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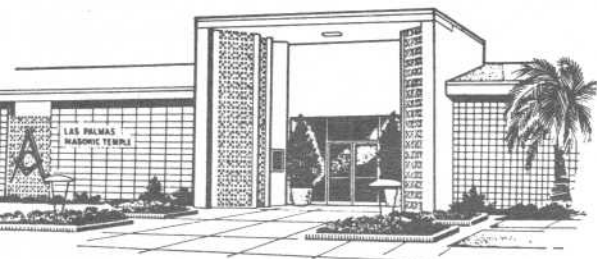
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From the East:

Fraternal greetings from the East.

I'm sitting here writing this article from the desert wonderland of Palm Springs, California. I was told that this place is the vacation spot for all the rich and famous. Bob Hope Classic Golf Tournament and beautiful courses everywhere; fine eating places with gold chopsticks. Nobody told me NOT to come here in August when it gets to a 115° in the shade, when the water in the main pool bubbles like a giant spa and your golf clubs are hot as branding irons. Do you know hwat it feels like when the grease on the tramway cables start to melt and you approach the bottom of the mountain at about 85 miles per hour and the attendant is on her knees reciting the rosary? Don't feel too good! To make it worse, they charge money for the ride. No respect!

Summer is closing fast and it's time once again to resume our labors. I sincerely hope each one of you enjoyed the beautiful summer months and treasure the memories of this and past summers. I understand that all the officers are rarin' to go and we have a lot of degree work planned for the next four months. I'm working on more entertainment for stated meeting dinners for your enjoyment.

There has been some much needed improvements in the Lodge through the efforts of our Trustees and Temple Association. Stop by some Thursday evening and see your Lodge, it looks pretty good.

On behalf of the Temple Association I would like to express my gratitude for your support of our fund raiser at Crossland's Barn. Through your support the Lodge facility can be well maintained. Thank you for your support.

Well, folks, it's 10 p.m. and it has cooled down to 92°. I think I can still get in 18 holes before day break and maybe I won't have to pay but HALF price for the green fees!

Fore!

See you in Lodge —

Fraternally
John Denton, Master

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE

As operating costs increase so increases the burden. It has been proposed that annual dues be increased from \$36.00 to \$45.00 per year per member. Also initiation fee be increased from \$115.00 to \$136.00 and Life Membership be in-



creased from \$756.00 to \$882.00.

These resolutions were presented at the August stated meeting. Please notify me if these increases would cause undue hardships. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Vote will be taken at the September Stated meeting.

Fraternally,
John L. Denton

From the West

Brethren:

Each of us, on our first admission into the Fraternity, were told that a Masonic Lodge "is a certain number of brethren duly assemble, with a Holy Bible, a Square and Compass and a Charter or Dispensation authorizing them to meet."

As we progressed in our degree work we realized that it is that, and much, much more. It is a place where worldly honors and titles are not permitted. A place where a man must stand and be counted because of what he carries in his heart and mind. An institution where each voice can be heard and where any Mason can become Master of his lodge if he so desires and is willing to expend the time and energy. Each of us attend lodge for three basic reasons: to improve our lives through Masonry, to perpetuate Masonic Ritual and to enjoy the brotherhood of the Order. To those members who have not attended a meeting for some time, come on in! You will, with pleasure, recall why we say, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, S.W.



From the South

Brethren:

I hope this article finds you well rested from your many summer sojourns. It is time to be called from rest and labor resumed again at the temple.

After our all degree proficiency night on August 28th I am sure many Brothers will be ready to take their degrees.

We have several important dates to remember in September. First is the Temple Board Bar-B-



Que on September 6th at the Crossland Barn. Fund raisers like these will help keep our temple rent down and delay dues increases. Let's all show up and really support this.

Our annual lodge picnic will be at the Valley View Shelter at Woodward Park on September 21st, and to cap off the month we will cohost a Sunday Brakfast with the Grand Master of Masons of California and his officers. Your lodge officers and secretaries have tickets. Please plan to attend these important functions.

Special congratulations to the following brothers: James DeAmaral and Stephen Linares on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, Bud Allen Jones on being raised to the degree of Master Mason, Charles Erickson on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, Warren Sonnenberg and James Schultz on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and Franklin Lewis on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

As you can see we've been busy. Please come out on Thursday nights and help support your officers and show the candidates you care that they are advancing.

Fraternally
Charles Alstrom
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Delegates to grand Lodge this year will have two holdover resolutions to consider. One will authorize dual members in another jurisdiction to be suspended if they are suspended in the California jurisdiction.

The other will allow Le Progres de L'Oceanie Lodge No. 371 to depart from the California ritual as they have done since 1943.

Resolution 86-1 seeks to have Grand Lodge reserve blocks of rooms for assignment to delegates each year.

No. 86-2 wants the Executive Committee and Grand Secretary to contract with a professional impartial non-masonic organization to study and report the "Helath" of Freemasonry in California.

No. 86-3 would like to have quarterly meetings of grand Lodge in various parts of the state.

No. 86-4 seeks to authorize lodge secretaries to vote at Grand Lodge in conjunction with the past masters as a collective vote. Secretaries not past masters do not have a vote in grand Lodge.

No. 86-5 will allow an increase of \$250 to help defray cost of cornerstone laying expenses. It is now \$250.

No. 86-6 in dorder to bring into conformity

with other Grand Lodge committees, this resolution will limit the terms of Members of the California Masonic Foundation to three full terms.

No. 86-7 will allow lodges to sell tickets and advertise certain events such as "fund raisers" to assist in their financial problems.

No. 86-8 will make the Pledge of Allegiance a part of the ritual opening of all lodge meetings.

No. 86-9 will amend the California Masonic Code to require secretaries and treasurers reports to be made in February and August each year.

No. 86-10 establishes a pattern for names and numbers of consolidating lodges and limits it to a hyphenated name or a new name, using the number of one of the consolidating lodges.

No. 86-11 approves expenditures of lodges without prior vote to state and federal taxed. This is now being done by most lodges, but will make it legal so as to prevent penalties.

No. 86-12 will allow members of lodges who have attended Schools of Instruction together to allow them to vouch for a brother to visit lodge meetings.

No. 86-13 will amend the physical requirements for membership by deleting "nor eunuch" from Section 2600 of the Masonic Code.

No. 86-14 will replace "Holy Bible" with the words "Holy Writings" and allow a candidate to be obligated on the Volume of Sacred Law of his choice.

No. 86-15 seeks to relieve recipients of the Golden Veteran Award from thereafter paying lodge dues.

From the Editor

Brethren: The 2nd annual Las Palmas Barbeque and Dance is to be held on Saturday September 6th starting at 5:30 p.m. It will again be held at Crossland's Barn, wehre last year, a great time was had by all! I understand that our activities chairman has done a fine job in organizing this event. The steaks will be cooked the way you like them, and great music will be provided for your pleasure and enjoyment.

The price of each ticket is only \$10.00 and all proceeds will go to the Temple Association. Many tickets have been purchased in advance, but tickets will also be available at the gate. Let's all get out and support our temple and have a lot of fun doing it.

Editorially
Michael D. Schawang

CALENDAR SEPTEMBER, 1986

Sept.

- 4 1st degree. Mr. Samuel Barron Jr. and Mr. Kenneth Michael Hoskin 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Las Palmas Temple Assoc. Barn Dance and B.B.Q. Call Bob Paden 268-2303 for reservations.
- 11 3rd Degree 7:30 p.m. Brother Dennis Keran will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.
- 18 Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Please make reservations early. Constitution Observance week. Lodge 7:30 p.m.
Special entertainment by J. Johnston, M.D. Dinner and show will be \$6.50.
Ladies program: Pat Dailey, Hospice of Fresno.
- 21 Annual lodge picnic at Woodward Park
- 25 1° 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Grand Master's Breakfast at Las Palmas Lodge. Reservations are required. Lodge officers have tickets or call Bob Paden 268-2303.

Oct.

- 2 3° 7:30 p.m. Brother Charles Erickson will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Masonic Information and Education

"Geometry"

We learn along the way, that of the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, that Geometry is important to Masons, and is the basis for many of our activities. In fact, we are encouraged to go for further study of Geometry.

So, let's go for it — and first find out about its historical beginnings.

The earliest indication of any system of measurement seem to come from the Babylonians. Most of their ancient records show that they had definite methods and knowledge of land measurement, building and astrology.

Evidence of a good knowledge of Geometry is shown in the building of King Solomon's Temple about 1,000 B.C.

The Egyptians had knowledge of Geometry and Arithmetic as demonstrated in the building of the pyramids and the resurveys of the Nile River Valley in resetting property corners after being washed out by the floods. Their oldest record on

hand, was written about 1,700 B.C., consisting of a short summary of rules and problems, with their answers, dealing with Arithmetic and the measurement of various geometrical figures. The fame of this wisdom of the Egyptians spread all over the civilized world of their time and many came to study in Egypt. Among these were the ancient Greeks about 600 B.C., who named this science of measurement "*Ge Metrien*" (Earth-Measure), which has come down to us as "Geometry". These Greek scholars returned from Egypt and taught Geometry in their private schools, and soon Greek surveyors, builders, and astronomers began to apply Geometry to their work. They developed a form of Trigonometry, relationship and proportions of geometrical designs and figures, as an extension of their rekindled geometrical studies. One of the first to investigate systematically the properties of Geometry was Pythagoras (569-500 B.C.) who developed the Pythagorean Theorem which is still depended on today. Among others who refined the study and practical use of Geometry were Plato (429-328 B.C.) and his pupil Aristotle (384-322 B.C.), Euclid (330-275 B.C.), and Archimedes. Euclid's great work was called "*Elements of Mathematics*". It covered parts of Arithmetic, theory of numbers, algebra, proportions, and all that was then known about Geometry. It is still in use as a textbook and as the model and basis of all other books on so-called elementary Geometry. He dealt mainly with "plane" geometry, i.e. points, lines, surfaces, and flat sided solids as cubes, rectangles and pyramids. It was Archimedes, a Greek from Syracuse in Sicily, who perfected the measurement of the circle, sphere, cylinder, and cone. His books, like Euclid's, are still accepted and used as basis for textbooks. These works led to the expansion of and practical use of Trigonometry. It was Ptolemy, an Egyptian, who best adapted Geometry to astronomy in 2nd century A.D., and was the first to use degrees, minutes, and seconds in the measurement of angles, and to determine the approximate value of the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle.

Other than the Greeks and Egyptians, the Hindus of India also contributed to Geometry, but not as much as to Arithmetic and Algebra. The present day so-called Arabic Numerals (1 -9 & 0), originated with the Hindus from whom they passed to the Arabs, who introduced them to Europe, and soon was more popular than the Roman Numerals, and easier to use. One Hindu, Arya-Bhata, about 500 A.D., determined the "pi" value we now use (3.1416) of the diameter-circumference ratio of a circle. The French were active in further refinements. In 1637, Descartes published his "*La Geometrie*" in which he showed how Geometrical figures could be described and their properties analyzed by means of Algebraic equations, now called "*Analytical Geometry*".

So Geometry has had a lengthy development beginning in B.C. years with continued refinement until the 17th century A.D., with but little important changes since then.

It would be too lengthy to describe the functions of Geometry here, but if anyone is interested, we would be able to cover it in our I&E sessions at Las Palmas Temple.

So, keep Geometry in mind when you meet upon the level and part upon the square,

AND ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM
Co-Chairman
I & E Committee

NOTE: Most of the information related here was quoted from "*Geometry for the Practical Man*" by J.E. Thompson, copyrighted in 1946.