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From the East:

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the East

Please excuse the late arrival of this months Trestleboard, February ran out of days and we still had work to do.

The month of March has been proclaimed Masonic Youth Activities Month by the Grand Master. We have various activities scheduled at the Lodge to recognize our Masonic Youth. It would be very nice and fitting if you could possibly find time to visit a youth group meeting during the month of March.

I would like to thank Dorothy Renner for the use of her Bible at the February Stated meeting. It had a beautiful section on George Washington, our first Grand Master, and all the other Presidents who held Masonic affiliations and helped shape the future of these United States.

Here is a card that was given to me by a brother from another Lodge.

Try it out —

HEALTH TEST

Blow Your Breath On This Emblem

If the emblem turns BLUE there is a harmful chemical in your breath and you should see your Doctor immediately. If the emblem remains WHITE you are well enough to attend the next meeting of your LODGE.

During the past month I had the occasion to participate in a 50 year pin presentation to brother Ralph S. Weymouth; hats off to Brother Weymouth of 50 years of faithful service to the Lodge.

I would like to remind the Brethren that Public Schools Awards Dinner is fast approaching and tickets are now on sale through the Lodge or Lodge officers. This is a wonderful way to show our support for the good work the school system does for our community and for the kids that really try to make this world a better place to live.

So far this year we have had visitations from the Sciots and the Scottish Rite bodies.

I would like to thank all of those who attended our Lodge, we certainly enjoyed your presence. Hope that you will visit again soon. Just Visitin'.

Thanks for coming.

Well, the sun just came up and my golf clubs



are crying out my name. Fore, Fore.
See you in Lodge.

Fraternal Friendship
John Denton
Master

From the West

Brethren:

In the Lecture of The Entered Apprentice Degree we are told that, "by the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family", also that "on this principal Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion; and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance". This has certainly has proven true at our Lodge. Las Palmas has been fortunate to have had several visitors from foreign countries this last year. We have also had a number of Bretheran from different parts of the United States visit us. By the end of each evening a true feeling of friendship and Brotherly Love existed among us. Although we had so many things separating us, we share a common bond, Masonry. Brethren, I am most happy to report that Masonry works.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, S.W.



From the South



Brethren:

We certainly miss Brother Pete Rebensdorf's fine refreshments at our Thursday night meetings. Our thoughts and sympathies are with you Pete during this time of grief over the loss of your wife.

Our proficiency night was quite successful with Brothers Herbert Johnston, John Montgomery and Geroge Forrester giving fine proficiencies in the Master Masons degree. It was even more meaningful as they were examined by Worshipful John Montgomery (John's father) Past Master of Fresno Lodge. Brother John Schidmt also gave a fine proficiency in the Fellowcraft degree. Con-

gratulations brothers.

Brother Michael Schwang, our Marshall, did a fine job with his first charge. Keep up the good work Mike. Also we are pleased to add to our ranks Samuel Linares, Warren Sonnenberg, William Dunlap and Lyle Evans as our newest Entered Apprentices. I understand that they are working hard with their coaches and soon will be ready to give their proficiencies.

Don't forget about our up coming Bus trip to Los Angeles for a third degree in the Old Masonic Hall. Reservations are now being taken by our Secretary. Make yours early so you won't be left out.

Fraternally
Charles Alstrom
Junior Warden

P.S. The cost of the Bus Trip will be \$47.00 per person that includes the bus and overnight lodging with a continental breakfast.

Calendar — March 1986

- 6 3° School of Instruction at Clovis Lodge, 7:30 p.m. All Las Palmas Lodge Officers are required to attend. All Master Masons are cordially invited. Worshipful Charles E. Bersani, Inspector of the 416th Masonic District will conduct the Instructional.
- 13 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Proficiencies. 1st Degree Information and Education session presented by Bro. Bill Wharton and Bro. Ed Carpenter, P.M.
- 18 2° School of Instruction at Ponderosa Lodge, 7:30 p.m. All Las Palmas Lodge Officers are required to attend. All Master Masons and Fellowcraft Masons are cordially invited.
- 20 Stated Meeting and Dinner with our "Dates". We will have ham with all the Trimmings. Ladies program will be presented by an eye surgeon, the topic will be cosmetic eye care. Bro. Jim Kleinknight, P.M., will present Bibles. Bro. Tip Bankes will present awards to Las Palmas Lodge from the Las Palmas DeMolay Chapter. Golden Realm Assembly #217 will present the skit they will perform at Grand Assembly. Brethren and Ladies, the month of March has been designated Youth Month by the

Grand Master, Please come out and support our Masonic Youth Groups.

- 26 1° Practice for School of Instruction. Bro. Phil Lewis, P.M., will conduct the Practice, 7:30 p.m. All Masons are cordially invited to attend. All Lodge Officers are required to attend. To be the best takes practice.

27 Dark

April

- 3 3° 1st Degree School of Instruction at Las Palmas Lodge. We will perform the entire 1st Degree. All 1°, 2°, and 3° Masons are cordially invited to attend. All Las Palmas Lodge Officers are required to attend. 7:30 p.m. Worshipful Charles E. Bersani, Insp. 416th Masonic District will conduct the instructional. 1° Proficiency will be exemplified.

My Favorite Poems

By George Howe

Spring

At this beginning of Spring,
Gardens stand high in our minds.
This is the time we should bring
Plantings of various kinds.

Let us sow generous deeds,
Let us sow brotherly love,
Good things will grow from such seeds,
Blessed by the Master above.

What you put in you will reap-
Craftsmen, use all of your skill-
What you give, that you will keep,
If you but serve with a will.

If you are doing your part,
If at no duties you balk,
You will have Spring in your heart,
You will have Spring in your Walk.

Letter To The Editor:

My Brothers, another new year is upon us, bringing with it a situation which even though might not cause alarm, certainly warrants attention.

For the past year a survey has been conducted and based on a paid-up membership of 850 members Las Palmas Lodge has enjoyed an average attendance of 5%. Think, my brothers,

40 members out of 850. This includes officers, deacons, and tilers.

I would like to ask you, Please, close your eyes for a moment and think back to the reflection of your excitement and anticipation when you were going through your first degree and inspection. Masonic tradition forbade the lodge to come to you, leaving the only course of action for you to come to the lodge. A great deal of effort, time and energy has been invested in making the Masonic lodge a desirable place for eligible members to want to be.

But now we are faced with a situation where new members are joining the Masonic lodge at a far slower pace than the active members either become inactive for health reasons or other reasons too numerous to mention.

In short, my brothers, it has become necessary to take a short recess from the anxiety of receiving new members to the responsibility of activating our idle members. If each member within the body of Las Palmas lodge would take the responsibility of having one idle member who has not attended lodge for the last 90 days and see that he gets to lodge — what a change we would experience.

It is the opinion of this writer that we as general membership owe it to the officers who, regardless of rain, wind or sleet, and above all, fog, personal occurrences or other desires, never fail to give the membership body a lodge to attend. It is the hope of this writer that some part of this situation will be brought to the attention of the floor that will cause an action to raise our attendance in the very near future.

Fraternally
Brother Whitey Owen

MASONIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

HAPPY EASTER — EGG

With Easter approaching, the latter part of this month, and thinking ahead as to its meaning — we are engrossed with the reverent solemnities of Christ's crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to everlasting life.

But what about the popular symbols of Easter, like flowers, lambs, bunny rabbits, and colored eggs? Off hand, these seem far-fetched and almost sacriligious in light of the true story

of Easter — but is it? Certainly the time for Easter is springtime (Webster says — “An annual Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, held on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21.”). It is the period of year for new growth — flowers and animal births, but what else?

Well, the lamb — (Paschal Lamb) among ancient Hebrews, was slain and eaten at the Passover, while Christianity regards the lamb as an epithet for Jesus, one of several symbolic representations of Jesus, as in “Agnus Dei”, or “Lamb of God”.

An encyclopedia I have, states that there can be little doubt that the use of eggs at this season was originally symbolical of the revivification of nature — the springing forth of life in the spring season. The practice is not confined to Christians; the Jews used eggs in the feast of the Passover; and we are told that the Persians, when they keep the “Festival of the New Year”, (March), mutually present each other with colored eggs. From the Christian point of view, the “Feast of Eggs”, has been usually considered as being emblematic of the resurrection and future life. Perhaps the most lavish of decorated eggs the world has ever known are the imperial Russian Easter Eggs created under the direction of Peter Carl Faberge between 1884 and 1916. He was jeweller to the Czar. The first such egg is believed to have been ordered in 1884 by Alexander III for Czarina Maria Feodorovna. Such gifts to imperial family members became an annual affair. They were bedecked with jewels and precious metals and were worth thousands of dollars. Some had spring wound mechanisms that made them mobile, and some were like jewel boxes. Other simpler decorated eggs have been found in 7th century B.C. burial sites in Italy and Greece, and some have been traced to 11th century Poland and England in 1290.

Also in contrast to the solemnities of Easter, many Easter greeting cards are for “Joyous Easter”, with lillies and other flowers, which probably relates to the end of sacrifices made during Lenten period terminating at Easter, with rejoicing and laughter, and/or elation in the thought of the eternal life which we all hope to enjoy.

So, Happy Easter, and ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, Co-Chairman
I&E Committee