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A Message from the Master



Happy New Year Brethren on this the first year of the second 200 years of our nation. I wish to thank the Brethren for their vote of confidence in electing me Master for the ensuing Masonic year. I look forward to 1977 as another prosperous year for Las Palmas Lodge and its members. I would like to thank everyone who helped make our 73rd Installation of Officers a success.

I have appointed Brother Eldon Cole as Marshal and Brother Frank Wright as our new Tiler. I would also like to thank Brother Harvey Wimer who is retiring as Tiler after many years of service; thank you Brother Harvey for a job well and faithfully done.

The 416th Officers and Wardens Association will meet at Clovis Lodge on the 16th of January, 1977 at 8:15 A.M., for Breakfast, election of Officers, and preparation for Public Schools Observance. Officer attendance is mandatory.

Fraternally,
JOHN R. REYNOLDS, W.M.

From the West



I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. Speaking of a New Year, it is here, and we have some new officers and some old ones — to the New Officers, Welcome.

Brother Ben Schaeffer will continue as Chairman of our Candidate Coaching Staff and Brother Jimmie Jones will be his Co-Chairman. Congratulations my Brethren. The Candidate Coaching Staff is one of the most important Com-

mittees in keeping our Lodge No. 1 in degree work, proficiencies and keeping our Candidates moving along in other respective degrees.

Any Brother who is in need of a Coach, please contact Brother "Big Ben" at 229-0224; Brother Jim at 224-7161 or me at 222-2687 and will see that you are assigned a coach.

Fraternally,

PAUL FORD
Senior Warden

From the South

As we start a new year in the Lodge, we also start a new year for the Refreshment Committee. I wish to thank the Brethren who have agreed to serve on this committee for the coming year. Mike Reynolds will serve as Chairman for all 3rd Degrees and Larry Thull as Chairman for all 2nd Degrees. Both of these Brothers served in this capacity during the past year and did an outstanding job. Don Hoskins will be Refreshment Chairman for all First Degrees. Assisting these brothers will be Ted Kitamura, and all newly raised Master Masons.

Any other brother who can help in the kitchen on degree nights will be welcomed. Again, I would like to thank these Brethren for their assistance. It is greatly appreciated. During the coming year I will be looking forward to the good fellowship, both in the Lodge and in the banquet room.

Fraternally,

BOB BINGHAM, J.W.

From the Secretary



First of all, let me thank all the members for their vote of confidence by electing me to be your secretary for another year. I thoroughly enjoy the work and hope I am satisfying everyone in the office. I have previous to the first elected term served with the Navy Reserve at the training center here in Fresno about twenty-two years in the same type of work, so it is nothing new to me.

To those who have not learned of it, the office is kept open from little after 8 a.m. til noon each working day. If there is anything you need or want me to do, I will help you as much as possible. This appertains to membership records and personnel accounting only. If you wish services from one of the committees, I will help you make contact with the appropriate person.

Dues and contributions to the Masonic Homes have been coming in real well. This will help relieve the work load of trying to collect the dues until August or September. If you have not paid yet, please try to do so soon. Dues are payable on or Before January 1 each year. After that date they will be in arrears. Those who did not pay dues for 1976 yet will be delinquent on January 1. In February the Dues Committee will review the records and those who neglected to pay last year will probably be suspended from active membership.

Perhaps some have not paid because they cannot afford to. If the committee finds this out, it will be reported to the lodge and recommend the dues be remitted. This keeps a member's dues current and he has the same standing in the lodge as one who has paid. Those who are delinquent are aware of it, because it is a Grand Lodge law that they receive a bill the first of each quarter as a reminder.

Calendar

January, 1977

- 6 [Thurs.]—Dark; 7:30 p.m. Officers Installation Practice
- 8 [Sat.] 8:00 p.m.—Installation of Officers; Reception following
- 13 [Thurs.] 7:30 p.m.—2nd Degree; Dubia
- 16 [Sun.] 8:15 a.m.—416th Masonic District Officers and Wardens Breakfast; Clovis Lodge, Election.
- 20 [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. 50-year pin presentation by our Inspector Worshipful Sam Pavlovich.
- 27 [Thurs.] 7:30 p.m.—First Degree; Ovoian

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- 3 [Thurs.] 7:30 p.m.—Second Degree
- 10 [Thurs.] 7:30 p.m.—Third Degree
- 17 [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
- 24 [Thurs.] 7:30 p.m.—Officers School of Instruction by Worshipful Sam Pavlovich, Inspector 416th Masonic District.

Please check your dues receipt if you can't remember if you paid. If you are not paid to December 31, 1977, you are delinquent.

BOB PADEN, Secretary

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from a letter received by your editor October 5th, 1961 from Bro. Gilbert B. Brook Sr. (deceased), a member of Lodge El Sol Naciente, Aruba, Netherlands, Antilles. We feel it bears repeating.

Today's Challenge to Free Masonry

The Ancient and Honorable Order of Free and Accepted Masons of today has an unparalleled opportunity to be of service to all mankind—the kind of service which I believe our Masonic Forefathers intended that this Great Universal Brotherhood should and would provide.

That of bringing together men of good repute and good intentions, to teach by action, word and example those great principles and ideals which good men of all ages, races, nationalities and religious beliefs have held most important in their lives.

These principles and ideals embrace freedom of thought, speech and religious worship for each and every single individual, as well as charity in its broader aspects—not just the charity of giving to the poor and hungry, but also that charity which is ever ready to write our brother's faults on the shifting sands of time and his virtues on tablets of enduring marble.

I have not mentioned freedom of action because I believe that the Free Mason who truly LIVES UP TO THE TEACHINGS AND TENETS OF OUR Noble Order will find that his actions are prescribed by the very things which we are taught—that he is not free to act other than on the square.

We will remember that we are taught to use one of the working tools of Masonry, to divest our minds and hearts of all vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting our bodies as a living stone for the building of That House not made with hands Eternal in the Heavens.

We are taught to use another of the tools of Masonry to circumscribe our desires and passions and keep them in due bounds with all mankind and especially the brother Mason; the true brother Mason always acting on the square and living according to the teachings of Free Masonry will find that he cannot act other than that prescribed in his Masonic belief and teachings.

Yes, every brother must live and act in such a manner that all the world will know that here is a man, a good man who is willing to give all other men the same rights and privileges that he takes for himself, in the field of thought, speech and religious beliefs and customs—just so long as they do not infringe upon the rights and privileges of others, just so long as they are in keeping with the belief in the universality of the fatherhood of the Great Architect of the Universe and in the universality of the brotherhood of Man.

Before the Mother Grand Lodge was formed in England, history tells us that all Masons were expected to practice the religious beliefs and customs of the countries in which they lived. The belief that I hold is stated in the old Charges which were presumably adopted by the Mother Grand Lodge at its formation in 1717. I quote from the old charge on Religion. "Tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves. That is to be a good man and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished. Whereby Masonry becomes the center of union and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance."