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From the East:

Brethren and Ladies:

Congratulations are in order to Brother Raymond H. Esheim for his being selected and presented the prestigious Hiram Award on May 16th. I would like to thank the members of the Hiram Award Committee for their outstanding choice and to W. Sam Pavlovich for his assistance in the award presentation. Thanks also go to W. Larry Hopper for having the Hiram Award Plaque engraved according.

Over 100 people participated in "Helping Masonry Survive Beyond 85" on May 23rd. We had 14 non-Masons and their spouses in attendance for Layman's Night. The wonderful steak dinner, musical entertainment and meaningful talk by W. Irving Berliner all contributed to a successful evening. The results of our combined efforts will hopefully be beneficial for our Lodge and Masonry in general. I appreciate everyone's participation and assistance.

The month of June has a great number of activities for our Masonic Family. The DeMolay has received increased support by our purchasing of advance tickets for their pancake breakfast and by our contribution of \$107.50 for the purchase of Leadership Correspondance Course for 15 DeMolay members and for other needed literature. The youth appreciates what we are doing, and we look forward to a progressive Chapter. We still need Advisory Council Advisors. Please contact Bro. Ennis to join the adults responsible for guiding our youth in their managerial and leadership development.

A big THANK YOU goes to W. George Posson and Bro. Wallace Scott for the outstanding job they have done in managing the Secreary's Office while Brother Bob Paden was recovering from surgery. Thanks also to Bro. Frank Wright for setting up the Lodge while Bro. Ben Schaefer is recovering from surgery.

Fraternally
Larry L. Duba
Master

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.



Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. *Author Unknown.*

From the West

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the West.

On the 26th of June the Las Palmas Masonic Widows Club will be sponsoring a bus trip to Monterey, all Lodge members and their ladies are invited to attend. The cost is \$30.00 per person which will include the admission fee into the Monterey Aquarium. Please make your reservations early, it's going to be a fun trip and the seats are going fast.

The Las Palmas Masonic Widows Club meets on the first Monday of each month (except holidays) at the Garden House Tea Room, 1600 M Street, Lunch is served at 1:00 p.m. Ina McCloskey, this years President extends an invitation to all Masonic widows to join.

If you know of someone please have them contact Ina or Eldon Cole P.M. for more information. We will honor our widows on June 20th so plan to be there.

Congratulations to Brother Ray Esheim on receiving the Hiram Award. Bro. Ray is always ready to serve his Lodge, Many times he has been called to help and every time he makes the time. Brother Ray is another strong spike holding those tracks straight and true. Hats off to Brother Ray Esheim.

It sure would be nice if all golfers were Masons, then you would know for sure your opponent is counting all his strokes.

Enjoy life, attend Lodge, and shoot in the 80's.

Fraternally
John L. Denton
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren:

At our first meeting in May we conferred the 3rd Degree of Masonry upon one of our brothers. This is not unusual for we do this frequently. He was raised by his father, a Past Master from another Lodge. This is unusual but yet not exclusive. Las Palmas has been fortunate enough to have had this happen several times in its history. What was remarkable was the composition of the degree team. The group consisted of members of three different lodges. We varied in age from the early thirties to the late sixties and represented twelve or more occupations. The group had never worked together, indeed, many of us had never met. Yet this complex and difficult degree was executed with such skill, brotherly love and affection that every member present was moved. As I sat watching this degree unfold I was struck as to how truly remarkable this was. We were a group of men who had so little in common, yet we had so very much in common, for we were all Masons. We were as it is said in our rituals. "Linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection." This feeling, or belief, exists not only at Las Palmas Lodge, but also in every Masonic Lodge in the world. Masonry was founded hundreds of years ago on this principle. As long as Man continues to strive for self improvement and understanding there will always be Masonic Lodges ready to accept new members who wish to join us and pattern their lives on our belief in the Three Precious Jewels Of Masonry, the Holy Bible, Square and Compass.

Congratulations to Brother James H. DeAmaral on becoming an Entered Apprentice Mason and to Brother James L. Bailey on passing his examination in the Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Congratulation also to Brother John D. Montgomery on becoming a Master Mason and to Brothers John D. Moore, Paul L. Locker and Roy A. Gibbs on passing their examination in the Master Mason Lecture.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, J.W.



Calendar for June

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| 2 | Lodge Bus Trip to Yosemite | 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. |
| | Prospective Non-masons are welcome | |
| 3 | Widows Club Luncheon — YWCA | 1:00 |
| 5 | Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting | 7:30. |
| 6 | Second Degree — Bro. Jim Bailey | 7:30 |
| 8 | Bethel No. 243 Parents Club Auction and Steak Dinner at Fresno City College, CA Agricultural Museum. | 6:00 |
| 12 | DeMolay Advisory Council Meeting | 7:30 |
| 13 | Second Degree — Bro. Bruce Sims | 7:30 |
| 15 | DeMolay Car Wash — location to be announced | |
| 20 | Stated Meeting Dinner with Our Dates honoring our Widows (Widows admitted free). Shish Kabob Dinner \$7.50. Reservation Deadline: 5 p.m. June 18th. Golden Veteran's Award: Bro. Arthur L. Laughlin. | 7:30 |
| | Ladies Program: Woman's Chorus | 7:30 |
| 27 | First Degree | 7:30 |

NOTE: Las Palmas Temple Board Rummage Sale is to be rescheduled due to activity conflict.

Secretary's Corner:

I am using this method of thanking all the members of Las Palmas and their ladies for the many cards and letters received during my recent stay at U.C. Hospital at San Francisco. I am sure all those get-well wishes and prayers helped get me out of there real soon. It would be almost impossible for me to answer so many people individually by mail.

During my stay at the hospital I lost the right kidney, which was out of action due to a tumor and had a large aneurism of the aorta, which distributes blood from the heart, was repaired. The doctor has assured me that all is well and there is no need to worry about further complications.

I am now able to spend some time at the lodge office every morning. During my absence Wally Scott and George Posson kept the office open and answered the telephone. Since about the first of May all the work which accumulated during the last of March and all of April has



been processed. If you had a problem and it hasn't been taken care of please call again. Possibly it could have been overlooked.

George Gilliland, secretary of Ponderosa Lodge was a great help. He was secretary for several of our meetings and the minutes were in good shape. He helped Wally and George get out some reports which could not be held over until I returned.

Some of the meetings I should attend are being neglected. Healing nerves prevent going out at night. Las Palmas is the only one I attend, and that is with some pain. I have word that it may by six months before everything is back to normal again. I look forward to that day.

It is very comforting to know I have been missed. It isn't like returning to learn friends didn't know I was gone. I hope I can be around a long time yet.

Bob Paden, Secretary

MASONIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Masonic Secrets

Masonic Secrets of modern speculative Masonry are mostly modes of recognition and some parts of the legends illustrating our precepts and beliefs.

Operative Masons of times gone by — clear back to 1,000 B.C. at the building of King Solomon's Temple — and some believe even to the building of the Great Pyramid of Giza — were a specialized craft of artisans whose works, when done according to their specifications, were accepted as having figure, strength, and beauty, and resulted in having due proportion and just correspondence in all their parts, creating a divine appearance. The keys, formulae, and methods to create these masterpieces were coveted as their secrets to assure construction of completely attractive structures - and -to keep their services in demand as a body. This closely knit body formed "lodges" whose members were limited to the trustworthy, morally correct, who possessed high quality skills and pride of workmanship. And so they too, must have had modes of recognition and closed meeting sessions properly tiled, to prevent eavesdropping and a "Leaking" of their secrets. As design is a strong part of these procedures, some Architects were among them, for we hear that Sir Christopher Wren, (1673-1723) who designed St. Paul's Cathedral in London and other stately edifices, reportedly attended Master Masons meetings.

Here are some of the skills referred to, and mentioned here to illustrate their nature:

One skill was the use of the "3-4-5 Right Triangle" based on Pythagorus' proposition (540-500 B.C.). A triangle so proportioned will assure a 90° corner, the other being 30° and 60°, and can be laid out with tape. Multiples of 3-4-5, using the same multiplier for each side, keeps the same proportion. It is still used by surveyors and contractors for staking and laying out structures.

The use of "Root Rectangles" was and still is, a method for designing or laying out well proportioned structures. A Root Rectangle starts with a square, say, of one unit of

length, each side. This is a "Root One Rectangle". By scribing with a compass having the point at the lower left corner of the square and the marker at upper right corner, scribe an arc down to the base line of the square. The length of the base line so extended is 1.41 units or the square root of two. This new rectangle is a "Root Two Rectangle", 1x1.41. Proceeding as previously with the compass, but on the root 2 rectangle, scribes a new base line of 1.73 units long, or the square root of 3. Next would be 2.00 units long or the sq. rt. of 4, the next 2.24 or the sq. rt. of 5. Now, if a square were taken out of the center of a root 5 rectangle, there would be two rectangles remaining at each end. These have the dimensions of 1x0.618 which are called "Golden Section" rectangles whose sides relate 1:0.618:1. This is believed to be the most pleasing rectangle - thus used in design proportions of the best buildings and other useful items. Try measuring post cards, books, and even this extended sheet of the Las Palmian, 8.5"x14" comes close to 1:1.6. Of the Root Rectangles in construction, the Golden Section proportion is used most, but Root 1 (the Square), Root 2, and 4 also make attractive appearances. One cathedral was planned using the root 2 proportion in all dimensions, and was widely acclaimed.

This is all the space we have now, but if you're interested, let us know and we'll do more another time.

ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM, Co-Chairman

PROCLAMATION

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT MONTH

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth cannot be better exemplified than through the existence and support of our Masonic Homes. Since 1906, the Masonic Home for Adults in Union City has provided security and loving care for our elderly, fostered feelings of individual self-worth, and encouraged societal interests among the residents. The Masonic Home for Children in Covina has, since 1909, aided youngsters to rebuild their shattered lives by providing an atmosphere of family love and understanding while preparing them to become responsible adults.

The operational expenses necessary to maintain the existing grounds and structures as well as to provide personnel and services are rising annually at a steady rate. The average monthly number of residents at Union City will be raised to exceed 400 adults who require one of three levels of care — residential, personal, or skilled nursing care. Over the last three years, the average number of children at Covina has increased by 66. Freemasonry serving mankind is essential to assure continued quality for those to whom we provide relief.

In the 1983-84 Endowment Year, 75th year of this program, 51 of the Masons in California and Hawaii gave their support by contributing to the Homes Endowment fund. If we could increase the participation to 70, we could reach our goal of two million dollars this year.

"To relieve the distressed is the duty incumbent of all men but particularly on Masons who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection." My Brethren, won't you open your heart to our elderly and our children?

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Ray J. Henville
Grand Master