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From the East

Brethren:

Did you know that over 20 years ago the Las Palmas Dates were formed in order to bring into our Fraternal Organization the wives and families of each of you? It was felt that a dinner, preceding our Stated Meeting, and prepared by the Dates, would get more Masons to our Stated meetings, and in turn, back to Masonry. The intention was good and is still good. However, did you know that less than one half of the Masons that attended and enjoyed our annual Shish Kebob Dinner stayed the extra hour for the Stated Meeting? My Brothers this is not what it's all about.

At our Stated Meeting, following the dinner, we voted on a new member and I'm sure he would have appreciated your vote. We also received application for the Degrees from one of our local citizens. I'm sure he would have liked those of you who went home after dinner to have heard his petition read. This was a major decision in his life, as it was in yours. Three of our Brothers passed to the Celestial Lodge above since our last Stated Meeting in May. The 21 members present, and the officers, stood for a moment of silent prayer, as our last tribute. Where were you?

If I don't sound happy and inspiring, as the Master of your Lodge should, perhaps you are right. My Brothers, I hope you get the message.

Fraternally,

JIM KLEINKNIGHT
W.M.

Las Palmas DeMolay

John Denton, Chapter Dad, says the Chapter needs your support. If you can spare a little time to attend one of our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays at Las Palmas Lodge we would love to have you. Help show the boys we care. We are now into our membership drive, if you know of any deserving young man who is interested, please see me. We are striving together to make our Chapter really active but we need your support. Thanks.



From the West

Brethren:

To the following Brethren go congratulations on becoming Masons: Bros. Alvie L. Newton, Glen E. Ream, Glen M. Stewart, and Richard A. Wood. Welcome brethren, we are proud to have you with us, and we feel that your expectations of Masonry will be fulfilled in Las Palmas Lodge.

To brother Tom E. Topjian go congratulations on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. That night will not be soon forgotten by Bro. Tom, or the brethren who came to join, and shared this wonderful occasion with him.

Brethren, here is something to think about:

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through; Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast that you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say, "You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?"

The item above was written by Bro. John Hall who is unknown to us here, but that should not alter the sentiment of his meaning, and we should always keep those questions in our hearts.

May you have a wonderful summer; keep busy, and we will get together on August twenty-sixth for a proficiency meeting in all Degrees.

See you in your Lodge and mine — Las Palmas.

Fraternally,
Eldon W. Cole, SW



From the South

Summer is upon us, and the Lodge will be dark for degree work during the months of July and August. For the officers, this is a time to unwind a bit and rest and refresh ourselves for the busy fall which lies ahead. I can't remember when we've had more first degrees in the period between January and June, and this means a good number of seconds and thirds will be conferred this fall. As officers, we've been busy, but this is in itself extremely gratifying because it gives us the opportunity to put into practice that ritual work which we've spent so many hours learning, polishing and perfecting. We truly appreciate being busy.

Although we will not be conferring degrees this summer, we will have our regular Stated Meetings preceded by those wonderful dinners prepared by Mary Perch and the Dates. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you there.

Fraternally yours,
LAWRENCE D. HOPPER
Junior Warden



From the Secretary

We would like to remind our members who are multiple members with other lodges that should they become suspended in one of the lodges for non-payment of dues they will automatically be suspended in the other even though they are paid up in the second lodge. (Art. 2402 #6, CMC)

This rule also applies to members who are members of any organization which requires masonic membership in order to apply for membership. The secretary is required to notify all subordinate bodies when a member is suspended. He cannot be admitted to those bodies until they are notified he is in good standing with his masonic lodge. (Art. 3520, CMA).

Robert E. Paden, Secretary



Calendar

July 1982

15 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Dinner with Our Dates
Roast Beef. Reservations Please.

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

August 1982

19 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Dinner with Our Dates
Chinese menu. Reservations Please.

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

Proud Father

Our Worshipful Master, Jim Kleinknight, has reason to be a proud father this spring. He has had the pleasure of initiating both of his sons into the Masonic order. Son, Bob Kleinknight, received his first degree on April 1, 1982 in Las Palmas Lodge. On May 26 Worshipful Master, Jim along with several Las Palmas officers journeyed to Orosi Lodge where the Las Palmas officers filled most of the positions. W.M. Jim initiated son, Steve into the first degree in Orosi Masonic Lodge. Past Grand Master, Vernon Gordon, filled the Position of Chaplain.

Rainbow Girls

Golden Realm Assembly #217 Rainbow for Girls will be having several money making projects during the summer months and we could use all your support. On August 7, 1982 we will be having our 2nd Annual Salad Bar Fashion Show at the Fresno Temple beginning at 12:00 noon. The tickets will be \$4.50 and can be obtained by calling Nancy Meseke at 224-7277 or by contacting any of our Golden Realm members. The fashions will be from J.M. McDonalds. Second, we will be going to the Sunnyside Swap meet on August 15, and we could use any and all collectables. If you have any treasures you think we could use, call John Herring at 834-2256 and he will be pleased to come pick them up.

Our girls meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Fresno Temple at 7:00 p.m. Come join us and see the beautiful work our girls do.

Donna Herring

Former DeMolay Members, Attention

We are trying to locate all members of DeMolay who belonged to a chapter in 1932 and before. They are now eligible for a fifty-year pin. If you were a member during those early years, or know of a person who was, please get word to the lodge office so we can arrange with the International Office to verify the membership and issue an award. We will notify the member when it arrives and arrange for the presentation. The lodge phone before noon is 268-2303.

Address Changes

The Grand Secretary is complaining to us. The editor of the California Freemason Magazine is also complaining. They have a good reason to do so. Members are sending address changes to them. This is not the proper way to let them know when you change your address.

In order to notify Grand Lodge about a change is to notify the secretary of your lodge. He will make the change in the lodge records and also notify all other interested persons on special forms for that purpose. There is no other way.

When Grand Lodge or the California Freemason get an address change, they mail your notice back to the lodge, which makes the change occur. You can readily see a month or so is involved which delays getting the job done.

When you move or change your address, notify your lodge secretary and he will get the whole job done immediately.

If the above method is not followed, the California Freemason pays 25c to the post office for each address that is wrong. We get the change about a month after the publication is not delivered to you, so we can notify them on their special forms. Probably four months is involved in getting your correct address into the system in this manner.

In case you are wondering why you are not getting your mail regularly, or it gets to you several months late, the answer may be in the method you chose to notify Las Palmas that you have moved.

Are Your Dues Paid?

We have been asked by the Grand Secretary to explain to our members some of the laws contained in the California Masonic Code. This book is the final word in procedures for lodges and members thereof in all matters pertaining to membership.

All dues are payable on or before January 1 each year. Some members have not done this. There are probably fifty Las Palmas members now in violation of this section of the Code. Suspension or expulsion could be imposed were it not for the good nature and brotherly love exhibited by the officers and members of the lodge.

We have adopted a policy of taking no action until after a period of twelve months after the violation has occurred. There is no way the lodge can permit a member to be more than a year in arrears without taking some sort of action.

If a member is having financial problems he should let the secretary or Master know of his plight. For just cause a member's dues can be remitted (forgiven), but he must let the lodge know. When we learn that a brother has had a major operation or is confined to a rest home, or otherwise not earning enough money to pay his dues, the lodge learns about it and usually votes to forget about the dues for a year. If next year it will be a burden to pay dues, the member is again issued dues receipt without payment by him.

During the time when much unemployment is prevalent — such as now — a lodge is justified in remitting a member's dues until he is again employed.

If you are having financial difficulties, please let someone know so it can be reported to the lodge and something can be done about it.

Some members are too proud to admit a financial problem. They send us a note asking for a demit and want to withdraw their membership. Nothing like this can happen unless dues are paid up to and including the day in which the request is received by the lodge secretary. Demits cannot be issued to members whose dues are in arrears.

It is not a policy of the lodge to issue demits to members who are in financial difficulties not of their own making.