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From the East

Summer is closing fast and so is vacation time. Starting August 27th Las Palmas will be in full swing again conferring degrees. I hope every one is enjoying their vacations and having a happy and safe holiday. We have passed the half way point in our Masonic Year. It had been a fine term so far, the fellowship and warmth of Brotherhood in the Lodge is wonderful, believe me, Masonry is alive and well in Las Palmas Lodge. Thank you Brethren for living and practicing the full spirit of our Masonic teachings.



A big thank you to the officers coaches for the fine job they are doing. We owe much to these Past Masters; Dan Eckland third degree, Paul Ford second degree, and Craig Shaw first degree. They spend a great deal of time helping us learn and are right on the spot when we need them in Lodge.

At our July stated meeting we were proud and happy to present 46 widows pins to our lovely ladies. They keep alive the memory of our dear departed Brethren.

Our Dates are continuing to do an outstanding job. They are a great help and their dinners are the best in town. I urge you once again to help them by making reservations early and if you find at the last minute that you can't make it, please cancel. It's a great help to Mary Perch to know just how many to prepare for—see you at dinner. Bring a friend.

Fraternally
GARY STARR, W.M.

From the West

Brethren:
Just a brief message to report that all is well in the West.

I do hope that each of you enjoyed and celebrated Independence Day in a "Safe and Sane" manner.

For those of you who have or are traveling abroad this year, it will be very evident why our forefathers chose to fight for their independence. There is no better way to really appreciate their great coun-



try we are privileged to be citizens of, than to visit almost any other country in the world. We are "No 1" and it wasn't by accident. Let's keep it that way.

There will be a 3rd Degree practice August 13 at 7:30 p.m. 1981 at the temple. Please mark your calendar now. All officers are requested to attend. Call me at 431-2709 if you cannot be there. Anyone who is interested in working in the second section of the 3rd Degree and all those who regularly work in it are invited to attend. All we ask is that you become proficient in the part you are interested in: Just let us know and the opportunity will be given you.

Have a good Summer.

Jim Kleinknight
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren:

Here it is this middle of summer, and we are all looking forward to September and a full schedule of meetings again.

I sincerely hope your vacations have been safe and fruitful. I am looking forward to meeting with the Brethren who have been laboring in the First Degree this summer. We will get together before the end of August. Naturally all of you are ready to advance to the Degree of Fellow Craft. You will enjoy it and all of us are looking forward to helping you.

See You in Your Lodge and Mine.

Fraternally
Eldon Cole J.W.



From the Secretary

Starting with the September stated meeting dinner there will be no more standing list of reservations. Because so many on the standing list do not phone the lodge office when they will not attend, it has become necessary to change our method of determining how many meals to prepare for.

At the July dinner about thirty persons did not show up who had signed up for automatic reservations. It is very hard for Mary to break even on meals when she has to buy so much

more food than is necessary.

Hereafter there will be a card table in the foyer with a pad of paper on it for persons wishing to attend the next stated meeting dinner to sign their names and the number in their party. If they discover later they will not be able to attend, they should call the lodge office. There has been some talk of sending a bill for the meals to persons not cancelling.

We will still operate the telephone reservation system. The lodge office is open every morning until close to noon. Anyone wishing to make reservations or cancel them should call and do so. No dinner arrangements will be made after Wednesday noon. By then anyone wishing to attend or cancel should know about it.

Mary buys all the food Wednesday afternoon, and in the past has been to the markets on Thursday morning to accommodate those who failed to think about it early enough to meet the deadline. This sort of business is ridiculous. When the food is purchased Wednesday afternoon, only enough will be bought to serve the number of persons then on the reservation list.

These dinners were designed to bring masons and their families together for an evening of fellowship. The main purpose of the dinner was to have members come and then attend the stated meeting afterwards. We hope you all will come and enjoy yourselves this one evening each month. All we ask is cooperation in keeping the reservations as nearly accurate as possible. It has not worked out the old way, so we will try something new and see if we can come closer an accurate figure.

Bob Paden, Secretary

Fresnan Wins Appraiser Award

Lawrence Donald Hopper of Real Property Analysts Inc. of Fresno has been awarded the Senior residential Appraiser designation by the board of governors of the International Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

Hopper has been an appraiser for more than four years. He is secretary of the society's Fresno chapter.

He earned the SRA designation through completion of several courses and examinations, officials said.

Calendar

Aug. 20, Thurs. 6:30 Chinese Dinner with Our Dates. **Reservations.**

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

Aug. 27, Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Proficiencies all degrees

Sept. 3, Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree

Sept. 10, Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree

Sept. 17, Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with Our Dates. **Reservations.**

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

Sept. 20, Sun. 10:00 a.m. Grand Master's Brunch; Tickets from any lodge officer

Sept. 24, Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree

Sept. 26-27, Trip to Los Angeles (See separate article)

ALLIED BODIES

Scottish Rite — 3rd Monday, Stated, Fall class coming up.

York Rite — 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Fresno Temple

O.E.S. — La Sierra 555, 1st and 3rd Fridays Las Palmas

Raisina, 1st and 3rd Mondays Las Palmas

Fresno 295, 2nd and 4th Mondays Las Palmas

Mt. Tabor Shrine 28 — 4th Friday

Daughters of the Nile 92—2nd Wednesday

Amaranth 27—2nd Saturday

Central Calif. Research Lodge — Sept. 5, Pot Luck

Youth Groups

DeMolay, Las Palmas, 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Jobs Daughters — Bethel 49, 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Bethel 197, 2nd and 4th Saturday

Bethel 243, 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Saturday September 26th Los Angeles and Points South

Once again our tour guide P.M. Green Young is coming up with another great trip. This time Los Angeles and its environs for two days. He has just about got it wrapped up. He will have when he is satisfied with a program for the ladies Saturday night. It all depends on how soon the writers and directors get back to work at the T.V. studios. The strike is over but at this time are not shooting any new shows.

So far it looks like this!

We leave Las Palmas parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Saturday September 26th, have a con-

tinental breakfast on board the bus and arrive at the Children's Home in Covina in time for lunch with our kids. We can then take a guide tour of the facility. You will find your visit at the home extremely worthwhile and an eye opener for the first time visitor. Next we will go to our hotel, check in, and get ready for the night's activities. A program for the ladies and non-masons, and a 3° at the Historical Temple Los Angeles #42. The temple has been painted and the valuable old furniture refurbished without changing its look of antiquity.

Sunday a.m. we will all enjoy a brunch cruise of the harbor. Then we will be ready for the trip home. We should arrive back in Fresno at aprox. 6:30 p.m. Sunday the 27th. Bro. Green has it all in a neat package. Transportation - Lunch at Covina - Lodging - Brunch and Harbor Cruise all for \$115.00 per couple — Singles \$75.00. We are now filling the second bus so it behooves those who have not made reservations, to do so now. Cut off date is September 10th, get your name and \$50 deposit to Bob Paden now and be sure of seats in the second bus. This looks like another good one, join the gang and have fun!

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

We would like to encourage more members to make contributions to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund when they pay their dues for 1982. This is not a mandatory thing. It is entirely freewill.

In 1980-81 358 members gave \$4,732.00 to this important charity, which is the only one we are to help with. Out of a membership of 903, it appears there could be a larger number of contributions. Only about 39½% of our membership are carrying the burden of the other 60%.

We have obligated ourselves to care for our aged and disabled members, their widows and orphans, as you will remember in the third degree ritual. Therefore, we should consider this as a masonic duty each year. It is very simple to add a few dollars to the check for dues payment, and then it won't be overlooked at a later date when we intended to send it in but didn't.

It is obvious that some members cannot afford to contribute due to the high cost of inflationary conditions nowadays, but we can see by our records some of the members are neglecting their duty—those who can and don't participate. We know trips to Europe and the orient cost a lot of money. It also costs a lot of money to maintain our Masonic Homes.

Last year about \$4,000,000.00 was paid out by the trustees of the Homes. If we did not have an endowment fund to contribute to, the per capita tax levied by Grand Lodge would be almost prohibitive for most of us. This would raise the lodge dues so that we could not afford to pay very long.

About half the lodges in the United States do not have an endowment fund and instead of paying \$5.30 a member this year like we did, their per capita tax this year ranged from \$20.00 a member to \$40.00 a member.

We hope this information helps some of us to make a contribution in 1982. We get a real good feeling of having assisted our less fortunate guests in the homes as well as fulfilling our obligation as a mason.

The power behind the stations should be known. Here is a list of the ladies and the weaker sex they push. The blank spaces need help!

| Officer | Wife | Station |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| Gary Starr | — | W.M. |
| Jim Kleinknight | Betty | S.W. |
| Eldon Cole | Opal | J.W. |
| W.E. "Bill" Wharton | Carol | Treas. |
| Robert "Bob" Paden | — | Sect. |
| Wally Scott | Helen | Chap. |
| Larry Hopper | Mary | Sr. D. |
| Larry Duba | Alise | Jr. D. |
| Gene Page | Violet | Marshal |
| Robert "Bob" Wendel | Claudia | Sr. S. |
| David Leslie | Trube | Jr. S. |
| Paul Shelly | Charlotte | Org. |
| Frank Wright | Marge | Tiler |
| Ted Lindsey | Dorothy | Insp. |
| | | 416th |
| | | Dist. |

There you have it. Meet the gals who walk softly and carry a big stick.