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From the East

Brethren:

By the time you read this many of you will have enjoyed another good meal in our Banquet room, prepared and served by our "Las Palmas Dates". For those of you who do not take advantage of these fine meals on the third Thursday of each month, I sincerely urge you to do so. The little lady who organizes and heads up this meal is Mary Perch, wife of our member John Perch. Mary: officially, from the East, I thank you.

Las Palmas was pleased to have another fine organization prepare and serve a meal in our Banquet room on May 2. On that date, members of the Tehran Shrine Band put on a fund raising dinner that was excellent. The good fellowship that was generated between Blue Lodge Masonry and the Shrine is just one of the side benefits. The Jobs Daughters served the meal which helped finance a part of their activities. The "Just Plain Good Music" by the band was well worth the price of admission and we may be assured that a part of the price of admission will help a child in one of the Shrine Hospitals throughout the land.

I'd like to thank you for attending these fine activities in our Banquet room and hope to see each of you there real soon.

Fraternally,
JIM KLEINKNIGHT
W.M.

Shish Kebob Dinner

Shish Kebob is the menu for the June 17 Dinner with Our Dates. The tempting repast will be cooked in the parking lot by some of our men including Ralph Saroyan, John Perch, Jack Ouzounian, and Jake Cannon. Reservations are a **must** and the deadline is June 15. The fee this year is \$8.00. Call Bob Paden 268-2303 or Mary Perch 486-2923. The dinners with Our Dates are open to E.A.s and Fellowcraft and their ladies as well as Master Masons.



From the West

Brethren:

Since our last edition of the Las Palmian we have added one new Entered Apprentice Mason to our list, and passed two more to the degree of Fellowcraft. Congratulations go to Bro. Don W. Scott, and to Bros. Grant Walker and Tom Topjian.

Congratulations also to Bro. Larry Bennett who will have passed his proficiency in the third degree before this goes to print.

These Brothers who are advancing through the degrees of masonry should be an example to those who have not yet made any advancement. The problem is not too great to overcome. Let's do it Brethren, Masonry needs you, and we stand ready to assist you in any way that we can. The Brethren who are entering into Masonry today must be the Officers and Leaders of Tomorrow.

See you in your Lodge and mine — Las Palmas.

Fraternally,
Eldon W. Cole, SW



From the South

If you missed our annual picnic on Sunday, May 23rd, you missed a wonderful opportunity for good fellowship, good fun, and good food. There were between 175 and 200 Brethren, family and friends in attendance. All were treated to music by the Scottish Rite Band, and a wonderful Pit BBQ Beef dinner catered by Darnell's of Selma. Bro. Gil Darnell catered this event for us for many years. Since his passing this past year, his widow Geri has continued the business, and I am pleased to say that the food and service were as good as ever.



Three more petitions were approved at our last Stated Meeting, so it looks as if we'll be busy right up to the end of June, when we go dark. So far, this has been a very good year for Las Palmas membership wise, and your officers have been busy. Hope to see all of you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally yours,
LAWRENCE D. HOPPER
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

We hope the members will understand that when we publish rules and regulations that we are not complaining. We merely wish to give out information that is not ordinarily available to the general membership.



This month we would like to talk about Applications for Membership. The California Masonic Code prohibits reading a petition for degrees unless it is filled out completely. This means every space must have something in it. We occasionally get applications without references. Occasionally there is no address or phone number.

This information is needed by the investigating committee. They usually phone the sponsors and references before visiting them for an appointment in order to avoid making an unnecessary trip.

One of the vital parts of the address is usually never filled in. That is the zip code of the sponsors and references. Zip codes are an established part of an address, and is needed by the Master when he assigns investigators. He tries to pick his committee in the same area as the applicant to avoid excessive mileage and make it convenient for committeemen.

The Grand Secretary has advised that we should not accept an application unless it is complete and is accompanied by the full

amount of fees and contributions. We are prohibited by law from presenting an application to the lodge unless the money accompanies the application.

It may come to pass that even zip codes will be check before accepting a form. The many trips we make to the post office to fill in this portion of the petition is getting to be ridiculous. It shouldn't be necessary to do this. When a sponsor signs the form he should give his complete address. No one knows his zip code better than himself, and takes very little additional time to add that small number to his address.

Robert E. Paden, Secretary

Calendar

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- 3 Thurs.** 7:30 p.m. First Degree
Stewart and Wood
- 10 Thurs.** 7:30 p.m. Third Degree
Topjian
- 17 Thurs.** 6:30 p.m. Dinner with Our Dates
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting
- 24 Thurs.** 7:30 p.m. First Degree

Position Filled

Raymond Robert has been hired to assist Bro. Brownie at the temple. He was raised to Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge in 1979. His wife's name is Evelyn. Ray retired from the Navy and Air Force after twenty five years and also spent seven years with the Purchasing Department at Valley Medical. His service with the armed forces took him all over the world.

Masonic Information "Rap" Session

We are having session for each of the degrees during June and July for interpreting the precepts and examples of Masonry, enabling us to understand and live, more fully, our Masonic Heritage. Although an outling of topics will be used as a guide, your questions, ideas, and opinions, are welcome and will contribute to lively, successful meets.

No one can tell you exactly how to interpret and apply Masonry in your own daily life, but hearing what others have to say about what they have learned and observed, will help you decide for yourself, how you wish to operate within the bounds of Free Masonry.

Sessions will be about an hour or as needed, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the card room of Las Palmas Lodge for

Entered Apprentices: Thurs., June 10
Ed Spangler, Discussion Leader

Fellowcrafts: Thurs, June 24
Floyd Otter, Discussion Leader

Master Masons: Thurs., July 8
Ed Carpenter, Discussion Leader

We request that those brethren who have been Initiated, Passed, or Raised in the last year make a special effort to attend. All who have achieved the degree specified, ae encouraged to come and share your thoughts and experiences. Maybe there was something you wish you had known earlier in your Masonic Career that would be good for our newer members to know now.

Ed Carpenter, PM
Committee Chairman

Split Roll Property Tax Initiative

Brethren:

You may be familiar with a proposed initiative amendment to the California State constitution which is now being circulated for signatures. It is called the "California Split Roll Property Tax Initiative."

This initiative would create two different means of assessing property taxes. Residential and agricultural property would continue to enjoy the benefits of Proposition 13. All other property would not. The tax rate on all other property would be increased from 1% to 1 1/3 % of property value, and there would be no 2% a year limit on property value increased.

Commercial and industrial property would lose the protection of Proposition 13, and non-profit fraternal and social organizations, such as your Masonic Lodge, would also lose the protection of Proposition 13. For example, if this measure is adopted by the voters, the property taxes on our California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco alone could increase by about 920%. Similarly, the various Masonic Temples located throughout California could be subject to tremendous property tax increases.

If you are asked to sign a petition to qualify this initiative for the ballot, please consider its impact upon our Fraternity before proceeding.

Fraternally,
Robert O. West
Grand Master