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



My Brethren:

On March 2nd Esther and I had the pleasure, along with a host of friends of helping our own Jack and Dorothy Renner celebrate their "first" 50 years together.

At our March stated meeting we were honored with the presence of 32 of our widows. I am sure that there were those who for reasons of not having a current address were unintentionally missed. My sincere apologies to those that did not get an invitation. If anyone knows of a widow that is not on our mailing list please bring it to our attention. A big hand to Bro. Roy Gerard, P.M. and Bro. Bob Paden for their efforts on this program.

April is also going to be a busy month, starting with our visitation to Madera Lodge on April 1 attended by about 20 of our brethren, through April 26th and our trip to the Children's Home in Covina. Information on the trip can be obtained by calling Bro. Paul Ford, 222-2687; Bro. Bob at the Lodge, 268-2303; or Bro. Bill Wharton, 431-0591.

As you will notice, our attention is called to a couple of proclamations. On the 14th of April we celebrate the 125th anniversary of Masonry in California. This might be an appropriate time for each of us in our contemplations to reassess the tenants we are taught and rededicate ourselves to the ideals of Masonry.

The week of April 21st through 25th is being observed as Public Schools Week. I urge each of you to make every effort to visit a school of your choice. Bros. Paul Shelly Wally Scott and Vern Walker have a musical program arranged for our stated meeting to be held in the Lodge room.

Our dinners for the past three months have been well attended and another good turnout is expected in April, so keep those reservations coming. Call Mary Perch, 486-2923, or Bob Paden, 268-2303. The menu will be Beef Stroganoff - O.A.O.D.C.P.I.

In my first message I asked for your support. Now I am asking for your blood. On Friday, May 9th, we are hosting a blood donors program at Las Palmas Lodge from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. to replenish our supply at the Blood Bank. The other lodges will be included in this. There will be refreshments. Our prayers and best wishes go out to our sick and distressed. May your recovery be speedy.

Ladies, remember to bring craft materials for instructions.

Fraternally,
GREEN L. YOUNG, W.M.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The end of the first quarter of the year is upon us and there are still 216 members who have not paid their 1975 dues. The by-laws which each one solemnly promised to adhere to when they received their third degree states that dues are payable in advance either annually or quarterly.

There is no provision for members to wait until July or August to pay their dues. Please - everyone - check your last dues receipt and see if you are paid until December 31, 1975.

If not, we will be expecting a check in the mail soon. Next week those in arrears will get a reminder in the mail. This will be the second notice, the first having been sent out last December 1st with the trestleboard for that month.

Most by-laws of lodges and affiliated bodies provide for exclusions from benefits if blue lodge dues are in arrears. Should Grand Lodge decide to enforce this rule, some of our members will be out of touch with their favorite affiliated body until they get into good standing with their lodge. Under no conditions may a delinquent member cast a vote for officers while he is delinquent.

There are many other benefits for a paid-up member, so let us get with it and send in the \$25 for 1975 and be eligible for them should the occasion arise.

DEBITS TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE

Bro. Lewis H. Young
Bro. Robert P. Daggs

CALENDAR

April

- 10 7:30 p.m. Second Degree
17 6:30 p.m. Dinner with Our Dates. Beef Stroganoff, O.A.O.D.C.P.I. Reservations by Wed. Noon please. Call Mary 486-2923, or Bob at 268-2303. Public School program.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting
20 8:15 a.m. 416th Dist. Breakfast, Las Palmas Lodge.
24 Dark. Visit our public schools
26 7:00 a.m. Trip to Children's Home, Covina, Cal.

May

- 1 7:30 p.m. Third Degree
8 7:30 p.m. Second Degree
9 3:00 p.m. Blood Donor's Program

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH — APRIL 1975

The Fifty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of a Public Schools Observance by the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of California again focuses our attention on the vital need for the Masons of this jurisdiction to support our state system of public education.

The future strength of America lies in its public schools and the dedicated men and women who have the responsibility for educating our American youth — the leaders of tomorrow.

We should be constantly aware of the continuous efforts of legislative and organizational attempts to trespass on the principles of our public educational system. A system designed to furnish the highest degree of education to every American, regardless of race, creed or religion. A system designed to be completely devoid of partisan influence or religious dogmas.

I, therefore, proclaim the month of April 1975, as Public School Month and the theme selected for this annual Observance will be

“Public Schools — Freedom’s First Frontier”.

I further direct that:

All Constituent Lodges in California and Hawaii actively participate in an appropriate Public Schools Program.

The suggestions offered by the Public Schools Committee be followed wherever possible.

No Lodge meetings be held during this month for purposes other than the local observation of Public Schools Month with the exception of Stated Meetings.

Publicity be given Public Schools Month in the trestleboards of Constituent Lodges.

This Proclamation be read at the March and April Stated Meetings of every Lodge.

BURTON MEYER, JR.
Grand Master

PROCLAMATION

125th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of California

Although the observance of the 125th Anniversary of its formation will, officially, be a part of the 1975 Communication, it seems appropriate that recognition should be taken of the actual occurrence of our 125th birthday.

The formation of this Grand Lodge on April 19, 1850, makes it appropriate that official recognition should be given at this time.

The five Lodges which accomplished that formation were unique in one particular respect:

Each had not become active until the initial

members thereof had settled hundreds of miles away from the seat of the Jurisdiction which had issued their respective dispensations and charters.

Three of these Lodges were activated on the basis of charters which had been issued by the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Connecticut, and Missouri respectively. The significant fact is that no formal meetings of these three groups had occurred until they met at their designated location in California and perfected the organization.

On April 14, 1950, the 100th Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, Grand Master Ellsworth Meyer made an address covering a century of Masonry in California which was broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting network. The material of that address is found on page 40 of the 1950 Proceedings and is of importance as a summary of what had transpired.

It is my direction that this Proclamation and the first page of Brother Meyer's address be read at the April 1975 Stated Meeting of each Lodge in this Jurisdiction and that it be printed in the April Lodge Bulletins wherever possible.

BURTON MEYER, JR.
Grand Master



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All Master Masons Raised in 1975

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