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Season's Merry Christmas and

From the East

Brethren:

This is my last message as Master of Las Palmas Lodge as this Masonic year draws to a close. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have been the one selected to fill the Master's chair this last year.



I wish to thank all the officers, committeemen and members of the lodge for the outstanding support you have given me throughout this Masonic year. Your cooperation and help has made 1981 a memorable year for me.

To my successor Jim Kleinknight I would like to give a special thanks for all the help he has given me this year, to you Jim and your corps of officers I wish the same success and support that I have enjoyed.

Fraternally,
Gary Starr
Master

From the West

My Brothers:

The Holiday Season is once again upon us: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day. By the time you read this you will have already enjoyed your Thanksgiving weekend. Let's hope that we each thanked the proper source for the many good things we have received, either mentally or physically, this year while living in this great land of opportunity. The "Good Things" are out there, all we have to do is put ourselves in the proper position to receive them.



Christmas is always a joyous time of year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and just ask you to remember that somewhere out there someone needs our help. Let's find them and help them.

New Year's Day is a time for celebrating and resolution making — let us celebrate with our friends and resolve to attend our Lodge at least once each month this year of 1982.

Happy Holidays.

Fraternally
Jim Kleinknight S.W.

From the South

Brethren:

We are rapidly approaching the Holiday Season and it is a time of Thanksgiving and Good Cheer. This is especially true among Masons, and well it should be; there is no other feeling quite as self satisfying.



Honestly Brethren, I do not know where this year has gone. It seems as if we have been very busy, but, I personally don't feel that I have accomplished what should have been done. Just being busy is not enough, we must show a positive trend.

To all our brethren who have advanced in their degrees, congratulations. To all our newly raised Master Masons; you can be very proud of what you have done. Nobody said it would be easy.

The number of brethren who turned out for our Thanksgiving Dinner was just great, it is good to see you in Your Lodge and Mine — Las Palmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Eldon Cole J.W.

Greetings a Happy New Year



From the Secretary

Dues notices were mailed out the first of November as is our custom, and members are keeping us busy writing dues receipts. Thanks fellas... and ladies. We like the business.

Most members send in a contribution for the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund when they send in their dues. However, there are some who overlook this and we enclose a reminder with the dues receipt and then occasionally we get another check for the contribution to the Homes.

This costs both the member and the lodge another 20c. We would like to suggest to those who have yet to pay their dues that they mail both dues and contributions at the same time and avoid the extra postage. If your check is made for more than the \$30.00 dues we will automatically assume that the extra amount is for the Masonic Homes and you will get a separate receipt for that.

We have high hopes every member will have paid his dues on or before the first of January, as is set forth in our by-laws.

Overtures have been made by members of Grand Lodge to have a cut-off date about March 1 each year. Anyone in arrears after that date will be suspended. If this law is ever passed, some of our members will be in serious trouble. This has not happened yet, but one never knows when.

Bob Paden, Secretary



Calendar

Dec.

- 3 Thurs.** 7:30—Second Degree
10 Thurs. 7:30 First Degree
17 Thurs. 6:30—Dinner with Our Dates
Reservations a must.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting;
Election of officers; Necrology
24 Thurs. Dark
31 Thurs. Dark

Jan.

- 7 Thurs.** 7:30—First Degree
14 Thurs. Installation Practice and
Pictures (all officers in Tux)
16 Sat. 8:00 p.m. Installation of Officers

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

YOUTH GROUPS

- DeMolay**, Las Palmas, 1st & 3rd Wednesday
Jobs Daughters—Bethel 49, 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Bethel 197, 2nd and 4th Saturday
Bethel 243, 1st and 3rd Tuesday



Brethren:

This is the last issue of the Trestle Board that your present editor will have the pleasure of working on. It has been a most rewarding task. It is an opportunity to work closely with the officers and members, to become an integral part of Las Palmas Lodge. A chance for close relationships that might not otherwise have been possible.

As has often been said, "it is only by active working for Masonry that you begin to know

Masonry; it is only by knowing Masonry that you reap its rewards".

Whomever assumes the editorship of the Las Palmian will not regret it. It is fun, interesting and rewarding, and not at all difficult.

Thanks to all the Worshipful Masters who in the past appointed me to this pleasant task. It has been a pleasure to have been of service to you and to our Lodge.

W.E. "Bill" Wharton

A TIME FOR RENEWAL

The end of the calendar year is just around the corner. An opportunity for joy and for sorrow. Sorrow for loved ones lost, material friendships coming to an end, terms of office ending, and the memory of one Christian era coming to a close.

But there is great joy for the future. Finding new loved ones, a chance for the renewal of honest and sincere affection; an opportunity to express love, relief and truth, not only to our Brethren, but to all mankind. It presents a new chance to fulfill the conditions of our obligation, the duty we owe to God, our country, our neighbors, our families, and to ourselves.

Christmas not only memorializes a great sorrow, but even more importantly, it is a time of great rejoicing. The "rebirth" of a Holy Symbolism, Spiritual renewing, reestablishing the great tenets so necessary for a true and fruitful life. Cast off the wrong and undesirable and acquire the good and meaningful. BE A MASON IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD.!

Wages of a Mason

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages of gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

Benjamin Franklin
Grand Master of
Pennsylvania 1790

Las Palmas Widows to Change Meeting Place

The Garden tea Room, where the Las Palmas Widows Club has been meeting for the past year, has been forced to move because their building has been sold. The Tea Room has secured the old Einstein home at the corner of M and Calveras streets on the corner of the YWCA property, where the Widows' Club will gather for future luncheon meetings. Because of the facilities there it will be possible to start the meetings at 12 o'clock noon instead of 1:00 o'clock. So starting on December 7, the next meeting, the ladies will be at the new location. Reservations should be made with Mattie Ivy, secretary, at 222-9518.

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The Las Palmas Temple Association Board of Directors has made some changes in our telephone system. The lodge phone will remain as it has been, with the same number. Lodge business should be on this phone. The building manager has a new phone and number (442-8020), which includes the extension to the kitchen. All conversation with Brownie should be made using the new number. If your are out of town and wish to call the Temple the area code number is 209.