



The Las Palmian

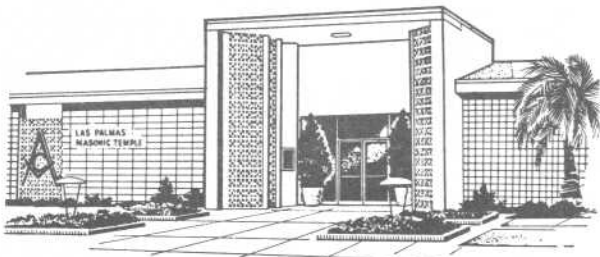
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From the East:

Brethren and Ladies:

It is indeed my pleasure to bring you Greetings from our new Grand Master John Willard Driskell. He is a member of Capital City Lodge 499 in Sacramento. His motto for the Grand Lodge year is "Freemasonry — The Last Frontier". We are in an era when membership is continuing to decline. This is not due only to the passing of members to the Celestial Lodge above. There were 1500 suspensions for non-payment of dues, 2800 demits and approximately 500 Entered Apprentice Masons decided to not continue in Masonry and forfeited their dues. These statistics are alarming to most of us. In order to help stem the tide, a Personnel Committee will be established to review all such actions by our members so that we can attempt to eliminate any dissatisfaction that may exist.

Our Youth still need our help. They need guidance and personal assistance more than they need money. As Past Grand Master Roy J. Henville said, "If you want to stay young, get involved with our Youth and give them a hand." Please volunteer for the Advisory Council or in the Coach A DeMolay (CADE) Program.

A special thanks again goes to our Entertainment Committee and particularly to Brother "Whitey" Owen, who was the Project Chairman for the 1st All Masonic Invitational Golf Tournament. With the assistance of Brother Crossland and the committee members, we had a very professional activity for our Masonic Community at Sunnyside Golf Course.

You can be proud that 409 of our 836 members contributed \$7,029 or an average of \$17.19 per contributor. Unfortunately, this was only 48.9% of our members. Please start now and participate in your obligation to support our Widows and Orphans. You never know when you or a loved one may need to apply for either the Masonic Home in Union City or the Childrens' Home in Covina.

Fraternally
Larry L. Duba
Master



From the West

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the West.

The month of November is the designated time of the year set aside to give thanks to God for all that we consider good in our lives. Each of us have many things to be thankful for. Mine is the free country in which we live. Thanks that my life can be lived in a land free from the oppression others must endure. Thanks for a beautiful family and many good friends. Thanks for your brotherly love and affection. My list of thanks goes on forever, but some are not so fortunate to have such a list. When the official day arrives, look around and see if you can make someone little happier that their list may also be longer the next year.

Grand Lodge this year was great. If you have never been to see the opening and subsequent ceremonies, you should plan to attend next years session. All Master Masons are invited to sit in Grand Lodge. Believe me, it's a great experience. Next year, at the Rose Bowl Parade, we will have a beautiful float entered to represent Masonry in California and Hawaii. Be sure and look for it in the parade.

Clovis Lodge will have their 75th Anniversary on November 9th. Congratulations Clovis Lodge, plan to attend and show them Fresno really does care. I would also like to congratulate and thank Brother Ed Carpenter P.M. for his rays of knowledge on Masonic history. Thanks Ed; good job.

Don't forget Past Masters' Night on November 13th for one of our candidates. Come out and support our Past Masters on their night.

The Dallas Cowboys just started to play ball; gotta go.

Fraternally,
John L. Denton
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren:

Our 1985 Annul Picnic is now history and nothing remains but to thank those wonderful people who worked very hard to insure its success. A very special thank-you to Tip Banks and his wife Cathy. They not only raised the pig which we prepared on their property, but also hosted a fun party the night before the picnic for the crew. That night, under the expert direction of Larry Hopper, P.M., (Bros. Randy Lawrey, Don Scott, Chuck Alstrom, Mike Daughterty, Steve Harrison and John Denton) seasoned, wrapped and deep pitted the meat. None of us had deep-pitted meat before and so Larry had to work very hard to whip us into shape. The results he obtained were well worth the effort. The next morning when we uncovered the pit the meat was done to perfection. Lee and JoAnn French arrived at the picnic site early Sunday, covered the tables and started the fires. John Denton was at the lodge at the same time preparing his Texas Chili Beans. Beginning at 2 p.m. the serving crew (Don and Pat Scott and daughter Nancy, Chuck and Linda Alstrom, John Denton, Lee French and my help mate Anna) served 140 people a delicious meal in less than 45 minutes.

The serving crew then came to the lodge after the picnic and worked until 7 p.m. cleaning up the pots and pans. To all these men and women, your Junior Warden would like to say thank-you Your efforts and hard work made the picnic a rousing success.

Congratulations to Bros. Bruce Sims, Lawrence Owen and George Forrester on becoming Fellowcraft Masons. Special congratulations to Bro. Herbert Johnson on passing his exam in the Fellowcraft degree and receiving his Master Mason Degree at Columbia Lodge. (More on this next month.)

Fraternally
Jim Hall
Junior Warden



From the Secretary

Some of the legislation passed at Grand Lodge this year are as follows:

Widows' pins made available to all widows regardless of jurisdiction of husband's membership.

Permitted Hiram Award recipients to display an appropriate pin or tie-tac attesting his valuable services to the lodge.

Relieved the Grand Secretary of duties of being Grand Librarian. There is a Special Committee which governs the Grand Lodge Library and Museum which has competent members to act as secretary of this body.

Applications for affiliation must be accompanied by a dues receipt showing his dues paid in advance by at least three months. A photocopy of the dues receipt is now authorized.

Until now members of California lodges could not become members of any organization not in existence on September 27, 1957. This provision of Section 2068, Masonic Code, has been rescinded to make legal certain Temple Boards, Youth Organization committees and similar groups which have been illegal for almost thirty years.

Other legislation approved by Grand Lodge recognized the York Rite College; recognizes as regular the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; approved a special assessment of 60¢ a member to provide a float in the 1987 Pasadena Tournament of Roses; permits consideration of non-masonic applicants for admission to the Children's Home at Covina.

With this issue of the Las Palmian you will find a notice that your dues for 1986 are now payable. You may enclose a check for \$36.00 in the envelope and mail it to the lodge now.

Article IX, Section 1 of the By-Laws requires that each member of this lodge shall pay his dues annually on or before the first day of January.

Article VI of the Masonic Code requires the Secretary to see that all dues are paid in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

We hope each member understands the laws of this lodge and pays dues promptly. Anyone in arrears and delinquent after a period of twelve months is liable to suspension unless he can show just cause for not paying. This "just cause" must be in writing to the lodge.

Long illness with doctor bills and hospital ex-



penses are considered as "just cause" for notifying the lodge office of such inability to pay. Also long periods of unemployment will be considered by the lodge.

It is the duty of each member to see that his dues are paid. If wives are charged with this responsibility it is still the member's duty to see that payment is made when due.

Bob Paden, Secretary

Calendar — November 1985

- 4 Widows Club Luncheon — YWCA 1:00 p.m.
- 5 Las Palmas DeMolay Advisory 7:30 p.m.
Council Meeting
- 6 Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting. 7:30 p.m.
- 7 1st Degree — John F. Schmidt 7:30 p.m.
2nd Degree Education Class — All . 7:30 p.m.
Fellowcrafts are required to attend
(Club Room)
- 13 Visitation to Orosi Lodge's 6:30 p.m.
Past Master's Night. Dinner and 3rd
Degree Conferral on our Brother
George R. Forrester.
- 14 Past Masters' Night Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Conferral of 3rd Degree on Bro. Bruce
L. Sims; Steak dinner \$7.00/person
(except P.M.'s)
- 19 Las Palmas Temple Assoc. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting. 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Stated Meeting Dinner with 6:30 p.m.
Our Dates. — Menu: Turkey, \$6.00
per person. Reservation deadline:
5 p.m. Nov. 19th.
25-year Pin Presentation
Ladies Program: Ms. Darlene Wilkens, Bow
Making Workshop.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 24 416th Masonic District Officers 7:00 a.m.
Assoc. Meeting — Hendrix Restaurant (NW
corner Bullard & Blackstone)
- 28 Dark — HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Dec.
- 5 2nd Degree — Bro. Ellis Levy Perry 7:30 p.m.
1st Degree Education Class — All . 7:30 p.m.
Entered Apprentice Masons are
required to attend (Club Room)

MASONIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

To Work and Receive Master Masons' Wages

All Master Masons have been initiated, passed, and raised to that sublime degree, and in the process have received words, instructions and secrets which enable them to do Master Masons' Work and receive Master Masons' Wages. That is the primary objective in becoming a Mason. It doesn't come cheap either — the fees and dues, and the time diligence and effort to observe and take part in the degrees and prove up on proficiencies, total up to quite an investment. Like going to college to learn a profession.

So, how many have found such work to do, both in and out of the lodge, in order to earn the coveted "Master Masons' Wages"? Perhaps not as many as should. Those who haven't, may say, "What work is there beside being an Officer and cranking out degrees?" Some may expect to be assigned work to do, but these are **not** valid. We are no longer schoolboys who must be told what to do or to follow explicit instructions - we are trained professionals — "Masters of the Craft" — who are expected to use good judgement in applying our knowledge to situations and adapt our abilities to the needs of the moment. It has been a "seek and you shall find" deal from the very beginning of our Masonic career.

Those who need a "push" to get with it, should review the Charges, their promises, (Obligations), and the answers they gave on their petition. Nobody is going to tell them what to do — that is their prerogative, unless they ask, of course.

And, what about the "Wages"? It sure isn't money or tangible assets. Among other things it includes personal satisfaction of fulfilling our promises; respect and admiration from others for work well done; peace of mind in fulfilling the division of our time into a part for the service to God and a distressed brother, a part for our usual vocations, and a part for refreshment and repose. Also remember Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, mentioned here before. And, last, but **not** least, that finally we may enjoy the just reward of a virtuous and well spent life, by having earned a hearty welcome into the Celestial Lodge above.

Only you know how you are stacking up — Are you doing Master Mason's Work, and earning Master Masons' Wages? I sincerely hope you are. Take a good look — it may be later than you think!

ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, P.M.