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From the East:

Fraternal greetings from the East.

Summer time fun is once again just around the corner and this year is slowly becoming a chapter in Las Palmas history book. I sincerely hope that each and everyone of you have a wonderful summer.



I have come to realize over the past few months that although I have taken numerous English courses a few of you may still have trouble understanding some of the words and phrases I use from time to time. In view of this realization I have tried to put together a Tex-Cal dictionary for your use.

| My Tex-Cal Word | Pure California translation |
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| Ahs | The things you see with |
| Arn | What you iron clothes with |
| Tar-Arn | A tool to take wheel nuts off with |
| Bawl | What water does when it gets hot |
| Crine | Weeping |
| Moanin | Between daybreak and noon |
| Munts | 12 units in the calendar |
| Own | Instead of off |
| Phrasin | Very cold |
| Rest-runt | A place to eat |
| Seb-n-up | A soft drink |
| Spearmint | What scientists do |
| Stow | A place to buy groceries |
| Lie-berry | A place that rents books |
| Yawl | Everyone |
| War | What you stretch to make a fence |
| Rat-Cheer | Right here |
| Yonder | Over there |

These are only a few that come to mind and I'm sure you have heard others, but this should get us through the rest of 1986. Maybe in 1987 we can seriously work on pronunciation. One other thing, sometimes I run my words together which

is sometimes difficult to understand. For example — Catchinanyyet means have you caught any fish yet.

Well, I'm tired and need a little rest. Be good and careful we'll see you all (yawl) in Lodge.

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Fraternally
John Denton
Master

From the West

Brethren:

Medical experts that deal with the mind inform us that one of Modern Man's most pressing problems is feeling of alienation from society. We are told by various groups that to be accepted by society we must wear certain styles of clothes, drive specific types of automobiles and eat only those foods specified by them. They even go so far as to tell us that our views on common behavior are outmoded and we should excuse the worst criminals for reasons which defy understanding. It is small wonder that the average person is confused.

Your Masonic Lodge, however, has not surrendered to "modern" thinking. It still maintains that it is the internal and not the external man that is important. That Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the mainstays of our Lodge and honesty and respect toward each other are essential. Masonry is still a place where true friendship exists and each of us can find peace and harmony.

Brethren, when a new Master is elected to rule and govern his Lodge he is told to "look well to the East". By the same token, each of us should look well to our Fraternity, for it is a safe haven in a tempestuous world.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, S.W.



From the South

Brethren:

Congratulations to Brother Frank Lewis our newest Entered Apprentice Mason. I know his father was very proud sitting in the East. Good job worshipful Phil Lewis.



It was also good to have Brother Tip Banks back to examine James Henry DeAmaral and Samuel Stephen Linares as to their proficiencies in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Congratulations Brothers. Keep up the good work.

On May 22 we had a special treat. Brother "Whitey" Owen examined Brother Markos Garabetyan in the lecture of the Fellowcraft degree. He was then raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This was a true example of Brotherly Love and affection. Thank you Whitey and congratulations Markos.

It was also quite an evening when Brother Harold Paul received his Hiram Award at our stated meeting. Long overdue Harold, Congratulations.

It is not too early to put several important September dates on your calendar —

- Sept. 6 — Bar-B-Que at Crosilins Barn
- Sept. 21 — Lodge Picnic at Woodward Park
- Sept. 28 — Grand Masters Breakfast

Fraternally
Charles Alstrom
Junior Warden

CALENDAR

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 1986

June

- 5 2° Proficiency, Brother Bud Alan Jones will be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason
- 7 Grand Lodge will open at Coalinga for

Laying of the cornerstone of the new Temple. Grand Lodge will open at 10:00 a.m.

- 9 416th Masonic District officers Association meeting at Clovis Lodge. All Lodge officers are required to attend, all Master Masons are invited.
- 12 1° Proficiency, Brother James Victor Schultz will be Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.
- 19 Stated Meeting. We will honor our widow's. Please attend and show your support for these lovely ladies. Brother William Zelhart will be presented with his 50 year pin. Worshipful Charles Bersani will present this token of faithful service to Brother Zelhart.

We will have shish-ka-bob for dinner and possibly have authentic Armenian dances performed in the Lodge for your enjoyment. Please make reservations early enough so food will be prepared. Price will be \$7.50 per person for Dinner and entertainment.

Ladies program for the evening will be presented by Bryon Beagles, Fire prevention instructor for the Fresno Fire Dept.; Program will be on General Home fire safety.

Hope to see you—

- 26 Golden Realm Assembly #217, International Order Rainbow for Girls will exemplify. All Eastern Star, Majority Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

July

- 3 1° Proficiency; Brother Frank Lewis will be Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Brother Phil Lewis, P.M. will confer the degree on his son. This is a very important event in both Brothers lives, so please plan to attend. All Fellowcrafts and Master Masons are cordially invited.
- 10 Dark for the Summer; Have a wonderful vacation and return home safe.

- 17 Stated Meeting. 50 year pin presentation
- 24 Dark (Ice Cold Watermelons)
- 31 Dark (Home made Strawberry Ice Cream)

August

- 7 Dark (Ice Tea and T.V.)
- 14 Dark (Fishing and Camping)
- 21 Stated Meeting. 25 year pin presentations.
- 25 Dark (Get ready to work, again)

Masonic Information and Education

“Importance of The East”

It is interesting to trace the importance of “The East” in our Masonic work and early history. It appears that in Bible times, all directions were relative to the East, whereas now, we orient ourselves by reference to North.

In early times great importance was placed on the Rising Sun in the East, where the morning light first appears. There are many Bible references to the East, like the mighty East wind — which withered the crops — brought locusts into Egypt — and parted the Red Sea on the exodus from Egypt. Derivation of the word, “East”, includes “eos” from the Greek, and “orient” from the Latin, both meaning, “the morning, or rising sun”. Early places of worship were fixed so their altars were in the eastern part of the temple so that worshipers could sacrifice toward the rising sun, which in itself was an object of worship. The early Christian churches also venerated the “East”, based on circumstances described in the Bible, including, Ezek. 43, “the glory of God came from the east”; Mat. 2: “there came Wise men from the East”; the guiding Star in the East; and Christ had been placed in the tomb with feet to the East so at the day of Judgement, he should come from the Eastward Heavens.

In those days, “travelers from the East” (East of Palestine), referred to those emanating from the rich lands of Mesopotamia and Babylonia along the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers,

and told of the country being lush in gold, pearls, and precious jewels.

Perhaps the importance of East as the primary cardinal direction faded with the advent of the magnetic compass which focused attention of travelers and surveyors to magnetic north, true north, and the north star. The magnetic compass was unknown to the ancients, and unknown even in Europe until late in the 12th century. However it was known in China as early as possibly 2634 B.C., using a crude version of it to indicate south, but still using it exclusively for traveling by land. The first indication of their using it at sea was about the year 300 A.D. Supposedly the first knowledge of the so-called “Mariners’ Compass” for navigation was brought to Europe by Marco Polo on his return from his travels in Cathay. However history credits established use of the magnetic compass, (“Mariner’s Compass”), for orderly use in sea navigation to Gioja of Naples, Italy in 1362 A.D. Although there was some use previous to that time, he probably perfected its placement in the ships and refined it as a “Mariners’ Compass”.

So this changed the ancient custom of the importance of “East”, like in Hebrew, the term “Kesem” properly meant that which is before, or in front of a person, and was applied to the East from the custom of turning in that direction when describing the cardinal directions, — as “before, behind, right, and left”, being respectively East, West, South, and North. Now, with the widespread use of the magnetic compass in our present day travel, navigation, surveying, and use of our precisely accurate maps oriented with north, the traditional importance of the East, is perpetuated mainly in our Lodges and Churches.

So — Look To The East (or north), set a true course, and ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM
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I & E Committee