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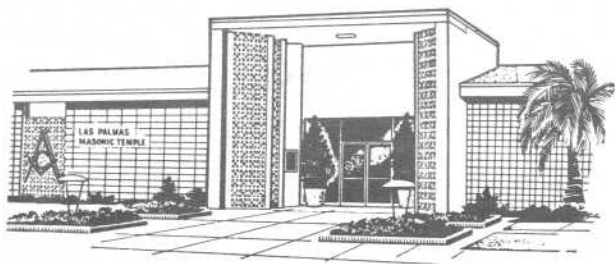
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From the East:

Fraternal greetings from the East.

I spend a lot of time in my trusty old pick-up truck and have discovered over the past couple of years the golden voice of AM radio. If you ever want a refreshing relief from television, try tuning into KMJ (AM) after 6:00 p.m.



The golden age of comedy is still going strong and the talk shows, especially Bruce Williams' Talk Net, gives you tips on how to solve just about any kind of problem or situation. This is not really a plug for KMJ but rather a plug for something new and refreshing.

We just came back from Grand Lodge with a new and refreshing outlook on Masonry. The Grand Masters theme for 86-87 is *"Accent the Positive and Eliminate the Negative."* The power of positive thinking is always refreshing.

The Las Palmas Ladies Club is planning to collect and distribute food baskets to worthy community groups during the Christmas Holidays. They are all hoping that Charity will be utmost in your thoughts and they are asking for your donations to help fill the food baskets. All donations will be accepted to make this Christmas a little happier for others in our community. They are asking that each one bring a canned good of your choice to the November stated meeting dinner and placed in the food basket. All other donations will be picked up and delivered to the Lodge by calling Jean Denton at 255-4213. We are a solid part of this community and we do care.

It is with great pride that I am able to inform you that Sam M. Pavlovich, Past Master of Las Palmas Lodge, has been elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California. Get ready for 1990 folks, it's gonna be a Grand year.

From my home to yours — a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Fraternally
John Denton, Master

From the West

Brethren:

October, to California and Hawaii Masons is a very important month. It is the time we hold our yearly meeting or "Annual Communication" as it is more properly called, in San Francisco. New issues and proposals are brought before the Grand Lodge for discussion, debate and decision by vote. It is three days of drama, tension and excitement. There is, however, an event that takes place each month in each Lodge in our jurisdiction that is of even greater importance. It is called a "Stated Meeting". At this meeting each Master Mason has the privilege, and more importantly, the right to state his views and if he so desires, seek redress. Every piece of legislation voted on at Grand Lodge was instigated by a Master Mason desiring change. If Freemasonry is to continue to reflect the feelings of its membership your attendance and careful stewardship is of paramount importance. Brethren, Freemasonry does not exist FOR you, it exists BECAUSE of you.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, S.W.



From the South

Brethren:

Your officers have just returned from the 137th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in San Francisco. We appreciate the opportunity to represent you and hope that the ballots cast reflected your thoughts. These sessions are open to any master mason in good standing, and I would encourage you to attend.

Our Lodge was represented by the following: John Denton, Master; Jim Hall, Senior Warden; Lee French, Senior Deacon; and Past Masters Jim Kleinknight, Gary Starr and Craig Shaw; Vic



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Muzny; and myself as Junior Warden. Special congratulations is due to P.M. Sam Pavlovich newly elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden. We are all proud of you Sam, and know you'll do an excellent job.

Welcome to our newest entered apprentice Masons, Ralph Takajian, Dean Walker and Ralph Reiner.

Congratulations are also in order to Brother Charles Erickson on his being raised to Master Mason, and to Jim Hall, who did a great job on his first 3rd Degree lecture.

Those of you who did not attend the raising of Brother Frank Lewis to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason missed a real treat. Frank's father, P.M. Phil Lewis, acted as Master with other P.M.s filling in the remaining stations making a meaningful evening that Frank will always remember. This was just a taste of things to come. Don't forget to attend our Past Masters Night on November 13 and see how the work is really done.

Fraternally
Charles Alstrom
Junior Warden

Masonic Information and Education

"Logic"

As you know, the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences are Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. In the Middle Ages, the period of European History between Ancient and Modern Times (476 AD to 1450 AD) when learning and improvements accelerated, the first three were called the "Trivium", "Minor", or "Lower" division, and the last four were called the "Quadrivium", "Major", or "Higher" division. "Liberal Arts" are those Arts which depend more upon the employment of the mind than upon manual exertion. This same term is applied in modern education, but the fields of study have been multiplied many times. The correlative term, "Mechanical Arts", does depend upon the "Trivium", for reading, giving instructions, and predicting results, but beyond these depends more on manual dexterity for its employment. Mechanical

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- 3 Las Palmas Widow's Club Luncheon at the YWCA Tea House, 1:00 p.m.
- 6 3° Degree. Brother Samuel Linares, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 3rd Degree, Brother Warren Sonnenburg. This Degree will be conferred by the Past Masters of Orosi Lodge at Orosi. We will carpool from Las Palmas Lodge parking lot to Orosi Lodge. The carpools will leave at 6:30 p.m. and there will be plenty of room for everyone, so come on out and support these fine Past Masters and Brother Sonnenburg.
- 13 3° Degree. Brother James DeAmaral will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Masters of Las Palmas Lodge. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call the Lodge early for reservations. It will be an enjoyable evening, so please plan to attend.
- 20 STATED MEETING. Brother Frank Fasano will receive his 50 year Pin from the Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii by Worshipful Charles Bersani, Inspector of the 416th Masonic District.

Bibles will be presented to all Master Masons who complete their proficiency in the 3 Degree.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., please make reservations early.

Ladies program will be on how to make homemade Christmas ornaments. Please bring the following supplies:

- 1-2" Styro-foam ball
- Short pins from the fabric shop
- 8 ea. 2" Squares of material
- 1 yard of small gathered lace
- 1/2 yard of 1/4" ribbon
- 16 each of 2" squares of three contrasting colors of material.

Come and join the Fun.

- 27 DARK. HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE.

December

- 4 1° Degree.
11 2° Degree.

Majority Member Certificate

MASONIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

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Arts is described as the science of physics, treating forces as they act upon bodies to produce activity — as dynamics (motion), or statics dealing with forces in equilibrium.

The first three were thus grouped because Grammar (reading and writing words), Rhetoric (using words effectively) and Logic (reasoning and relationships), are basic to the last four, in order to apply language in these functions that would be universally understood in the manner intended, as the first stage of Liberal education.

Keep in mind that in those times, not everyone went to schools, academies, or colleges of learning — only those scholars who could afford it and had family ties or sponsorship, and the desire and ability to learn and expand their knowledge to greater accomplishments. All was in Latin — the language of the times, which few could read or write.

Of the “Trivium”, we all have fairly correct common ideas of what Grammar and Rhetoric are, but what about “Logic”? And why was it a separate subject? Today, what Logic that is taught is usually incorporated in other subjects of learning. As to why — remember that ideas, standard procedures, and inventions were in their infancy and not widespread to others, but kept individualistic. They didn't have media to spread the word like newspapers, magazines, radio and television like we do, advocating certain uses and practices, praising or condemning this or that, or commentators telling what to do, or interpreting the news for us. People had to decide for themselves what was good or bad, or what would or would not work, do “Logic” was essential. Logic helped the philosophers develop propositions and theorems, develop proven procedures by reasoning and deduction. Even in the proposition, “things equal to the same thing are equal to each other”, reasoning must be applied — like you could say, “All muskets are guns”, but you can't say, “therefore all guns are muskets”.

Today we have many established and proven codes of activities we follow without our having to apply logic ourselves to see if it will work — Like our “Safety Codes” — we could not hope to live long enough to find out for ourselves all of the practices that will work or not, by logic —

because some are fatal! Good application of Logic should screen those out — but don't try it! So, although “Logic” is seldom taught now as a separate subject — listen to the opinions of others — apply your own logic — live — and —
ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM
Co-Chairman
I & E Committee

We mourn the loss of our Worshipful Brother Wayne Wilber Hearn, Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1956, and a strong supporter of Freemasonry, who departed this mortal life, October 15, 1986. Our sympathies are extended to his family and friends. “May he be received into Thy Everlasting Kingdom, to enjoy the just reward of a virtuous and well spent life. Amen!”

Brethren:

We have all stated on our petitions to become Masons, that we believe in Eternal Life and a Future Existence. We realize that only a part of that Eternal Life is as a mortal here on Earth. Then comes the Future Existence in the Heavenly Lodge above — It is this transition from our mortal life, that we wish to address at this time.

No doubt you are aware of the beautiful funeral ritual afforded every Brother on his demise performed by his Lodge Officers, when requested by him or his family. You likely have a preference as to the disposition of your remains, too.

Your Officers and Brethren of Las Palmas Lodge are concerned that at time of need, your desires will be fulfilled.

This can be reasonably assured by giving our Brother Secretary a statement, signed by you, indicating your preferences, who to contact, and any other details you wish. It will be placed in your personal file folder in the Lodge records. Our Brother Secretary has a form, “Family Survivor's Information”, which you may wish to use.

Please do it now, it may be later than you think!