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of

*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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From the East



I thank the Brethren for their attendance at our meetings. The attendance has been good, but it can be improved even more. Remember, call up and invite a Brother who has not attended in a while to attend with you.

At our March dinner we will be honoring our Las Palmas Widows Club. The Lodge is proud of this club and the success it has shown. Congratulations the ladies and officers of this group, and to Brother Green Young, for helping make it a success.

As you know, Public Schools Week will be coming up in April. In the meantime, we should all be thinking about what we can do to help public education. It needs our support.

Future dates to mark on your calendar are April 5th and April 21st. On April 5, Las Palmas will be holding its first "Layman's Night" dinner. This is an opportunity for the Brethren to invite Non-Masons who would like to know more about Masonry. Be sure to call Bob Paden for reservations.

April 21st will be the date of our trip to the "Columbia Historical Masonic Temple". Brother Green Young is in the process of preparing the package for the trip. Reservations can be made by calling Bob Paden at 268-2303. Ladies and friends are welcome.

Fraternally,

Bobby C. Bingham, Master

From the West

My words of advertising for life membership in Las Palmas Lodge did not go unheard. Since I first brought your attention to this subject, a total of five brothers have joined the ranks of *Life Members*. This also means that the lodge will benefit each year from the interest that is earned on this additional \$2,600.00.

Last month I mentioned the upcoming *Layman's Night*. It is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 1979. There will be a free dinner for all persons in attendance.

The purpose of this Layman's Night is twofold. First, it will give a brother an opportunity to introduce a worthy friend or relative to Las Palmas and to the general principles of freemasonry. We are not permitted to ask a qualified man to join our institution, but we can and should acquaint him with the teachings of our fraternity.

Most of us joined the lodge without any idea of what masonry was about. In retrospect, if we had known what the teachings are at an earlier stage, we probably would have asked to join long before we did.

The second purpose of Layman's night is to reacquaint our own members, who do not attend on a regular basis, with the teachings and benefits of freemasonry.

Place the date of April 5, 1979 on your calendar and ask that worthy friend or relative to join you at Las Palmas for a most tasteful dinner and interesting evening. **SEE YOU ON THE FIFTH!**

Fraternally,

Richard W. Frey, Sr. Warden

From the South

I would like to thank all the officers and brothers who called and came by while I was sick. The cards and plant was appreciated. I now realize how much this means to a person to be remembered during a spell of illness. If you know of a brother who is sick, please call on them and also let your lodge know so we can send them a card and announce their illness. Also, I would like to thank the Refreshment Committee on the wonderful job they are doing. We can always use more help in the kitchen. Please call us at 298-3850 if you can help.

Fraternally

Gary Starr

PROCLAMATION

YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTH

MARCH 1979

TO: All Masonic Lodges in California and Hawaii

Dear Brethren:

"Youth is a period of building up in habit, and hopes, and faith. Not an hour but is trembling with destinies; not a moment, once passed, of which the appointed work can ever be done again..."

—*Ruskin*

Our Masonic responsibility to the young men of the Order of DeMolay, the young women of the International Order of Job's Daughters and the Rainbow for Girls, is not only traditional but is also a vital privilege which calls for the participation of every one of us. Indeed, in the formative years of adolescence, not an hour is but trembling with destinies!

We must make certain our youth have the proper tools of ethics and character with which to shape the future structure of our society. That must be our gift to them.

Their gift to us is even more precious. They enlarge our hearts, make us unselfish; they give our souls higher aims, and call forth from us our best faculties of enterprise and exertion.

My Brethren! Today and every day is the moment of our appointed work. I call upon you to assist our Masonic Youth Groups in any way that you can. Attend their meetings. Offer your personal support. Give that extra hour. Walk that extra mile. Your active expression of sincere interest is vital!

Ruskin also reminds us to "consider what heavy responsibilities lie upon you in your youth, to determine, among realities, by what you will be delighted, and, among imaginations, by whose you will be led."

Knowing that each Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction will, out of his sense of duty, the clarity of his own imagination, and the willingness of his heart, fulfill this Masonic privilege and responsibility,

I proclaim the Month of March, 1979, to be
YOUTH ACTIIVITES MONTH
and direct this Proclamation to be read at

Stated Meetings held during February and March, 1979. I further direct that each Lodge send a copy of this Proclamation to each of its members or reproduce it in its Trestleboard.

Fraternally,

Donald G. Ingalls
Grand Master

Dated: January 24, 1979

Calendar

March

- 1 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree
- 8 Thurs. 7:00 p.m. third Degree
- 9 Fri. 7:30 p.m. Officers School of Instruction, Las Palmas Temple, Second Degree, Officers attendance required
- 11 Sun. 8:15 a.m. 418th Dist. Officers Association Breakfast, Cedar Lanes.
- 15 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Difes. Reservations a must. Call Marcy Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting
- 2 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree
- 27 Tue. 8:00 p.m. Candidate Coaches School of Instruction, Scottish Rite Temple
- 29 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First egree

April

- 5 Thurs. Layman's Night

LAS PALMAS CHAPTER TO HAVE SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Sunday, March 11, Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay will sponsor a spaghetti dinner in the banquet room of the lodge, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is one of the ways the boys have of making money to run the chapter during the year. The price is just \$2.50 a plate, which is much less than at commercial restaurants, and is guaranteed to satisfy all.

Tickets for the dinner are available from all DeMolay boys and members of the advisory board. The boys will be calling at all meetings in the Las palmas Temple to offer tickets for sale.

Builders of the Temple

Your Temple Association that oversees the management and maintenance of Las Palmas Masonic Temple is pleased to report that several more brethren have become true "Builders of the Temple" through their contributions of services and materials for their betterment of the lodge facilities.

Brother Jake Cannon and Kay Cloud donated and installed the new fluorescent lamps in the lounge.

Brother Jim Kleinknight recently furnished custodian Bro. Estle Brown with a fine set of maintenance tools.

Bro. Dick Stanton did a fine job of painting the outside doors that had been metal clad for protection.

Bro. Estle Brown was recently complimented by the District Fire Prevention Officer on his inspection of the premises for having the best maintained and cared for building in his district.

We wanted you to know, and that these interests are appreciated by all the brethren. Current activities of the association include accepting and reviewing bids for replacement of the Temple roof. It is now 17 years old and needs attention. We are also looking for bids to prune the "Palms of Las Palmas" as they are crowding the roof and have dead fronds.

Ed Carpenter, P.M.
V.P. LPMBA

ADVISORY BOARD OF LAS PALMAS CHAPTER, ORDER OF DeMOLAY

Bob Stinecipher, membership advisor of the chapter is seeking to compile a list of at least 100 boys whom the boys can contact and invite to a "Prospect" night and explain the advantages and rewards for belonging to an organized youth group.

There are probably prospective DeMolays in nearly every family of members of this lodge. Neighbors may also have sons of the proper age who should be members. Grandchildren and children of members should be asked to join. They may have school friends who will join with them. There really is no end to the source of DeMolay members.

Every member is asked to search their neighborhood, their relatives and friends for

names of boys, preferably ages 13 to 16 and submit the list to the lodge office together with an address of the boy or his telephone number. The secretary will see that he is contacted by the Chapter membership committee and invited to the Prospect Party. The boy can then make up his own mind if he wishes to join.

We all should give the boys an opportunity to decide if they wish to join this honorable fraternity of young men. In the past about 60 per cent of the DeMolay membership have petitioned the lodge for membership after they reach the age of 21. The boys do not have to be from masonic families. All are eligible to submit applications for membership regardless of religion or race or creed.

Las Palmas Chapter needs the members and the boys need to be members. They will thank you for your thoughtfulness in recommending them some day. DeMolay may not keep them out of trouble, but it will teach them some of the rules of righteous living.

DATES RAISE THE PRICE OF STATED MEETING DINNERS

Because of the increase in prices of food and labor for our dinners with Our Dates, the price in March and thereafter will be \$4.00 a person. At a meeting of the ladies on February 15 it was found there was not enough money from the sale of tickets to pay the bills.

There has been a "standing list" of reservations for persons who wish to be relieved of the task of calling in each month. A number of them did not bother to notify Mary they would not be here for dinner. These names have been removed from the standing list, and in order to attend future dinners they must make reservations each month. Those who wish to be reinstated should call Mary Perch.

The dinner menus for March and April will be roast beef for March and baked ham for April.