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of

*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
F. & A. M.*



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From the East:

Brethren:

Grand Master Jack Levitt has proclaimed the month of April as Public Schools week and has directed each Lodge to hold local ceremonies to honor our schools. In accordance with his wishes, we will hold our next Stated Meeting on April 9th and will have a guest speaker arranged by Bro. Wally Scott. Please join us and celebrate this most valuable asset of our community.



The Fresno and Sanger Masonic Lodges will host the annual Public Schools Awards Dinner at Hoover High School on Friday, April 24th. Those of you who have attended this event in the past know what a fun evening it is. After a fine dinner, each Lodge honors a separate student chosen for their outstanding achievements. At the end of the evening your faith will be renewed in our local students. Tickets are available from the Line Officers and from our Secretary.

On April 2nd (Our first meeting in April) we will have a Third Degree practice night. All Master Masons who would like to learn parts in the Master Mason Degree, second section, please attend. Bro. Bill Ennis and his assistants will be most happy to help you learn your parts. We will be having several Third Degrees in the next few months and will be needing qualified masons. The work is not difficult and can be learned in one evening. Come to Lodge and learn a part. You will soon have a chance to show us your prowess.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall
Master

From the West

Greetings Brethren:

If you missed the March stated meeting you missed another delicious and plentiful dinner. Once again our chef outdid herself, thank you Mary!!!



After the dinner a large group gathered in the lodge room for the award of a fifty year pin to George Holstein. George first became a mason in 1937 in Visalia, California. Shortly after he moved to Fresno where he became affiliated with Las Palmas. He served as master here in 1949 and has spent countless hours in different areas of work in the lodge, including hundreds, perhaps thousands of hours as a coach.

My relationship with George began during his distinguished career as an educator in Fresno City Schools, as he was Principal of Fresno High when I attended there some 30 years ago. George had coached my father, Ed Alstrom, when he became a mason and so it only seemed right to call George out of "retirement" to coach me when I came into the lodge in 1979. I have wonderful memories of many pleasant hours spent in George's beautiful back yard as he patiently did the thing he does so well...teaching.

In keeping with the thoughts of a man of education, let us all remember our public schools award dinner on Friday, April 24 at Hoover High School. See any of your officers for tickets.

Congratulations to Warren Sonneburg on giving his proficiency in lecture of the degree of Master Mason. A special congratulations to our newest Master Masons Brothers Kenneth Hoskins and Ralph Takakjian, also

our newest entered apprentices Gary Hernandez and Hershel Lane. By the time you receive this notice brother Hernandez will already have been passed to the degree of fellowcraft.

Fraternally,
Charles Alstrom
Sr. Warden

From the South

Brethren:

As April blossoms before us, the lodge is as busy as bunch of bees in a clover patch. Many important functions are going on continuously as the brothers and their ladies, (bless them—what could we possibly do without them—certainly much less!) go about exemplifying the practice of those essential basic tenets **BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH.**



1. Nine Brothers have had their dies remitted by the lodge.
2. We regret to say that 4 brothers have passed to the celestial lodge above. Masonic funerals have been held for several of the brothers.
3. March has been filled with officers' schools of instruction.
4. A new brother has been initiated in the first degree.
5. 2 new brothers to the lodge have joined us by affiliation; Brothers Fred Fellman and William Gaudian. Congratulations to the new brethren - new to us at least.
6. 4 new applications have been received for membership.
7. A warden workshop was held at the lodge with brothers attending from all over the valley and was pronounced

CALENDAR

APRIL 1987

- 2 Third Degree Practice
3rd Degree. 2nd section school of instruction for Master Masons. All Master Masons are invited to learn a part.
- 6 Las Palmas Widows Club
Luncheon—1:00 p.m.
- 9 Stated Meeting Dinner with Our Dates—6:30 p.m.
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST
Public Schools Observance
Stated Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- 16 LODGE IS DARK
- 23 Second Degree proficiency,
Third Degree—Bro. Gary Hernandez
- 30 First Degree

as an outstanding success.

8. A 50 year pin was presented to brother Past Master George Holstein.
Congratulations Worshipful George!
9. Worshipful Charles Barsani, Inspector of the 416th Masonic District, made and official visit at the March Stated Meeting and gave word from the Grand Master that Masonic Membership, in general, is increasing in our district.
10. Our Las Palmas Lodge Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, and will be held at the lodge.

Keep up the good work and help keep Las Palmas growing.

Fraternally
Lee French
Junior Warden

P.S. I was not really demoted last month, I was demented. Force of habit got me and I inadvertently signed off as Senior Deacon.

PROCLAMATION

"PUBLIC SCHOOLS — CORNERSTONE OF ENLIGHTENMENT"

At the birth of our Nation over 200 years ago, our Founding Fathers faced many problems. Chief among these was a deep concern for the future of our Country. If our fledging Republic was to become a great Nation, it was clear that we must have an enlightened, well educated citizenry.

To achieve this goal our Founders established a new system of education—a concept hitherto unknown in the world of their day—a system of **free public education**, thus creating the great Public School System we enjoy today. The ensuing years reveal that they acted wisely.

Today, we can look with pride on the result. Our Public Schools have taught generations of America's youth to appreciate democracy and to value their freedom; to attain proficiency in the vocations and professions that enhance our standard of living and to acquire the skills of leadership that have made our Country preeminent among world powers. Our PUBLIC SCHOOLS are indeed the CORNERSTONE OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

The schools could not have achieved these results had it not been for the loyal support of a concerned public. Inasmuch as such support is vital to the well-being and effectiveness of our schools, it is essential that it be vigorously fostered and constantly maintained. I therefore, call upon all citizens, especially my Brethren in Freemasonry, to continue their support of this great Institution—our Public Schools — and do hereby Proclaim

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK during April 1987
throughout California and Hawaii, and I

call upon all Masonic Lodges to arrange with the schools in their area for a mutually convenient week in the Month of April to be set aside for appropriate ceremonies and programs particularly aimed at the concept of PUBLIC SCHOOLS — CORNERSTONE OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

Jack R. Levitt
Grand Master