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From the East



I wish to thank all my Brethren for their attendance at our March 2 meeting. It made my special, special night just perfect, and also for my son, who received his first degree.

I also wish to thank all who were present at our Dinner on March 16th to honor our Masonic Widows. They are a special group of ladies to us. The better I get to know them, the more I love and respect them as part of our Masonic family.

A special thanks to the Brethren who attended the meeting on March 9 and saw our Las Palmas Chapter put on the DeMolay Degree. They were just super and put on a very fine degree. Watching these young men perform reassures us that the future of our country will be in good hands. One of the candidates was David Gordon, the son of our Right Worshipful Vernon L. Gordon, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of F & AM of California and Hawaii.

The Fresno Unified School District has proclaimed April 24th through 27th as Public Schools Week. I usrge each of you to visit the school of your choice and let them know we, as Masons, do care and do support them.

Fraternally,
PAUL FORD, Master

From the West



At the February Stated Meeting the following Brethren were presented with Masonic Bibles: George Blake, Larry Duba, Roger Kite, Delmer Moore, Joe Phillips, James Watson, Jimmie Jones, and Gary Ovoian. It has been a custom for many years at Las Palmas to present Bibles to

those Brethren who have passed their Third Degree proficiencies. The Bible presentation was made by Brother Jim Kleinknight. Congratulations to these Brethren.

Also congratulations to the following Brethren on receiving their degrees and passing their proficiencies.

On February 23, 1978 Brothers Raymond Miksch and Eugene Landucci passed their Second Degree proficiencies. They were examined by Brother Green Young, P.M. Following the proficiencies, Brother Landucci received his Third Degree. On March 2, 1978 Charles Edward Alstrom, Alexander Georgian and Phillip Craid Ford all received their First Degree.

Fraternally,
BOBBY C. BINGHAM
Senior Warden

From the South

Once again I must compliment our refreshment chairman. Everything has been good, very good. Our fine Brother Peter Rebensdorf is continually supplying us with his goodies. Maybe he is just keeping his hand in or practicing new methods. Be that as it may, Bro. Pete, for gosh sakes keep it up; our mid-ribs are swelling but our stomachs are swell.

We had a fine turnout of brothers at the last first degree, and as planned, we used the slides. Your comments are welcomed. It's for the good of the order, you know. We want to make our work just as good as we possibly can.

RICHARD FREY, Jr. Warden

IN MEMORIAM

	Raised	Died
Charles Oliver Stephenson	5-2-63	2-24-78
John Gebelin, Jr.	4-1-54	unknown
Thomas Wilbur McClosky	5-12-38	3-3-78
Myron Merrill Haney	10-4-45	3-16-78

From the Secretary

Las Palmas Lodge has a number of members living in various parts of the world and have been out of touch with us for some time. We also have members ask about them. We would appreciate very much to hear from these distant members occasionally. A few have attached notes to their dues checks telling of illnesses and other matters. It would be nice to hear from all members who do not attend lodge regularly. We are really interested in them, even if they are well and happy. This sort of news is good to hear also.

Several members have lost touch with the lodge and we cannot get mail to them. Steve G. Ballas formerly received mail at 5095 N. Van Ness Blvd., in Fresno. The post office returns it to us as "undeliverable". James D. Pinnell and John R. Telesco are giving us the same sort of trouble. Rufus T. Price has moved from Villa Crest Drive in El Cajon. If anyone can help us get new addresses for these members we would like to have a phone call at the lodge office some morning. Some dues are in arrears and we can't notify them of this if we can't get mail to them. If they are more than a year in arrears they will be delinquent and subject to suspension. This we don't wish to happen, but Grand Lodge laws must be observed.

Members who have not yet paid 1978 dues will be getting a notice in the mail after March 1st to remind them of their obligation. The by-laws state dues are payable on or before January 1 each year. We note some members pay on the anniversary of their membership. This is not according to the law of our lodge. Wives who take care of this matter for members should be informed of the proper date to pay dues.

BOB PADEN, Secretary

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH — APRIL 1978

"BUILDING TOMORROW TODAY"

Many years ago, the American Public Schools shook off the dogmatism of the old world to grow and bear precious new fruit in the free soil of this nation.

Today, our Public Schools face new challenge and threat. The concept that Public Schools should be paid for and run by the people, free to every boy and girl in the land, is one that must be constantly defended and protected. It is a concept that must be supported financially and by persistent personal effort. California Masons inaugurated Public Schools Week in the 1920's to call attention to the functions and needs of the Public Schools. Since that time, we have been constant and energetic in our support.

A United States Supreme Court Justice said, "The Public School is at once the symbol of our democracy and the most persuasive means for promoting our common destiny." He might have added, "...and the sure training ground from which to build tomorrow — today!"

My Brethren, as the twig is bent, so will the tree incline, and for that reason, I proclaim April 1978, to be *Public Schools Month* throughout California and Hawaii. I direct each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to arrange with the schools in its area a mutually acceptable week during April in which to hold appropriate local ceremonies and programs.

So vital is the need of the Public Schools for our support that I further direct that no other Lodge programs or meetings, Stated Meetings excepted, be held during the designated week if they conflict with local school programs.

I ask that this Proclamation be read in each Lodge at the April Stated Meeting and, wherever possible, that this Proclamation be reprinted and distributed to the members of each Lodge.

Is *your* participation important? Heed well the words of former Chaplain of the United States Senate, "I am only one, still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

Fraternally yours,
DONALD B. McCAW
Grand Master

Calendar

April

- 6 Thurs., 7:30 p.m., 3rd Degree, Ray Miksch
- 13 Thurs., 7:30 p.m., 3rd Degree, Jack Bennett
- 15 Sat., 12:30 p.m. 3rd Degree, Jim Hall. This is our trip to "Columbia Historical Masonic Temple". Transportation, round trip by bus \$10.00. We will accept reservations until noon April 10. We now have almost two buses filled. Come on, let's make it three. Make reservations with Bob Paden.
- 16 Sunday, 8:15 a.m., 416th Masonic District Officers Association Breakfast and Meeting. Cedar Lanes. Officers attendance required.
- 20 Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Roast Beef Dinner with our Dates. Reservations a must. Phone Bob Paden, 268-2303 or Mary Perch, 486-2923. Public School Program, our speaker will be Mr. Pete C. Mehas, Asst. Superintendent, Clovis Unified School District. Also, 50 year pin presentation.
- 7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.
- 27 Thurs., 7:30 p.m. First Degree

From the Ladies

The ladies of the Las Palmas Widows Club enjoyed a beautiful evening on March 16th. A delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by the Las Palmas Dates and served by their brothers.

Mr. Paul Ford, Master of Las Palmas Lodge, welcomed the ladies who were guests at the fourth annual dinner, honoring the widows of Las Palmas and associate members whose husbands were members of other Blue Lodges.

Mr. Green Young, lodge chairman of this group, gave a brief history of the club and presented Leona Comstock, the first and past president, with a certificate in honor of her unselfish work and development of this club.

Each guest was introduced and presented with a beautiful red rose, a gift from Las Palmas Lodge.

Mrs. Sue Collins who is from the Home in Union City, gave an informative and interesting talk on admission to the Home.

The widows thoroughly enjoyed the evening and extend their thanks to the Las Palmas Lodge for a wonderful dinner and entertainment which was a tremendous success. The associate members, especially, thank Las Palmas Lodge for inviting them to this lovely affair.

Next meeting at Cedar Lanes, Monday, April 3rd, 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULINE HART

LAS PALMAS ORDER OF DE MOLAY CALENDAR

- 27 Tues., 7:30 p.m. Advisory Council meeting, Master Masons needed on the Council.
- 5 Wed., 7:30 p.m. DeMolay Meeting.
- 19 Wed., 7:30 p.m. DeMolay Meeting.
- 22 Sat., 7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers, open to the public. Refreshments and dance to follow.