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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

The activities of your Lodge for the month of October were as follows:

Bros. Frank W. Maul, Bill Tunnell, Eugene M. Blonder and Daniel R. Russell received their first degrees; Bros. Fred W. Spears and Bobby C. Bingham received third degree; Bro. Dodgson was found proficient in the second degree and Bro. William Weigandt was proficient in the third degree.

Our stated meeting dinner dance was well attended. Bro. Paul Shelly did a fine job of obtaining musicians from the Shrine Band. Thank you Paul.

Brethren, this year's Grand Lodge held during the week of October 13th saw several changes made in our Masonic code. The liquor issue which has been before several of our past Grand Lodges finally passed. This means that now at Masonic gatherings which are NOT held in a Temple can serve liquor, such as a picnic or a banquet held in a hotel.

The operations of Masonic Blood Banks are still being studied and should soon be completed.

More definite guide lines are being established for the operation of our Board of Control. They were set in motion with recommendations for a name change and a different approach to its functions.

It was with regrets that I accepted the resignation of Brother James Kalstrom as Senior Deacon who accepted a promotion to Sacramento with the Department of Agriculture, State of California. I have advanced all our junior

SPECIAL NOTICE

This is your second notice that the issue of raising our dues to \$25.00 per year will be voted on at our November Stated Meeting, November 20th. Plan on attending to cast your vote.

FRATERNAL BONDS

BRO. JOE YOUNG, a dual member of Las Palmas and of Peninsula No. 745 Lodges, brought his officers and members from Peninsula on Saturday, November 1st to confer a third degree on BRO. LLOYD METHANEY. A fine time was had by all.

Bro. Joe is the current secretary and a past master of Peninsula Lodge.

officers one station and have appointed Bro. Dan L. Eckland as marshal. Congratulations Dan. I am sure you will make a fine officer.

This month's dinner with our dates will feature Roast Turkey with all its trimmings. Won't you plan on attending — donations are \$2.00 per plate.

We have lost two more of our members to the Celestial Lodge above this month: Bro. Albert G. McClellan and Bro. Elmer J. Schmidt. Your brethren will cherish your memories in their hearts, my brethren.

Fraternally yours,
William Ahlenslager, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 6 Thurs. - Third Degree, 7:30 p.m. Bro. Stanton Briggs Candidate. Past Masters' Nite.
FREE MEMBERSHIP DINNER, 6:30 p.m.
25 year button presentation.

Nov. 13 Thurs. - First Degree, 7:30 p.m. Paul Savona, candidate. Fresno City School Administrator.

Nov. 20 Thurs. - Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m. DINNER WITH OUR DATES, 6:30 p.m. \$2.00 donation.

Nov. 27 Thurs. - DARK Thanksgiving Day. "May the Supreme Being be with you all."

Dec. 4 Thurs. - Third Degree, 7:30 p.m. Bro. Paul T. Dodgson, candidate.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

YOUR MARSHAL

DAN L. ECKLAND, JR. was born in Los Angeles, California in 1932. He attended elementary schools in Los Angeles and graduated from High School in 1951 in Fresno. From there he went into the Navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier, Princeton. After leaving the Navy he attended Fresno City College for two years and then attended San Diego State and Fresno State Colleges.

Bro. Dan has been a member of Las Palmas for some years and has served as head coach for two years. Fishing is his hobby.

He has worked for the Division of Highways for the past twelve years. Dan has been active as a cubmaster for six years and was awarded an honorary life membership by the P.T.A. for his youth work. He and his wife have two sons - Mike, 14 and Jim, 10.

HELP WANTED

BRO. ED CARPENTER, Senior Warden, is looking for an Editor for our Las Palmian. Please contact Bro. Ed if you are interested. Your Lodge would like to continue this publication.

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. CRAYTON G. BOYER is recuperating at his home, 4960 No. Wishon Ct. He would welcome visitors during the afternoons.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. DAVID N. DUBEL is a native Fresnian, born Dec. 17, 1942. He graduated from Fresno High, attended Fresno City College, electronics school and is presently studying computer programming and industrial technology at Fresno State while working part time in the 3M office.

He is a senior DeMolay and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he and his wife, Berenice, belong to the Married Couples Group. They have a three year old son, Darin. Golf, woodworking and electronics are hobbies.



Bethel 49

Order Of Job's Daughters

Paulette Worley, Honored Queen

Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Las Palmas Temple, 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 11 - Election

Tues. Nov. 25 - Honoring Parents, Masons and Eastern Star
Installation of Council

Tues. Dec. 9 - Farewell

Tues. Dec. 23 - Installation of Officers



In Memoriam



Masonic funeral services were conducted for ALBERT GEORGE McCLELLAN who died October 26, 1969. He was born December 25, 1897 in Texas and had lived in Fresno since childhood.

Bro. George joined Las Palmas in 1924. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite and the Tehran Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie, and by a daughter, Sue Mancarini and two grandchildren.

I want to share with you some thoughts on Masonry in California. We can be proud of our Masonry - proud in the knowledge that we are in the vanguard in Masonic programs and activities.

We have constructed a magnificent edifice, our Grand Lodge on top of Nob Hill, the most prominent place in San Francisco. This shining white marble Temple, because of your efforts, is debt free, and is a constant reminder that ours is a Fraternity of substance, that it is permanent, and that it will always have the most prominent place in our hearts.

We have provided for our unfortunate Brethren, their widows and orphans, two of the finest facilities which brotherly love can produce. Our home for the elderly at Union City, and our home for children at Covina. We contribute money each year to our endowment fund to assist in the ever increasing costs of maintenance of these two splendid Homes.

We actively engage in support of our public schools, and sponsor programs dedicated to the preservation of our Constitution. We provide leadership and moral support for our youth orders of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters.

We are continually building new Temples, as well as refurbishing and renovating existing Lodge halls. Here is ample evidence that we are successfully engaged in Masonic endeavors, and our sister jurisdictions have noted, and commented favorably, on the scope and variety of our many activities. But today's changing world, as successful as we are, and as great as we believe we are, Masonry is faced with its most formidable and crucial challenge, - the survival of free public education, the cornerstone of our Liberty, the foundation stone of our Republic.

The time has come for you and I as Masons, to take a good hard look at what is happening to the public schools in our country, and particularly in our State. Our public schools are undergoing attack from well organized, minority groups of revolutionary anarchists, whose wanton acts of senseless violence have reached a new depth of depravity. Shamefully enough, in this category California is also in the vanguard. We need to be reminded that it was the filthy speech movement at Berkeley, unchecked by those in authority, which emboldened its perverted degenerates to further acts of vulgarity, - acts which are continuing to plague this great University.

We need to be reminded that the cancerous machinations of these animalistic mobs, have caused hundreds

of thousands of dollars of damage to our schools. Money which you and I will be forced to replace through increase taxes. We need to be aware of the fact that these lawless radicals have been successful in closing some of our schools, two of the most recent being George Washington Carver Junior High School and Jefferson High School - both in the Los Angeles area. And they have succeeded in terrorizing and frightening our faculty members. In fact, at Southwest College, 47 of the 60 faculty members have requested transfer to other schools.

We need to be reminded that our faculties have been infiltrated with Atheists and Communists whose avowed purpose is to demoralize and destroy the religious and moral values of our youth. We need to be awakened to the fact that these vandals, for the most part, are treated very leniently by our Judiciary. A case in point being the Judge who fined 35 hard-core sit-in demonstrators \$25.00 each. They took possession of the Los Angeles Board of Education offices for five days and their crimes consisted of, among others, physical assault and battery, arson, and destruction of public property in excess of \$35,000. The defense attorney told the judge that a community party was planned to raise money for paying the fines of the defendants. There was no announcement that a party has been planned to help the law abiding citizens of the community to defray the \$35,000 cost of restoring the damaged premises.

We need to be informed, that in Hayward, the Unified Teachers Association recently issued a bulletin - quote "Public Schools Week: Hayward Unified Teachers Association recommends that its members *Not* participate in activities of this week, such as decorating rooms, preparing special exhibits or programs, or attending scheduled open houses." unquote.

These are but a few examples of the violence, the terrorism and the many problems which threaten the very existence of our Public Schools.

In 1920, the then Grand Master, Most Worshipful Charles Albert Adams, noted with alarm that more than 18,000 schools in the United States had been closed. In California, 600 were closed and there was a shortage of 1,200 teachers. Realizing the apathy of the general public, the Grand Master proclaimed Public Schools Week and requested that every Lodge hold a meeting which would be open to the public and at which conditions affecting the public schools were to be discussed.

This year, your Grand Master, like his predecessors in office, has issued a similar proclamation, and as Master Masons and members of a fraternity which have always

espoused the cause of our public schools, we have a *duty* and an *obligation* to perform.

Once again our public schools are threatened, and once again *Masonry must meet the challenge!* Masonry has always placed full responsibility on its individual members for the implementation of its desired goals. It is you and I, as individuals, who must get the job done, not our Lodges nor the Grand Lodge. You will never see a monument erected to a Grand Lodge or a constituent Lodge, but there are now, and will be in the future, many monuments erected to Masons as individuals. Masons as individuals have been involved in the formation and the maintenance of our public school system since its inception.

It was DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master of Masons in New York, acting as an individual, who was primarily responsible for the adoption by the State of New York, of a statewide system of public education - one of the first states to do so. Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, acting as an individual, vigorously promoted and rallied support for the establishment of public schools in that state. Today, thousands of Masons are actively engaged in the noble task of educating our youth.

In California, *you and I* have a tremendous investment in our public schools. We have *more* students enrolled in schools than there are *people* in each of 38 states. *More* money is spent on their education than 46 other states appropriate for their entire budgets. We are building 10,000 new classrooms annually, which is more than *twice* as many as any other state. And 42½ cents of every tax dollar is spent on education.

It should be self evident that if for no other than financial reasons, we should be alarmed and concerned about the present trend of events. We can no longer ignore the unpleasant reality, that in addition to burning, ravaging, and laying waste to the physical structures of our educational system, the preachers of anarchy, and the organized assassins of established institutions, have successfully infiltrated, and are now *members* of our faculties, where we have given them academic freedom to practice their insidious attacks upon the minds and the moral character of our nation's youth. As individuals, *we must now stand up and be counted!* As members of the heretofore silent majority, we must now become the vocal, concerned, and active majority. *We must make it unmistakably clear* - that our substantial investment in our public schools and

the youth of our country will not be allowed to "go down the drain."

More than 100 years ago the British Historian, Lord MacAulay, wrote this warning to an American friend: "Your Republic will be fearfully plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the 20th Century, as the Roman Empire was in the 5th, *with this difference* - that the Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own country by your own institutions."

My Brethren, THE HUNS AND VANDALS HAVE BEEN SPAWNED BY OUR OWN INSTITUTIONS!

They are *burning* and *closing* our schools - They are *corrupting* the minds and morals of our young people. It is happening in the United States - it is happening in California and it is happening here in this community. May God grant us the *will to stir from our lethargy* - the energy to activate our minds, our voices and our bodies, - and the *courage* to persevere.

The time is now! The place is here! We must speak out, My Brethren loud and clear, or we may never have the opportunity to be heard again.

May our Supreme Grand Master, in his infinite wisdom, grant that future ages will record that we were equal to the task.

In Memoriam

BRO. ELMER J. SCHMIDT, 78, a former president of the Fresno County Medical Society, died Tuesday, October 28 following a long illness. Funeral services were held on the 31st. He was a native of Seymour, Wis. and a Fresno resident since 1921.

Bro. Elmer served as secretary of the Fresno Co. Medical Society in 1932 and the following year was elected president. He was president of the staff of the County General Hospital and on the staffs of the Community and St. Agnes Hospitals.

Surviving are his widow, Minnie; a son, Robert of Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth D. Mills of Del Mar; three grandchildren and two brothers.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church, Rotary Club, University-Sequoia Sunnyside Club, Las Palmas Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, the Fresno Commandery of Knights Templar, Sciots and the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity.

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. IRA CHINN is in serious condition from recent surgery at the home of his daughter in the L. A. area.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. FRED Wm. SPEARS was born March 23, 1914 in Nashua, Montana. He is a graduate of Havre High School, Havre, Montana and works as an insurance adjuster for Connors Adjusters.

Bro. Fred and his wife, Dorothy, have twin daughters, Linda and Laura age 17 years. He is a member of Retired Air Force Officers Ass'n. and in January 1970 will serve as president of Adjusters of Central California.

Jobs Daughters, fishing, gardening and golf are listed as his hobbies.



Fresno Assembly 51 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Kathy Myers, Worthy Advisor

Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday in Las Palmas Temple, 7:30 pm

Nov. 5 - Reading of Petitions - Jitney dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Bring food for needy family

Nov. 9 - Bowling Party at 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 19 - Balloting - Bring food for needy family, 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 26 - Take food to needy family.

Service project for November - Make tray favors for
Thanksgiving - Collect food a needy family.

Dec. 3 - Initiation, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 13 and 14 - Collect and sell mistletoe - Slumber party



Bethel 243 Order Of Job's Daughters

Athol Wright, Honored Queen

Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Las Palmas Temple, 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 4 - Election

Tues. Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Parade

Tues. Nov. 18 - Council Night

Tues. Nov. 22 - Come as you are Breakfast at the Wright
home 355 No. Manila

Tues. Dec. 2 - Council Installation and Friendship Night

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

"1969 DUES ARE OVERDUE"

Again I must remind our membership who have not paid their 1969 dues, and this comprises approximately 5% of our brethren, that it is imperative you do so without any further delay in order for you to be recorded in good standing in your Lodge.

If there should be any reason you are unable to do so, please let me know in order that I may note this in our records accordingly.

"I shall look forward to hearing from you and to see you in "My Lodge and Yours" - Las Palmas.

Norm Foley, P.M., Secretary



Bethel 197 Order Of Job's Daughters

Susan Patterson, Honored Queen

Meet 2nd and 4th Saturday in Las Palmas Temple, 10 a.m.

Sat. Nov. 8 - Job's meeting, 10:00 a.m. Las Palmas
Election of Officers
Jitney Luncheon at 12:00, 10¢ a dip.

Sat. Nov. 22 - Job's meeting, 10:00 a.m. Las Palmas
Bake Sale

Sat. Dec. 13 - Job's meeting, 10:00 a.m. Las Palmas
Farewell meeting to Susan Patterson
Ice Skating Party at 2:00 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 27 - Installation of Officers and Bethel Choir



Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay Meetings

Monte Doris, Master Councilor

Susan Patterson, Chapter Sweetheart

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

Sat. Nov. 8 - Installation

Sun. Nov. 9 - Councilors' Meeting

Tues. Nov. 11 - Board Meeting

Wed. Nov. 12 - Stated Meeting

Wed. Nov. 26 - DeMolay Degree, Mothers' Club

Nov. 27 to 29 - N. C. D. A. Convention in Fresno