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From the East:

Brethren:

I give you greetings from the East! Now that the Eighty-First Installation of Officers has taken place, we are starting on a fast pace to "Help Masonry Survive Beyond 85!"

The committeemen have been selected, an annual schedule of activities has been established, and a budget to finance these activities has been proposed to the Finance Committee.

My opening remarks will be less than normal, because there are many items to be included in this Trestleboard. For those of you who were not able to attend the Installation, I am providing the Installation Address for your information. Perhaps you can share it with a non-Mason. In addition, I would like to introduce your officers and their wives. You will find this in a separate section.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who took part in and assisted in the wonderful Installation Ceremony. It is apparent that by working together we can accomplish great things. We will continue to work together during the year for the betterment of mankind and Masonry.

Also included in this Trestleboard is a tentative schedule of events for the first six months. Please mark your calendars accordingly so that you will not miss important activities due to conflicts. Other social and educational activities will be scheduled and announced in the future.

At the January 17th Stated Meeting I presented six primary goals for the year. These are as follows:

1. *Increase Membership by 30%. Our goal will be to initiate at least 23 individuals into our Fraternity. We of course, have no control over total membership figures. Last year there were 18 new Entered Apprentice Masons.*
2. *Increase contributions to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund by 10%. Remember that Charity extends beyond the grave.*
3. *Increase the number and variety of activities for our membership, in order to bring us closer together in our common cause.*
4. *Improve our education program for all candidates before and after they obtain their 3 degrees.*
5. *Increase members' participation in the work of the Lodge, not only on committees, but also in the ritual work.*
6. *Increase the visibility of Masonry in our community.*



Achievement of the above goals will enable us to "Help Masonry Survive Beyond 85!"

May I introduce your officers and their wives:

| Officer | Wife | Station |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Larry Duba | Alice | W.M. |
| John Denton | Jean | S.W. |
| Jim Hall | Anna | J.W. |
| George Posson, PM | Marion | Treasurer |
| Bob Paden | | Sect. |
| Wally Scott | Helen | Chaplain |
| Chuck Alstrom | Linda | Sr. D. |
| Lee French | Jo Ann | Jr.D. |
| Steve Harrelson | Lynn | Marshal |
| Don Scott | Pat | Sr. S. |
| Bill Ennis | Janet | Jr. S. |
| Paul Shelly | Charlotte | Organist |
| Ben Schaeffer | | Tiler |

Larry L. Duba, Master

INSTALLATION ADDRESS

Distinguished Guests, Brethren and Friends,

What do the following individuals have in common? George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Gerald Ford, John Paul Jones, Benjamin Franklin, Charles Lindbergh, Lewis and Clark, Henry Ford, John Wayne, Astronaut James Irwin, and Will Rogers.

These individuals who lead our country either as President, Explorer of the west and outer space, inventor, first to cross the Atlantic ocean in an airplane, automobile manufacturer, movie star, writer and comedian were all masons!

In 1776 there were approximately 3,000 masons in the United States. Today there are about 3 million, and there are 6 million world-wide. Why have so many men of high morals and standards become masons? It is no doubt the outstanding principles of the fraternity and the charitable work that we are engaged in. The cornerstone for all that is to follow in masonry is our lodge, which is also called the blue lodge. I will attempt to explain some of these principles and beliefs by use of the letters of the words blue lodge itself.

"B" Benevolence of purpose binds us together as masonry is spread throughout the world. To quote our first president, George Washington, Past Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22: "Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know, that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a society whose principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy and the Benevolent design of a masonic institution; and it is most fervently wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity... May tend to convince mankind that the grand object of masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

The second letter "L" Love of all brothers carries with it the connotation of love of all mankind.

"U" Understanding the principle tenets of Masonry - Brotherly love, Relief and Truth - will help us apply these principles in our everyday life.

"E" Education is strongly supported because it is the younger generation that is the bright future for the world. Public schools are the foundation of the Educational process in the United States, and Masons lay the cornerstones of all schools in California and Hawaii.

"L" Living on the square and doing unto others as we would have them do unto us, is a percept worthy of all conduct.

"O" Organization and unity helps us to achieve our fraternal and charitable goals more efficiently.

"D" Doing things for our brothers, widows and orphans help give our lives true meaning, and it instills feeling of love for all mankind.

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

"E" Enjoyment of fellowship with our families and brothers is the benefit we obtain by being active blue lodge member. As you can see, your blue lodge is the cornerstone for all that is to follow in masonry.

In order for this honorable fraternity to survive we will need the help of all masons and their families. Therefore, my theme this year is "Help Masonry Survive Beyond 85". In order to accomplish this we will build upon the foundation laid by Past Master Paul Ford in 1978. His theme for the year was "Enthusiasm and Involvement". To quote him "These seven traits, enthusiasm, will power, self-confidence, energy, knowledge, responsibility and courage are all Masonic traits of Character. We all have them, so let's put them to work by becoming involved".

Together, we will accomplish our objectives and enjoy ourselves while we are working to promote masonry for the betterment of mankind! our goals for the year and the activities planned to promote masonry and encourage fellowship among our members will be presented next week at our stated meeting.

I hope this short dissertation helps explain to our visitors and guests the purpose of masonry and why so many great leaders in different careers are attracted to the powerful purposes of Free Masonry.

From the West

Brethren, Fraternal greetings from the West.

Installation of new officers has past and we have started working in our new stations. We, the officers of 1985 extend to each of you a special invitation to attend Lodge.

Sitting in the West, I have an opportunity to observe, during the Installation ceremony it occurred to me how bleak and dismal life would be without our ladies. How pretty they looked and how much they added to the occasion. Truly one of God's prettiest flowers. The young men of the Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay have asked me to thank all the brethren for their help and support at their Christmas tree sale. They ask for your continued support in the coming months fund raising activities. Hats off to you from them.

Many activities are planned in 1985 by the new Master, but it takes you to make them happen. Remember, that without you, the building would be just so much brick, lumber, and plaster. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
John L. Denton, S.W.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 4th Masonic Widows Luncheon
YWCA 1:00 p.m.
- 5th DeMolay Advisory Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 6th DeMolay Meeting - All Master 7:30 p.m.
Masons welcome
- 7th 2nd Degree — John D. Montgomery 7:30 p.m.
- 14th Officers Practice 7:30 p.m.
- 20th DeMolay Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 21st Dinner with Our Dates 6:30 p.m.
Baked Chicken - \$6.00
Club Room: Stained Glass by
Bro. Howard Hunter 7:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Golden Veterans Award—Bro. Winslow H. Murray
- 28th Third Degree 7:30 p.m.
Brother Bruce A. Baird

March

- 2nd Las Palmas Sponsored Youth Square Dance for Jobs
Daughters, Rainbow & DeMolay Members . 7:30 p.m.

From the South:

Brethren,

To those of us who have joined Las Palmas Lodge within the last few years, the Stated Meeting night dinners are something we take for granted. We arrive at the lodge fully expecting to be served an exceptional meal and we are never disappointed. This event occurs only because of a small dedicated group of people in our lodge work very hard each month to make it happen. It has not always been so, however, prior to 1962 Stated Meetings were just that, the lodge convened, business was transacted and the lodge was closed. Under the guidance of Bob Reynolds (Master 1961), a search was begun for someone to bring monthly dinners to reality. This was when Las Palmas Lodge found Mary Perch. Under her direction the Las Palmas Dates were formed, and in January 1962 the first dinner was served. Pots and pans were brought to the lodge by the Dates and cooking was done in a kitchen without ovens, freezers and many other items we now have. The Dates were not discouraged and continued serving meals until enough profits could be made to properly equip the kitchen.

Today, your Stated Meetings dinner begins a month in advance. The menu is planned and Mary begins her shopping two to three weeks in advance. She will visit 12 to 15 stores and select certain items at each place. After some 30 to 40 hours on her part, the meal is now ready to be



cooked. Mary and her crew arrive early in the morning at the lodge and meals preparations begin. This work continues until about 5:30 when the food is ready to be served.

At the end of each year, the profits from the dinners are calculated and a presentation is made to the lodge. The Dates have been responsible for giving our lodge such items as: new drapes, chimes, television sets, tables, lamps, Master top hats, show cases, money to the De Molay and many other items.

When asked why she spends so much time and effort for us, Mary replies "Because I love each one of you." Mary, we want you to know that we all love and appreciate you for all your hard work and effort. You and your wonderful crew are one of our lodges prized possessions. Each one of you exemplify by your deeds and actions what we most believe in Masonry, that we are to love, support and honor each other.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, J.W.

P.S. A special list will be printed at a later date naming the people who work with Mary.

From the Secretary

Our two masonic districts in the Fresno-Clovis-Sanger areas have elected to publish a new Roster of Members this spring. It will include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all members in the manner in which your name appeared in the last booklet please get the information to the secretary as soon as possible so it will be correct. There may not be another roster for a couple of years.

Several members have indicated they wish to "drop out" of the lodge since the first of the year. There is no such action in our masonic code. In order to terminate membership in a lodge, a member must submit a request in writing at a stated meeting and the Master will direct the Secretary to issue a dimit providing the member's dues are current at that time, otherwise he should pay at least one quarter (three months) dues so he will be in good standing on the date of the stated meeting the request is made. No action can be taken if the member is in arrears.

If a member feels that by not paying dues he

will be "dropped" from the membership, he is wrong. When dues are not paid for a period of twelve months, the lodge may suspend him for non-payment of dues during the first six months of the following year in order to keep from paying per capita tax on him the end of June.

If a member is thus suspended he is also terminated in all other affiliated bodies in which masonic membership is a prerequisite for membership therein. His lady relatives who depend on his lodge membership as a requirement for their membership in the affiliated body are also no longer eligible to belong.

In order to be restored to membership in the lodge the minimum requirement for reinstatement is usually that he pay all dues owed at the time of suspension plus the current year's dues. The lodge could require all dues accrued during his absence be paid. This is hardly ever done, however.

A great amount of time should be spent in considering termination in the lodge. It is possible that reinstatement could be denied.

LODGE FUNCTIONS FOR 1985

- Mar 2 Youth Activity, Square Dance for Jobs Daughters, Rainbow and DeMolay
- Mar 5 Officers School of Instruction — Ponderosa Lodge, Temple on Shields
- Mar 11 Officers School of Instruction — Clovis Lodge
- Mar 21 Stated Meeting — Golden Veterans Award, Bro. Roland O. Whitby, Masonic Bible Presentation
- Mar 28 Officers School of Instruction — 3rd Degree, hosted by Las Palmas
- Mar 30 Masonic Leadership Workshop — Masonic Temple on Shields
- Apr 4 Dark — Happy Easter
- Apr 18 Stated Meeting; Golden Veterans Award, Bro Arthur L. Laughlin; Public Schools Program
- Apr 26 Public Schools Dinner, Hoover High School
- May 4 Bus Trip to Columbia — 3rd Degree
- May 9 Laymen's Night
- May 16 Stated Meeting, Hiram Award Presentation, Homes Endowment Program
- Jun 2 Picnic at Yosemite — Bus Trip
- Jun 20 Stated Meeting — Golden Veterans Award Presentation, Bro. Dave Bier; Widows Night
- Jul 4, 11 Dark
- Jul 18 Stated Meeting
- Jul 25 Dark
- Aug 1, 8
- Aug 15 Stated Meeting - Secretary & Treasurer Reports
- Aug 22 Officers' Practice, 1st & 2nd Degree, Officers in Advance Stations.
- Aug 24 Oklahoma Indian Outdoor Degree, Redding, CA
- Aug 29 Officers' Practice, 3rd Degree, Officers in Advance Stations

