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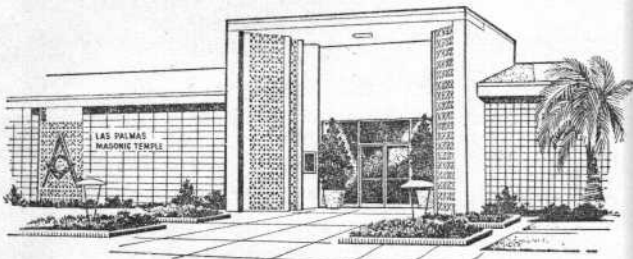
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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
F. & A. M.*



JUNE - JULY - AUGUST 1969



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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

The halfway point in my year as Master has arrived. To you brethren who have been attending lodge I say thank you, for your support has been sincerely appreciated. Bros. Denver Benson, Albert White and Kenneth Hallmark have received their Third Degrees.

Bros. Stanley Wong and Arthur Arzrouni were examined in the Third Degree and were found to be proficient.

Mr. Lawnie Snider and Mr. Bobby Bingham received their First Degree.

Our picnic on May 10th brought out some of our brethren who have not been seen in many years. We all got reacquainted again which was a wonderful feeling. There were approximately 100 persons in attendance.

It was a good feeling last week to see our Junior Warden George Pope sitting in Lodge, he is coming along fine. The good Lord was watching over him I'm sure, for he is as jovial as ever.

Home Trip Is Scheduled

Brethren on July 19th (Saturday) we are planning to visit Gray Newark and Rachel Browne. We will put on a First Degree at about 1:30 and then return to Fresno via a Refrigerated Greyhound Bus. Those wishing to attend call the Lodge (268-2303) or the Master (229-1328). Your wives are invited to attend and you will enjoy the box lunch we will have at the home.

Grand Lodge will open in Clovis on July 26th for the purpose of dedicating the new Clovis High School. Plan to attend this important occasion.

Your Lodge will be Dark for the months of July and August. May you have a safe and enjoyable vacation is our sincere wish. We will have our Stated Meetings as usual, so mark your third Thursdays now and bring your sweetheart out to a cool dinner, the Lodge is refrigerated you know.

The May dinner with our Dates was delicious. Mrs. Carpenter was chairman for the month and she did a wonderful job.

Fraternally,
William Ahlenslager, W.M.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Thurs. June 12 - Second Degree, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. June 19 - Stated Meeting - Dinner with Our Dates,
6:30 p.m.
Thurs. June 26 - Third Degree, 7:30 p.m.
John Stoval.
Stanley Francis James.
Sat. July 19 - First Degree - Trip to Union City,
Leave Temple at 8:00 a.m.
Sun. July 20 - 416 Masonic District Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Clovis Masonic Temple.
Sat. July 26 - Grand Master's Visit to Dedicate Clovis High
School (Corner Stone Laying)
Thurs. Aug 21 - Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Dinner with Our Dates at 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 1 - First Degree at 7:30 p.m.

Summer Jobs Needed By Boys

Worshipful Master:

As the summer months approach, thousands of Fresno youngsters will turn to the local employment agencies in hopes of finding part-time work. The Councilors of State Center Chapter would like to try something new this year to alleviate this problem, but we will need your help. Most of our members are too young to compete with the older students at the employment agencies, but if you have any house or yard work at your own residence or know of any open positions at your place of work that can be filled by a responsible teen, we ask that you please give our Chapter members consideration.

Your generosity will give our members a chance to gain the experience necessary to hold a more permanent position later on, as well as to allow them the opportunity of earning a little spending money. As I have said, however, we can do nothing without your help. If you have or know of any job openings, please call us at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
John Crenshaw, Master Councilor
State Center Chapter, Order of DeMolay
Phone 224-1505
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Grand Lodge Free And Accepted Masons Of California

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

Proclamation

Memorial Day, Flag Day and the Fourth of July - each has a special niche on the calendar because they emphasize preservation of freedom at home and abroad.

Lethal influences are currently at work, endeavoring to undermine the American Way of Life.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge calls our attention to this and invites participation in a program called OPERATION "CLOSE RANKS." This urges all Americans to join in a positive expression or reaffirmation of loyalty to God and Country.

A visible demonstration of this spirit is to fly the Flag of our country at our homes, places of business, offices and factories.

As Masons, we should wholeheartedly support such a program, and I have informed Freedoms Foundation that the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California endorses this program. To that end, I request every Mason in this jurisdiction to display the Flag in some appropriate manner during this span of important holidays.

I direct that this proclamation be read at stated meetings subsequent to its receipt through the month of July, and I further direct that every Lodge in this jurisdiction shall present the Flag with the prescribed formalities at such stated meetings.

Dated: May 22, 1969

Sincerely and fraternally,
Robert A. Crigler, *Grand Master*

FRATERNAL BONDS

Our congratulations to BROTHER GLENN SHEETS who was our Chaplain for many years, and to his wife, Monica, who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are blessed with six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Brother Glenn is 84 years young at heart and his wife 80 (shouldn't tell, but I did!). They have experienced a long and happy life together and have lived 50 years in Fresno.

Glenn is now retired from the Fresno State College where he was Chief Engineer of Maintenance for 21 years. We all join in best wishes to them for many more years of good health and happiness.

Responsibilities of the Recommenders

The responsibilities of the Recommenders are many. When a member signs a petition, he becomes, in a large measure, responsible to the fraternity for the Petitioner. One of the two Recommenders signing the petition must have known the Petitioner for at least one year. Recommenders should have a knowledge of the Petitioner's character. They should be reasonably sure that the Petitioner is worthy of the consideration and, if accepted, will bring honor to the fraternity.

Recommending a man for the Degrees of Freemasonry is a serious matter. The Recommenders are staking their own reputations on the character of the Petitioner. Hence, it isn't wise, nor can a member afford to be so careless as to sign a petition just to accommodate a friend of another member.

Recommenders should have a knowledge of certain basic facts and requirements relative to the processing of a petition. These facts and requirements can always be obtained from the Lodge secretary when the blank form of petition is requested. Facts pertaining to the correct and proper processing of the petition should be shared with the Petitioner to avoid any delay, once the petition is turned in.

The Petitioner should be informed of the initiation and membership fee of the Lodge and also the annual dues. The proper fee should accompany the petition when it is presented. Recommenders should inform the Petitioner that the Masonic Fraternity is not a beneficial or insurance-type society and that there is no provision for sickness or death benefits.

Recommenders should assure themselves that the Petitioner comes of his own free will and accord and that he can financially afford this step without jeopardy to himself or to his family. Recommenders should be certain that the Petitioner comes of good report and is physically, mentally and morally qualified. Any questionable physical qualification, however slight, must be referred to the Master of the Lodge after the petition has been presented.

Both Recommenders should be in attendance at Lodge when the petition is presented and when the petition is acted upon. When the Petitioner has been approved, the Recommenders should be available to advise and extend every courtesy as proud and faithful Recommenders.

Recommenders should feel free to advise the candidate along lines of proper dress and cleanliness so as to avoid any embarrassment to the candidate when he is notified to appear at the Lodge meeting. Recommenders should accompany their candidate when he appears for each degree

and take every opportunity to introduce their candidate to the various brethren. It is suggested, when possible, that the Recommenders stay with their candidate at all times until he is taken into the preparation room. The candidate should be cautioned by his Recommenders before he receives his Degree that every word spoken, every step taken during the ceremonies has a definite significance which will become clearer to him as he progresses. The candidate should be assured also that there is no frivolity, either by word or act, during the conferring of degrees. He should be reminded that he must put aside all doubt and fear in order that he may observe every detail with reverent attention.

Recommenders should not only satisfy themselves that their candidate is receiving all the instruction possible but they should follow through after each degree has been conferred by acquainting him with ways and means whereby he can obtain further Masonic knowledge.

Recommenders are duty bound to assist the candidate in acquiring an understanding of the real meaning of Freemasonry. This is why a Recommender should always be in Lodge whenever his candidate is receiving a degree. In a sense, the candidate is under your protection and care. Be ever ready to congratulate him as he completes another step in his progress through the Degrees. You have acquired another Brother to add to your equity in Freemasonry. Govern yourself accordingly.

In due time, you will note that your petitioner and candidate is not only appreciative of all you are doing for him but it will soon appear that he is "leaning" on you. He welcomes someone close. As he progresses through the degrees, he is full of wonderment, unanswered questions and many perplexities. Because everyone else seems to know what is going on and everybody seems so sure of himself, your candidate may hesitate to ask questions of other members. Here is a point where his interest in Masonic knowledge can be stimulated when someone like a Recommender is close at hand and ever willing and ready to encourage him to ask questions and continue his curiosity and interest in Freemasonry. Both Recommenders should accompany their candidate to his first stated meeting.

The Recommenders are not to inform the candidate of his election. This is the duty of the Master or of the secretary of the Lodge.

When Recommenders consider it a sincere Masonic duty to properly process a petitioner and then personally see their candidate through the degrees, both a wholesome effect and a lasting impression will result in the life of any newly made Mason.

Roy R. Crawford, P.M.
Master, Central Calif. Research Lodge

NEW STRENGTH

DENVER GRAHAM BENSON, a native Fresno, born July 8, 1913, received all of his schooling in Fresno. He was graduated from Roosevelt High in 1932. He is a baker, and with his wife, Charity, own and operate Denver's Pastry Shop located across the street from his Alma Mater on Tulare Street, near Barton. They have a daughter, Lorraine, and 2 granddaughters, Lori, 7, and Sheri, 5.

Denver is active in the Fresno County Sheriff's Posse, East Fresno Rotary Club, Fresno Elks Lodge and the Fresno Trades Club. He lists as hobbies: horses, golf, bowling, fishing and hunting.

ALBERT SAVANNUS WHITE, III was born February 19, 1940 in Des Moines, Iowa where he attended school. He received his B.S. at the University of Arizona and his M.S. at Arizona State University.

He works as Controller for Sears Roebuck & Co. and belongs to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He and his wife, Leslie, have a year old daughter, Stephanie. Hunting is his hobby.

Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay Meetings

Gregory Barisich, *Master Councilor*
Susan Patterson, *Chapter Sweetheart*

Meet at 7:30 p.m in Las Palmas Temple

Tues. June 10 - Board Meeting

Wed. June 11 - Stated Meeting

Sat. June 21 - Disneyland Trip

Wed. June 25 - Initiatory Degree - Mothers Club

Sun. July 6 - Councilors' Meeting

Tues. July 8 - Board Meeting

Wed July 9 - Stated Meeting

Sat. July 19 - Center Division Workshop, Fresno
Mothers' Club

Sat. July 26 - Bowling Marathon (*Tentative*)

Candidates Coaching Team Recognized

At our special meeting on May 22nd for conferring the First Degree, we also recognized those present in the Team of Candidates Coaches headed by Chairman Dan Eckland. Upon declaration by the Senior Warden of their proficiency as coaches, in that we had all witnessed proficiency exams of candidates they had coached, The Worshipful Sam Pavlovich, Inspector of the 416th Masonic District, awarded each a Handbook for Candidates Coaches. He also admonished them of the importance of their duties, for it is not only to teach candidates their degree work, but to lead them and inform them of Masonic ways, ideas and interests. The Handbook was prepared by Grand Lodge so that coaches could intelligently and properly answer candidate questions and lead discussions of the terms, symbols, forms and ceremonies found adequately explained in it.

It is the new Mason's coach who is his main contact, instructor, and strongly influences his future involvement in Masonry. He encourages the candidate to attend the sessions Brother Bill Wharton so ably conducts in Masonic Education, continuing instruction where the coaches leave off.

We are each one of us deeply indebted to our own coach. Though there are only thirteen named below, think of the many who preceeded them and have taught all of us to hold Masonic principles with great respect, for example, Brother Jim Tucker, Tiler of our Lodge, who has perhaps coached more brothers than any other who is with us now. More than once he has been chairman. I was privileged to have two coaches, Bro. Goldie Long and Bro. Jim Tucker. Their dignity, accuracy, and gentle pressure in teaching Masonic work is what makes our Lodge strong, and each of us better men than we were.

Those who received the Handbooks were: Brothers Eckland, MacFarland, Fouty, Frey, Dake, Lung, Ford, Steinnes, Wright, Mott, McPherson and Day, and Brother Wegis of Oak Grove Lodge No. 215, Alameda, but who works on our team. We will have more presentations as the team grows.

Ed Carpenter, *Senior Warden*

NEW STRENGTH

ARTHUR ACHOUE ARZROUNI was born September 1, 1912 in Van, Armenia. He attended high school there and worked as a choreography-producer after attending the Moscow Ballet School of Choreography.

He is a wholesale manufacturer's representative now, is a member of the Northern California Furniture Club, is active in his church and the Hama Vosbouragan Society. His wife is Isabelle and they have a daughter, Sonya Lee, age 16. Dancing, bowling and writing are his hobbies.

In Memoriam

Funeral services were held June 2 in Selma for William E. Peaslee, father of DONALD E. PEASLEE.

CHEER-UP CORNER

WILLIAM LIGHT had surgery in the Veterans Hospital on April 30. Brother Light is a 52 year member. He is a member of Warren G. Harding Lodge at Sacramento, and holds a dual membership with Las Palmas since January 1969. Two years ago he received his 50 year pin and it was presented to him in our Lodge. Our sincere thoughts go to Brother Light and his wife, Alma, for a full recovery soon and every happiness in the future.

JOHN WARFEL underwent surgery at the Community Hospital May 13 and is now convalescing at home.



GALLEY NEWS

by Wally Scott

- Thursday - March 27 - First Degree
Crew: Paul Ford and Wally Scott
Served Boysenberry cobbler
- Thursday - April 3 Third Degree
Crew: Francis Dake, Russ Day, Larry Smith and John Manoogian
- Thursday - April 10 - Second Degree
Crew: Arthur Arzrouni, Vart Harry and Al White
Served Strawberry turnovers
- Friday - April 11 - Third Degree
Crew: Wm. Stanley Wong, Don Shelburne and Knur Steinnes
Served Waffles and syrup
- Thursday - May 1 - Third Degree
Crew: Frank Wright and Wallace Scott
Served Chili Beans a la Fern and Jim Tucker
Special thanks to a "Special Mason, Fern."
- Thursday - May 8 - Third Degree
Crew: Paul Ford, Denver Benson and Vern Fouty
Served Strawberry shortcake and whipped cream
- Thursday - May 22 - First Degree
Crew: Al White and Ken Hallmark
Served Danish pastry
- Thursday - May 29 - Third Degree
Crew: Ken Hallmark, Richard Frey and Russell Day
Served Dessert fruit pizza

My apologies if any one has been overlooked inadvertently. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have helped.

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Masonic Homes Endowment month as proclaimed by our Grand Master of California, Robert A. Crigler, for the month of May, is now over. I, together with our Masonic Homes, wish to thank the members who have responded since expressing my thoughts to you on this subject in last month's bulletin.

Our "Homes" are an evergoing service to those who would be dependent on us and likewise to those who have not responded, your contributions are pleasing to receive at any time. We are striving to place our Lodge on the honor roll in California which necessitates an average payment of \$3.50 per member of our total membership. We still have quite a ways to go in order to attain this goal and I hope that those who have not gotten around to it as yet will "stretch forth a helping hand" for our Masonic Homes of which we are so proud.

To those who have not as yet forwarded your 1969 dues payment of \$20.00, I suggest you do so now without any further delay for 2 major reasons. First, it is important you do so in order for your Lodge to meet its building maintenance and operating expenses. Secondly, in order for you to visit any other Lodge you must have a current years dues receipt in your possession. Get your "arm out of the sling now" and forward to me your check and I will return to you the dues receipt that opens the doors. Good fellowship always prevails at Las Palmas. Get away from that "easy chair" now and then and join us. Not only will our new members who are receiving their degrees appreciate your interest and companionship, but your officers as well who are dedicating their time weekly throughout the year in conferring the excellent ritual work and maintaining the tradition of "My Lodge, and yours, Las Palmas."

Norm Foley, P.M.

FRATERNAL BONDS

GEORGE C HOLSTEIN, P.M., has been chosen to serve as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California. Other Fresno Council members serving with him are Roy R. Crawford, director of ritual, and George E. Hiatt, inspector of the Ninth Arch. Both are past masters of Fresno Lodge No. 247.

NEW STRENGTH

VART ALBERT HARRY, a bachelor and construction inspector for the Division of Forestry, first saw the light of day on Christmas Day of 1921 in Sanger. He was graduated from Sanger Hi and attended Fresno State before serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1946. Flying is his hobby.