accepted the building.

From the original charter, dispensations were issued to form Las Palmas No. 366, Center No. 465, Sun Garden No. 530 and Ponderosa No. 700. Las Palmas recognized the need for more Masonic space and now occupies its own beautiful temple. Ponderosa also has own meeting place.

"Masonry has experienced its darker moments yet has survived ordeal by fire to give its lessons to the world. Masonry embraces the concept of true universality and invites good men of all beliefs. It stands as a symbol of tolerance and charity, holding high the torch of freedom and encourages harmony and understanding among all men."

To Masons this new temple will be sanctified by the great principles of freedom, faith and truth and as an enduring reminder to all that as long as Right, Justice and Liberty shall exist there will be Masons ready to defend them. It is the fervent prayer of all Masons that this beautiful Temple will be a monument of everlasting good in this community.

George Hiatt, P.M., Fresno Lodge

EDITORIAL

In a lodge of our size only a limited number of men can ever attain the exalted office of Worshipful Master. Those who have never held the office can seldom appreciate the price these men pay for the privilege of serving and its moment of transient glory. What is the price? Well, Masters give up a great share of their free time and often large chunks of their business time for seven or eight years. They spend countless hours learning the ritual, studying with the degree coach and passing examinations with the inspector in order to present an effective degree. They appoint and supervise the work of 15 standing committees, attend to all the details of the screening and individual investigating committees, call on ill brethren, investigate applications for the Masonic Homes, counsel with member brethren on personal problems, counsel with the Trustees, secretary, treasurer and Temple Committee on lodge finances, attend Grand Lodge and district officers association, answer 5,000 telephone calls, arrange schedule of degrees and with candidates coach keep candidates progressing, oversee and write much of the trestleboard and so forth.

Now, what reward does he receive from the membership for his labors? On a good night he will find 30 to 50 members in the lodge to support his efforts and this will include his officers and a few sojourners.

Where are the other 1,000 members? Some live out of town or travel so they are out of town on lodge night, some are ill or at an advanced age where they don't get out, some are watching favorite TV programs or playing bridge, some are attending athletic spectator events or maybe bowling, others are working at office or store or calling on prospects, a few are on church tasks and the list becomes so diverse as to defy classification.

This is not for one night. It goes on for all the 45 or so nights that the lodge meets in each year and two years and five years and ten years. In fact, some men never attend their lodge. There is a certain period when men decide whether or not to attend lodge. When this time passes there is no debate or consideration. Lodge is a dead issue — a pleasant memory and an unrealized ideal.

It is time that all Masons come to realize that while Masonry offers privileges, it also involves duties and responsibilities. One of these is to give something of your personality, your time and your efforts to assist this lodge to attain its objectives and serve as a model of civic responsibility. It is not the job of 100 men to keep this lodge functioning so that you may derive whatever values you see in it. Brush aside your excuses and present yourself to your Master with a sincere offer to serve. — Editor

NEW STRENGTH

JOHN O. NEESE comes to us by affiliation from St. Andrews Lodge of Springfield, Ohio where he was raised in 1936. John is a native of Springfield (1908). His basic education was obtained in Wittenberg University followed by advanced study at Georgetown and Wayne Universities, Schools of Medicine. He is a physician with the Veterans Administration Hospital and served 4 years in the U.S. Army.

Our brother and his wife, Lou, have two adult daughters, Janet and Jacqueline. If you like to break clay pigeons, call the doctor, for he lists his hobby as trap shooting.

ALPHORD A. DICKINSON, the last candidate raised in 1967 is one of those strong silent Texas men, born in View (1924). His family saw the error of their ways and moved to Fresno where Al attended Washington Jr. H. S. and Fresno Tech H. S. He continued his education at Long Beach City College and qualified for a bachelor's degree at Fresno State. This route led him to a position of Deputy Coroner of Fresno. His wife, Elizabeth, shares three children with him; Greg with the 1st Cavalry in Viet Nam, Linda 14 and Marsha 4 years.

Al, himself, served for 3 years in the Air Force in WW II and fifteen months in the army in the Korean Crisis. He is president of Airways Golf Club, a member of Kings Canyon P. T. A. and amuses himself with golf, fishing and hunting. Al was honored when several members of the Sheriff's Department occupied chairs for the conferring of his third degree.

PAUL O. HUMBERT, JR. comes to us by affiliation from Modesto Lodge No. 675. He was born in Marion, Ohio and was graduated from high school in Wooster, Ohio. On moving to California, he put in two years at Modesto Jr. College and finished his bachelor's degree at San Francisco State. His family consists of his wife Rena and children Sheryl 20, Kenton 14, Paula 9 and Paul III 3. He works along side our P.M. Odell Lingerfelt as associate executive secretary of Fresno Co. Medical Society.

Hobbies are swimming, golf, and get this, yard work. Paul saw service with the Naval Air Corps.

LOY L. EARLES admits to being an Okie, his native city sounding as tho it were named for him, Earlsboro (1926). His education was acquired in the schools of Madera and Tulare in California. Loy spends his working hours driving a bus for Greyhound Lines. He and his wife Lois Mae are blessed with four children: Gene 19, Elaine 18, Steven 13 and Russell 11. Loy is active in church work and the Explorers Club. He likes fishing, hunting, mineralogy and gold panning. He was honored when several of his Greyhound co-workers filled stations for his raising.

BOUQUET TO THE REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

I wish to thank the following named brothers for their co-operation in assisting Mrs. Gottner prepare the dining room for the refreshments served after the installation of officers on Saturday, January 13, 1968: Ralph A. Mills, Gene Stevens and Charles W. Ramsey, especially Ralph, who reported both in the afternoon and evening.

Our first attempt at preparing a meal turned out to be a success beyond my highest hopes. This was the breakfast served at the meeting of the Officers Association. The menu was French Toast, Pork Sausages and Hash Brown Potatoes. The tables were very attractively decorated with red berries and ivy supplied by Ed Carpenter who also supervised this affair. The following named brothers (the working crew) reported at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, January 21st.: Edward C. Carpenter, George A. Wilcox, Richard W. Hopper, Ralph Saroyan, Paul C. Shelly, Orville L. Cook, Vern Fouty, Charles B. Heines, Jr., George J. Lang, Don Lester, Cecil McFarlane and Phillip McPherson.

The old saw "Too many cooks spoil the broth" did not hold true in this case. The kitchen was full of "Chefs Par Excellence" and NOBODY spoiled ANYTHING. Thank you brothers.

Wes Tostrup



CHEER-UP CORNER

WERNER VAN GOLDEN - Dutch is in the Merritt Hospital in Oakland recovering from serious internal surgery.

JAMES I. TUCKER went in for plumbing repair on Jan. 15. He is not expected to be laid up very long.

JACK HAMMEL, school attendance supervisor and director of the Sciots Band underwent surgery for the removal of his gall bladder.

BEN COPELAND - Our beloved 50 year member is in the County Hospital, suffering largely from the infirmities of age.

FARIS HUMPHREYS has been in an iron lung for over 10 years as an aftermath of polio. He appreciates visitors from the lodge to while away the long hours. The address is 841 E. Cortland.

FRATERNAL BONDS

CHARLES KERNEY, our sixty year Mason, has taken up residence at the Hotel Fresno.

BILL AHLENSLAGER - When Ed Allred ran out of Ho! Ho! Hosi after several years as Santa Claus for our annual Family Night Christmas Party, the problem was to find a body to fit that gargantuan Santa Claus suit. Did Bill fit it!

WILL SCHLACHTER - This remarkable brother affiliated with Las Palmas from a lodge in Toledo, Ohio at age 90. On Dec. 9 he observed his 93rd birthday and celebrated it with us by attending our Dec. 21 Family Night Christmas dinner. Many happy returns to our venerable member.

JOSEPH C. DEATON, retired principal of Yosemite Jr. H. S., and his wife Frances have been pulling in double harness for 40 years. They celebrated on Dec. 24 by inviting in some friends. His children were there, including Joe, Jr. who flew in from New York with his family.

ROBERT M. BUCKALEW, former deacon in Las Palmas, has been taken in as a partner in the law firm of Lionel and Sawyer in Las Vegas. He, his wife Jan and three children live at 2141 Geronimo Way and will welcome a call by any of the brethren passing through.

JAMES I. TUCKER - Our vigorous Tiler Tucker and Fern reached the golden magic circle in December. They observed the anniversary on Christmas day with a few friends.

ARCHIE H. NAHIGIAN has a daughter, Judith, who has announced her engagement to Richard A. Savoian of Los Angeles. They plan to marry in July. She is a member of Bethel No. 49, Job's Daughters. Archie spends his working hours at Dick's Supplies.

HOWARD GRIGGS - We were treated to Howard's first visit in 10 years to his home lodge. He is now living in Woodland Hills and is associated with the Rocketdyne Division of North American Aviation.

LEONARD GOTTNER, our Worthy Master, has the whole family in on the act this year. His wife Frances is Esther for La Sierra Chapter No. 555, O. E. S. and his daughter is serving as Fourth Messenger under Cindi Vanderburgh in Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 243.

EARL VANDERBURGH - Our new member's daughter, Cindi, is Honored Queen of Bethel No. 243, Job's Daughters.

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