



The Las Palmian

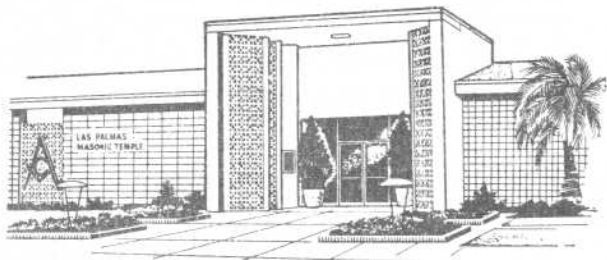
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From the East



Brethren,

April was a very busy month for the Lodge. Both our Layman's Night and our trip to Columbia were successes, thanks to the help of the officers and Brethren. My congratulations also to Brother Wally Scott for the outstanding young speakers he arranged for the Public Schools Program at the April Stated Meeting.

At our May Stated Meeting, Brother George Posson, P.M., will give a presentation on Homes Endowment Month. Bible presentations will also be presented at this meeting. Those Brethren scheduled to receive Bibles are Gene Landucci, Phill Ford, Bill Tompkins and Lee French.

On May 24th the Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay, has been invited to put on a DeMolay Degree for the Lodge. All Brethren are urged to attend, and support our DeMolay boys.

Another date to mark on your calendar is June 10th. This will be the date of our annual Lodge picnic.

Paul Ford, Master of Central California Research Lodge, informs me that the Research Lodge is in need of a typewriter. If anyone has one to donate, or sell cheap, contact Paul Ford at 222-2687.

Fraternally,

BOBBY C. BINGHAM

Master

From the West



For those Brethren who attended our first Layman's Night, you know what a success it was. There were 41 Brothers and 29 guests present. The talk and discussion by Brother Donald Fretz was especially enlightening.

Special thanks go out to Mary Perch and the Dates who prepared and served the most delicious roast pork dinner.

I note that there are a good number of Brothers who bring male members of their family to our Stated Meeting dinners, but did not bring them to the Layman's Night. If you think you should fulfill your obligation to them by bringing them to a Layman's Night and acquaint them with the teachings of our Fraternity. Please remember this when we have our second Layman's Night next year.

Fraternally,

RICHARD W. FREY

Sr. Warden

News from the Office



We have been having trouble keeping up with some of the members of the lodge. They move from one place to another and we sometimes don't hear about it until the California Freemason gets a return copy marked "undeliverable" and the post office gives them a forwarding ad-

dress. Then in about a month we get all those little tabs and find out we have been mailing Trestleboards and dues reminders to the wrong address.

It is not much work for a person to call the office some morning and tell us they are moving and give us their new address. Even after they are moved and settled in their new home is not so bad. Often the thrill of living in a new home gets a person's mind off some of the things they should have done.

This year we have two members who cannot get mail to, and have been having trouble for more than twelve months. They have been suspended for non-payment of dues because we cannot reach them with our dues reminders. There is really not much damage done when a member is suspended. Before two years have passed a member may reinstate himself by paying up the dues he has missed, but he does not regain the time lost as an active member when Grand Lodge figures his time towards a fifty-year pin. This is deducted from the number of years and the pin is presented that amount of time later than it should be.

Some members are members of other masonic bodies which require that he be a mason in good standing in his lodge. The Scottish Rite, Shrine and Orders of Eastern Star must also suspend a member who has been suspended by his "blue" lodge.

If we can locate a member we will do everything we can to help him keep his dues current, but Grand Lodge laws do not permit a person to remain in an active status if he fails

or neglects to pay for more than a period of twelve months. We then attempt to contact the member by mail. This takes several months' time, and if this fails to bring results, there is a form we send out notifying the Brother that unless he is paid to current status by a certain time he will be suspended, resulting in a little more time before the lodge can act on the suspension. The thought is — keep us informed of your address!

Robert Paden
Secretary

Calendar

MAY

- 3 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree, Alexander Georgian
- 10 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree, Louis Putney
- 17 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates, Reservations a must. Call Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2302. Home Endowment presentation.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting. Bible presentation.
- 24 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. DeMolay Degree
- 31 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree.

Proclamation

MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT MONTH
MAY, 1979

TO: All Masonic Lodges in California and
Hawaii

Dear Brethren:

When the great artist Holman Hunt's painting "The Light of the World" was unveiled, a critic complained that the representation of Christ standing in a garden at midnight, holding a lantern and knocking on a door, was in error. "Look", the critic pointed out to the artist, "There is no handle on the door." "That is correct", the artist replied, "That door represents the doorway to the human heart. It can only be opened from inside".

And so it is also with the hearts of California and Hawaii Masons who are again called upon to open their hearts "from inside" so that with dignity and happiness, the members of our Masonic family at Union City and Covina may be secure in the warmth of our Masonic Homes. This opportunity for every Mason to participate unselfishly in a true act of Brotherly Love is one of the brightest jewels worn in the crown of our honorable and ancient Fraternity.

St. Matthew said, "A good man out of the good measure of the heart bringeth forth good things..." In the Old Testament it is asked, "Lord who shall sojourn in Thy Tabernacle? Who shall dwell upon Thy Holy Hill?" And it is answered, "He that walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart."

Now, my Brethren, is the time for every Mason to gladly open his heart in gratitude for blessings received, to work uprightly as a true Brother, knowing the righteousness of his kindly act is the expression of the truth in his heart.

With faith in that willingness of the heart, I proclaim the Month of May, 1979, to be *MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT MONTH* and direct this Proclamation to be read at Stated Meetings held during the months of April and May, 1979. I further direct that each

Lodge send a copy of this Proclamation to each of its members or reproduce it in its Trestleboard.

Don't wait for the Month of May to act — truly, every month is Masonic Homes Endowment Month!

Fraternally,

Donald G. Ingalls
Grand Master

Las Palmas Widows Club

The Las Palmas Widows Club enjoyed a delicious lunch at Phoenix West on Monday, April the second.

An interesting business meeting was conducted by the President, Doris Lewis. After a discussion and an interesting history of the Las Palmas flag and pole which was given by Mr. Green Young, it was voted by those present to buy a flag and present it to Las Palmas Lodge in appreciation of what they have done for this group. It was also voted by the regular members to include the associate members as regular members and retain the name of the Las Palmas Widows Club. The associate members appreciate being a part of this group in the past and at this time express their gratitude for their acceptance as regular members. A committee will be appointed to revise the By-Laws, incorporating these changes.

Mr. Young reviewed the trip to Columbia planned for April 21st and said reservations were still available. He also announced a bus will leave Las Palmas Temple on October tenth for Grand Lodge. An interesting two days is planned, including a stop at the Home in Union City at which time the Scottish Rite Band will give a concert, the evening at Pier 39 for dinner and entertainment, a tour of the Grand Lodge building and installation of Grand Lodge officers before leaving for home.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Anita McNutty on Monday, May seventh for a pot luck salad bar and business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Hart