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of

Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER



Brethren, it has come to my attention that some of our members who have been appointed to the investigating committee are a little lax in this important responsibility. Some are not returning a complete report, and others are not returning the application at all.

Please, my brethren, when you are appointed to this committee, (I assure you that it will be only one time during my term as master) make every effort to attend to this important duty at once. If there is any reason that you will be unable to fulfill this obligation, please return the application immediately so that another brother may make the investigation without holding it over for another month. I am sure that our applicants for degrees and affiliations (as we all once were) are anxiously awaiting the call from our secretary informing them that they have been elected to become a member of Las Palmas Lodge. Only through the applications of good, qualified persons, will we be able to prosper, grow, and extend our Masonic principles throughout the world.

April has been proclaimed Public Schools Month and our committee on Public Schools has arranged for a very well informed guest speaker. Please plan to attend our April "Dinner with our Dates" to hear this brother's remarks. Show him that we all stand solidly for "Public Education — the Foundation of Democracy".

A great big thanks to Brother Edward Carpenter for taking over so graciously while our Secretary, Brother Bob Paden, is on vacation.

The month of April has many special days for all of us, but one day stands out for a special person of Las Palmas Lodge. April 12th will be the 85th birthday of Rachel Browne, our only guest at our Masonic Home at Decoto (Union City), and I am sure that she would welcome many cards and notes showing that we have not forgotten her. Make this a Most Happy Birthday for this wonderful Lady. Her address is: Mrs. Rachel Locke Brown, Masonic Residence, Union City, California 94587.

A Happy Easter to All.

May God Bless.

J. CRAIG SHAW, Master

SPECIAL NOTE: We hope that the delay in returning dues cards for those who paid during the secretary's vacation did not cause any inconvenience.

GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH — APRIL, 1974

"Where There Is No Vision The People Perish"

Vision is the ability to see, to visualize, to have light cast upon a subject or object that it may be brought into focus. Our free public schools system was designed to bring light and knowledge to all children that they may have the vision to know the way, to know their goals.

What other course than free public schools? Public schools with tuition? Private schools with tuition? Parochial schools with tuition? All of which exclude those who cannot pay, thus setting up and perpetuating a distinct society of "have nots" with little opportunity to change their status, a situation man has been striving to eliminate for centuries and one which free public schools eliminate.

Yet, in spite of the merit and advantages of free public education, there are those (both from within and without the system) who would tear down and destroy the free public school system to further their own selfish interests. Free public education and schools are the melting pot of America, without dividing concepts of religion, race, politics, wealth or station in life.

Parents are as much a part of our school system as the teachers and administrators. Parents supply the children to be taught. Administrators and teachers plan and teach the curriculum. The general public, all of us, supply the money. Therefore, parents as well as the teachers and general public are responsible for the welfare and conduct of our public schools.

Masons are involved in all three categories and, therefore, are responsible in all three categories. Our free public schools need your help and support. The administrators and teachers need your help and support. The children need your help and support. To aid you in visiting, learning about and actively supporting the schools of your community, I declare the month of April to be Public Schools Month.

This proclamation is to be read at Stated Meetings prior to your local observance.

RAYMOND A. EBBAGE
Grand Master

Dated: March 8, 1974

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Was just glancing at our record books and find we have 981 members as of March 1st; one is still delinquent for more than 2 years; 27 owe dues for 1973 and 1974 and 202 have not yet paid their 1973 dues. I would like to remind these members in arrears that dues are payable in advance for the year. Anyone owing for 1973 and 1972 may be suspended, so you who do not have a current dues card should start thinking about paying.

There may be some members who are unable to pay their dues. The Masonic Code allows the lodge to remit dues (forgive) for members financially unable to pay, but the lodge must know this and vote on it. Names will not be publicized. Let the office know if you are one of these brothers. The phone number is 268-2303, and the office is open five days a week from 9 a.m. till noon.

Grand Lodge informs us that a group known as "The Universal League of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons" with Harvey N. Brown as secretary, is to be considered a clandestine organization. Membership in this league is in violation of Masonic law and therefore considered to be unmasonic conduct, according to a ruling by Past Grand Master Price.

ROBERT E. PADEN, Secretary

KNOW YOUR SECRETARY

Robert Eugene Paden was born in Sanger, Calif. on October 14, 1908 and attended schools there, graduating from Sanger High School in 1928. That same year he started as an apprentice printer with the Sanger Herald, worked at several other country papers in the valley and purchased a commercial printing plant on Blackstone Avenue in 1934. In 1943 he closed the plant to help in the war effort, serving nearly four years with the Naval Reserve on active duty in the Pacific theater, which ended in late 1945 on Okinawa. Several years were then spent at the Fresno Bee, later completing over 22 years at the Fresno Guide and retired in 1972. Paden is also a member of the Fresno Scottish Rite, Tehran Temple of the Shrine, Temple Guard, Sanger Shrine Club and Central California Research Lodge. He is a 25-year member of Las Palmas Lodge, having been raised in 1947.



OFFICERS FOR 1974

Worshipful Master	John Craig Shaw
Senior Warden	Green LeRoy Young
Junior Warden	Dan Lester Eckland
Treasurer	Dale Franklin Orr
Secretary	Robert Eugene Paden
Chaplain	Wallace Raymond Scott
Senior Deacon	John Robert Reynolds
Junior Deacon	Paul Wyatt Ford
Marshal	Gary Allen Starr
Senior Steward	Bobby Carl Bingham
Junior Steward	Richard Wesley Frey
Organist	Paul Chandler Shelly
Tiler	James Harvey Wimer

Secretary — Robert E. Paden

Lodge 268-2303, Res. 439-9435; Hours 9 am - 12 noon

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Las Palmas DeMolay — 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:30 PM
Bethel 49 Jobs Daughters — 2nd & 4th Tue. 7:30 PM
Bethel 197 Jobs Daughters — 2nd & 4th Sat. 10 AM
Bethel 243 Jobs Daughters — 1st & 3rd Tue. 7:30 PM

CALENDAR

April

- 4 7:30 pm—Second Degree
- 11 7:30 pm—First Degree
- 13 10:00 am—(Saturday) Easter Egg Hunt at Las Palmas parking lot.
- 14 Easter Sunday — Happy Easter to All.
- 18 6:30 pm—Dinner with our Dates.
Reservations please by April 16 —
Phone 486-2923 or 268-2303.
- 7:30 pm—Stated Meeting
- 21 8:15 am—416 Masonic District Officers Breakfast Meeting at the Fresno Temple.
- 25 Dark — Public Schools Week. April 22-26.
Visit the Public School of your choice
- 27 12:00 noon — Bethel 197 Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show — Donation \$1.00
- 27 7:30 pm—Las Palmas DeMolay Installation.

May

- 2 7:30 pm—Third Degree.
Watch the Fresno Bee for possible changes.

IN MEMORIUM

Norman Tate Eichelberger — March 10, 1974

CHIPS OF MASONRY

The town of Joppa, in the Holy Land, dates from the Bronze Age. There are references to it in 18th Dynasty Egyptian inscriptions. It was the port-of-entry for materials sent to Jerusalem by the King of Tyre. It was also the port where Jonah obtained passage on a boat to escape the Lord. The name is now Jaffa and in 1949 it was officially merged with the new city of Tel Aviv.