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From the East:

Fraternal greetings from the East.

Fore! Better duck cause here goes another article.

Have you ever noticed how time flies when you are doing something you really enjoy? Well, it's October already and last January seems like yesterday. So many people devoted



so much of their time and energies to the Lodge that it would be extremely hard to thank each one of you, by name, in print. I can only say "THANK YOU" in general, which hardly seems adequate, but when I stop and think that YOU do it out of love for the Craft then maybe the "THANK YOU" is understood between Brothers. Just thinking out loud.....THANK YOU.....

All the Officers are working hard in advanced stations and it looks like you will continue to have a dedicated and proficient Corps of Officers in 1987. Funny thing about September, the stocks in companies that sell anti-persperants (Texas word) seem to take a big jump based on sales volume. Maybe its the heat or maybe all the Officers in the World advance in September. Not to worry, the nerves will settle down about the time you again advance.

A lot of folks have asked me if I was really dumb enough to try and play golf in Palm Springs, Cal. in the middle of August. The answer is Yes and it was the fore-arn (Texas word) that burnt my fanger (T/W).

Enjoy and we'll see yawl in Lodge —

Fraternally
John Denton, Master

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE

At the September Stated Meeting the proposed increase in fees were presented and rejected by the membership. A motion was made and seconded to increase the annual membership dues to \$48.00 per year per member, initiation fee to be increased to \$136.00 per applicant, and life membership fee be increased to \$1008.00. Vote will be taken at the October Stated Meeting on this motion. Please plan to attend and vote.

Fraternally,
John L. Denton

From the West

Brethren:

A new Masonic Year looms on the horizon and with it, much planning is now underway to insure its success. Las Palmas Lodge has always been very sensitive to its members needs and wants. With that idea in mind, we have prepared a list of past activities the Lodge had engaged in. Please take a moment of your time and check the activities you wish for the coming year. Cut out this portion of your Trestle Board and return it to the Lodge Secretary or to your Senior Warden. Any item that the members show sufficient interest will be made available to our Lodge. Brethren, please remember, a non-response will be interpreted to mean you have NO interest in ANY of the listed activities.



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| May trip to Columbia | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| April trip to Los Angeles Children's Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Special entertainment at | | |
| Stated Dinner Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Entertainment for Ladies after | | |
| Stated Dinner Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| March Trip to Tahoe | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, S.W.

From the South

Brethren:

Welcome to our newest Entered Apprentice Masons Keneth Hoskins and Samuel Barron Jr. Also, congratulations to Brother Dennis Keran on passing his proficiency in the Fellowcraft Degree and being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I know your Father was proud.



Congratulations to Charles Erickson and Franklin Lewis on passing their proficiencies in the lecture of the Fellowcraft Degree. Ted Kitamura on his Master Mason's degree proficiency. Our head candidates' Coach Larry Bennett is doing an excellent job on keeping our can-

diates and coaches working, thank you Larry.

Thanks to all that attended our picnic at Woodward Park and a special thanks to the following who helped make it possible: John and Gerry Schmidt, Randy and Pamela Forrester, Jim and Anna Hall, Linda Alstrom, Ted Kitamura, John and Jean Denton, Janet Ennis, Frank Lewis, Marion Posson. You that didn't come missed good food and fellowship.

Thanks also for those who helped make the Temple Board Party at Crossland's Barn a success. Tip and Kathy Banks. Larry Hopper P.M., Mike Dougherty, Ted Kitamura, Randy Forrester, Jim Hall, Gary Starr P.M., John Denton, Vic Munzy, Swick Van Dyne, Phil Lewis, Steve Harrelson.

Brothers, a lot of work goes into these events and we need more support or suggestions for improvement if they are to continue.

Fraternally
Charles Alstrom
Junior Warden

We wish to thank Worshipful Bro. John Harvey, Master of Kaweah Lodge, No. 665 (1935) for his donation of two fine Masonic Books, as reference material in our library: "History of Masonry and Concordant Orders" (1906). and "King Solomon's Temple" by J.B. Frisbee. Bro. Harvey was raised in 1922, so has enjoyed Masonry for 64 years with 51 of them as Past Master of his Lodge.

Worshipful Bro. John — We salute you!

Ed Carpenter,
Co-Chairman, I&E Committee
Las Palmas Lodge No. 366

CALENDAR OCTOBER, 1986

- 2 3rd degree. Brother Charles Erickson.
 - 6 Las Palmas Widow's Club Luncheon at the YWCA Tea House, 1:00p.m.
 - 9 3rd Degree, Brother Franklin Lewis. Brother Phil Lewis P.M. will conduct the Degree for his son.
 - 13 to 15 — Grand Lodge Communication.
 - 16 Stated Meeting. 7:30 p.m. 50 year pin presentation, Brother Stuart Anderson will be awarded his 50 year recognition pin for dedicated service to Freemasonry.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. B.B.Q. Steak with all the trimmings. Price \$7.00 per person. Entertainment will be the "Dixie Darlin's", featuring Dixie Daddy, Dixie Queen, and Doctor Jazz. Theme for the evening will be "The Roaring 20's, so come dressed in your 20's outfits. Prizes will be awarded for best costume.
Ladies Program will be presented by Dixie Landers on Cake Flower making.
Please make your reservations early for a "roaring" good time.
 - 22 Las Palmas Widow's Club bus trip to the Hershey "Chocolate" Factory in Oakdale with a Lunch stop over in Columbia. Price is \$13.00 per person. Please call George Posson P.M. or John Denton for reservations.
 - 23 All Proficiency Night. All Brethren who wish to return their proficiencies will be afforded the opportunity to do so at this meeting.
Following their proficiencies, the officers will have a 2° Degree School of Instruction.
 - 30 3° Degree. Brother James Schultz.
- Nov.
- 6 3° Degree Brother Samuel Linares.

Masonic Information and Education

"Arithmetic"

In pursuing the history and development of Geometry, the most important of the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences to Masons, we necessarily touch on another, Arithmetic. It is essential in applying Geometry, to manipulate the functions, values, and quantities involved, by Arithmetic. Its development through the ages is as interesting to contemplate as was Geometry. It was not always as we know it, in fact, it is rather recent in time that the procedures we use were developed.

It is believed that early man probably counted on his ten fingers (some of us still do). Written figures of the Babylonians and Egyptians were symbols and hieroglyphics. The early Greeks used letters of their alphabet for numbers, as Alpha, Beta, Gamma, (A, B, C) etc. The Romans used letters too, but with I's, V's, X's etc., in combinations, like IV means 4, or one less than 5 (V), or XI means one more than ten (X), eleven. As stated before, the Arabic numerals we use originated with the Hindus, and the Arabs introduced them to Europe in the 8th century AD. It made Arithmetic less complicated. None of the previous systems had a numerical symbol for "zero" or naught, so that was part of the difficulty, and why people depended on "scribes" to do Arithmetic for them. Few others knew how. Operations with numbers were indicated by how they were placed, or descriptive words. The "+" and "-" signs for adding and subtracting were first used about 1,500 A.D., the "x" for multiplication about 1631 in England, and the "÷" for division, in 1669. The "equals" sign, "=" indicating the results of a computation, dates back to 1557 A.D.

Extended Arithmetic calculations, were simplified by development of a system of logarithms involving exponents, (powers of numbers), and tabulated in "Tables of Logarithms", and using these values in calculating reduced work that took hours, into minutes. This was developed by Napier and Briggs in England, in 1617. In 1630, these logarithms were graphically made into a crude "slide rule" which enabled one to do fairly complicated problems in seconds. Mannheim of France perfected the slide rule in 1851, and his

version of it has been in use ever since. They were the proud possession of every Engineer and others doing frequent calculations in their work, until 15 or 20 years ago when pocket-size digital electronic calculators became popular. Their development has been rapid and not only replaced slide rules, but also the expensive, cumbersome "adding machines" and "comptometers" made by Frieden, Marchant, etc.

Fractions, representing portions of whole numbers, with numerator above the line, and denominator, below, were in use a long time, until the development of the decimal system. These "common" fractions led to calling portions by "half", "quarter", "eighth", "sixteenth", etc., but now, is less popular, however they are still used exclusively by some, as in Stock Market Quotations. Board feet contents of lumber can only be worked with common fractions — the repeating decimals will not give the right answer — try it! The decimal system was first used in the United States as the basis for our monetary system set up by Thomas Jefferson.

The metric form of Arithmetic values and values and units was adopted by France at the end of the 18th century, in which all dimension measurements are based on the meter, capacity on the liter, and weight on the gram. The International Meter (about 1 1/12 yards, or 39 3/8 inches) is one ten-millionth of the distance from earth's equator to either poles. Metric units are divided by tens for smaller quantities, or multiplied by tens for larger ones, like the kilometer is 1,000 meters, or about 5/8 mile. The metric system was made obligatory in France by law in 1837, and legal in the U.S. by Congress in 1866. Despite efforts to make it standard, people still prefer to use "compound denominate" values like inches-feet-yards-miles; ounce and pounds; pints-quarts-gallons; etc., however all new U.S. products are supposed to have metric sizing.

Some should prefer metric measure, for if they weighed 150 pounds, by metric, would only weigh 68 "kilo" (kilograms) — but if your car gets 20 miles per gallon, by metric, it would only do 8.5 kms (kilometers) per liter!

So be glad you don't have to convert all your Arithmetic to metrics now and —

ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM
Co-Chairman
I & E Committee