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From the East

Brethren and Ladies:

It is a blessing to be able to again sit in the Oriental Chair in the East! Your help, patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. It is also very good to know that our Lodge Secretary, Brother Bob Paden, and Tiler, Brother



Ben Schaeffer, are both recovering well. Both of our brothers are home and surely would like you to call them.

We have a very full and active calendar of events this month. Brother Ray Esheim will be receiving the Hiram Award on May 16th. This is for his many years of dedicated work for the benefit of our members and Masonry in general.

You now have an opportunity to directly "Help Masonry Survive Beyond '85"! All you need to do is bring a non-Mason and his spouse to our Laymen's Night dinner and program on May 23rd. This is a perfect way to introduce your friends to Masonry — Steak Dinner, Entertainment and W. Irving A. Berliner as speaker on Masonry. Make your reservations with the Secretary by May 21st.

We are also planning a bus trip to Yosemite Valley on June 2nd to enjoy Brotherhood and the beautiful sights of the Valley and Yosemite Falls. This is an opportunity to invite a prospective member to join in an activity where he and his family will have a chance to meet us.

We have arranged for a 47 passenger bus. We will leave the Lodge at 7:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. The cost of \$12.00 per person includes a continental breakfast (coffee, juice, donut, sweet rolls). Reservation deadline is May 27th. Make reservations with our Lodge Secretary.

Grand Master Roy J. Henville has proclaimed May 1985, Masonic Homes Endowment Month. Now is the time for EACH OF US to show our Fraternal spirit of benevolence by contributing to this great cause.

When our first Home was founded in the 1890's the purpose was to provide a roof of care and love over the heads of our widows and children. Over the years that basic concept has not changed; however, that roof has widened to include two Homes — Union City for our senior

citizens and Covina for our children. With growth and the passing years, the expense of maintaining not only the physical grounds but the programs at our Homes has inevitably increased.

Our Grand Master has given us the challenge to reach 2+ million dollars. With EVERY ONE OF US reaching a little deeper into our pockets as well as our hearts, we will attain this goal. Many Brethren match their dues with a contribution to the Homes Endowment Fund. No contribution is too small; give what you feel you can, but PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

Today, in California alone, there are approximately 105,000 residents in nursing homes at an annual cost of more than \$1 billion. Nationally it is expected that this figure will exceed \$30 billion by the turn of the century. California Masons themselves pay the entire cost for the exceptional care provided these loved ones. Such costs for the Homes approximates \$10,000,000.00 a year. It is estimated that our Masonic efforts save the State and Federal government more than \$4,000,000 every year. Thus, as Masons, we care for our own, and as good citizens we can assist in Freemasonry Serving Mankind.

Rarely do we have the opportunity to help others in so satisfying a way and thus ensure hope for the future of our young people and peace of mind for our elderly.

Fraternally,
Larry Duba,
Master

From the West

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the West!

The other day I was waiting at the Amtrak Station to pick up luggage. With nothing better to do I started counting the number of spikes required to hold the rails together, straight and solid. It seemed to me that a lot of energy was expended by our forefathers in planning and seeing that a good strong track was built. The tracks are still straight and strong, and have withstood the load of many heavy burdens. Masons are like these spikes, they work together



to keep the track of truth strong and straight so the train of freedom and right can travel around the world. Many determined and energetic Masons have held that track together for many years. What would our society be like without these individual spikes? Their united strength, binding together to form a brotherhood whose basic beliefs have formed and maintained world freedom.

Brother Bill Wharton is one of those strong spikes. He has been instrumental in forming the Masonic Library at the Scottish Rite Temple. It is well planned and contains a wealth of Masonic history and information. Many books are on hand for the person who seeks further light in Masonry. To my knowledge any Master Mason can visit the Library to relax and read the books. Some are also available to check out. Hats off to Brother Bill for his efforts in keeping the Masonic Light of Truth and Knowledge within easy grasp of all interested Masons.

The Las Palmas Temple Board is planning a parking lot rummage sale on July 27th, 1985 to help defray the cost of subsidizing the youth groups that use our Temple. They would appreciate any item you could donate. They will be happy to pick it up and store it until that date. Please call Art Hoff at 442-8020 to arrange for pick-up. The youth groups will be selling refreshments so please help our youth and participate.

Don't forget the bus trip to Yosemite National Park on June 2nd. It should be a fun trip for everyone. Call the Lodge and make your reservations early.

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
John L. Denton
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,

You have taken your first three degrees in Masonry and finally achieved that most sought after title "Master Mason". There is now nothing left for you to do in your Blue Lodge except attend meetings and sit quietly on the sidelines. Right? Well Brethren, that is not true! How about becoming a coach and pass on the ritual to a new Mason? The thrill of seeing your Candidate move through his first three degrees in Masonry under your guidance is one you will never forget. Do you feel you are too rusty in the ritual to be a good coach? Las Palmas can quickly remedy that. We have three excellent coaches; Phil Lewis, P.M., 1st Degree, Eldon Cole, P.M., 2nd Degree and Larry Hopper, P.M., 3rd Degree, who will be most happy to work with you and refresh your memory. When you feel ready, contact our Head Candidate Coach, Mike Swain, and put your name on his list. Mike will then assign you a new Mason to work with. As you import your knowledge to your new Brother, spending many enjoyable hours with him and examining him in the Lodge, a bond will be formed between each of you that will last a lifetime. To take a new member by the hand and guide him to the honored degree of Master Mason constitutes the most important job one can do in Masonry. Without this, all other work in the Lodge would cease. To all of you members who have coached in the past, are now coaching or will do so in the future, we offer a hearty "Thank you"; for giving your time and knowledge to your less in-



LAYMEN'S NIGHT

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Attention all Las Palmas Members.

This is our chance to expose a non-Mason to our craft. We are planning a dinner with a special guest speaker. Our speaker will be Irving Berliner. He is a native of San Francisco, Past Master of Fidelity Lodge #120 and the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Layman's Night Speakers Panel.

He will be bringing a message of what

Masonry is and is not, also relating to his personal experience. Time will be provided for Questions and Answers.

The Dinner will be no charge to our prospective Masons and their wives. Masons and their wives will pay the customary \$6.00 each. Reservations are a must. Please call the Lodge office for reservations. Any questions - call Charles Alstrom, 233-2127 or 439-6337.

formed Brethren you give the term "My Brother" its highest meaning.

Congratulations to Brothers Vivian Swick VanDyne and John Douglas Montgomery on passing their examination in the Fellowcraft Lecture. Congratulations to Brother VanDyne on becoming a Master Mason. Fraternally,

Jim Hall, J.W.

CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 3 Third Degree - Bro. John Montgomery ... 7:30
- 9 First Degree - Mr. James H. DeAmaral ... 7:30
- 14 DeMolay Advisory Council Meeting 7:30
- 14 Temple Association Meeting 7:30
- 15 Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting 7:30
- 16 Dinner with our Dates 6:30

Chicken Dinner \$6.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

5:00 p.m. MAY 14th.

Homes Endowment Program

Hiram Award Presentation - Bro. Ray Esheim
Stated Meeting 7:30

Ladies Program: Fire Safety and Prevention

- 23 Laymen's Night 6:30
- Steak Dinner \$7.00. Non-Mason and spouse are free. **RESERVATION**

DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. JUNE 21st.

"Help Masonry Survive Beyond 85!"

- 26 Pancake Breakfast prepared by Las Palmas DeMolay. 8:00/12:00 a.m. \$2.50 per ticket. **SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!**

MASONIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH

In reflecting upon the principle tenets of Freemasonry - Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and the ways we are able to impart them — making them a part of our daily lives — it might be well to review them a bit and see if we are giving them the full measure of devotion we would like to do; for only then, and after that, can we expect some in return.

BROTHERLY LOVE, a concern for another's well being, is truly a reflective process, for we cannot hope for a different or better attitude toward us than that which we extend

toward others. The enjoyment is the interchange of mirrored images and most often the mirror is like being on a convex curve, for what is returned is a much magnified version of the original.

RELIEF, in this sense, is concern for and helping others in life's problems, mainly in a sympathetic, heart-felt way, extending them your interest and support. There are times when just taking the time to listen shows your interest in sharing another's troubles making them seem smaller - and other times when grief or the effect of illness or death of a loved one becomes unbearable unless the thoughts are shared with another person. Shakespeare wrote, "Well, everyone can master grief, 'cept he that has it!".

So, we have pledged ourselves to render this relief to our brethren who need it. It is not likely that we realize the full beneficial impact of our visit to the ill, troubled, or bereaved until we are in a position to receive it ourselves. But it is profound, I assure you. The effect is like extending part of your life energy to another. No doubt you have been in a trying predicament when you felt the radiant hope of others present, that you would do well, and this helped you perform beyond the ability you thought was your limit. Thus they shared their energies with you, and so it appears that we are able to absorb power or energy wished upon us by others. Sharing your strengths with others works wonders — it's called **RELIEF** - Try it, you'll enjoy it.

While on the subject, our Masonic Funeral Ritual has a most beneficial effect on the bereaved, particularly when the service is attended by a substantial number of concerned brethren. Here also, the sharing of cares and radiant hopes multiplies until the little power or energy from each brother present is absorbed or felt by the bereaved, making them stronger, and better able to bear their burdens. So, be sure you make every effort to attend Masonic Funeral Services for your brethren - it is our duty to do so. It is part of our relief to the distressed which we have pledged.

TRUTH is an attribute tied in to all our relationships with our brethren, and everyone else. It is the basis of our actions. There is no other way - for us.

ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, Co-Chairman