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From the East

Brethren and Ladies:

Welcome back from your Summer vacations! We have a full calendar of events for you and your families to participate in, as evidenced by our calendar of events. Brothers Denton and Hall have provided you with details of each activity in their respective articles.



I want to stress that Masonry is a Family Affair. We who were in attendance for the Initiation of Brother Lawrence Owen were touched when his father Bro. William Owen, read the following poem which he had composed just for the occasion. It is quoted as follows:

FAMILY

*What is a family? Is it a Father and Mother
Or the unspoken bond between sister and brother
Could it be a family group, all laughing aloud
Or a crest that is old, yet dignified and proud.*

*Could it be the feeling of knowing they will always be
there*

*When the need is for someone to love you and care
Is family a pain that tears at your heart
A thing that makes love ones keep drifting apart.*

*The hurt that keeps you awake all thru the night
It makes you do wrong when your wish is to do right.
No! My friend, a family is love as vast as the ocean
With its deep tender caring, all respect and devotion.*

*A family is deep understanding without asking why
With unswerving loyalty till the day that you die.
Its believing in your children and who they pick for their
mate*

It is getting there with help long before its too late.

*A family is the warmth of a heavenly shrine
And no family on earth reflects this better than mine.*

William I. Owen

Please try to participate in the activities that we have planned this month. You will consequently be able to experience the Brotherly Love which prevails in our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. See you there!

I am initiating a program called CADE which means Coach a De Molay. Just as a caddie on the golf course gives advice and council to the golfer, so should we as masons give our wisest council and assistance to our De Molay youth. I am requesting that those who would be interested in coaching a young youth in his Ritual work to call Brother Tip Banks, Chapter Dad — 275-3658.

Fraternally

Larry L. Duba, Master

From the West

Brethren:

Fraternal Greetings from the West.



For all the officers of Las Palmas Lodge, the summer fun is over and it is once again time to resume our labors. Many events are scheduled for the month of September to keep us all busy. It would be a pleasure, for all the officers, to see you at one of these events. We have an extremely large membership but only a small percentage attend Lodge meetings or Lodge events. Our Lodge is a friendly place, a place where you can go and enjoy good clean fellowship and make many good friends, a place where your regular attendance is noticed and appreciated. Many times it is a place to relax, knowing that when you enter the lodge you are among friends and brothers who extend their hand of friendship with no strings attached. We, the officers, know what it means to fill your calendar and not have the time to do everything, but we make the Lodge our priority. We are collectively asking you to place your Lodge high on your priority list of things to do when preparing your calendar.

September 7th is a fun event, we are having our 1st Annual Summer Social at Crossland's Barn. We will be having Steak with all the trimmings plus a Western Dance Band all of this for only \$9.00 per person. Get your reservations in early because it is limited to the first 200 people.

September 15th is good masonic event, the Grand Master's reception and breakfast will be held at our Lodge. It is an excellent opportunity to meet the Grand Master and his Grand Officers. Space is also limited for this event so make your reservations early by calling the Lodge Office.

A Third Degree bus trip is planned for Columbia Lodge, make your reservations early.

Like I said before a lot is happening in your Lodge, we hope to see you there or at one of our scheduled events.

Make your calendars and we'll see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

John L. Denton, S.W.

From the South

Brethren,

Las Palmas Lodge will resume its activities in September with a number of special events. Two of these your Junior Warden would like to call your attention to so that you may plan to attend.



The annual lodge picnic will take place on September 22nd at the Valley View site in Woodward Park. We have reserved the area from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The menu consists of deep pit roasted pork, salad, BBQ beans, rolls, soft drinks, and ice cream. There will be games for the young people, great fellowship for the adults and music by the Scottish Rite Band for all. No reservations are required and there is no charge to our members and their families.

Our bus trip to Columbia will depart from the Las Palmas parking lot at 7 am, Sept. 28th. We will arrive in Columbia about 10 am and lodge will convene at noon. While the men are in lodge the ladies will have ample time to shop and enjoy themselves. When the degree is over we will be taken to the Jamestown Hotel where dinner may be purchased. The food is very good and prices are reasonable. We will depart for Fresno after dinner and should arrive home about 8 p.m. This is a very popular trip so please make your reservations with our Secretary, Bob Paden, as early as possible. Cost of the trip is \$12.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, JW

CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER 1985

- 2 Widows Club Luncheon - YWCA . . . 1:00 p.m.
- 3 Las Palmas De Molay Advisory . . . 7:30 p.m.
Council Meeting
- 4 Las Palmas De Molay Meeting 7:30
- 5 1st Degree—George Randall Forrester . . . 7:30
- 7 1st Annual Summer Social— .5:30-11:30 p.m.
Barbecue & Dance. Crossland's Barn, Call
Sec. for tickets, \$9/person.
- 12 2nd Degree — Brother Bruce Sims . . 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Grand Master's Reception & 8:30 a.m.
B r e a k f a s t
- 17 Las Palmas Temple Assoc. Meeting. 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Las Palmas De Molay Meeting 7:30 p.m.

19 Stated Meeting Dinner with 6:30 p.m.
Our Dates. Menu: Barbecued Steak, \$7.00 per
person. Reservation Deadline: 5 p.m. Sept.
17th

Ladies Program: Jean Denton,
Art in Stencil- ing.

Stated Meeting Constitution Observance Pro-
gram: "Heroes of 76", Fresno Chapter No.
269, National Sojourners, Inc.

- 22 Las Palmas Annual Picnic 1-6 p.m.
Woodward Park
- 26 2nd Degree—Bro. Lawrence Owen . 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Bus Trip to Columbia, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
3rd Degree, Bro. Bruce Johnson

From the Secretary

More than half of 1985 has gone and we still have about thirty members on our rolls who have not bothered to send in their dues. We urge you to check your dues card to see if you are paid to Dec. 31, 1985. If not, we will expect to hear from you real soon.

Every year about this time we check our records and find almost always the same members are in arrears. This means we must send out reminders. If you don't bother to read your Trestleboard you won't remember to pay your dues, because there is usually a mention of it there also.

Our by-laws state very clearly that dues are due and payable on or before January 1 each year. You promised in your obligation to obey all the laws, rule and regulations. It should not be necessary to mail reminders to any member. Perhaps a visit to one of our degrees will help bring you back to the importance of supporting the lodge.

Some members belong so they can be eligible for membership in one of the other masonic bodies such as York Rite, Scottish Rite or Shrine. You may be quite active in these other bodies. If so, you must maintain membership in the lodge in order to continue there. Suspension from the lodge for non-payment of dues automatically suspends you from all other bodies. If you value these other memberships, you should think of your lodge first. It is the reason you are eligible for "further light in masonry."

Please look for the annual dues notice when you get your Trestleboard for November, it will be in the form of a small envelope with the amount stamped on it, together with the return address of the lodge, which will eliminate a lot of effort on your part. Just enclose a check for

the amount of dues, put a stamp on it and drop it in the mail. If you wish to include a donation to the Masonic Homes, just add the amount to your dues when you make out the check. Anything over the amount of the dues will be considered a contribution to the Homes.

Above all, please keep your lodge in mind. Read some of your mail.

Grand Lodge Resolutions for 1985

Following is a summary of resolutions to be considered at the next Grand Lodge Communication, October 14, 15, 16.

1. Admission Requirements—Masonic Home for Children. Permits Trustees to admit other than "masonic children".

2. Hiram Award Medallion. Permits Hiram Award recipients to wear a lapel pin.

3. Streamlining Opening Ceremonies. Eliminates "jewel march" from ritual in opening ceremonies of lodges.

4. Annual Communications—Other Locations. Authorizes Grand Lodge to meet in other cities except every fourth year.

5. Voting in Grand Lodge—Written Ballot. Requires Resolutions to be votes on in a standardized method.

6. Vote required for Amendment. Changes 5/6ths requirement to 2/3 vote to change Constitution and Ordinance.

7. Duties of Grand Secretary. Relieves Grand Secretary of duty of being Grand Librarian.

8. Use of Photocopy of Dues Receipt. Permits use of photocopy of dues receipt when applying for affiliation.

9. Selling and Serving of Alcoholic Beverages. Permits a restaurant in a masonic building to sell and serve alcoholic beverages.

10. Serving Alcoholic Beverages at Non-Masonic Functions. Permits serving alcoholic beverages in masonic temples at non-masonic functions.

11. Membership in Organizations Requiring Masonic Membership. Clarifies Masonic Code prohibiting membership in certain organizations where in members must be master masons.

12. Organization of Masonic Temple Associations. Clarifies provisions of Masonic Code pertaining to formation and operation of Masonic Temple Associations.

13. Affiliation as a Multiple Member. Eliminates requirement of a full year residency for affiliation as a dual member.

14. Multiple Members, Suspension or Expulsion. Clarifies Masonic Code provision that members suspended in other jurisdictions be automatically suspended in this jurisdiction.

15. Past Masters' Associations. Modified Masonic Code to permit lodgers to have Past Masters' Associations.

16. Eliminate One Year Waiting Period. Eliminates one year waiting period for members making application to other masonic bodies.

17. Past Master, Ballot Requirement. Seeks to modify unanimous ballot of a past master to 2/3 majority vote for affiliation as a plural member.

18. Members Suspended N.P.D.—Masonic Funerals. Permits Master and Wardens to conduct masonic funerals for members during first two years of suspension.

19. Le Progres de L'Océanie Lodge No. 371—Departure from Ritual. Permits this one lodge to use ritual of second section of third degree as was used prior to October 1984.

OUR STATUE OF LIBERTY

Have you seen the Statue of Liberty? Have you been near it or in it? If you have, I'm sure you'll agree that all the photos and write-ups of it in the world together — can't create or duplicate the emotional impact of seeing it — or being welcomed by it on entering or returning to the United States.

I guess I'd ought to know, for I am grateful to have been in a convoy returning July 4, 1945 via New York Harbor from 19 months in Europe in WW II. There she was — and the fireboats spraying streams of water, skyrocketing sirens, whistles — Wow! Not a dry eye on the ship! What a glorious sight to welcome you back! On seeing the Statue of Liberty you sense it immediately as the wonderful symbol of Liberty, Equality, Freedom, Brotherly Love, Democracy — HOME! Though yet maybe 3,000 miles from your house and family, you're HOME IN THE USA! No place else in the world any better nor nearly as good!

Multiply this reaction by the millions of other GI's returning to the USA, and the millions of travelers returning, or immigrants arriving their new home, new opportunities, and new hope for freedom from oppression, and you've got a lot of people favorably impressed by that ol'gal. The Statue of Liberty is a great symbol of what we believe in and we must all do what is necessary to restore it, preserve it, and keep it a great light of the world.

As you may know, the Statue of Liberty was a joint effort proposed by France and between France and the people of the USA, commemorating the centennial of American Independence. It was designed by Bro. Bartholdi of Paris and the project was encouraged by other Master Masons as Lafayette, Harri Martin, etc. After problems of financing and location were solved, its pedestal's cornerstone was laid August 8, 1884 with full Masonic Honors with Most worshipful Grand Master William A. Bodie presiding. After the Statue was erected on the pedestal, it was dedicated October 28, 1886, with President Grover Cleveland accepting the gift on behalf of the United States.

For nearly 100 years now, she has been this most powerful symbol of freedom and Hope. The corrosive action of a century of weather and salt air has eaten away at the iron framework and etched holes in the copper exterior. An early estimate of 230 million dollars would cover the restoration and creation of a permanent museum in the old Immigration Center on nearby Ellis Island. All of the money must come from private donations, and so far only part of it has been raised.

Being Masonic in origin, dedication, and principle, the Grand Lodge of California has the goal of one million dollars for our part of the obligation, of which only \$600,000 has been met. Only a little over halfway.

True, nearly everyday we are approached for donations or contributions to some philanthropic cause. As we cannot give to all of them — just a few of those we feel will stongly support our goals and principles and worthy of our hard earned dollars. I hope this project qualifies in your book and that you will be proud to have had a part in it when the newly rejuvenated Statue of Liberty will be displayed in all her glory next year, her 100th birthday.

Twenty six bucks or more will get you a recognition card, a lapel pin, and a bumper sticker. Our Secretary, Bro. Bob Paden will be pleased to route your contribution.

ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM
Co-Chairman, I&E Committee