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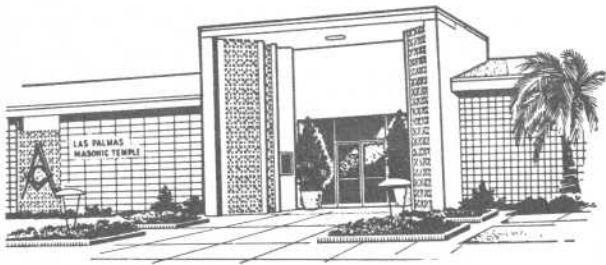
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## From the East:

November is once again upon us, and with it we begin to gear up for the Thanksgiving Holiday. I hope that you will celebrate Thanksgiving as a time to stop and reflect upon the all that the grace of God has provided you with this year. We've all heard the story of the Pilgrims and the first thanksgiving feast; a story of an expression of love between two peoples of radically different cultures. A modern celebration of the anniversary of this first Thanksgiving should be a time when we rekindle those original ideals of friendship and brotherly affection. Most of us will spend Thanksgiving with our families, and this is as it should be. But let us not forget those of us who are not so fortunate. If you know of a Brother or widow who has no one to spend this time with, I urge you to reach out the hand of brotherly love and affection and invite them to be a part of your family this year. You'll bring new joy into that person's life, and feel a new warmth within yourself. Think about it!

Our DeMolay Chapter recently installed its new corps of officers, Las Palmas DeMolay was on the verge of losing its Charter at this time last year because membership had dwindled to almost nothing. Under the able guidance of Chapter Dad Tip Banks, the momentum has been reversed, and the Chapter has grown to over 20 members. I must stress, however, that we are far from being "out of the woods". If any of our membership knows of a boy between the ages of 13 and 21 years that could benefit from membership in this fine Order, I urge you to contact Dad Tip at 275-3658. Also needed are Advisors to help guide the Chapter. If you have some spare time and want to devote it to a worthwhile cause, I urge you to consider helping the boys out.

On November 8th, a 3rd degree will be conferred by the resident "experts" of Las Palmas. Once a year we celebrate Past Masters Night and turn things over to those who have led this Lodge so well in the past. I am happy to announce that there will be a dinner for Masons only at 6:30 p.m. preceding the degree. The menu will be Swiss Steak and the cost will be \$6.00 for those who are not P.M.s. As in the past, the P.M.'s will eat free of charge. I regret that ALL cannot eat free this year, but as most of you are aware, finances will simply not permit it. Maybe next year! Reservations are a must: Contact Bob Paden at 268-2303.

I hope that all of you will find the time to visit your Lodge in the near future. We miss each and



everyone of you when you're absent.

Fraternally,  
Lawrence D. Hopper  
Worshipful Master

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

|      |   |                        |
|------|---|------------------------|
| 1st  | First Degree                            | 7:30 p.m.              |
| 3rd  | Third Degree                            | 1:00 p.m.              |
| 8th  | Past Master's Night<br>Dinner           | 6:30 p.m.              |
|      | 3rd Degree                              | 7:30 p.m.              |
| 15th | Dinner with Our Dates<br>Stated Meeting | 6:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. |
|      | Bible Presentations<br>Ladies program   | 7:30 p.m.              |
|      | Music of the 20's, 30's and 40's        |                        |
| 22th | Happy Thanksgiving                      | Dark                   |
| 29th | Second Degree                           | 7:30 p.m.              |
| 30th | 3rd Degree                              | 7:30 p.m.              |

## From the West:

Brethren

I give you warm greetings from the West. I would also like to thank you for your financial support for my travel and accommodations while representing you at Grand Lodge. The experience was meaningful and educational. I can assure you that Grand Lodge is in good hands. Often times we hear about people who become Masons and choose never to join any other Concordant Body. These Masons should be able to obtain the fellowship and education about Masonry in their own **Blue Lodge**. Such is not always the case, and it is important to realize that the Blue Lodge is the foundation for all the remaining 4th to 32nd Degrees. This fact is outlined below:

**Benevolence** of purpose binds us together as Masonry is spread throughout the World.

**Love** of all Brothers carries with it the connotation of Love of all Mankind.

**Understanding** the Principle Tenets of Masonry — Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth — will help us apply these principles in our everyday life.

**Education** of the origination of Masonry is essential for us to form a solid base for future membership in Concordant Bodies.

**Living** on the Square and doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.

**Organization** helps us to achieve our personal and charitable goals more efficiently.



Doing things for our Brothers, Widows and Orphans helps give our lives true meaning and instills feelings of Love for All Mankind.

God is the Supreme Grand Master of our lives and actions.

Enjoyment of fellowship with our Families and Brothers is the benefit we obtain by being Active in BLUE LODGE members.

As you can see, BLUE LODGE is the cornerstone for all that is to follow in Masonry. Be sure to support it, for its survival and well being is mandatory for all the Concordant Bodies to flourish!

Larry L. Duba,  
Senior Warden

## *From the South:*

Fraternal greetings from the South!

The 135th Annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii was conducted on October 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1984. As your Junior Warden I have prepared this capsulated report for your information.



You were represented at Grand Lodge by Worshipful Master Larry Hopper, Senior Warden Larry Duba, Worshipful Sam Pavlovich, Bob Paden and myself. There were 528 Masonic Lodges represented and a total attendance of 2,266 brethren.

The opening of Grand Lodge, as usual was quite impressive. After opening, various committees gave their reports as well as the Grand Master's Message and the Grand Orator's oration. Complete copies of all committee reports are on file with Brother Bob Paden. They are all worth reading in their entirety and I would encourage each of you to take a moment to read them. For this report, however, I will only give you the highlights of each report as I see them.

From the Grand Secretary's report it was reported we have a total membership in California and Hawaii of 179,576 brethren. This reflects a decline in membership of 4,724 brethren from the 1983 roll. From 1980 to 1984 there was a decline from 197,874 to 179,576, a loss of 18,298 brethren or an 8.3% loss. The number of lodges in California has also decreased from 1980 to 1984. In 1980, we had in our Grand Lodge jurisdiction 644 chartered lodges. In 1984, this number declined to 607 chartered lodges. A decrease in 4 years of 37 lodges. The message is clear in this report, we must all renew our commitment to masonry and stop

this declining trend if masonry is to remain a strong cornerstone of freedom in America.

From the Grand Treasurer's report. All financial statements are included in this report. It has always amazed me how assets and liabilities always balance. Simply amazing!

From the Masonic Homes Endowment Board report. I am happy to report that our lodge had a 48.5% participation with an average gift to the endowment fund of \$7.58. But, I'm sad to report this was well below the overall average of \$16.24 per person. Total lodge contributions to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund from all lodges was \$1,500,203.10. Pretty impressive, but still not enough. If you have not yet contributed or would like to help a little more, I'm sure they would love to see your contribution. Remember Faith, Hope, and Charity and the greatest of these is Charity.

From the Masonic Homes Trustee's Report. We have in our Home at Union City 374 Brothers and Sisters. In our Home at Covina we have 58 sons and daughters. In this report is a special invitation to each of you to visit these homes and meet the rest of your family.

From the Grand Master's Message. This you should read, I cannot do justice to this message by being brief. It is a strong message, urging your participation in Masonry as a MASON. Please take the time to read this message.

From the Grand Orator. This oration was magnificent and also should be read in its entirety to do it justice. I can only relate to you my feelings. It was powerful!

The following recommendations were presented by the Grand Master for consideration and vote:

1. That the candidate must commit to memory ONLY the obligation and modes of recognition in each degree. It received a NO vote.

2. Withdrawn.

3. That section 2635 of the C.M.C be amended to read: "This restriction to apply for a period of time not to exceed 5 years from the date on which a mason received the degree of master mason". Present time period is one (1) year. It was carried over to 1985.

4. That the 150th Grand Lodge Anniversary day preparation planning, writing and printing of an appropriate history book to commemorate the event (15 years from now). It received a YES vote.

5. That the use of cameras and/or audio equipment be used during open installations at the discretion of the Installing Officer. It received a YES vote.

6. To establish a table Lodge Ritual or Procedure. It received a NO vote.

7. To NOT recognize New Jersey jurisdiction and to NOT allow masonic communication with

New Jersey Brethren. It received a YES vote.

It was reported that Danny Thomas has petitioned a lodge in California for his degrees.

Carried over from 1983 Communication:

1. Short form closing of special meetings. A ritual demonstration was presented by the Grand Lecturer and I can assure you it WAS a short form closing. It received a NO vote, but not enough to carry. Will be presented again in 1985.

2. Duties of Secretaries. It received a YES vote.

An emergency recommendation was submitted for vote. It was to establish a Disaster Relief Fund for lodges which suffer substantial losses due to earthquakes, floods, fires, etc. A 5 cent per capita tax was recommended to establish and maintain this fund. Much discussion followed and it received a NO vote. Adequate insurance coverage should be obtained by individual lodges.

The following resolutions were voted on:

1. The choice of use of Holy Writings in degrees, i.e. Torah, Koran, or Holy Bible. It received a NO vote.

2. The use of abbreviated titles when addressing Masonic mail. It received a NO vote.

3. The availability of widow's pin to all widows. It carried over to 1985.

4. Grand Lodge officer appointments. It received a NO vote.

5. The Duties of Standing Committee on U.S. Constitution Observance. It received a NO vote.

6. Duties of Committee on U.S. Constitution Observance. It received a YES vote.

7. Holding Stated Meetings in the First Degree. It received a NO vote.

8. Contributions in Liew of Flowers. It received a YES vote.

9. The sons of Masons eligible for degrees at 18 years of age. It received a NO vote.

10. The the Golden Veterans Award include life membership. It received a NO vote.

11. Changes in Trial Procedure. It received a YES vote.

A full explanation of each resolution is on file with our secretary, Bro. Bob Paden. As you can tell our fellow brethren were not to prove to break traditions.

I hope that you can and will join us next year for the 136th Grand Lodge of fellowship.

Congratulations to Brothers Arthur Hoff and John Moore on passing their proficiency in the Fellowcraft degree. Congratulations to Cecil Denton (way to go Pop) on passing the proficiency in the Lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. I would like to welcome Brother Herbert Johnston

into our Lodge. You picked the best. To Brother Segundo (Sig) Gai. Congratulations on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Fraternally,  
John L. Denton,  
Jr. Warden

## *From the Secretary:*

The Grand Lodge committee on Masonic Information and Education has supplied each lodge in California with a plastic tract holder and a small supply of pamphlets which will be of interest to members who have prospects desiring more information about masonry. It is hoped this will help secure more members.



If you have someone in mind who needs a slight push to get him to ask for an application, pick up an appropriate pamphlet and give it to him. We will try to keep the holder supplied with material.

Also the Grand Lodge has furnished us with a supply of decals to place on the rear window of your car to show that you are a California Freemason. These will be mailed to each member with his dues receipt. Another purpose of these stickers is to show other members that you have paid your dues.

Perhaps a non-mason will notice you are a member and may inquire about membership. If so, you should immediately secure some of the pamphlets and an application. This should also produce an increase in memberships.

If the chance arrives during conversations with non-members, you may ask him if he has ever considered becoming a mason. This can be done without actually asking him to join.

Please don't pass up a chance to get an application into the hands of a person who seems interested. If you know his wife or daughter, they may help him decide to ask for an application to join.

The Grand Lodge of California is trying to help lodges increase membership. We are not trying to be a membership "mill" but merely seeking good men to become better men by associating with the best men.

Good luck.

Bob Paden, Secretary