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A Message from the Master



My Brethren:

At the Screening Committee, a prospective candidate for the degrees of Masonry will often answer the question of why he wants to become a mason with: "Because Bill Jones, the man who signed my application is the type of person that I would like to get to know better and

associate with." Brethren this is quite a recommendation and speaks quite highly of our members; yet when the applicant receives his degrees his top line signers are not present in the Lodge. Brethren, if for some reason you are unable to attend the degree of a man whose application you have signed, let him know and try to make the next one.

On November 11th there will be a free dinner for our members; followed by a third degree put on by our Past Masters. Reservations are a must; so please call Bob Paden at 268-2303 so that we will know how many will be attending the dinner. The time of the dinner is 6:30 p.m.

Rachel Brown wanted me to tell you that she is doing very well and to wish you a happy holiday season.

Our Stated Meeting in November will again feature our Turkey Dinner and reservations are a must so call Bob Paden at 268-2303 or Mary Perch at 486-2923.

Fraternally
DAN ECKLAND, W.M.

From the West

Brother Robert Patrick McNamara received the Third Degree on Sept. 2, 1976. Brother George William Blake received his Third Degree on Sept. 9, 1976 and Brother Victor Sark Sahatdjan received his Third Degree on Sept. 30, 1976.

Brother Cecil Hurst received his Third Degree on Sept. 22, 1976 at Center Lodge.

Brothers Taro Katagiri and Peter Regensdorf received their First Degrees on the 23rd of September, 1976.

I would like to thank the Brethern for making it possible for me to attend Grand Lodge in San Francisco this year. Thank You Brethern.

Fraternally
JOHN REYNOLDS

From the South

I wish to thank the Officers and Members for the honor of representing our Lodge at the Grand Lodge Annual Communications.

It was nice to see all the Grand Lodge Officers dressed in Colonial style with white wigs. This was very appropriate for our Bicentennial year.

It would please me very much if all candidate coaches, who are working with candidates on their proficiencies, would work more with them. We need candidates for degrees.

Fraternally,
PAUL FORD

OUR NEW MARSHAL

John Herring

Born in Kansas City, Mo., he was raised in Reedley, California. He attended public schools and graduated from Reedley High and then to Fresno City College. He received his teaching Credentials from University of California at Berkeley thru Calif. State Fresno.

He is employed with the Fresno Police Department and has been since 1966. He is currently in Community Relations work for the Department. In addition to the Police work he is also employed by Reedley Junior College as a teacher in the Administration of Justice Department. He has been there for four years.

John is married and has three children. His wife, Donna is employed as a bookkeeper for McMahons Furniture. The children, Lisa, 9, John, 6, and Susanne, 2, all attend school in Fowler.

The Herring family enjoys camping, water skiing and travel in general. They also raise beef cattle and horses at their home in the country.

The Herring family is involved in the Masonic family. Donna is the Worthy Matron of La Sierra Chapter No. 555 O.E.S. John is also a member and is a trustee of the chapter. John is a member of Las Palmas Lodge No. 366 and belongs to the Fresno Scottish Rite.

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Milton Jones, Sr., P.M.

Harold Robert Fine

Calendar

October

28 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. — Second Degree

November

4 Thurs. Dark: Visitation to Clovis Lodge 7:30

11 Thurs. "Past Masters Nite"

6:30 p.m. Free Lodge Dinner to Members

7:30 p.m. 3rd Degree — Stephen R. Collins

18 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates.

Reservations please. Call Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.

7:30 p.m.—Stated meeting with 50 year pin presentation.

25 Thurs. Dark — Thanksgiving

Secretary's Corner

DUES ARE PAYABLE

Attention, Members

Enclosed with this month's trestleboard is an envelope printed in blue, furnished by the Masonic Homes Endowment Board, for lodge use as a dues bill. At the same time the Homes Board reminds us it is time to make our annual contribution to the endowment fund.

Last year we received phone calls telling us that the bill for dues was not received. Now that we know what the dues bill looks like, there should be no excuse for not finding it.

Life members will receive the same envelope without the amount of dues entered on it. This is for contributions to the Masonic Homes only. Life Membership dues receipts are also enclosed with this trestleboard, so those entitled to the same are asked to look for their membership card.

Sojourners, widows and candidates also will receive the same envelope as Life Members. It is to be used for their contributions. Delinquent members will find two years' dues stamped on their envelope and should promptly mail in their dues for 1976 and 1977. Next February delinquents will be contacted the last time before the lodge considers their suspension for non-payment.

At our last Stated Meeting 15 members of the class of '51 were presented 25 year pins.

This was part of the class raised during the term of Norm Foley, P.M. deceased. Originally there were 50. We lost 13 to the G.:.A.:O.:T.:U.: There are 37 still with us.

The presentation was made by Wayne Hearn, P.M. He did an excellent job as usual.

HOW DID WE GET OUR NOTION OF THANKSGIVING?

It evolved in the Puritan towns of New England in something in the way English puddings evolved into American pies. By the Revolution the Thanksgiving tradition of roast turkey, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce and prayer was fixed in New England. But the date wasn't; each town chose its own time.

A nation-wide Thanksgiving Day was an innovation of President Abraham Lincoln's. In giving the whole country the holiday of New England, he followed George Washington's choice of date — the last Thursday in November. 1789 had been a "Thanksgiving" for the adoption of the new Constitution.

Lincoln proclaimed "Thanksgiving" in 1863 largely at the insistence of New Englander Sarah J. Hale. She had been promoting the idea during 36 years as a writer and editor. Issued in October the proclamation reminded fellow citizens everywhere of blessings enjoyed in spite of civil war and urged them to pray fervently for the restoration of "peace, harmony, tranquility and union.

Year after year Presidents have renewed the Thanksgiving Holiday. Year after year the New England menu and the Pilgrim myth fixed themselves in the national heart. This year is no different. Is Thanksgiving in your heart?