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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

Make a point of coming to lodge at least once a month. A number of our members have been doing so this year and have renewed old friendships and made new ones. Be sure to come to lodge in May when the officers will be sporting their white coats with blue accessories. This annual change of outfit seems to brighten up the whole lodgeroom, and it's always fun to see which officer will forget and wear his black coat that first night.

There seems to be a great deal of enthusiasm among our newer Master Masons. Nine of them have received Bibles this year for giving their Third Degree proficiencies and a number have put forth the extra effort to learn some of the floor work, so they can take part in the degrees. Should any of the members like to learn some of this work, just come to lodge and let me, or one of the other officers, know your desire.

If you enjoy seeing well done ritual work, don't miss the opportunity of attending the Las Palmas Chapter DeMolay meetings. These young men do a really fine job and appreciate and support we can give them by our attendance at their meetings. (See our Trestleboard for their meeting dates.)

We are making real progress, brethren, toward our 1968 Masonic Homes Endowment goal of \$3.50 per member. If you haven't sent in your contribution yet, don't put it off any longer. Just sit down and write out the check, and mail it in to Bro. Price Robinson today. There isn't a worthier cause!

Our degree schedule has been a heavy one and the officers are already preparing to qualify for their next years stations. On March 28, Bros. Henry Vartanian, Vart Albert Harry and James Fletcher received their First Degree. Our Senior Deacon, Bud Pope, delivered a very fine lecture to the candidates. The following evening, Bros. Jim Buckles and David James were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

In April, Bros. William Hughes and Richard Frey were made Master Masons. At our First and Second Degree refreshment times, Bro. Vince Litzie and Cal Fox told us about their respective occupations. Thanks to both for their interesting and informative presentations.

All present enjoyed the wonderful program arranged for our April Stated meeting by Bro. Paul Shelly. Mr. Dale Hewlett, from Hoover High School, introduced two lovely

young ladies who are attending our Fresno Public schools under a student exchange program. Miss Kirse Tikkanen, from Finland, attends McLane High and she explained the exchange program and its operation. Miss Lisa Tasbeck, who is enrolled at Hoover High, spoke to us about her impressions of Fresno and about her country, Denmark. These two young people really won our hearts.

It was great to see Bro. Skip Dyck back safe and sound from Viet Nam. Bro. Doug Paul, who is also serving our country, reports that he is receiving the Las Palmian and sends his best wishes to all the brethren.

Swiss steak will head the menu at our May "Dinner With Our Dates." Please make your reservations with our secretary, Bro. Price Robinson, so the ladies will have enough food to go around.

A number of the brethren have indicated that they would like to have some other activities besides degrees work. To oblige, we have scheduled a Third Degree discussion group meeting for May 23. There will be no degree work that evening. Come on down, join in the discussion, and learn a lot about Masonry in the process. This is for Master Masons only!

Let us know if you like this sort of program brethren, or give us an idea of what YOU would like.

Thought for May: Do your part to assure Masonry a place in the future, by living its principles TODAY.

Fraternally, Len Gottner, W. M.



TRESTLEBOARD

- Thurs. May 2 - Third Degree - John and Mike Reynolds
50 year Pin Presentation to Jean L. Vincenz
- Thurs. May 9 - Third Degree - Ronald Karabian
- Thurs. May 16 - Stated Meeting - Dinner With Our Dates
- Thurs. May 23 - Special Event - Third Degree Discussion Group
- Thurs. May 30 - Dark - Memorial Day
- Thurs. June 6 - First Degree

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Tues. May 14 - Building Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. May 22 - Las Palmas Chapter DeMolay - Initiatory Degree, 7:30 p.m. Las Palmas Temple

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS YOUR SECRETARY



W. PRICE ROBINSON - Price is a Canuck and entered the world in New Westminster, B.C. in 1901 the youngest of 6 children. At age 8 he moved to San Diego and then successively Corona, Long Beach and Fresno where he pioneered in a sense by helping level the Fig Garden for planting by driving a tractor. He attended in order: Fresno High, Fresno J. C., Fresno State, Stanford and U. C. at Berkeley. His degrees are B. S. and M. A. Price's 6 ft. 4 frame served him well in athletics for he played football on Fresno State's first football team in 1922, then at Stanford under Pop Warner and was also Pacific Coast heavyweight collegiate boxing Champion in 1923.

His varied teaching experience was spent in Seattle, Mt. View, Fowler, Selma and ended with 21 years at Fresno High. Important presidencies were: National Ass'n. of Journalism Directors and the Fresno Teachers Association. He has long been an elder in the First Presbyterian Church.

Price was raised in Selma Lodge No. 277 in 1936, demitted to Las Palmas in 1941 and served as master in 1952. He was Worthy Patron of Fresno Chapter O. E. S. in 1950.

His wife, Ethel, long a professor of math at F. S. C. is the mother of his two children, a son deceased in his teens and Marian, wife of Brett Melendy, history department head at San Jose State College. Hi (high) Price!

In Memoriam

CHARLES R. BARNARD

Died March 16, 1968 at the age of 86 years.

Raised Third Degree May 6, 1909
58 years a Mason.

A native of Warrenville, Illinois.
Graduate Grinnell College, U. of Iowa Law School.
Judge Superior Court 1925-1929
Justice, Calif. Appellate Court 1929-1958
President Fresno City Board of Education
Past President Kiwanis Club
Member First Congregational Church and Scottish Rite Bodies

**Grand Lodge
Free And Accepted Masons Of California**

**EUGENE S. HOPP, Grand Master
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

Proclamation

Masonic Homes Endowment Month

We are taught in the First Degree that "to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons." One of the working tools of this same Degree admonishes us that our day is to be divided into three parts, "whereby we find a part for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother."

These basic and fundamental manifestations of Brotherly Love are the essence of our Masonic Homes Endowment Program.

This year I urge every Mason in California and Hawaii to share in the inner satisfaction of helping others by building our Endowment Fund. This will provide a never to be equalled opportunity to practice Freemasonry.

I direct that this proclamation be read in full in each Lodge for the Stated Meetings of April and May in 1968 or be published in the Lodge Trestleboard or a copy be distributed to each member of the Lodge.

Dated: February 15, 1968

Sincerely and Fraternally

Eugene S. Hopp, Grand Master



GALLEY NEWS

Wes Tostrup

The following named brothers did a "Bang Up" job on April 4 when we served sausages prepared by Frank Puma of Center Lodge. The chief cooks were Russell, Dan and Dick Hopper. They were very ably assisted by Clifford Christie, Chet Melikian, Phil Patton, Knut Steinnes, and, of course, old reliable Fred Stock. On April 11th, the following named brothers handled the refreshments. Dan Eckland who pinch hit for me (slightly under the weather) and Fred Stock (who attended Scottish Rite for the Maundy Thursday service), Cecil McFarland, Jim Manock and the two old reliables, Ralph Mills and Wallace Scott. Apple turnovers were served. Thank you brothers.

MASONIC HOME AT UNION CITY

There are 131 men and 174 women at the home, and in this there are 18 married couples. The average age is 82.14 years old. We have one guest who is 102 years old.

Once a year the East Bay Past Matron's Association conducts a "jam and jelly" day, where every one donates a little jam or jelly so that there will be sufficient supply to last a year.

We have two guests at Union City, and we are allowed six guests, if need be, due to the size of our lodge.

The average per member contributions to the Masonic Home varies from \$29.37 (California Lodge No. 1) to 65¢ (Calayomi Lodge No. 282). Las Palmas average was \$2.06 (1967) and this year it is close to \$2.25. The reason for the large average for Lodge No. 1 is that \$10,000 was left to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund by Duncan A. McLeod.

Total money received was \$1,023,145.30 for the year of 1967. Of this, \$268,265.94 are gifts and bequests and hte \$754,879.36 was received by the Board of Directors from the Lodges.

Ralph Saroyan, Chairman



In Memoriam



JOSEPH W. DAHLBERG

Born May 26, 1899 in Wisconsin

Died April 9, 1968

Raised in Las Palmas October 10, 1927

Joe had his own insurance agency for 40 years.

He was a Kiwanian and an active elder in the First Presbyterian Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

It is our desire to use this organ to strengthen the bonds of fraternal fellowship by making our members better acquainted with one another. No one man can possibly cover all the events in the lives of over 1,000 members. This is especially true for over 250 who no longer live in Fresno.

PLEASE drop a note or phone your editor and inform him of events in the life of your family or that of a brother. The continuing value of this bulletin depends on every member.

THE BOOKSHELF

The newly-made Master Mason is quite apt to feel abandoned, after the care, urging, and assistance given him in his previous work is withdrawn. Up to this point his problem has been to assimilate and digest new things presented to him on all sides. Suddenly he has been left quite alone with the realization that his new knowledge has raised more questions than it has provided answers. The questions he puts to his brethren of the lodge are not fully answered to his satisfaction. From my own memory I recall that it was a frustrating period. I firmly believe that it is the most critical time in a man's Masonic career. It is at this point that he will turn toward further knowledge, or in desperation leave, shrugging his shoulders and muttering, "Is that all?" To this brother I say, or better, shout, "NO! THAT IS NOT ALL!" There is more, much more. Finding it can be a bit of a problem however, and I propose to offer guide lines and a gentle fraternal nudge in the right direction for those who are seeking the road to Masonic light.

At the present time there is only one location in Fresno where a comprehensive collection of Masonic books is available. The Scottish Rite Temple at 1455 L Street in Fresno, has in its possession three combined libraries. They are the Harry F. White Memorial Library which is the property of the Scottish Rite Bodies; the Fresno Masonic Library Association Collection, which belongs jointly to five Fresno Blue Lodges (of which Las Palmas is one); and the Central California Research Lodge Library. There are over 500 volumes in the combined works. Most of the books may be borrowed by Master Masons in good standing. The loan period is approximately thirty days. There is no charge. The library is open on Monday nights when the Scottish Rite Bodies are meeting. The librarian is always there between 8:00 and 9:30 and frequently may be found in the area earlier and later. Tell the Tiler you're a Master Mason and that you want to go to the library. He may require you to show your dues card if he doesn't know you, but he will let you in.

As future time and space are available your editor and I will conspire to point out other interesting paths to follow.

Contributed by John E. Canoose

NEW STRENGTH

JOHN E. WIMER comes to us by affiliation from Libertas Lodge No. 466, Bakersfield. He was born in Louisiana in 1901 - a real southern gentleman. His high school education was obtained in Louisiana before moving to California. His marriage to Vyolet has produced no children. John earns his living selling real estate and he relaxes at golf and bowling.

NEW STRENGTH

VERNE V. FOUTY - We infrequently get a native Californian and Verne is no exception. He was born in September 1928 in Jackson, Michigan where he finished high school before moving to the Golden State. His wife is Erma and the light of their life is Terry Lee, aged 4.

Verne patrols Roeding Park for the City of Fresno (get out by midnight). His service record is three years in the U. S. Navy. There must be some carry-over for he's a member of the Fresno Boat Club. Other hobbies are hunting, fishing and golf.

EDWARD J. WILDE (pronounce the final "e") was born in Fresno Feb. 15, 1943. He went right thru the local schools, Addams Elementary and Jr. High, Fresno High H. S., Fresno City College (A.A.) and F. S. C. Still unmarried, he is a partner with his father in Wilde and Wilde Inc. Cab Co. Ed served as a mechanic in the Army Air Force. He enjoys swimming, water skiing and fishing. He is a member of B. P. O. E. No. 439.

JAMES ALBERT SALEH has had an interesting career as a Civil Servant for the U. S. Government, ending his career as a clerk and retiring from Vandenberg A. F. B. As a native Fresnan (1901) he went thru the local schools, graduating from the old Technical H. S. He then completed a course at McKay Business College. He and his wife Rose have two grown children, Sandy and Lt. Cdr. Richard.

Jim was raised in Willow Glen Lodge No. 672 in San Jose, transferred to Mosaic No. 218 in Livermore and has just affiliated this March with Las Palmas. He is 32nd degree in the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and a member of Aahmes Shrine Temple.

RICHARD WESLEY FREY - Our newest baby is a bachelor born in Fresno and just turned 24. His educational record was all compiled in Fresno. Fresno H. S. 1961, Fresno C.C. 1963 and F. S. C. 1965. He has been serving as a teacher of business in Clovis H. S. but is taking next year off for full time study a F. S. C. to attain his Master's Degree. His wide recreational interests include building and enjoying Hi-Fi equipment, photography and travel.

WILLIAM ROBERT HUGHES "Call me Bob." - The son of a long-time and well known Fresno educator, Harold F. Hughes, Bob was born in this city in 1922 and worked up through these schools: Lowell, Jefferson, Washington Jr. H. S., Fresno Technical H. S. and topped it off with an A. B. from Fresno State. He and wife, Dorothy, have two sons; Robert, 21, in military service and Gary 17. Bob teaches in Madera H. S., leads his own dance band and plays in the Fresno Municipal Band. During WW II he saw service in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

In addition to Brother Benedict whose pin was conferred at the March stated meeting, three others of our members were likewise honored in other places, to wit: Jean Vincenz, Oscar Olson and George Sinclair. After losing two by death this year, we still have 34 of these esteemed 50 year members. Nearly 3% of our lodge brethren are now in this select company - a remarkable record of faithfulness.

FRATERNAL BONDS

ELLIOTT FOUTS (Entered Apprentice) has been promoted to general sales manager for station KFRE.

CHARLIE BURCHNELL has changed horses in the middle of the stream. Transferred in March from the Fort Miller Jr. H. S. to McLane H. S. where he teaches five periods of American History.

RICHARD (DICK) HOPPER resigned as steward and is moving to Visalia where he has an excellent position with Mt. Whitney Savings and Loan Association. We are losing a faithful and capable officer but rejoice in his success.

HARRY L. BUCKALEW - Your editor was featured in the Fresno Bee for his contribution to "Wild Flowers of the U. S." of the New York Botanical Society. Recent film slide presentations to The Audubon Club and the Fresno Garden Club.

DOUGLAS G. PAUL - A nice fraternal letter comes from Ensign Paul who is serving on the U. S. S. Cromwell out of FPO New York. He enjoys receiving news of the brethren.

In Memoriam

MRS. MARGARET C. LERRIGO

Wife of Brother Frank C. Lerrigo, a native of Nebraska, aged 55 years.

Member of First Congregational Church, La Tienda Guild, Fresno Lawyers' Wives, Halcyon Club, Womens' Service Alliance, Community Hospital.

MRS. JANET SANDERS

Wife of Brother Elwood B. Sanders, a native of Pennsylvania. Born March 20, 1924, died March 25, 1968. Member of Fresno Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.

The Art of Getting Along...

Author Unknown

"Sooner or later a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul — that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

"He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellows grouch too seriously. He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight. He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

"He learns that most people are human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say 'good morning' even if it is raining. He learns that most of the other fellows are ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work, and not cleverness, is the secret of success.

"He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the job gets done. He learns to sympathize with the youngsters coming into the plant, because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started out. He learns not to worry when he does not make a hit EVERY time, because experience has shown if he always gives his best, his average will break pretty well.

"He learns that no man ever got to first base alone and that it is only through cooperative effort that we move on to better things. He learns that the fellows are not any harder to get along with in one place than another, and that 'getting along' depends about 98 percent on himself."