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From the East

Brethren and Ladies,

I want to first express my appreciation to all who prayed for my successful surgery and for my speedy recovery. Thank you also to those who sent plants, cards and/or visited me. It is impossible to feel sorry for yourself, when so many friends and Brothers show such concern and Brotherly Love. For those who did not hear about my operation, I had a constricted lower colon. Surgery was performed to remove the tissue causing the constriction.



During my absence, Brother John Denton was placed in charge of daily Lodge operations. He and our team of officers and side liners did a commendable job in performing the ritual and administrative functions. I appreciate their support and dedication work for Masonry.

As you may be aware, Brother Ben Schaeffer is home with a bad back, and Brother Bob Paden is recovering from heart and kidney surgery in San Francisco. Both of these Brothers could use your prayers and Brotherly Love. More information is provided about Bro. Paden under his column. Brother Wallace Scott and Worshipful George Posson, P.M., have volunteered to man the Secretary's Office. Worshipful George Gilliland, P.M., Secretary, Ponderosa Lodge, volunteered to serve as Lodge Secretary for our March Stated Meeting. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated and charitable Brothers among us!

Brothers, HELP IS WANTED in our De Molay Chapter! We need to find a Chapter Dad who enjoys helping our youth develop leadership skills and live by high moral standards. Our present Chapter Dad, Brother Tip Banks has done a commendable job over the last few years, however, he has indicated that it is time for another to step in and gain the benefits and satisfaction of seeing our youth develop into leaders of our community. Please contact Brother Bill Ennis, Chairman, DeMolay Advisory Council, if you are interested on 439-0746. In addition, we need additional Advisors. There is only one business meeting a month - the Tuesday prior to the first Wednesday of the month. Help the DeMolay Chapter survive Beyond 85!

Larry Duba, Master

From the West

Brethren:

Since the last article I submitted, I have been severely punished for my lazy, lax attitude. Soon after, the weather turned bad, I tried to play a game of golf with the wind blowing at least 350 miles per hour and everytime I hit a shot, the ball either went right or left, it never went down the middle. All the leaves came off of my tree at the same time, my boss is still mad, and Jeanne burns my toast. Something was definitely wrong, I realized that we really should divide our time between work, play and the service of God. It is much too easy to be lulled into a lax and lazy state of mind, saying "oh well, someone else will take care of it." To be continually lax in our duties toward our Lodge, our country, our home and especially to our God would surely mean the demise of all we hold dear.



Traveling over this valley and attending Masonic functions opens your eyes to the fact that the Masonic community is very large and very much at work. I have noticed that each Lodge or associated body receives any guest with an open invitation to share in their activities and they are received and embraced with the same warmth and love that was extended to the returning prodigal son. A great number of us are fortunate enough to be able to travel and visit other Lodges and functions, some cannot. If you know someone who could use a little warmth, sit down and go to work, write a note or phone; your gift of friendship would be valued more than your gift of gold.

Divide your time, that by your example, we all can work together to make this a better world to play golf in.

Fraternally,
John Denton, S.W.

Education — A debt due from present to future generations.

—George Peabody

Manhood, not scholarship, is the first aim of education.

—E.T. Setor.

From the South

War in Lebanon, killings in Ireland, unrest in South America, crime on the increase and corruption in Government seem to be a way of life. One begins to think that the whole world has gone insane. There appears to be no place where the old values are still in vogue.



Well Brethren there is! It is your Masonic Lodge. We still hold that the Three Principal Tenets of Freemasonry are sacred and must be observed. Brotherly Love is offered to each member regardless of his fortunate or misfortune in everyday life. We clearly understand that it is a man's internal qualities that makes him honorable, not his wealth or the titles that he has acquired. We offer relief to the weary mind and encouragement to the disheartened. If we find ourselves in difficulty, we know that our Brethren are only a phone call away. Finally, we offer our members Truth. The sacred truth of life, that we owe allegiance to the Supreme Architect of the Universe and to each other. When we use the term, "My Brother" in our Lodge, we mean it in the truest sense of the word. Brethren, if you are looking for a safe harbor to rest and refresh yourself, look no further than your Masonic Lodge. It truly is a place where peace and harmony prevails.

Congratulations to Brothers Bruce Lyndon Sims and Jerry Larry Bailey on becoming Entered Apprentice Masons. Congratulations also to Brother Bruce Allen Baird on passing his examination in the Fellowship Lecture and on becoming a Master Mason.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, J.W.

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

As you may be aware, Brother Bob Paden, had surgery on March 29th in San Francisco. He is recovering well from the operation which included removal of a kidney and correction for aneurism on the aorta, which is the great artery leaving the heart. You may send cards to him for at least the next two weeks at the following address: Brother Robert E. Paden, c/o Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace, 1866 Andrews Dr., Con-

cord, CA 94521, Tel. (415) 685-1499

Brother Paden is expected to be recovering during the next two months. The Lodge Office, 268-2303, will maintain progress reports for your information.

Thanks go to W. Eldon W. Cole, P.M., for organizing a Blood Drive on Behalf of Brother Paden. Those showing up were Mrs. Lou Hopkins and Brother Alstrom, Ennis, Scott and Bull. Others who wish to donate blood can do so by contacting the Central California Blood Bank, 3445 N. 1st Street. Donate in the name of the Masonic Blood Bank Account No. MOO6. We thank those who contributed part of themselves!

Bob Paden, Secretary

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- 4 **Dark — Happy Easter!**
- 11 **Golden Veterans Award —**
Roland O. Whitby 7:30 p.m.
Third Degree — Swick Van Dyne
- 18 **Dinner with our Dates 6:30 p.m.**
Ham Dinner \$6.00. Reservation Deadline
is 5 p.m. April 16th.
Public Schools Program
Golden Veteran Award, Arthur L.
Laughlin
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Program: Stained Glass by
Brother Howard Hunter, Member of
Clovis Lodge No. 417
- 20 **Las Palmas De Molay Installation 7:30 p.m.**
Master Councilor — John Melvin
- 25 **Dark — Support your Public Schools**
- 26 **Public Schools Awards Dinner, Hoover**
H.S. 7:00 p.m.
5550 N. First, \$8.50
- 27 **Masonic Leadership Workshop,**
Fresno Temple 10:00 a.m.
Registration Fee of \$5.00, includes lunch.
Call W. Larry Duba, 431-6379 for reser-
vations
- May
2 **Third Degree John Montgomery 7:30 p.m.**

MASONIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The following article excerpted from "Highline Happenings" of the Washington School District paper "Voyager", has some worthy thoughts and facts about our Public Schools - read on:-

"How many of us think back to when we were in school, and wonder whether schools are as good for our kids as they were for us? There are some interesting national statistics which are important to remember when we begin to think that "Things used to be better".

In 1900, for example, 6% of the 17-year olds in the United States graduated from High School. By 1950, the figure was still less than 50%. In 1975, 74% of our 17-year olds had been graduated, and by 1977, that figure exceeded 80%. In 1950, 10% of black students graduated from High School; by 1977, the rate rose to 76%.

In 1910, the average 25-year old American had completed 8.1 years of schooling. In 1950, that figure rose to 9.3 years, and in 1975 it was up 12.3.

In 1940, only one out of 20 people in the 25 to 29 year age group had earned a bachelor's degree. In 1976, one out of four in the same age group had earned a bachelor's degree.

Literacy figures also provide some insight into how well our education system is working. In 1900, 11.3% of our people could not read or write. By 1920, that figure was cut in half. By 1970, only 1.2% were illiterate. In Washington State, the figure is less than 1%.

No one in the field of education can be complacent about the state of education in America's schools. There is work to be done to improve the services provided to students and the success and achievement of those students. At the same time, it's important to remember that we're providing more services to a broader range of Americans than ever in the past, even when "we were in school".

Las Palmas Masonic Information and Education
Committee

Ed Carpenter PM, Co-Chairman

*If we paid no more attention to our plants
Than we have to our children,
We would be living in a world of weeds.*

—Luther Burbank Jr.

Masonic Homes Endowment Fund

We all look forward to Spring as a time of rebirth. As we view the awakening of the world around us, let us — EACH ONE OF US — renew our own pledge to participate in one of our greatest charities — THE MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT FUND.

Take the time NOW to begin thinking about answering the Grand Master's call to fulfill your Masonic duty and obligation. If EACH ONE OF US gives our share, we can attain our goal of 2 million dollars for our Homes.

There is no better time of year than in the Spring to pay a visit to either the Home for the elderly in Union City or the Home for children in Covina. No one can come away from such a visit without an enormous sense of accomplishment for having assisted in so fine an endeavor. The beauty of the grounds and buildings and the atmosphere of hope and contentment so apparent at our Homes leaves no doubt in the visitor's mind as to the value of their contribution.

So start planning NOW for your participation in this most worthwhile endeavor. An envelope for your contribution was included in your March issue of The California Freemason. Please use it for that small sacrifice, on the part of EACH of us, that will make such a great difference to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Upcoming Events:

**May 16—Hiram Award Presentation —
Raymond H. Esheim**

**May 23—Laymen's Night — Speaker is W.
Irving A. Berliner, Grand Lodge Chair-
man, Laymen's Night Speakers Panel.
Free for Non-Mason and Spouse. Others
\$6.00.**

**NOTE: The Bus Trip to Columbia has
been changed from May 4th to September
28th.**

*He who helps a child — helps humanity with an
immediateness which no other help given to human
creatures in any other state of human life, can
possibly give again.*

—Phillips Brooks