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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

Another month is past, but what a month it was! Jim Buckles and Harry Canfield became Master Masons. David Dubel and Harvey McKenry were passed to Fellow Crafts on Friday the 13th. Bernie Mitchell, William Wong, Denver Benson and Robert Tennyson received their First Degree. Congratulations to all of them.

Delicious refreshments followed each meeting, served by Bro. Wes Tostrup's faithful committee. Bro. Ed Carpenter's program of having a brother tell about his occupation during refreshments brought us Bro. Elvin Bell and Bro. Goldie Long. I know that all present feel they know these two brothers better.

Our "Dates," under the chairmanship of Kay Carlson, served us a really fine chicken dinner at the Stated Meeting. The theme of "School Days" was carried out with pencils, school books and big red apples as table decorations. Bro. Jim Tucker, accompanied, by Paul Shelly on the piano, led us in the song "School Days."

After dinner we adjourned to the lodge room where Bro. Ken Potter spoke on our U. S. Constitution and recent Supreme Court Decisions. Bro. Ken made us realize how important it is for us to study and understand the great document our forefathers passed on to us.

Mrs. Speed Leas has graciously presented the Lodge with a Masonic tapestry that Past Master Speed Leas had woven for his father in 1904. Plans are underway to suitably display it in our recreation room. Be sure to stop by and see it.

It is a pleasure to announce that Bro. Ralph Saroyan is now our Senior Steward and Bro. Phil Lewis our Junior Steward. I have appointed Bro. Craig Shaw as Marshal. Bro. Craig has been active on our Third Degree team for a number of years and has a deep love for Masonry.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

October 6 — 416th District Officers Assn. breakfast meeting. All Master Masons invited, Las Palmas Temple, 9:00 a.m. All the resolutions scheduled to come before the Grand Lodge will be discussed. Examples: "Serving Liquor at Social and Other Gatherings," "Physical Qualifications," "Hearing Aids."

October 10 — Stated Meeting - ONE WEEK EARLY due to Grand Lodge. A Shish Kebab dinner will be served by our "Dates" under the dual chairmanship of Jennie

Carpenter and Mary Perch. Don't miss this special treat. Reservations please!

October 17 — Masonic Information Night No. 2. Another informal but informative group discussion night with Bro. Bill Wharton leading the way. It will be held in the recreation room, so come as you are. Our first such night in May was a fine one and No. 2 is by popular request. No. 1 covered Masonry in general - No. 2 will cover "American Masonry" in particular.

It's not too early to plan for these two November events:

November 2 — "Sam Dollar Night." The Lodges of the 414th and 416th Districts are sponsoring a dinner honoring our distinguished brother who served as Inspector for so many years. This will be a Pit Bar-B-Que Beef dinner to be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building. All Masons, their wives and friends are invited. More details to follow but keep this date open.

November 7 — Past Masters Night. A free membership Dinner followed by a Third Degree exemplified by some of the finest ritualists in the world - our Past Masters. Twenty-five year pin presentations too.

Thought for the month: Make Masonry a vital living power by practicing brotherhood.

Fraternally, Len Gottner, W.M.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Thurs. Oct. 3 - Third Degree - David Lewis James
Sunday Oct. 6 - Officers Assn. Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Las Palmas Temple.
Thurs. Oct. 10 - STATED MEETING - Dinner With Our Dates - Shish Kebab! Make sure that there will be enough food, by phoning your reservation by Oct. 7 to any of the following: 229-1328, 222-1310, 266-9373, 264-2779.
Thurs. Oct. 17 - Masonic Information Night, 7:30 p.m. "American Masonry" Informal dress - Las Palmas Temple recreation room. Master Masons.
Thurs. Oct. 24 - First Degree
Thurs. Oct. 31 - Second Degree
Sat Nov. 2 - "Sam Dollar Night" Dinner - Clovis Veterans Memorial Building
Thurs. Nov. 7 - Past Masters Night - Twenty-five Year Pin Presentations

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

YOUR JUNIOR STEWARD



PHILLIP L. LEWIS - We have an artist on the staff. He doesn't paint with oils or water colors but produces beautiful creations with flowers.

Phil started out life in Columbus, Ohio on June 7, 1921. After finishing high school in Columbus and Chicago he went to work as an apprentice florist for Fred S. Fredericks Flowers.

World War II saw him a very busy young man. Entering the Navy he took boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. From there he advanced to radio school in Indianapolis for sixteen weeks. Fleet duty followed on a mine sweeper in the Pacific Theater for two years. Then on to Kwajalein Island on a gasoline tanker fueling B52s.

When discharged in 1946 he went back to the Fredericks firm. California beckoned in 1952 so he moved out and purchased Jack's Flower Shop in Taft.

Bachelor resistance broke down on Oct. 22, 1956 when he married Evelyn Loveall. They have been blessed with two fine sons, Buck, aged 10, and Franklin, aged 3.

Phil came to Fresno in Jan. 1966 to become a partner in Parsons-Boucher Flower Shop.

He was raised in Las Palmas on June 1, 1967 and appointed chaplain by W.M. Gottner. A vacancy moved him up to Steward early in the year. His other organizations are: Kiwanis, Optimist, Chamber of Commerce and V.F.W.



In Memoriam

MRS. INEZ TANNER

Wife of our brother Ora J. Tanner, aged 60 years
Deceased July 12, 1968

A native of Oklahoma

Member Raisina Chapter No. 89, O.E.S.

Mt. Tabor Shrine No. 28

Past Noble Grand, Friendship Rebekah Lodge, No. 211

ARE YOU A MASON IN YOUR HEART?

From - The High Twelvian Magazine

Are you a Master Mason - with a watch fob and a pin?
Are all our signs without the man, and not a proof within?
Have you thought it quite sufficient if your emblems were
in sight?

Or do you daily, hourly, shed your true Masonic light?
Did your interest in the order cease when raised to heights
sublime?

Or are you still found worthy as a member all the time?
Are your daily thoughts and actions bent on place and
power and self?

Or are you ever striving to be "better than yourself?"

An honor great we done you in the lodge where you belong,
When they found you goodle fiber for their great illustri-
ous throng;

Light you asked for, light was given, light, more light, as
up you trod,

Have you lived those noble precepts toward your brother
and toward God?

Did you glean the symbol's meaning - hidden truths of
ancient lore?

Has the square squared all your actions, perfect as the
square of four?

Long ago, mayhap, you traveled, long ago you took your vow;
Suppose you asked again to join, would you be admitted
now?

Do you recall the moment when the lambskin came to you?
Amighty serious moment, and a very solemn, too -
They told you of the Golden Fleece, and the Garter and
the Star,

And said their badge of innocence was more honorable by
far;

You vowed - yes all have done it - within your secret
thought,

That you would follow strictly all the lessons which were
taught;

Have you kept the spoke and unspoke vow? Have the Great
Lights been your guide?

Or were the teachings arduous and shortly laid aside?

My brother, human years are short, but long enough, you
know,

To smile, to love, to serve, to pray, to work wher'er you go.
Introspect for one brief instant; turn the soul up to the
light;

Does the eye all-seeing rule there? Is the vision dark or
bright?

Reflect once more - then start anew if you have heedless
grown,

And make another silent oath, 'twixt God and you alone,
So to live when your years are through and the time comes
to depart,

Your brothers in accord will say "He was a Mason in his heart."

FRATERNAL BONDS

RALPH SAROYAN got tangled up with a jack handle.
Result - five stitches and a Hindu bandage. We think Ralph
needs a jacking up about safety.

MRS. CORINNE FULLER - wife of our loyal Mott - got
tangled up in a lamp cord and in a fall broke two bones in
her ankle. Safely trussed in a cast, it is mending satisfactorily.

GILMA MOYERS - wife of our P.M., Dee Moyers - was
honored at a reception in La Sierra Chapter No. 555,
O.E.S. Mrs. Moyers was Worthy Grand Matron of California
in 1953.

ELVIN BELL tells with relish of his trip to the East
Coast. He tells of visiting both lodges where George Wash-
ington served as Master; Alexandria and Fredericksberg,
Va. He enjoyed the Masonic Memorial and a run down to
Williamsburg, preserved as a National Monument.

FRATERNAL BONDS

WALLACE SCOTT - Brother Wally took the whole
family to the East Coast in August. Points of interest visi-
ted: Williamsburg, Va., Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia
among many.

LEROY BJORNSEN was appointed principal of the James
Marshall School in Fowler.

In Memoriam

ROBERT WILLARD KYLE

Died September 1, 1968 at age 44

Son of Brother Willis B. Kyle, Sr. and brother of
Brother Willis B. Kyle, Jr.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA RESEARCH LODGE

Research Lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California are relatively new. There are four such lodges at the present time, located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose and Fresno.

While Research Lodges in California are regularly constituted chartered lodges, operating under the same laws, ritual and organization as are other Blue Lodges, they are restricted in several areas in that they cannot confer degrees, nor have representation in Grand Lodge. They do not grant financial relief to the distressed nor do they have judicial powers to remand offenders against Masonic Law. Research Lodges do not pay per capita tax to Grand Lodge which makes possible all the financial income available for research and Masonic Education.

The general purpose of the research lodge is in its authority to conduct research, hold seminars, gather and preserve masonic information, maintain a library, supply speakers or papers at the request of Blue Lodges when convenient and conduct programs of general service to the Craft in the field of Masonic Education and Information.

Through the interest and enthusiasm generated by Masonic Education Seminars conducted in Fresno during the years of 1957 to 1959 by three Research Lodges, the application for a charter for a Research Lodge to be located in Fresno was a natural consequence. Due to the untiring efforts of Brother Earl Wallace, with the able assistance from Brother, The Honorable Edward L. Kellas, the organizational phase was completed by August of 1959 at which time fifty charter members signed the request for a dispensation. The petition for a dispensation was accepted and granted by Grand Lodge that year. Institutional ceremonies were held November 20, 1959 with the Grand Master Joe Shell presiding. The Charter was granted by Grand Lodge September 20, 1960. Brother Edward Kellas was elected the first Master.

Research Lodges are especially appealing to those who are sincerely interested in masonic history, legend, symbolism, interpretation and their practical applications. Each year Central California Research Lodge has participated in the Annual Masonic Education Seminars held during Grand Lodge week. This year the topic will be The Principles of Leadership.

Central California Research Lodge has available many Papers (speakers) on Masonic subjects, color slide lectures, tape recordings and panel discussions, to the various Blue Lodges at their request for their Masonic Education programs. During the nine years of its existence approximately 750 requests for topics on Masonic Education and Informa-

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

William E. Wharton is not only a devoted and dedicated Mason, but he knows more about it than most Masons ever achieve. Once each month he imparts his considerable knowledge to all who will participate with him (in the social room simultaneously with the Lodge meeting.) The three degrees are treated one at a time in three successive months.

The core groups are the degree candidates but all who are seeking to advance their Masonic knowledge are cordially welcomed.

Large numbers of men who have been Masons for years have a very scanty knowledge of the fraternity's symbolism. Many have unanswered questions lurking in the recesses of their minds. Are you one such? Why don't you take part in one session? We'll wager that you will leave, a better informed Mason. We dare ya, Brother! Consult the Trestleboard for dates.

FRATERNAL BONDS

EDGAR C. SMITH, P.M. has spent some time in St. Agnes Hospital with an annoying swelling of the legs. He is now at his mountain cabin.

RICHARD W. FREY had a gorgeous vacation at Glacier National Park and then north to Canada: Banff, Lake Louise, etc.

HAMBLETON F. LEAS, P.M. was married in July to Mrs. Hazel R. Roberts with the daughter of Mrs. Leas and Ham's son serving as honor attendants. The honeymoon was at Lake Tahoe.

CHUCK BURCHNELL asks, "Can you believe getting snowed on in August?" He did when he took the family camping to Huntington Lake. To make it worse, his son caught the only trout.

KNUT STEINNES is a do-it-yourself man. He has just completed pouring 4 yards of concrete for a new driveway.

tion from the Blue Lodges and other affiliated bodies have been processed and filed by the Central California Research Lodge.

Stated meetings are held on the first Saturdays of March, June, September and December. These meetings are preceded by pot luck dinners to which all master masons and their wives are cordially invited. You may wish to affiliate, there are no fees and the dues are only \$12 a year.

George E. Hiatt, W.M.

EDITORIAL BORED ? ?

Because we have so large a number of members who seldom if ever attend lodge, we tried a little informal survey of several to find out their reasons. The most frequent response was "I'm too busy." The next was "I get bored with the monotonous repetition of ritual."

The latter response is indicative of a man who really doesn't understand why he applied for admission. We'll hold the ritual in abeyance for a paragraph. Basically Masonry is a fraternity. One of its chief potential values is the opportunity for intimate association with superior men, carefully screened by committee and the ballot box. These are men of high ideals, top intelligence, possess a capacity for friendship and a desire to serve their fellow men. You just can't rub elbows regularly with men of this caliber without something good rubbing off on you and also a warm glow of good fellowship. Assuredly you can't enjoy fellowship at home by the TV set. We know of no Master who would object if you spent the degree time in the social room at a cribbage game and joined the whole group at the banquet table. At least, you're with your brethren at the lodge hall and sharing the wit and charm of your personality with your brethren. And do you know, in the process you're likely to pick up something valuable from them?

We'll get back to the ritual in a following second installment.

NEW STRENGTH

JAMES R. BUCKLES - Our first candidate of the fall season is very popular with the students of Fresno High School because he runs Dipper Dan's Ice Cream Shoppe where all the hep cats gather to get into the groove. Jim was born (1926) in Cowles, Nebraska. He listened to Horace Greeley and moved west to Coquille, Oregon where he finished grade and high school. He then joined the U.S.N. and spent 2 years on a sub down Panama way. His wife Neta gave him a boy and a girl; Jerry 18 and Barbara, 15. Jim is a member of North Fresno Merchants Association and Fresno High Boosters Club.

He says he only wishes he had time to enjoy a hobby.

FLASH !! SHAW APPOINTED

Worshipful Master Len Gottner announced that he has appointed Craig Shaw to fill the vacancy in the line of officers caused by the resignation of Richard Hopper. Craig will be our new marshal and will soon be duly installed. He was raised in our lodge on July 13, 1961 and is currently serving as Worthy Patron of La Sierra Chapter No. 555, O.E.S. A full biography will be forthcoming in his proper order in a subsequent Las Palmian.

1968 LAS PALMAS LODGE COMMITTEES

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L. A. Gottner	W. H. Ahlenslager	E. C. Carpenter
Officers Coaches		
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H. L. Buckalew, P.M., <i>Third Degree</i>		
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H. L. Buckalew, P.M., <i>Editor</i>		
Sickness and Funeral Attendance		
C. A. Carlson	H. M. Moreland, <i>Chairman</i>	J. V. Renner
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Candidates Reception		
R. E. Day	G. W. Pope, Jr. <i>Chairman</i>	C. L. Fox
V. E. Little	Albert Lung	C. W. Ramsey
R. C. Rood	J. C. Shaw	Stephen Zetz
Blood Bank		
C. W. Burchnell	O. F. Lingerfelt, P.M., <i>Chairman</i>	D. R. Perry
Candidate Education		
W. E. Wharton, <i>Chairman</i>		
Masonic Homes Endowment		
Ralph Saroyan, <i>Chairman</i>		
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Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, as called upon by chairman		
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Delinquent Dues		
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J. J. Kalstrom		G. A. Wilcox
Masonic Play		
W. P. Robinson, P.M.	A. D. Dadmun, P.M.	
Constitution Observance		
W. W. Hearn, P.M.	Kenneth Potter, <i>Chairman</i>	R. W. Reynolds, P.M.
Sojourner Reception		
E. C. Bell	G. L. Young, <i>Chairman</i>	E. H. Daves
C. L. Fox	H. A. Jeurayan	G. W. Miller
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		V. M. Walker