

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

Now that summer is over I presume that all you brethren are rested and "eager to attend" lodge again. We have a good backlog of 1° candidates, which should indicate that our lodge is in a healthy position. If you haven't attended a 1° lately, why don't you come out and see "what happened to you" when you received your degree.



Bro. John Canoose informs us that there is a library of Masonic books that you can check out and read at your leisure; and of course, you must return them when you are finished. The library is at the Scottish Rite Temple and is open to all Masons.

You have probably noticed that our flag is flying at the Temple every day and if you have wondered who is responsible, it is our good Tiler Harvey Wimer. When the flag is at half-mast, it is in remembrance of one of our brethren who has passed on to the celestial lodge above. Thank you, Harvey.

There is a good blood bank plan which is available to all of us. For only \$7.50 you can buy insurance for all the blood you may need for any operation, and if you haven't the \$7.50, a pint of blood will do. For more exact details, contact George Hyatt or Odel Lingerfelt.

The Grand Master's breakfast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, 1972, at the Fresno Masonic Temple. Tickets are available from any officer of the lodge.

Our speaker on Constitution Observance will be Cassandra Dunn, who is the Regional Counsel, Counsel Region IX of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. It will be interesting.

Fraternally

Ralph Saroyan, Master

IN MEMORIAM

Benjamin Wellington Copeland

William Washington Hansen

LeRoy George Ryckman

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Effective this month your officers will again face a very busy schedule for the ensuing 10 months in conferring degrees upon our new candidates. We have quite a calendar to fulfill and your Master and his officers will appreciate your attendance. They work very hard and it is a "labor of love" which they perform for the candidates and the brethren attending; in an excellent ritualistic fashion. Get away from the old "rocking chair" now and then and come out and give them your support. The candidates would appreciate it also and would think you really cared by your attendance. Good fellowship always prevails at "Las Palmas"; enjoy it while you can, for it is "later than you think."



For your information, my annual report to Grand Lodge June 30, 1972 reflected our contributions to the "Masonic Homes" for the year totaling \$2974.50 as being received from 371 of our membership. This is commendable and most certainly contributed to our most worthy cause for those in the twilight years of their lives and also our children within our 2 Masonic Homes in California. Let's make our following year even bigger and better; they are our responsibility and your contributions regardless of their amount, are greatly appreciated by your Lodge and them.

Your Worshipful Master Ralph Saroyan has planned an evening for the annual 25 year pin presentations, to the class of 1947; for Thursday, October 19. Our respected P.M. Harry Buckalew, was our Master in 1947 and he is eagerly looking forward to meeting with his class and to present to them their pins, in commemoration of reaching this milestone in their Masonic lives. Mark your calendars now to attend. Shortly, I will communicate with members receiving their Master Mason degree during 1947; therefore to you brethren, get ready for this "big event".

I will look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in "My Lodge and yours", Las Palmas.

Norm Foley, P.M., Secretary

CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE
MONTH PROCLAMATION

"Our Constitution - A Document for All the People" is a phrase representing the spirit of this year's observance of Constitution Month.

As citizens we tend to become acutely aware of the privileges we enjoy under our form of government when we are involved in national struggles, or when we observe from a distance the internal, social and political problems of other nations. However, the very nature of the freedoms provided by our Constitution tends toward personal complacency and carelessness of attitude concerning the cuts and abrasions caused by the friction of human relationships. We often leave these wounds unguarded to subtle, persistent infection and the siren song of the ever present enemies of our political system.

The need has never been greater for each of us (who are the people the Constitution protects) to be ever grateful for the freedoms we enjoy under our Constitution and to be vigilant in the prevention of its further erosion.

The love for our country should be a concern of all people, but particularly of Masons. Let each of us remember our heritage and exercise this privilege!

I, therefore, proclaim the month of September 1972 to be Constitution Observance Month and direct every Lodge in California and Hawaii to participate in an appropriate observance of the Constitution, and wherever possible to plan an open community type of program in which the theme of patriotism is stressed.

Cordially and fraternally,

Lester S. McElwain
Grand Master



CALENDAR

- Sept. 7 1st degree
Sept. 14 1st degree
Fresno Police Team
Sept. 17 Grand Master's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Fresno Temple
Sept. 18-24 Patriotism Week
Sept. 21 Stated Meeting
Constitution Observance
Dinner with our Dates
Sept. 28 2nd degree

WATCH FRESNO BEE FOR ANY CHANGES

OFFICERS FOR 1972

Worshipful Master	Ralph Saroyan
Senior Warden	Philip Lawrence Lewis
Junior Warden	John Craig Shaw
Treasurer	Dale Franklin Orr
Secretary	Norman Sanford Foley, P.M.
Chaplain	Wallace Raymond Scott
Senior Deacon	Green LeRoy Young
Junior Deacon	Dan Lester Ecklund
Marshal	Bobby C. Bingham
Senior Steward	John Robert Reynolds
Junior Steward	Paul Wyatt Ford
Organist	Paul Chandler Shelly
Tiler	J. Harvey Wimer

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