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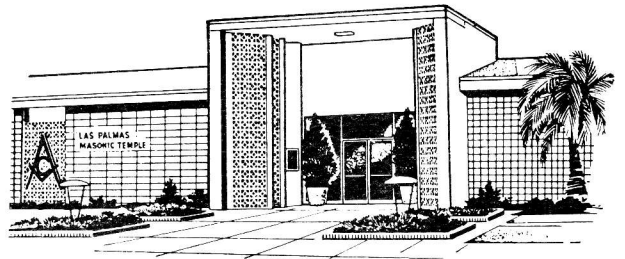
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From the East

Brethren:



It has been a custom among Masons from time immemorial, to honor their Grand Master. Each year for the last 40 years, the Masons of Fresno have honored their Grand Master at a Sunday morning Break-

fast. In recent years, some of the wives of Las Palmas members have expressed a desire to participate with their husbands in this reception for our Grand Master. This year, all Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason) and their wives or families can help honor our Most Worshipful Vernon L. Gordon, Grand Master.

On Saturday, May 3, we will have a special reception which will be hosted by the 416 and 418 Masonic Districts and will be held in one of the buildings at the Fair Grounds. There will be a great filet mignon sit down dinner and a dance band for all in attendance. The cost of this affair is only \$17.50 per person. Your officers have tickets and I advise you to purchase them now, while they are still available.

Our youth groups are in need of our support. As your Master I am having each youth group exemplify their ritual to the members. On March 13, at 7:30 p.m., Bethel 243 will conduct the Jobs Daughters ritual. Wives of Master Masons are invited (no pant suits or slacks). On April 3, at 7:30 p.m. Las Palmas DeMolay will put on the DeMolay degree for us. On April 24, at 7:30 p.m. Rainbow for Girls will exemplify their ritual (only wives of Master Masons who are members of the Order of Eastern Star or are senior member of Rainbow can visit with us).

It is your duty as a Master Mason to support these youth groups. One way you can show your support is to come to Las Palmas and watch our youth put on their ritual.

On March 6, we conferred the third degree

upon Bro. Bud Dewhirst. We were pleased to have the members of Fresno Hi Twelve visit us on this special occasion. As your Master, it is always a great pleasure to have a lot of sideliners on both the north and south sides of the lodge room

Fraternally,

RICHARD W. FREY

Master

From the West

Brethren:



I am happy to report on the following Brothers who have received their degrees and have given their proficiencies, during January and February. Brother Tony Marash received his first degree on January 24, 1980.

Brother Gene Page gave his first degree proficiency on January 24, 1980 and received his second degree on February 7, 1980. Brothers Lewis Putney and Arleigh Dewhirst, Jr. gave their second degree proficiency on February 2, 1980. Brother Lewis Putney received his third degree on February 14, 1980.

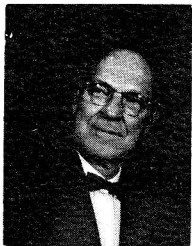
Fraternally,

GARY STARR

Senior Warden

Montana's first livestock brand, the Square and Compass, is still in use. Exactly when it was recorded is not known, but it was before 1872 when brand registration began. It was first owned by P.T. Orr of Beaverhead County Montana Territory.

From the Secretary



A REMINDER—Dues for 1980 have been due and payable since January 1, 1980, and a number of members have not yet answered the summons. We get phone calls nearly every week from persons who have mislaid the notice we

sent out last November 1. There is no need, really, to need a dues notice. The obligation to pay dues is set forth in the By-Laws, and every member received a copy of that little booklet when he got his third degree.

However, if you are one of those who waits until July or August to send in your dues, you should put this item in your December file so you get them in early. We know there are more important things to do besides pay dues, but you have promised to do this, and it gains nothing to put it off until later.

Please take care of this matter now.

ROBERT E. PADEN
Secretary

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

PUBLIC SCHOOL: "America's First Choice — Democracy's Only Choice." These words constantly remind us that each day is a day to demonstrate that we firmly believe that the strength of the United States of America lies in its Public Schools and those dedicated men and women who serve our system of public education.

Our unique system of universal public education provides the opportunity for fulfilling the greatest potential of American ideals by educating our youth to become responsible citizens, versed in the practice of self-government, and informed in the ways and means of preserving freedom.

We should ever be alert to danger signals

which appear on legislative or organizational horizons, by whatever real or synthetic designations they are known, which warn us of attempted trespass on the principle of our free public educational system. Our Public Schools are, and should always be, devoid of partisan influence and religious dogma.

I therefore proclaim the month of April 1980 to be Public Schools Month and urge all constituent Lodges in California and Hawaii to actively participate in an appropriate Public Schools Program.

I further direct that this Proclamation be read at the Stated Meetings of March and April and, if convenient, that a copy be sent to each member of the Lodge.

Fraternally,
VERNON L. GORDON,
Grand Master

Calendar

March 13, 1980

7:30 p.m. — Bethel 243 to exemplify Jobs Daughters Ritual.

March 20, 1980

6:30 p.m. — Dinner with our Dates. Reservations required.
7:30 p.m. — Stated Meeting.

March 27, 1980

7:00 p.m. — Third Degree, Gene Page.

April 3, 1980

7:30 p.m. — Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay to exemplify DeMolay Degree.

April 10, 1980

7:30 p.m. — Proficiencies

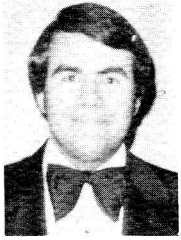
April 17, 1980

6:30 p.m. — Dinner with our Dates
7:30 p.m. — Stated Meeting

April 24, 1980

7:30 p.m. Golden Realm Assembly No. 217, International Order of Rainbow for Girls to exemplify their ritual.

To Know Your Officers



Bro. Lawrence D. Hopper, our Junior Deacon, was born July 12, 1952 in Fresno, California. He grew up in Fresno and graduated from Fresno High School in 1970, after which he attended California State University, Fresno, receiving a BA in Biology in 1975 and an MA in Biology with emphasis in Agricultural Pest Management in 1977.

From June through December of 1976, Bro. Hopper was an Agricultural Field Technician for the University of California, Berkeley, and based at the Kearney Field Station in Parlier, while actively engaged in Soybean research. In May of 1977, he went to work for Real Property Analysts, Inc., joining his father and brother in the real estate appraisal business. He is currently a Real estate Appraiser with that firm.

Bro. Hopper joined State Center Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1969, and was Master Councilor in 1972. He was raised a Master Mason on Jun 10, 1976 at Las Palmas Lodge, and is the latest in his family to join the fraternity. Other family members affiliated with Las Palmas include grandfather C.K. Wakefield, father James A. Hopper, P.M., and brother Richard W. Hopper.

When the office of Marshal became vacant in 1977, Bro. Hopper was named to fill the vacancy by then Master John R. Reynolds.

His hobbies include Music, Racquetball, and woodworking.

New Temple Roof Weathers Storm

We are pleased that we were able to install a new roof on the temple last summer and that it withstood last month's storm and all the rain. The old roof was nearly 20 years old and very likely would have failed.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

You may wish to reserve Saturday, May 10, at 1:00 p.m., on your calendar to attend a meeting of Hermann Lodge No. 127, of Burlingame, at the Fresno Masonic Temple, 3444 East Shields, when they will be in our city to confer the third degree on one of their candidates in the German language. This is the only lodge under dispensation in California permitted to confer degrees in German. There are also two French language lodges.

These three lodges use the ritual of their native countries, and are different from the work we are accustomed to. A number of our members have witnessed French degrees at Grand Lodge sessions, but the German version has not been used in recent years. It may be something you will wish to witness.

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IF YOU WANT TO EAT...

Because so many persons call on Thursday for reservations for our stated meeting dinners, it has become necessary to establish a deadline. Hereafter we will not be able to add names to the list after noon Wednesday. Enough time must be allowed to purchase the food, and Mary Perch does all the buying Wednesday afternoon so the ladies can prepare it early Thursday morning.

If you don't know by Wednesday noon that you will be here for the dinner Thursday night, please do not call expecting to get a reservation. We cannot buy more food Thursday morning and have it cooked in time for the meal. All applications after the deadline will hereafter be refused.

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LADIES!!!!

March 20th, after dinner join us in the card room. We will be making little Easter baskets for the Convalescent Home tray favors. We all enjoyed making the tray favors for St. Patrick's Day, so come join us this month—many busy hands make for light work.