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From the East

The month of March signals the beginning of springtime, and with it we can look forward to more sunshine and longer days. At Las Palmas, the month of March is the time when we reward a special Brother for jobs well done. For the past several years, we have presented a Hiram Award to a deserving Brother at our March stated meeting and dinner. This year will be no exception. Your Hiram Award Committee has selected a member of our Lodge to receive this award who is long overdue for recognition. The 1984 recipient of the Hiram Award to be given by Las Palmas Lodge is Brother Dale Franklin Orr.



Brother Orr was initiated by Las Palmas September 30, 1943, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft November 11, 1943, and raised a Master Mason December 30, 1943. He served as Chaplain of this Lodge over a 20 year period from 1948 to 1968, and was elected Treasurer from 1969 to 1974. Those of you that come to our stated meeting dinners will recognize Brother Dale as our songleader. He is also affiliated with the Scottish Rite Bodies, Tehran Shrine Temple, and Raisina Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, where he is a past Patron. In short, Brother Dale has done much to deserve this honor, and we salute him for his many years of service to Las Palmas!

I am pleased to say that the first two months of this Masonic year have been filled with love and labor. It has been our privilege to initiate 6 new members, and to welcome 1 other new member affiliation. Keep those petitions coming in; we as officers enjoy the work. As you know, it is not proper for us to solicit new members. This does not prohibit us from talking about Masonry with our non-Mason friends and acquaintances. Who knows, when they find out that you are a member of the craft and are enthusiastic about that fact, they may pop the question and inquire how they can become a member. It is a well-known fact that when we keep "something good" to ourselves, and are reluctant to share it with others, that it dies with us. But when we talk about that same "something good" with others, and are enthusiastic about it, that "something good" does not die, but grows and prospers with each new person that shares in it. When we became Masons, we were all given a package of seeds with which to grow "something good". If we plant those

seeds, "something good" will grow; but if we put them in our pockets and forget about planting them, nothing will grow, and "something good" will die.

Fraternally,
LAWRENCE D. HOPPER
Worshipful Master

For Ladies Only

This month's ladies' program after our Stated Meeting dinner will feature Doreen Garn, a professional color consultant for the last 17 years. Doreen will explain color analysis, and tell you why some colors look better on some people than on others. Bring your husband to dinner, and while he attends the State Meeting afterward, you can look forward to a fun program, and learn how you can be more beautiful by wearing the colors that look best on you.

From the West

Brethren,

February 20, 1984, just past, was the 252nd Anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Although everyone knows that he was our first President, did you know that of the 14 Presidents of the United States who were Masons, he was the only one who was Master of his lodge while he was President? This achievement is only one of many which showed his dedication to Masonry.



At the age of 59 he expressed his deep interest and love of Masonry, when he wrote the following to a Masonic Lodge in Rhode Island: "Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic prosperity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society and to be considered by them as a deserving brother." Three years later he laid the cornerstone of the Capitol at Washington D.C. on September 16, 1793.

George Washington has been an inspiration to many generations, and this influence will continue in the future. We can all be proud of our Masonic heritage and how Masonry positively influences our lives. We can all be especially proud of the progress being made in our lodge by our newer members. The attendance has increased at our meetings, and more of our recently raised Master Masons are becoming actively involved in the ritual work. Several of our members are not only coaching the degree work,

but they are also participating in the Third Degree as well.

Be sure to attend your lodge meeting this Thursday, and as George Washington, P.M. wrote, "advance the interests of the Society" in your everyday life for the benefit of mankind.

Fraternally,

LARRY L. DUBA
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,

Fraternal Greetings from the South!

We are now making plans for the Las Palmas Lodge family picnic and it once again should prove to be a fun-filled day!

The Valleyview Shelter at Woodward Park has been reserved for May 12, 1984, from high twelve to six o'clock p.m. Be sure and mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Worshipful Master Larry Hopper has planned a special treat for the meat course and I'm going to make my infamous Texas Chili and Beans. Don't miss it!

I am pleased to welcome Brother Ismail Hamad and Brother Douglas Boudakian to our lodge. Their first step will eventually lead them to all the good that is in masonry.

Congratulations to Brother Jack Cannon and Brother Preston Bush on passing their proficiency in the Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

To Brother Steve Harrelson and Brother Larry Bennett, and all the fine candidates, coaches we say, "Many thanks and a job well done. Keep up the good work!"

On February 9, 1984, Brother Henry Dale Kole was examined as to his proficiency in the Fellowcraft Degree and on that same evening was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations Brother Kole, and may the tenets of Freemasonry always guide you down your pathway of life.

To all the Brothers and Sisters who work so hard (and rarely seek or get recognition) to make Las Palmas Lodge the warm and friendly place we all enjoy, you are sincerely appreciated and thank you.

Fraternally,

John L. Denton
Junior Warden



From the Secretary

On several recent occasions the lodge has received applications for membership which were not complete. Here are several examples:

An applicant for degrees submitted a petition and answered the question "have you ever been arrested or taken into custody for any purpose other than minor traffic violations?" The answer was no on the application. Later the man thought of an occasion when he should have answered "yes" to the question. Before the lodge received the form at its next stated meeting an amendment to the original form was made.

The investigation committee checked records in the county courthouse which revealed that the person had actually been arrested but the charges were dropped. Because of his honesty in the matter the man was reported favorable by the committee and he was elected to membership.

In another case where an applicant answered the question "Yes" and explained nothing in the next paragraph the petition was turned down by the lodge. Dates of arrest and results of the charges must be made in the application or the form will not be complete as required and cannot be accepted.

All answers to questions on an application for membership must be answered truthfully and as complete as possible. Masonic lodges do not accept membership from persons who they believe to be dishonest.

Article 2604 of the California Masonic Code states that a person convicted of a felony or has served time for a misdemeanor which is morally wrong can not apply for the degrees. If he did not commit the offense or if has been pardoned or otherwise has had the judgment set aside, he is eligible to apply.

Anyone considering an application to any masonic lodge should contact the Master of the lodge to obtain a ruling on eligibility. Masters are charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that all applicants will make good masons.

Robert E. Paden, Secretary

Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe

Las Palmas will be taking a bus trip to South Shore, Lake Tahoe the weekend of April 6, 7 and 8th. We will leave the Las Palmas parking lot a 6:00 p.m. Friday April 6th and travel by bus to Lake Tahoe, with a dinner stop in Sacramen-



to. Accommodations in Lake Tahoe will be at the Viking Motor Lodge, just off the "strip". All meals will be on your own. We will leave Lake Tahoe on Sunday afternoon, to arrive back in Fresno in the early evening. Total cost will be \$75 per person, double occupancy. Show reservations to see Englebert Humperdinck at Harrah's can be made for you at additional cost. Reservations for this trip are a must and can be made through Bob Paden in the Temple Office (268-2303). There is a limit of 44 spaces on the bus, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Make yours now!!!

Calendar

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| 1 Thur. 7:30 pm | 1st Degree |
| 8 Thur. 7:30 pm | 2nd Degree |
| 15 Thur. 6:30 pm | Dinner with Our Dates
Steak Dinner \$7.50.
Reservations required:
Call Bob Paden 268-2303
or Mary Perch 486-2923. |
| 7:30 pm | Stated Meeting |
| 7:30 pm | Ladies Program
Doreen Garn Color
Consultant |
| 22 Thur. 7:30 pm | 2nd Degree |
| 29 Thur. | Open |

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN MEETING DATES

Our April stated meeting date falls on Maundy Thursday, a religious holiday observed by our Scottish Rite brethren, and it is mandatory that all 32nd degree masons attend. In surveying our officer members it was found that a large percentage of them would be absent. The lodge, therefore, voted to move the April stated meeting and dinner to the second Thursday of that month.

Everyone should take note of this change and plan accordingly. Reservations for our dinner should be made a week early.

PROCLAMATION

Public Schools Week — 1984

"Quality and Excellence in Public Education: The Key to America's Future"

Ever since the founding of our Country in 1776, public education in America has been noted for its quality and excellence. Over the years our schools have produced generations of men and women preeminent in all walks of life, many of whom achieved national fame and world-wide recognition.

In the recent past, however, numerous innovations in educational processes were adopted for the purpose of raising already high scholastic standards to even loftier levels. As it turned out, these experiments failed to produce results. Consequently, it is now recognized that a return to *Quality and Excellence in Public Education* is imperative: in fact, it is the very *Key to America's Future*.

Endorsement of this concept is indicated by a renewed program of more intensive instruction in basic subjects — subjects that will enable young Americans to cope successfully in business, to bring prestige to the professions, to enhance the political climate of our nation and in general, enrich their lives.

If this program is to succeed, our schools must have the wholehearted support of the entire community. I therefore call upon all citizens, especially our Brethren in Freemasonry, to support our schools in their endeavor to regain and maintain quality and excellence in public education. To this end, I do now proclaim

Public Schools Week during April 1984

throughout California and Hawaii, and I call upon all Masonic Lodges to arrange with the schools in their area for a mutually convenient week in the Month of APRIL to be set aside for appropriate ceremonies and programs particularly aimed at the concept of *Quality and excellence in Public Education*.

Furthermore, I direct that no Lodge programs or meetings, other than Stated meetings, 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 that it also be published in Lodge Bulletins or distributed to each member in some other fashion.

E. Arthur Haglund
Grand Master