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From the East

Brethren:

Another month has come and gone, and no matter how hard we work we seem to be treading water. The officers' coaches and candidate coaches are working like beavers. The candidates are anxious, new applications are coming in, the days just are not long enough. Of course this all makes for a very healthy Lodge. The spirit of cooperation is wonderful. I can't thank you enough my Brethren. Keep up the good work. This is truly masonry in action. A labor of love that pays great rewards.

The results of the work of the officers' coaches is evident when Lodge is open, but the work of the candidate coaches is not known until examination. Many hours are put in behind the scenes to prepare the candidates for a few moments in open lodge. The membership of Las Palmas owes much to all our coaches, we thank you brethren, without your labor of love we would perish.

Once again I had the good fortune to have lunch with our Widows. The results were the same as before; they have a way of making you feel welcome that is hard to explain. Once again the food was very good. Brethren if we attended meetings as well as these ladies do, the Lodge room would be full on meeting nights. Maybe it is time we took a good hard look at ourselves. Maybe we should change our priorities, and put first things first. The rewards and benefits of Masonic fellowship and brotherhood are in proportion to what we do. Think about it my Brethren, it is important.

Dinner with our Dates seem to bring us all to the banquet room, but the distance from there to the Lodge room seems too far for many. It's a nice walk, try it you'll like it.

By the time this goes to print we will have presented two Hiram Awards, to Bro. Paden and Bro. Brown. Congratulations you have really earned it. Keep up the good work.

See you in your Lodge — and mine — Las Palmas.

Fraternally,
ELDON W. COLE, W.M.



From the West

"Tho' April Showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May." So goes the song, and this year more than ever, truer words were never spoken. It is no secret that the weather we have experienced this winter has been extraordinary, and that more than a few times, it has rained on Thursday night. Amazingly enough, even the weather has not kept many of you away from Lodge. It is a fact that while there is work to be done, we must do it, rain or shine. The flood of petitions and new members that have become a part of Las Palmas this past year has provided plenty of work to do, and we appreciate your efforts to attend Lodge even in inclement weather. The support you have shown has made it all worthwhile for your Officers. Keep those petitions coming!

By the time this month's Trestleboard reaches you, Easter will have come and gone. This holiday means something different to each one of us, and we all celebrate it in different ways. To some, it means a time to renew our faith in God, mankind, and the promise of tomorrow. To others, it is a time to officially welcome Spring and to break out our new summer wardrobes. To the young, it's a time to lay awake at night, dreaming of the Easter Bunny and his basket of brightly colored eggs. But the true meaning of the Easter season remains unchanged, as it has through the ages. Brethren, may the blessing of the Supreme Architect remain with you throughout this joyous time of year.

Fraternally,
Lawrence D. Hopper, S.W.



From the South

Congratulations are in order to the following Brothers: Thomas Albert Haley and Michael Ray Fittro for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and Henry Dale Kole for being initiated to the Entered Apprentice Degree. In addition, Brother Nelson Everett Ferry gave an excellent proficiency in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. We have a lot to look forward to because of this progress. The newly raised Master Masons are strongly en-



couraged to proceed and give their proficiency as soon as possible, while the previous proficiencies are still fresh in their mind.

April is Public Schools Month, and the theme is "Torch for Freedom". This is the time to thank the many excellent public school instructors in the Valley, and to encourage all students to get as much as possible out of their educational experiences. As you are aware, on April 22, 1983 there will be an awards banquet at the Scottish Rite Temple. Awards will be presented to outstanding 9th grade students. Every Mason thus has an opportunity to show the students that we are supportive of their efforts and endeavors by attending this great event. Tickets are only \$6.50 each, and each lodge officer has tickets available. Let us give that torch for freedom that extra bit of spark so that all will know that we support public schools not only by talk, but also by deed. See you there!

Fraternally,
Larry L. Duba
Junior Warden

Whence Came YOU — Whither Are You Going?

Since being raised some thirty-six years ago, I have, quite naturally, witnessed a good deal of ritual. Some has been excellent, some good and some not so good. Most of the time I have learned. Quite often something new is revealed to me. I suddenly grasp the meaning of a phrase that before was just a collection of words. Every once in a while the veil of allegory is raised a little more, and my admiration for the brilliant men who put together our story is enhanced.

It is not always that way, of course. If any Brother says he has not been bored at times by constant repetition, has not wanted to chuckle at what at the time, seemed kind of silly, and unnecessary, he is either a fool or a liar. Even so, down deep inside I have that good warm feeling when I leave the Lodge Room. I really don't know what it is. I don't seem to find the right words to describe it. The hand shakes, the smiles, the feeling of trust, understanding? Maybe the old timers were right on the ball when they said "Brotherly Love". I really don't know, but I like it.

I guess what started me on this kind of thinking, was something I witnessed the other night. I was greatly impressed by the way a brother conducted himself while attending the Altar. It was obviously very sincere and reverent. It was a close to being pious as I have ever seen in the Lodge Room. I was moved deeply. I will never

forget it. I am darn glad that I am a Mason and can associate with men like him. I hope you feel the same way — Brother.

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Calendar

April

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| 7 Thur. 7:30 pm | 3rd Degree - Bro. Hagan |
| 14 Thur. 7:30 pm | 2nd Degree - Bros. Scott and Harrelson |
| 21 Thur. 6:30 pm
7:30 pm | Dinner with Our Dates Stated Meeting - 50 yr. Pin Presentation, Bro. Steve Zetz. Public School Program. |
| 22 Fri. 6:30 pm | Public School Award Dinner and Program. Scottish Rite Temple 416th-418th Masonic Districts. |
| 28 Thur. 7:30 pm | 2nd Degree |

May

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| 5 Thur. 7:30 pm | 1st Degree |
| 14 Sat. | Hornitos Lodge Visitation |

Reservations are required for all dinners

OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR MASONIC FAMILY MEETING IN LAS PALMAS TEMPLE

- Order of The Eastern Star
La Sierra #555 — 1st and 3rd Friday
Fresno #295 — 2nd and 4th Monday
Raisina #89 — 1st and 3rd Monday
- White Shrine — 4th Friday
- Daughters of the Nile #92 — 2nd Wednesday
- Youth Groups
Las Palmas DeMolay — 1st and 3rd Wed.
Jobs Daughters #243 — 1st and 3rd Tues.
Jobs Daughters #49 — 2nd and 4th Tues.
Jobs Daughters #197 — 2nd and 4th Sat.
- Amaranth Court #27 — 2nd Sat.

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IN MEMORIAM

Carl Huffaker Pratt

Raised 12/9/26 — Died 2/1/83

William Edward Taylor

Raised 3/9/72 — Died 3/6/83

Charles Hertle Jr.

Raised 5/3/51 — Died 3/18/83

From the Secretary

We still get notes from members telling us they did not receive dues notice. Each year a notice, in the form of a small envelope furnished by the Grand Lodge Masonic Homes Endowment Board is enclosed in a large envelope with the November Trestleboard. It is mailed to every member to the address we have. Unless we are told of a change, we have no way of knowing.

In any event, the old excuse that you didn't receive a dues notice is no longer valid. We know it left the lodge office addressed to the address we have on our mailing list. If you didn't get it, please check around and find out what is happening to your mail.

Recently we have had requests for transportation for elderly members who no longer drive their cars. Our lodge has no committee for this purpose and the names of the persons were sent to brothers we thought might willingly contact the requestors and give them a hand.

We have trouble locating someone to do this sort of service. Most of the members available during the hours when transportation is needed are also on the elderly side of life and hesitate to drive in traffic more than necessary to get themselves to doctors and treatment centers. Younger members have jobs that prevent them from doing anything during daylight hours.

Perhaps it would be easier for widows and older members to call the Fresno bus system. We understand they have special small vans for the purpose. Even the scheduled bus system can deliver passengers to almost all doctors and hospitals. It may take a little longer, but they can do the job.

Perhaps you know of a neighbor or friend who will furnish transportation to get you where you wish to go. Sometimes a relative will help too.

We would enjoy helping our widows and elderly get from place to place, but we have no facilities for this type of service, it seems we will not be able to accommodate our members.

Coming Events

Our W. M. is planning some real interesting trips for us in the near future.

First, and a rare one, is a visit to Hornitos #98, for a second degree. This Lodge is in the Mother Lode, just north of Mariposa and is full of history. You can tell from its number that it's old. It will be May 14th, by bus, up and back the same evening. Limit 35 at \$5.00 a head.

Next is our annual trip to Columbia, you all

know what a good one this is. Lots more on this later.

Don't miss the 50 year award to Bro. Steve Zets April 21st, and the Public Schools program that same night.

Also the 416th and 418th Public Schools Award Dinner April 22nd at the Scottish Rite Temple. Officers have tickets.

PROCLAMATION

Public Schools Week — 1983

"Public Schools — A Torch for Freedom"

This great nation of ours was founded on the premise that freedom is inalienable right. To secure this right for themselves and future generations, our enlightened forefathers, many of them our brother Master Masons, established a system of free public schools, for they well knew that only the educated are truly free.

By illuminating the minds of our youth with the light of freedom and by demonstrating its benefits as well as stressing its responsibilities, our system of public education can truly be called, "A Torch for Freedom".

Hold high that torch! Its flame must always burn brightly!

To maintain that flame in its fullest splendor, thus to assure freedom for generations to come, our public schools must have the dedicated support of an enlightened citizenry, especially the Masonic fraternity. The schools cannot do it alone.

In order that all the public may be mindful of this need and to emphasize the importance of supporting our public schools in their endeavor to preserve for all time the freedom we now enjoy, I hereby proclaim

A Public Schools Week during April 1983 throughout California and Hawaii, and I call upon all Masonic Lodges to arrange with the Schools in their area for a mutually acceptable week in the Month of APRIL to be set aside for appropriate ceremonies and programs particularly aimed at the concept of our Freedom.

Furthermore, I direct that no Lodge programs or meetings, other than Stated Meeting, be held during the designated week which might conflict with local Public Schools Observances; and

That this Proclamation be read by the Master at the April Stated Meeting of all Lodges and, where feasible, that it also be published in Lodge Bulletins or distributed to each member.

Harry L. Maynard, Gr. Master