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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

February was certainly a busy and sad month for your lodge. Busy, as we initiated Mr. Paul Tacy Dodgson, passed Brothers Vart Albert Hasey, Denver Graham Benson, Paul Warr Ford and raised Brothers Robert Lewis Starr and Dr. William Stanley Wong. These brethren are deserving of your fellowship, won't you attend lodge and give them a warm welcome.

Our lodge was saddened by the death of our beloved Secretary, Brother Price Robinson, P.M., on February 18th. Brother Price served his Lodge as master in 1952 and was elected Secretary in 1954 and served faithfully ever since. We will surely miss his smiling face and robust humor. This brother devoted many, many hours to your Lodge and Masonry. So again with the passing of time another link in our fraternal chain is broken. Let us who survive him be more strongly cemented with ties of brotherly love, that we too may be prepared to begin our journey home. *"Soft and safe to thee my brother be thy resting place."*

Our Dates served a wonderful chicken dinner for our stated meeting dinner. The arrangements were made by Dorothy Duke, assisted by Esther Young, Charlotte Shelly, Mattie Ivy, Marybeth Kalstrom, Mary Perch, Eleanor Reynolds, Corrine Sudjian, Gladys Bailey, Connie Lingerfelt, Persida Pavlovich, Margaret Ahlenslager, Frances Goutner.

Bro. Ham Leas, P.M., acting as Master of Ceremonies for our St. Valentine's Day program called upon the Past Master of each year since the Dates were organized, to introduce the lady who served as president of the Dates during his year as Master. Those in attendance were Mary Perch, Esther Young, Ginny Carpenter, Persida Pavlovich, and Margaret Ahlenslager. Bro. Leas recalled how St. Valentine's Day originated and the gifts that the dates have presented to the Lodge.

For our March stated meeting the dinner chairman is Corrine Allred, who with her hard working Dates will prepare and serve a baked ham dinner, with all the trimmings. Won't you please make your reservations and mark your calendar, March 20th. Over 150 persons attended our last dinner. Let's make the March dinner even bigger.

I have appointed Bro. Norman S. Foley, P.M., to serve as our secretary for the remainder of the year.

Your Lodge this past month hosted the 400th Division of Grand Lodge for an Orientation Session covering Lodge Financing, Youth Orders, Masonic Homes, Public Schools

Week, Masonic Education and Constitution Observance. Either the chairman or a member of these Grand Lodge Committees explained their functions and the work they were doing. Over 350 officers representing over 50 Lodges were present for the 4 hour program.

Your officers have also attended the first, second and third degree Schools of Instruction for the 416th Masonic District.

Brethren, the Fresno Board of Relief is having a blood drawing on March 28th at the Central Valley Blood Bank on Divisadero and M Streets between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Those of you who can donate blood, please do so at this time. Dinners will be served in the Ponderosa Temple, one block to the east on Divisadero for those who donate. If any brother wishes to donate blood to help replace that which Bro. Price used, they may do so sooner if they wish.

Bro. Bud Pope, Jr. Warden (phone 264-4767) is taking reservations for our trip to Columbia, a restored mining town in the Mother Lode country, on Saturday, April 19th. Buses will leave the Temple at 8:00 a.m. and return to the Temple the same evening. Price of the bus ride and lunch will be \$7.50 per person, or \$15.00 a couple. Your wives and Masonic friends are invited to participate. We will confer either a 2nd or a 3rd degree, as candidates are available, in the replica of the original Temple. Please phone and send your check to Bro. Bud.

Brother LeRoy Stubblefield, P.M., (Sun Garden No.530) after serving faithfully for 15 years as the secretary-treasurer for the Fresno Masonic Board of Relief, has tendered his resignation, effective March 1969. To you, Bro. Stubblefield, "thank you" for a job well done.

The week of March 17 through 22 is Youth Orders Week as proclaimed by the Grand Master. Please attend one of their meetings. Consult your Sunday paper, Lodge activities page, for meeting dates and locations.

Our Bro. Gray Newark, in residence at Union City, is celebrating his 90th birthday on March 23rd. Happy Birthday Bro. Gray and may you celebrate many more.

Fraternaly yours, William Ahlenslager, Master

CHEER-UP CORNER

BEN PASCHALL went to the Sierra Hospital on Feb. 6 following a heart attack.

WES TOSTRUP spent time in the Fresno VA Hospital. He is now recuperating at home.

JAMES SALEH is a patient in Community Hospital.

BRO DANNY DAKE underwent surgery on Feb. 26th in the St. Agnes Hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

TRESTLEBOARD

Thurs. March 13 - Third Degree

Friday March 14 - 1st Degree School of Instruction Officers only - Las Palmas, 7:30 p.m.

Tues. March 18 - Candidates Coaches School of Instruction, Scottish Rite Temple, 8 p.m. All coaches should attend.

Thurs. March 20 - Stated Meeting, 7:30p.m.
Dinner With Our Dates, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. March 27 - First Degree

Friday March 28 - Fresno Masonic Board of Relief Blood Drawing - 4 to 7 p.m. at the Central Valley Blood Bank.

Thurs. April 3 - Third Degree



GALLEY NEWS

by Wally Scott

Thursday - Jan. 23 - 1st Degree
Crew - Tom Marsella and Denver Benson
Served Apple Cobbler and ice cream

Thursday - Jan. 30 - 3rd Degree
Crew - Wayne Plunk, Russ Day and Frank Wright
Served Gingerbread with whipped cream and ice cream

Thursday - Feb. 6 - 2nd Degree
Crew - Russ Day and William Wong
Served Jelly Roll

Thursday - Feb. - 3rd Degree
Crew - Frank Dake, Russ Day and Larry Smith
Served Cherry Cobbler



In Memoriam



BEN MOYER, a former member and brother of DEE MOYER, passed away February, 4th in San Leandro.

MRS. ANNA STUMPF, the mother of Bro. EDWARD STUMPF, passed away in Fresno on February 17th

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

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

Proclamation

YOUTH ORDERS WEEK - MARCH 17-22 1969

"It is with youth as with plants, from the first fruits they bear we learn what may be expected in future." — Demophilus

In a day of grave peril for our democratic institutions, in an hour when social change by insurrection, anarchy and "civil disobedience" is challenging the very cornerstones of civilization, we as Freemasons should reflect on the causes and individually unite to protect, defend and preserve our heritage for ourselves and posterity.

One of the best ways of insuring a brighter future is the support we can give to the young men and women of our great character building youth orders, the International Orders of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.

"Fifty Years of Young Men on the Go" is the theme for the Golden Anniversary of the Order of DeMolay, which was founded by Frank S. Land on March 18, 1919. DeMolay's constant slogan is that no DeMolay shall ever fail as a citizen, a leader or a man. The record is markedly clear thru our DeMolay boys live up to this motto.

Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism and Service are the tenets of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Founded in April 1922 by the Reverend William Mark Sexson, a distinguished Oklahoma Freemason, Rainbow for Girls fosters a love for humanity and our Rainbow Girls possess the finest attributes of womanhood.

Job's Daughters bands together young girls, between the ages of 12 and 20 with Masonic relationship, for the purpose of building character through moral and spiritual development, by teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures; loyalty to our flag and the country for which it stands; and respect for parents and guardians. To quote from the scriptures, "In all the land there were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job."

I hereby proclaim the week of March 17 through March 22 as Masonic Youth Orders Week throughout the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Each Lodge is requested to give due notice of this Proclamation in its bulletin and I direct that this Proclamation shall be read at the March Stated Meeting of each Lodge in this Jurisdiction. I further request that every Lodge during the month of March schedule an appropriate program in recognition and appreciation of the work of our Youth Orders.

Dated: February 11, 1969 Sincerely and Fraternally,
Robert A. Crigler, Grand Master

**KNOW YOUR OFFICERS
YOUR CHAPLAIN**



EARL VANDERBURGH was born in Fresno in the year 1931, with Dr. C. M. Vanderburgh, an uncle, as the attending physician. Having lived on several ranches as a boy where his father was a grain farmer, he attended four different elementary schools in Clovis and Madera, was finally graduated from Friant elementary. Dividing his high school years between Clovis and Madera, he was very active in sports and The Future Farmers of America. Football, baseball and boxing

were priority sports. In his senior year he won the Star State Farmer Award for his small herd of Hereford cows and band of Hampshire sheep. Ever hear of a cattle sheep combination? This distinction earned an all expense paid trip to the National Future Farmers convention in Kansas City.

College involved two years at Modesto Jr. College and three years later received an AB degree from Fresno State College. During this time many important events took place. First, his marriage to the charming and lovely Mary Ann Ryan, a neighboring cattleman's daughter from the ghost mining town of Hildrith near O'Neals. The H. M. Vanderburghs, father of Bro. Earl, own the famed 101 Ranch and later built the 101 Ranch Store.

In 1952 they were blessed with a daughter, Cindi, who is a junior at McLane now and a past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 243 of the Order of Job's Daughters. Two years later a son Jake arrived and also now attends McLane Hi. Three years later still another son, Stan, arrived and attends Wishon Elementary.

His teaching career started in 1954 at Sun Empire Elementary near Kerman. He later became vice principal and P. E. director there. Three years later he moved to Powers Elementary in the then Bullard School District. Three years later he was called to Irwin Jr. High where he spent six years as Physical Education Instructor and Athletic Coach under the principal "Stoney" Johnston who was his high school coach. For the past 4 years he has been at Fr. Miller Jr. High fulfilling the same duties and coaching baseball.

His hobbies are many - hunting, fishing, horses and all sports including boating and camping for which he built his own camper. Carpentry is also an interesting subject. He builds almost all of his own projects and he and his family also have a small cattle ranch above Millerton Lake where he raises Hereford cows.

An interest in the Masonic Association lead to his being raised in Las Palmas in December of 1967.



YORK RITE

By Allan S. Mason, Past Grand Commander
of the Grand Commandery of California



The Blue Lodge, with its basic symbolic degrees, is supplemented by either the York Rite or Scottish Rite for further light in Masonry, and there are three bodies which comprise the York Rite.

You learned early in your Masonic career that Masonry was a progressive science taught by degrees. It is therefore in order that you should take advantage of every opportunity for self improvement, and the Blue Lodge, together with three bodies of York Rite, form an aggregate whole which provides the only complete understanding of ancient craft masonry.

The Blue Lodge is basic and indispensable and the foundation of all masonry, for the degrees of the Blue Lodge, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason comprise the beginning, but not the ultimate in Masonic knowledge. Just as it might be said that the ABCs are the stepping stones for all higher learning.

Advanced learning is illucidated in the York Rite Bodies, through the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Councils of Select Masters and by Commandaries of Knights Templar.

The harmonious relationship which exists between these various bodies further enhances the several degrees and orders as are exemplified by these bodies, thereby completing the beautiful story of Free Masonry, which had its beginning in the Blue Lodge.

In the Entered Apprentice degree, one begins his labors before an unfinished temple — the great edifice being erected by King Solomon, and the abiding place of the Most High God. From there, he advances into the Fellowcraft degree, still laboring before that unfinished temple. In the Master Mason degree, he approaches, but does not achieve, the completion of the temple, thereby leaving the symbolic degrees with the temple yet unfinished, and the Great Truth of Free Masonry not yet revealed to him, save by a substitute.

Starting into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Mark Master degree, had it been arranged chronologically, could well be within the lodge system because in the Mark Master degree the workman is still laboring on this grand uncompleted edifice. The Mark Master degree is one of the most important and is believed to be the oldest of Masonic degrees and considered one of the most beautiful in all Free Masonry. It amplifies the Fellowcraft degree and contains

lessons of value in all walks of life, portrays the Encouraging Truth, that though we are often misunderstood, under-rated and traduced, there is one who will make the rejected stone the head of the corner.

It explains the manner in which ancient operative craftsmen were known and distinguished in receiving their wages, and derives its name from the Order of Mark Masters or an advanced class of Fellowcrafts who each possessed an individual mark by which their work was designated. Thus in the Mark Master degree a candidate is taught to work honestly and industriously, laying claim only to that which is his just due, and receiving nothing except that which is deserved. It's lessons are those of Honor, Justice and Truth.

The Past Master degree again brings us back to the Master Mason degree, and as a Master Mason his relation to the temple is unchanged. This degree was once a part of the symbolic degrees of the Blue Lodge and originally was conferred only on those who had served as Masters of a Masonic Lodge and is truly a sublime ritual of mental and spiritual preparation for the earnest seeker of further light in masonry. Those receiving the degree are designated as virtual past masters as distinguished from actual past masters. There is an indispensable prerequisite to exaltation in the Royal Arch degree, and the candidate is taught that he must first learn to obey before he can rule, and to govern himself before he can govern others.

In the most excellent masters degree in the York Rite system, he sees as he sees no where else in Free Masonry the completion, furnishing and dedication of the temple by Solomon, King of Israel.

He then comes to the Royal Arch degree, which has a little different and broader concept of Free Masonry, but still has to do with the temple, the weary journey to Babylon, the years of captivity and the return to Jerusalem to rebuild on the site of the ruins of the first temple a second temple.

This degree comprises a complete story of Jewish history in some of its darkest hours. Primarily it is based on the subject of love of home and country, its lessons thus being of service and fortitude, which teaches the ultimate triumph of truth over all forms of superstition and error, proper respect for the Deity and his works, and the worship of one God under whatsoever name he may be worshipped.

In Royal Arch degrees the priceless secret of a master mason is revealed to him. Here the thought, work and all that is symbolically signified is made known to him. This degree therefore is indispensable to every earnest seeker of masonic light and he who attains it is truly exalted.

(To Be Continued)

SECRETARY AT REST



WALTER PRICE ROBINSON, P.M., secretary of Las Palmas Lodge since 1954, was called the Celestial Lodge above on Feb. 18, following surgery several weeks before. Funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian Church Feb. 21 and interment in Belmont Memorial Park.

Bro. Price was born in New Westminster, British Columbia on Aug. 3, 1901 and moved to the U.S. in 1904. He came to California in 1909 and Fresno in 1917.

He taught school in Seattle, Fowler, Mt. View and Selma before going to Fresno High as a journalism teacher and coach

He was a member, elder and Sunday school teacher in the First Presbyterian Church and a past patron of the Fresno chapter of the O.E.S. He was also on the advisory board of the Las Palmas chapter of the DeMolays.

Surviving are his widow, Ethel, and a daughter, Marian Melendy of San Jose and three grandchildren.

NEW STRENGTH

ROBERT L. STARR, manager of the City Glass Co., was born Dec. 21, 1936 in Hanford, Calif. He was a member of the Hanford DeMolay and is a member of the North Fresno Rotary, YMCA and the Belmont Christian Church.

His wife is Dorothy and their children are Bobby, age 8, and Susan, age 4. Hobbies include golf, hunting, and being coach of a Spartan Football team.

FRATERNAL BONDS

BRO MIKE REYNOLDS and Sharon Fandel were married on Valentine's Day in Grover City.

Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay Meetings

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

Wednesday March 12

Stated meeting - Election of officers

Wednesday March 26

Initiatory Degree

Wednesday April 9

Stated meeting and Advancement

Saturday April 26

Installation of Officers

FRATERNAL BONDS

CAROL MARIE PALM, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. HAPPY PALM, was married to Paul J. Essick, Jr. on Feb. 1 in the First Methodist Church. Carol was graduated from Roosevelt Hi and is a past worthy adviser of the Golden Realm Assembly, Rainbow for Girls. She is a student at Fresno State College.

The bridegroom is a son of the senior Paul J. Essicks and is an industrial technology major at FSC.

CHEER-UP CORNER

ED DAVES was in St. Agnes Hospital with a back injury.

ERNE CUTHBERTSON is home following a session in St. Agnes Hospital.

LADISLAUS KLOHS is recuperating at home following a lengthy stay in the Fresno VA Hospital.

THE QUESTION BOX

What are the names of some of the organizations that require Masonic affiliation as a prerequisite?

York Rite, Scottish, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Research Lodge, High Twelve Club, Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Order of DeMolay for Boys, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Order of Job's Daughters, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Daughters of the Nile,, and Order of Jeanne D'Arc. There are also many organizations that are recognized by the Grand Lodge of their state but are not recognized out of it..

FRATERNAL BONDS

We thank RICHARD FREY, our secretary pro-tem, for the wonderful job he has done.

ROBERT W. REYNOLDS, P.M., was chosen to head the Chapter Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite Bodies.

ROBERT S. CROSSLAND is Prior in the Consistory.

DR. VINCENT E. D. BRAGG is assistant treasurer of the Scottish Rite Bodies.

In Memoriam

ARTHUR H. DREW, a lawyer and native Fresnan, was called to rest on February 22. Masonic funeral services were conducted on February 25th and inurnment in the Chapel of the Light.

Bro. Arthur was born October 4, 1886. He is survived by his widow, Marjory, and a sister, Mrs. Clinton D. Collins.