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From the East

Brethren:

I would like to thank you for the response to my requests that more of you attend lodge on our Degree nights. The attendance has been considerably by our participation in your lodge activities. Remember, it's you, my brother, who make the lodge. The officers that you have elected are there to serve you. We've promised to not let you down. When you attend your lodge you're telling us that you are not letting us down.

On May 1 we are going to visit our home at Union City and put on a Degree at the Union City Home Lodge and visit with our guests at the home. Then on to San Francisco to the Marines Memorial Club for dinner and a good night's sleep. After breakfast we will visit the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in San Francisco, then after a quick lunch head for home. When we arrive at Las Palmas we will have dinner at the lodge put on by the Tehran Shrine Band as their fund raising project. All this for the low low price of \$75.00 per person which includes bus fare with coffee and snacks, room at the Club, dinner at the Club and dinner at Las Palmas. There are a few seats left so call the Lodge and get your reservation by sending a \$25.00 deposit to Bob Paden, our Secretary.

Fraternally,
JIM KLEINKNIGHT
W.M.



From the West

Brethren:

Since our last trestle board, we have raised one Bro. to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Congratulations Bro. Larry Bennett and I know that you will enjoy Masonry for many years to come.

Also a great big welcome to Bro. Tom Topjian on receiving his Entered Apprentice



degree. You will find that you have some work to do, but it will be well worth the time and effort.

To those who are working on their proficiency, keep working and you will be amazed how quickly you can finish your degree work in your Blue Lodge, and when that is finished there are all sorts of things in which you can become involved. In Las Palmas the brethren are invited to learn the work in the conferring of degrees. When they become proficient, they will be welcome to do the work in the Lodge room during the actual conferral of degrees. This will not only make you very proud, but it makes your Officers and brethren proud of you. Don't worry if you have a small case of stage fright; that will pass quickly, and you will be on your way to better things.

Las Palmas is off to a great start in 1982; if you have not attended lately, you may be surprised at what is being done. A large group of Brethren on the sideline is always welcome sight.

See you in your Lodge and mine - Las Palmas.

Fraternally,
Eldon W. Cole, SW

From the South

It was good to see so many High Twelve members at our March 11th Third Degree. We look forward to your annual visitation, but offer the reminder that you are welcome in our Lodge at every meeting. Come back and see us again soon.

On March 25th, representatives of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls exemplified their beautiful initiation for our viewing. What a pleasure it was for us to see their lovely ceremony in our Lodge. If any Las Palmas member knows of a young lady who could benefit from this fine organization, contact our Junior Steward, Bro. John Denton, who is currently serving as Rainbow Dad.

Once again, a reminder that our annual



Lodge picnic will be on Sunday, May 23rd, from 1-6 p.m. at the Parkview Shelter in Woodward Park. The menu will be the same as always, Pit BBQ Beef with all the trimmings. Plan to bring your families to share in this fellowship. You'll be glad you did.

Three petitions were voted on and accepted at our March 18th Stated Meeting, and two more were read for the 1st time. Looks like the officers will be busy, and we invite you to come and witness our Lodge grow. Hope to see you soon!

Fraternally yours,
LAWRENCE D. HOPPER
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

The Master has been having a little trouble lately. He sends out investigation forms to persons living in the same area as the applicant in order to make the task a little easier on the gasoline supply.



In a few days the forms are sent back to the Master with an explanation that the chosen investigator is unable to do the job because of some inability due to illness or injury. This delays the investigation process and occasionally will cause the petition to be delayed another month before the lodge can vote on the candidate.

It would be nice if any of our members who cannot make calls due to some valid reason would phone the lodge office or write a little note and let us know of their problem so we can make a notation on their card and give the reason. If there is no valid reason for not making investigations we do not wish to hear about it. All able members should consider it a privilege to assist the Master and the proposed candidate in properly investigating the applicant.

If we recall, someone took time from their television a while back to do the same thing when we applied for membership. The excuse that we are too busy or that we just don't make visits is not justifiable. Refusal

to obey the summons to investigate is a direct violation of our obligation. This violation of the Masonic Code could lead to something serious.

The next time you receive a summons to investigate, we hope you will take the few minutes necessary to carry out the request. It may be something you will enjoy.

Bob Paden, Secretary

Calendar

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- 1 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree — Thomas A. Haley, Robert L. Kleinknight, Lawrence T. Banks, Jr.
- 8 Maundy Thurs. Lodge is Dark
- 15 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting
Widows Night
- 22 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree, Alvie L. Newton
- 29 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree, Louis H. Trantow

Honoring Our Widows

Ed Allred says we honor our Widows all the time but that once a year a special night is set aside when we can let our Widows know we are always thinking of them. Our Dinner with Our Dates, April 15, is that special night, so bring along an extra Date. Las Palmas Widows dine on the house this night so there is no reason to miss this meeting.

Coaches

Even though there are twenty four Candidate Coaches listed under committees for 1982, the Lodge is sometimes hard pressed to find willing coaches. We have initiated several brothers into the First Degree of Masonry. John Hopper says it is obvious that these brothers cannot progress without giving proficiencies in the degrees. He asks for help in furthering the education of our newly obligated Brothers that they may attain Master Mason status. Someone helped you so tell John you are ready to return that favor.

Proclamation

Public Schools Week — 1982

"Public Schools: Temples of Knowledge"

America's public schools system was established more than 200 years ago by our enlightened forefathers who were mindful that our infant democracy could not survive, nor long endure, without the support of an educated electorate.

In the intervening centuries, this concept of free public education has developed into a vast nation-wide system of public schools that can be regarded as true Temples of Knowledge.

In these temples—our public schools — the children of America are taught the principles of democracy, the value of liberty and the benefits of freedom. It is here that they learn America's greatness and derive inspiration for its future.

In these Temples—our public schools — the youth of our country receive instruction on how to be good citizens and become responsible members of society.

In these Temples—our public schools — the young people of our nation are prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow — in business, in government, in the arts, and in the professions.

In order to enlist the support of the public in maintaining these Temples of Knowledge at their fullest efficiency, thus to enrich our lives and to assure the continuing prominence of America among the nations of the World, I do now proclaim

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK during **APRIL 1982** throughout California and Hawaii.

ROBERT O. WEST
Grand Master

Widows Plan Trip

Las Palmas Widows Club is planning a trip to Columbia on May 13 for lunch. All widows of Las Palmas are invited to go. You do not have to be a member of the club. Price of the trip will be \$10.00 if the bus is full. Price of the lunch will be extra, and reservations for the lunch will be made when you sign up for the trip. Time will be allowed to visit around the Columbia State Historical park and the many stores and museums. More information may be obtained from Leona Comstock at 237-1451.

April 15 Program

Brother Paul Shelly has arranged a delightful program to commemorate Public Schools Week at our stated meeting in April. It will feature the Girls' Madrigal Choir from Bullard High School, under the direction of Randy Hyatt. Principal Scambray will also be here to describe new buildings recently completed at the school. The program will be in the lodge room following the dinner with our Dates.

Wanted Retired Man

The position of an assistant to Brother Brownie Brown will be open as of May 1 as Brother Harold Stith is resigning due to health problem. The position pays approximately \$400.00 a month depending on the amount of cleaning and dish washing performed. It takes a man, such as Brownie or Harold, who loves Masonry and the people associated with it to fill the position properly. The prospect should be a member of the Fraternity, preferably of Las Palmas Lodge. If you, or you know someone, who would like to supplement their retirement income by helping the Lodge, please contact Brownie at 442-8020 before noon.

LESTER WILLIAM STEINHAUER, age 67, passed away December 1, 1981, in LaVerne, California, where he has resided for a number of years. Bro. Les had been bothered with a heart problem since 1974. He was born in Fresno July 4, 1913 and attended schools here. During his years at Fresno State College he worked for Schroeder's Lunch and later was a salesman for the B.F. Goodrich company for six years. He was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on February 11, 1943, and was a member of the Fresno Scottish Rite and Tehran Temple. Funeral services were held in Pomona. He is survived by his widow, Elsa.

CARL HARRY PALM, age 70, passed away December 7, 1981, following a severe heart attack. He has had several warning attacks before. Harry was born in Los Angeles on July 1, 1911. Following his schooling he owned a shoe store in Fallbrook and learned embalming. In late 1934 he accepted employment with a mortuary in Escondido and came to Fresno in 1939 to work for Stephens and Bean Mortuary. In 1945 Bro. Palm established his own Funeral Service on Tulare Street and operated there until he retired in 1977. Harry was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on October 2, 1941. He leaves a widow Hazel I. Palm and three daughters. Funeral services were conducted at the Palm Mortuary on December 11.