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From the East



I wish to thank the Officers and members for the nice "Get Well Card." It made me feel better just to receive it, and with so many brothers signing it. It "almost" pays to be under the weather when you can receive such an expression of thoughtfulness.

Group discussions are now being held in all three degrees. Those newly initiated, passed and raised Brothers will receive cards. Please attend, these meetings are for your enlightenment. It's a good time to get your questions answered.

Fraternally

Paul Ford
Worshipful Master

From the West



Vacation time is over and the officers are back to work in their advanced stations. The following degrees and proficiencies have been performed since their return.

On August 24th, the following Brethren took their proficiencies. Brother Bob Wendel examined Brother Lee French in the First Degree and he was found to be proficient. Passing their Second Degree proficiencies were Brothers Shirop Minabe, Charles Alstrom and Phillip Craig Ford. They were examined by Brother Bill Taylor. Brothers Pete Rebensdorf, Edwin Ridenauer and Ray Miksch passed their Third Degree proficiencies. They were examined by Brother Green Young, P.M.

On September 7th, Brother Charles Alstrom was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On September 14, Brother Jack SDeymour and Willard Miller passed their First Degree proficiencies. They were examined by Howard Boardman. Following this, Brothers Willard Miller and Lee French

received their Second Degrees.

Congratulations to all these Brethren. We have many more degree nights coming up, so come out and join us.

Fraternally,

Bobby C. Bingham
Senior Warden

From the South



Every fall sees a change in Las Palmas Lodge. This change occurs when the officers take their "advance stations". Last fall I advanced to Jr. Warden and started showing color slides with the First Degree lecture. I am pleased to announce that the next Jr. Warden, Bro. Gary Starr will continue with the same program.

If you have not seen this program you have missed a lot. This can be rectified by attending a first degree.

Bro. Pete Pebensdorf is in the habit of baking too many cookies and pastries for refreshments (bless him). Rather than freeze them we sold them at Lodge cost to the Brothers in attendance. Bro. Pete has assured me he will occasionally oversupply with pastries and such goodies. Your attendance on the right night may be rewarded with goodies at cost.

Fraternally,

Richard Frey,
Jr. Warden

From the Secretary



One of the most beneficial things that can happen to a lodge of masons is the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund, which we are expected to contribute to each year. This fund was created to help lodges like Las Palmas help members who can no longer help themselves.

Last year we contributed nearly \$4,000 to this fund and Grand Lodge helped three persons for us. At present one widow is living in the home at Union City and a man and wife are at Valley Convalescent Home in Fresno.

Presently it costs \$815 a month for a person to live at the home and stay healthy. If they are in a skilled nursing facility it costs \$1,325 a month. Now let's figure how much we would have to pay as a lodge to care for these three persons.

Twelve months at the Home would cost \$9,780.00. Two persons at a convalescent hospital would be \$15,900 each or \$31,800 for both, making a total cost to the lodge last year of \$41,580. We can readily see how impossible this would have been for us as an individual lodge.

This all leads to contributions by members when they pay their dues for 1979. Bills will be mailed out about the first week in November, as usual. Each one should search his conscience and see if he can contribute something toward this worthy cause. Last year an average of about 40% of the membership made contributions. They simply added a few extra dollars to their check for dues and it was credited to the Endowment fund. Some didn't even tell us to. Everything over \$25 for dues was assumed to be a gift to the Masonic Homes.

We hope a larger percentage of members will be able to help next year. If we used all our dues for charity last year we would have been broke about the middle of June. We can think of no other investment which helps others as much as these small contributions.

Bob Paden, *Secretary*

Calendar

October

5 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree, Shiro Minabe.

12 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree.

19 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Reservations a must! Phone Bob Paden 268-2303 or Mary Perch 486 2923.

7:30 p.m. Stated meeting
25 yr. pin presentation.

26 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree.

30 Mon. 7:30 p.m. Pre-exam. All degrees.

31 Tues. 7:30 p.m. Proficiencies. All Degrees

November

2 Thurs. Past Masters Nite
Dinner Las Palmas Members only.
6:30 Roast Beef.
7:30 Third Degree conferred by Past Masters. A Big Night. All Master Masons welcome.

Special Dates

Oct. 5 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Club Room. 1° Discussion Group. All Entered Apprentices please attend. Master Masons and Fellowcraft welcome.

Oct. 12 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Club Room. 3° Discussion Group. Tentative M.M. only.

Oct. 26 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Club Room. 2° Discussion Group. All Fellowcraft please attend. M.M. welcome.

These meetings are IMPORTANT. Come prepared to ask questions.

From the Las Palmas Ladies

An excellent attendance started the activities of the Las Palmas Widows Club with plenty of vim, vigor and fun. The president, Mattie Ivy, opened the meeting, followed by self-introductions of guests and members. Mrs. Ivy read a different version of the Lords Prayer and extended a warm welcome to all.

Evelyn Miksch the treasurer, reported a balance of \$291.93 on hand. Our President stated that it would be nice to increase our funds so that a substantial amount can be given to the Guide Dogs for the Blind, which is our project.

Mr. Green Young presented a widow's Certificate to Mrs. Ethel Young. This Certificate is recognized anywhere in the world by other masons.

A trip to Grand Lodge is being planned for October ninth with a boat trip to Tihuron for the next day. Those who do not wish to make the boat trip can stay in San Francisco. Reservations for this trip must be made with Mattie Ivy no later than September 29th with a down payment of \$25.00.

The next meeting will be on October second at the Woods Mobilhome Park Club House, 1001 Sylmar, Clovis at 12:30 for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Hart

*My life shall touch a dozen lives,
Before this day is done;
Leave countless marks for good,
Ere sets the evening sun.
So this wish I always wish,
The prayer I ever pray;
Lord may my life help other lives
It touches along the way.*

Author Unknown.

A Master Mason no doubt wrote the above lines. It's an excellent pattern for all of us.

This inscription was found on an old brass square under the foundation of an ancient bridge near Limerick, Ireland in 1830. On it was inscribed the date 1517.

STRIVE TO LIVE WITH LOVE AND CARE
UPON THE LEVEL, BY THE SQUARE.