



The Las Palmian

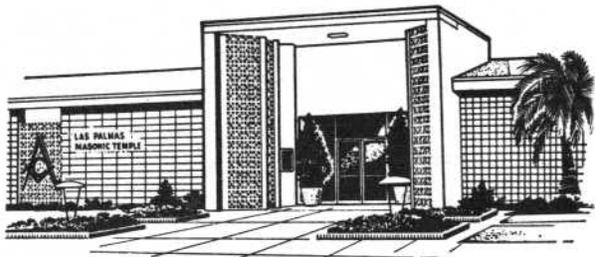
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From the East

Brethren:

With your help, the first month of this Master's term has been a joy and I thank you.

The only problem we seem to have is finding enough nights to confer all the Degrees that our candidates

are working to attain. Keep it up, coaches and candidates, we will find the time.

Brethren and Ladies, mark this date — June 4th — on your Calendar. We will be going to Columbia on that date. No other details at this time.

I had the pleasure of attending the Las Palmas Widows Club luncheon on February 14th, and it was great.

Our Widows Club is very active and they enjoy their luncheons, and other activities together. They also enjoy visitors, so come on out and join them for lunch.

There were forty two of us at this luncheon, and Ladies, allow me to say "Thank You" again for allowing me to attend. Keep up the good work.

We were very happy to receive an application for affiliation from Brother Fred "Sam" Havrilla, the good Doctor has many friends in Las Palmas.

This year, Las Palmas Lodge will honor its Widows on May 19th. Mark your calendars Ladies; we will see you there.

To you my Brethren: "See you in your Lodge and mine — Las Palmas."

Fraternally,

ELDON W. COLE
W.M.



From the West

It was great to see a nearly half-full lodge room for our February 3rd First Degree. We were honored by large numbers of visiting Brethren from Clovis Lodge and the Fresno Scottish Rite Bodies. Thank you for your attendance and we look forward too seeing you at Las Palmas again the the near future.

Congratulations to Brothers Tip Banks, Jr., Lou Tantow and Tom Topjian for completing their Third degree proficiencies on February 17th. As most of you know, the Third Degree proficiency is optional; but is a prerequisite to serving as a Lodge officer or applying for either the York Rite or Scottish Rite degrees. Those of you who are currently taking your degree work would be well-advised to make the effort to earn your Third Degree Proficiency Certificate immediately after receiving your Third Degree. The human mind has a way of becoming rusty, and it is much easier to learn the work if you don't wait until such time as you "need" it for the reasons mentioned above.

Congratulations are also in order to Brothers Grant Walker and Tom Haley, who were both raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during the month of February.

As springtime approaches, and the blossoms and leaves begin to emerge as Mother Nature renews her summer foliage, let us make a like effort to renew our Masonic vows. Take the time to ask yourself if you are really living Masonry and all that it teaches and stands for. No one of us is a "perfect Mason", but we can all strive for perfection in our words and actions. If we do, our lives and the lives of those we touch cannot help but be improved.

Fraternally,
Lawrence D. Hopper
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren:

The last month has been productive for the continuation of Freemasonry at Las Palmas Lodge. We have conferred each of the three degrees, and we were fortunate in having so many members and visitors present.



I know that this meant a great deal to the newly initiated, passed and raised Masons and to the officers performing the ritual work. Congratulations are given to Brother Grant Walker, Master Mason, Brother John Hagan, Fellowcraft Mason, and Brother Steven Harrelson, Entered Apprentice Mason.

A special thank you is in order for Brother Pete Rebensdorf's delicious refreshments he prepared for our several functions.

During the past two weeks, most of us have seen at least a portion of the TV production "The Winds of War". Although the intent of the show was to remind us of the ravages of war, it also caused me to think about "The Winds of Freemasonry". Since countries are a reflection of the citizens, what great strides could be made if more good men were made better by participating in this venerable institution. Perhaps many small breezes will someday combine to form the strong winds which will sweep the earth with a belief in God and deeds which will unite men and women in a world of peace and goodwill.

Fraternally,

Larry L. Duba
Junior Warden

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Brethren:

It seems to me that a great many of those Masons who have been around for a while, been active in their Blue Lodge, joined other bodies and have lived and practiced the tenets of the Fraternity, have forgotten something that they

themselves, in most cases experienced.

I believe they are guilty of not profiting from their own experiences. It seems that we take for granted, when a new Brother has been raised into the Order, that he will automatically be blessed with the ability to appreciate and understand at its fullest value all that he has been exposed to.

Think about it for a moment. Did you grasp it? Was it all clear to you? Were you then and there a just and upright Mason? I don't think so. It took a while for you to realize the true meaning of Masonry — its fundamentals.

Masonry is veiled and cryptic. Yet it is so easy to grasp if the veil is removed. The full significance of our beautiful yet shrouded ritual is hidden to many. The lessons taught are both scientific and spiritual. Understanding of it takes time and guidance, together with a sincere desire for knowledge.

Not infrequently Brethren lose interest because Masonry means nothing to them. No explanation has been given or offered to them.

The ability to understand the Masonic System and to reduce it to all that it implies, is not and has not been easy for many, it remains a mystery. It becomes complicated by the prose of allegory. The ability to translate to day-to-day practice is often lacking.

Masonry must be accepted at its face value. The rules are there. Maybe they are obscured because they are so easy. Maybe because they have been heard since childhood, at home, at church, at school, everywhere; so much so that perhaps they are overlooked, their importance diminished by constant repetition. Yet it is by this very repetition that the fundamentals are firmly set. The process of repetition of thought and deed becomes deeply ingrained in the mind, often subconsciously. It might be well to pick up a monitor and read the charges of each of the Degrees and begin all over. Repeat the obligations a few times. Substitute your own words for the symbols, reduce the ambiguous to matter of fact, and you have in the palm of your hand.

NOW HELP SOMEONE ELSE — BE A BROTHER.

The Ed.

Calendar

Mar.

- 3 Thur. 7:30 pm 1st Degree
10 Thur. 7:30 pm 3rd Degree
17 Thur. 6:30 pm St. Patrick Dinner with
Our Dates
7:30 pm Stated Hiram Award
24 Thur. 7:30 pm 2nd Degree
31 Thur. 7:30 pm Open

April

- 7 Thur. 7:30 pm 1st Degree
14 Thur. 7:30 pm 2nd Degree
21 Thur. 6:30 pm Dinner with Our Dates
7:30 pm Stated Meeting
50 yr. Pin Presentation.
Bro. Steve Zetz
28 Thur. 7:30 pm 2nd Degree

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.

From the Secretary

Our new rosters are enclosed with this Trestleboard. Every member is getting one. This is the first one of its kind in Fresno masonic history. It contains all addresses and phone numbers we were able to get, and has taken several years to compile. We have taken phone numbers from your dues checks and have made address changes when we noticed them. Please let us know of any errors.

It is sponsored by the 416th and 418th Districts. Several lodges did not order enough for their entire membership. Had they done so, the cost would have been lower. As it is, they cost us 70 cents a piece.

Bob Paden, Sec.

Cemetery Lots Available

It was suggested at our Stated Meeting January 20th, that the members be informed of the availability of several cemetery lots in Belmont Memorial Park. They are located in the Masonic section and can be used by Brethren or their widows.

There will be a small fee per lot, but far far less than the regular cost. If you think you may have a need for one or two, you may start the wheels turning now - or - whenever, so they will be available when needed. Contact the Master of the Lodge or call the office any week day before noon, the secretary will call the master for you. Master's phone - 299-8120; Secretary - 268-2303.

If the need be for a distressed worthy Brother, the Lodge will undoubtedly pay the fee.

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Congratulations to Brother Clyde Lewis Smith. He recently celebrated his 99th birthday. Stay in there Brother Clyde make it 100 or more. October is not so far away.

Our brother was born October 23rd, 1883. He was an electric contractor and dealer. Initiated April 8th, 1920, passed June 27th, 1920 and raised March 17th, 1921 by Bro. Jarvis L. Streeter, Master. He received the coveted 50 year award March 18th, 1971. We salute Brother.

The Public Gets What It Deserves!

Our public schools are what they are today because of what you have done - or have not done!

Are they as good as you'd like them to be? Are you proud of them? If not, maybe you (the public) didn't do enough or, worse yet, maybe you (again, the public) didn't do anything!

Everybody thinks "the public" is somebody else, but it boils down to this: **you** are the public and the schools are just what you make them or allow them to become.

Our educators are conscientiously trying to provide the very best educational opportunities for our children. Their efforts will succeed only if they have a supportive public or will fail if the public looks the other way. Our schools will really go "all out" if they can count on you - the public -to back them up.

Remember - you get what you deserve!