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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Brethren:

January saw your Lodge install its 65th corps of officers at an open ceremony, on Saturday evening January the 11th. Over two hundred persons were in attendance. Thank you brethren for such a fine warm send off.

This month your Lodge initiated Albert S. White and William W. Weigandt; passed Brothers James P. Fletcher, Robert L. Starr and William S. Wong; and raised Brother Melton W. Plunk. Congratulations my brethren for a pleasant and delightful journey.

The Grand Master Worshipful Robert A. Crigler has asked that each of you receive his letter dated January 15th. It pertains to our Masonic Homes and is reproduced on a following page, Please Read It. Those brethren who have not made their contribution to the Homes will be receiving a subsequent mailing of his letter.

The month of February being Bro. George Washington's birthday, I have asked Bro. John Canoose, a member of Central California Research Lodge for an appropriate article covering this outstanding American.

This month's Dinner With Our Dates was well attended. Frances Gottner assisted by Mary Perch, Presida Pavlovich, Esther Young, Mattie Ivy, Margaret Ahlenslager, Eleanor Reynolds, Dorothy Renner and Kay Carlson served up a delicious swiss steak dinner with all the trimmings.

At our next stated meeting on February 20th the dinner will be dedicated to our sweethearts in memory of St. Valentine's Day. Please make your reservations early and plan to attend. The menu will consist of chicken with all the trimmings. Dorothy Dake is in charge of the arrangements. The officers of Las Palmas will do the serving. Remember, your Date is admitted free.

Plans are proceeding with our trip to Union City, these will be reported later.

Brethren, we are planning to visit Columbia State Park to put on a third or second degree (as candidates are available) in the latter part of April. We will leave our Temple Saturday morning and return the same evening. Your spouses are invited. Columbia is a restored mining town in which Grand Lodge maintains the original Masonic Lodge, which is available for degree work. Arrangements are being made to reserve the Temple. Travel will be by Greyhound Bus. Box lunches will be included in the price of the bus ride. Bro. Bud Pope (Junior Warden) is in charge of ar-

rangements - make your reservations early. Further developments will be reported.

Brethren, our Youth Organizations are scheduling fund raising events to support their activities for the current season. Tickets are available for breakfasts, car washes, etc. Please give them your support. They are all fine young ladies and gentlemen, and need your help. Attend their meetings. I am sure you will come away proud of our young people. Offer them a helping hand.

Brethren, it has been some time since the widows of our departed brethren have been contacted. I am asking for your help in contacting them. If you know of a widow of one of our departed brethren, please report her circumstances to our secretary. I have asked him for a report. Part of our obligation is to care for widows and orphans. Let's make these words have meaning. We have two guests at Union City, our Lodge is entitled to six. Should you know of someone in need, help is available.

Fraternally yours, William Ahlenslager, Master



TRESTLEBOARD

Mon. Feb. 10 - Officers School of Instruction, Clovis Lodge, 7:30 - Third Degree. Third Degree reception Committee requested to attend.

Thurs. Feb. 13 - Third Degree

Tues. Feb. 18 - Officers School of Instruction. Ponderosa Lodge, 7:30. - Second Degree.

Thurs. Feb. 20 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 - Your DATE is admitted to a FREE dinner. Make reservations early.

Thurs. Feb. 27 - First Degree

Sun. March 2 - 418th District Officers and Wardens Association Meeting - Tropicana - 9:00 a.m.

Thurs. March 6 - Second Degree

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. W. PRICE ROBINSON, P.M., is recovering from surgery he underwent on the 27th. We miss your smiling face Price and wish you a speedy and successful recovery. Get well soon.

BRO. WILLIS B. KYLE, SR. and his wife are residents at the San Joaquin Memorial Gardens and would like visitors.

BRO. LeROY R. SHEETS has recently taken up residence at San Joaquin Memorial Gardens and would like visitors.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS YOUR MARSHAL



GREEN L. YOUNG is a native Texan who moved to San Diego, California in 1941. He spent almost three years working for Convair Aircraft helping build the B-24 bomber. It was here that he met and married Esther. They were first blessed with a daughter, Sandy, now a majority Rainbow girl, then a son, Wesley, a DeMolay who is now serving in the Navy at North Island in San Diego. Their daughter-in-law, Anne, will be presenting them with their first grand-

child soon.

He occupies his time by driving about 80,000 miles per year for Greyhound Lines, with whom he has been almost 25 years. He first saw the light of Masonry on September 5, 1958. He has served as chairman, co-chairman and member of a number of committees. He also served as president of Greyhound Employees Square and Compass Club for one year.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO MORRIS CHESTER STULL, JR., was born July 19, 1920 in Hutchinson, Kansas and came to Fresno at an early age where he attended Jackson and Longfellow schools and graduated from Fresno Technical High. He received a B.S. Degree in business administration from UCLA and a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Blackstone School of Law. He also took a 2 year Exec. Mgmt. Course at Alex. Hamilton Inst. and a 1 year course in Pers. Mgmt. from LaSalle Extension University. He is presently general manager of the Fresno County Employees Ass'n.

Bro. Stull was raised May 1951 in Southland Lodge No. 618 in L. A. and passed his Third Degree Proficiency that same month. He is a past member of Long Beach York Rite Masonic Bodies and El Bekal Shrine Temple. He is a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Retired Officers' Ass'n., The American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His wife is named Ardelle and he lists hobbies as gardening, reading, swimming, bowling, outdoor sports and recreation, and also is active in Public Personnel Ass'n.; American Society for Public Administration, and Public Employees Staff Organization.

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. Wm. A. MILLER is recovering from a cataract eye operation January 10th. Get well soon Bro. Miller. We offer to you our best wishes for a speedy and successful recovery.

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

ROBERT A. CRIGLER, *Grand Master*
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

January 15, 1969

Dear Brother:

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. My Brother, the greatest manifestation of affection and Brotherly love by Masons in California and Hawaii is our Masonic Homes - the home for the elderly in Union City and our home at Covina for our children.

In this age of social change and rising costs of operation, we can be proud of our accomplishments in taking care of our own. Our three hundred twenty-five guests whose average age is eighty-three, residing at Union City, are receiving the finest care in the sunset years of their lives and our seventy children at Covina are splendid examples of what loving care and affection can mean to children of our less fortunate Brethren.

Because the need this year is greater than ever before, I am joining with the Master of your Lodge in a personal appeal to you to make an extra effort this year in contributing to our endowment fund.

The Great Book which adorns our altar states, "Blessed is the man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it."

My Brother, there is no finer work in Masonry than performing this - our duty and our obligation.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Robert A. Crigler, *Grand Master*

William H. Ahlenslager, *Master*

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO TOM DOUGHERTY is recuperating at home from a skiing accident which occurred while skiing up at Fish Camp. Get well soon, Bro. Tom.

BRO. CHESTER SNYDER, our retired minister, recently returned from a stay in the hospital. Get well soon, my brother.

On Dec. 19th JOYCE WARD, daughter of BRO. RUSS DAY, was involved in an auto accident in which her hip was broken in several places and she will be hospitalized for sometime at General Hospital. Get well wishes to you, Joyce.

Our Dates Select 1969 Officers

The new officers of Las Palmas Dates for 1969 are as follows:

President - Frances Gottner - phone (after 5 p.m.) 222-1310
Vice-president - Mary Jane Kalstrom - phone 266-9373
Secretary - Evelyn Lewis - phone 237-2151
Treasurer - Margaret Ahlenslager - phone 229-1328

Make your Dinner reservations by phoning any of the above officers.

FRATERNAL BONDS

BRO. HAMBLETON F. LEAS, P.M., has announced the engagement of his daughter, PENNY, to Frank Aniotzbehere of Stockton. The two have set a September wedding date in the First Congregational Church in Fresno.

Miss Leas is a graduate of Fresno Hi and is a student at Fresno State. Her fiance is a graduate of San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton and completed a year at Fresno State. He will return to FSC after active duty in the Army National Guard.

Services For Mott D. Fuller

Las Palmas Lodge lodge has lost another of its senior members, with the recent death of MOTT D. FULLER Brother Fuller and his wife Corrine were married in Oakland 58 years ago. They have lived in Fresno the last twenty years. Brother Fuller retired in 1958 after 50 years in the automobile business. The Lodge wishes to express its most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Fuller and their two daughters Mrs. Shirley Burbank of Sacramento and Mrs. Barbara Miller of Ambler, Pa. and son Homer of Beverly Hills.

FRATERNAL BONDS

MR. AND MRS. RALPH A. MILLS recently announced the betrothal of their daughter Rebecca to Mr. James P. Johnstone. Miss Mills is a past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters and a past Sweetheart of the State Center DeMolays. She presently is attending Central California Commercial College and has attended Fresno City College. Miss Mills is president of the Phi Zeta Epsilon Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

James Johnstone attended McLane High School and Fresno City College. He is presently enrolled as a Junior at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is a Past Master Councilor of the Fresno Chapter of DeMolay.

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Good news first: 310 brethren have remembered the "Helping Hand" they promised their fallen brother - and have contributed \$2,172 to date this year. We are well on our way to the \$3.00 a member goal - the Worshipful Master is hoping for \$4.00 per member - but let's get the \$3.00 first!

Next - the majority of the fellows have paid their 1969 dues - and are making the life of the secretary happy, by eliminating the need of quarterly duns.

But - and here is the bad part - about 20 members who the delinquent dues committee think are well able to pay, have yet to pay their 1968 dues - in spite of five notices sent them. Wasa matta guys? Mad at the secretary? Like to see him work? Oh, well, he loves you anyway.

Price Robinson, Secretary



GALLEY NEWS

The following named brothers wound up this committee's activities for the year of 1968, on the dates indicated:

December 5th, Henry Vartanian, W. E. Wright, David James, and J. M. Stevens; December 12th, Dick Frey, Russ Day, Ralph J. Ross, Harvey McKenry, and Willy Scott; December 26th, Orville Cook and Fred Stock; January 3rd, Russ Day.

Brothers of Las Palmas, it has been a pleasure working with the various members to serve you with refreshments at our meetings. It was a lot of work, but gave a great deal of satisfaction. Thank you, one and all. Wes Tosrup

On January 9th Knut Steinnes was in charge of refreshments; and on January 11th, for the installation, the committee was Don Perry, W. L. Scott, Dick Frey and Ron Karabian. Thank you. W. L. Scott

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BRO VIN BRAGG and his lovely wife Mercedes have returned from a cruise on the English Ship Oriana. Their trip originated in San Francisco on Dec. 21st and they spent Xmas and New Year's on board ship. Their journey took them thru' the Panama Canal and into the Caribbean. They returned home in time to be at the dinner with our Dates meeting January 16th.

THE PLOT AT YORK

John E. Canoose

In York, Pennsylvania, on a cold February night, in 1778, a banquet was in progress. The Golden Plough Tavern was the scene, and the second floor banquet room was filled with laughter and cheer. But behind it all there was a plot unfolding; a plot to replace Washington as the commanding general of the Continental Army. General Gates was the center of attention. Around Gates were Generals Trumbull, Peters, Mifflin and Pickering, all members of the Board of War. General Horatio Gates was president of the Board. Some members of Congress were also present, Dr. Benjamin Rush of Pennsylvania and James Lovell were two. General Lafayette was present by special invitation of Gates and his associates. The success or failure of the plot would rest with the young general. All that Gates and his followers needed was a gesture of approval from him and Washington would be replaced by General Gates.

Lafayette had come to York from Valley Forge where General Washington and his men were suffering the hardships of a bitter winter. Gates had won an important victory at Saratoga while Washington had lost two consecutive battles, at Germantown and Brandywine. The timing was perfect for the execution of the plot.

Lafayette was toasted amid shouts of cheer and good fellowship. General Gates was likewise honored. Each key officer of the Army was toasted in turn, with only one name being conspicuously omitted. It was more than Lafayette could bear, and as the group started to rise, he jumped to his feet and shouted, "Gentlemen, here is one you have forgotten. I propose a toast to our commander-in-chief, General Washington." There was a general silence. A few drank, and some made a pretense of drinking. Some sat immobile with red faces. Without a word, Lafayette bowed to the officers, turned and strode out of the room. The plot had failed.

It is idle to speculate on what Lafayette may have been thinking that night, or whether Masonry influenced him in any way. We do know, however, that Washington and Lafayette spent many evenings in lodge together, and that both were serious students of Masonic teaching. If Lafayette had believed that his chief should have been replaced, it is difficult to believe that he would consent to be party to a plot to achieve it.

FRATERNAL BONDS

BRO. GEORGE HOLSTEIN, P.M., is recovering at home from a short stay in the hospital.

To all you Brethren who have had the flu, get well soon, and we will see you at Lodge - we've missed you.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. CARL C. UNDERSETH, JR. was born Sept. 30, 1929 in Helena, Montana. He graduated from Lincoln Hi in San Francisco and attended Menlo JC at Menlo Park.

He was in the service and served 19 months in Korea and was discharged in 1953 as a sergeant. He is Field Representative for Quaker State Oil.

Bro. Carl and his wife, Roslyn, have four children, Mike, 14; Mitch, 12½; Trina, 9½ and Mark, 8. He lists golf as his hobby and is president of McLane District of Spartan Football and an assistant coach in Babe Ruth League.

FRATERNAL BONDS

BRO. THOR RONLAKE'S wife presented him with an 8 lb. 3 oz. baby boy on Xmas eve. Congratulations to Santa Claus!

Las Palmas Conducts Van Etten Services

On January 6, 1969 we assembled together to pay tribute to Brother Ford Van Etten, a man whom we all knew and loved. He was born in 1886 in Hawarden, Iowa, a small town in the northwestern corner of that state near the Big Sioux River. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio and when he was in his early twenties, came to Fresno.

Brother Ford served in the United States Navy during World War I, and afterward became a member of The American Legion, Post 4.

He was the office manager for Billings and Meyering Real Estate for 35 years, and in 1924 it was Brothers Meyering and Billings who recommended Brother Ford for membership in Las Palmas Lodge. He was also a member of the Tehran Shrine Temple, and an honorary life member of Fort Washington Golf Club. He loved the game of golf and had trophies attesting to his proficiency at the game.

In recent years the progressive loss of his eyesight forced him into less strenuous activities and most recently he found much enjoyment in listening to the Library of Congress talking books for the blind, in attending lodge activities and in visiting with friends. Some people afflicted with sight and hearing losses become cross and irritable with those around them. This was not the case with Brother Ford. Despite these burdens his heart was filled with love for his fellowmen, and his actions toward them demonstrated that he had learned well the lessons of Masonry.

He is survived by his widow, Ethel, and several cousins. He was a devoted son, a loving husband, and a warm and generous friend to us all. We shall truly miss him, for, our brother has been raised to that blissful Lodge.

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