



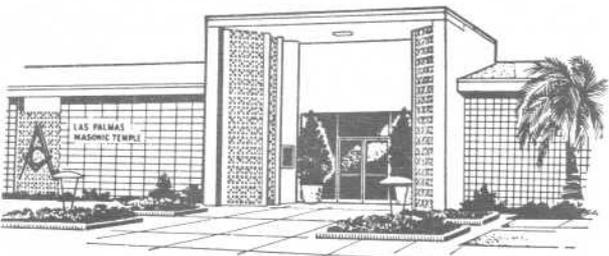
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From the East:

Brethren,
Greetings from the East.

Another month has passed by and I know you are enjoying the change of season from the cold of winter to this beautiful spring weather.



I hope you know that the calendar has been changed for Thursday, March 31, we will be dark in observance of the many activities of Maundy Thursday. I trust that you are all making plans to attend Easter Sunday Services.

With springtime upon us we have made arrangements to put on a third degree in the historic Masonic Temple at Columbia on Saturday, May 7. The hills will be green and the wildflowers at their most beautiful, so plan to come with us and enjoy the day. We are planning to leave Saturday morning from the Lodge parking lot, pooling rides as convenient to each person's plans. Some of you may wish to return to Fresno that day but others are planning to spend the night in the Gold Country. There will be opportunities for the women to shop, sight-see, and visit. The degree will be put on in the early afternoon, with a tri-tip bar-b-que following at the nearby cabin of Brothers Randy Forrester and Jon Kinsey. Please make your reservations with the Secretary.

Brothers, be aware of Public Schools Observance this month. The annual Public Schools Awards Banquet sponsored by the Fresno-Sanger Lodges will be Friday, April 29 at Hoover High School. Also plan to attend the April Stated Meeting Dinner, which will be a slightly belated, but delicious, Easter Ham Dinner. There will be a Public Schools Program, followed by a Program for the women.

I understand that the card Room was full for the Women's Program which followed the March Stated Meeting. The speaker, Margaret

Hudson, kept the audience enthralled. Thank you Hilda Ennis for arranging the evening.

Please plan on attending at least one more meeting this year than you did last. Also, if you are a signer on a petition you should feel obligated to attend all of your candidates degrees.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Alstrom
Worshipful Master

From the West:

Are you a Mason or what?

If you are a Mason, what do you build? What kind of a Mason are you? If you are a speculative Mason, does that mean that you gamble a lot with stocks, commodities, or real estate? What kind of religion is it? Should I tell anybody about it or keep it a secret? Is Masonry restricted to being a male over 21? If being a Mason is such a good deal, why don't you ask people to join up? Should I, you, we, or anybody be interested in Masonry?



Are these fair questions or merely irrelevant impertinences? These questions with which we are confronted daily are fundamental to understanding what Masonry is all about!

Proudly proclaim that you are a Mason and a member of the oldest and most respected social fraternity in the world — dedicated to the contemplation, promulgation and exemplification of the moral and social virtues. It is not a religion but a fraternity which profoundly respects, honors and upholds religion. It expects each man to have his own. It is dedicated to the service of God and those in distress. We are speculative in the sense of contemplation and teaching of certain eternal truths, rather than

gambling or guessing on the uncertainties of perishable materials.

We should not be silent or be thought secretive of what we stand for, but we fundamentally are taught to respect the privacy of others, and to be held worthy of confidences and of maintaining the confidential.

We feel that everyone should be interested in eternal values, but are realistic that not everyone has such an interest. Therefore we do not solicit for members, but are happy to encourage and assist those who are seriously interested in petitioning for membership.

Although Masonry originated as a working men's organization, we now have over 200 affiliated organizations which include men, women, youth and the aged of both sexes, who meet under the auspices of the original organization and who meet both separately and together under varying circumstances.

Building in the West

Lee I. French

Senior Warden

From the South:

Fraternal greetings from the South!!

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. These words which each of us have heard many, many times took new meaning last Thursday night while attending that stated meeting dinner. In looking around the room, which there was not a vacant seat, I saw men of every age sitting together and speaking to one another as brothers which made me think of brotherly love and how apropos the definition of brotherly love is. For those who have not attended a first degree, I would like to repeat the definition here. "By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, who is created by one almighty parent and the inhabitants of the same

planet are to aid, support and protect each other. On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinions; and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." The next time you attend a stated meeting, please look around the room and see how true this really is.

I'm pleased to announce that on April 7th, we will be doing a 2nd degree on Brother Bonny R. Williams and on April 14th, a 3rd degree on Brother Ralph Riener. Also, on the 28th on April, Brother William Horg will be getting his 2nd degree. Let's each of us attend lodge and witness these brothers achieving further light in our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Just a very quick reminder because of very limited space that our annual picnic will be held on Sunday, June 5th at Woodward Park. Please circle that date on your calendar and plan to attend. A good time is guaranteed for all.

Fraternally

Bill M. Ennis, Sr.

Junior Warden

The Secretary's Corner:

All is going well with the office of the secretary, with one large exception. Some of you Good Brothers are not paying your dues. About 17% of you in fact. You 17% are going to cost your Lodge an additional \$29.26 plus stationary plus time & effort.

If there is a reason why you have not made your annual dues payment as required by the California Masonic Code, please, let us know. Don't be too proud to let a Brother Master Mason share your problem. We've all taken an obligation to "Aid & Assist." Let us fulfill our obligations.

My Brothers, it all boils down to this. We need to hear from you as much as we need your dues money. With-out communication with

you, we, as a Lodge can take no action but the obvious. Our California Masonic Code spells it out loud and clear.

Please, drop a check in the mail or a letter of explanation this week.

Fraternally,
Jim F. Kleinknight, P.M.
Secretary

CALENDAR

March

31 Maundy Thursday — Dark

April

- 4 1:00 p.m. Widows Club Luncheon at Garden Tea Room
- 7 7:30 p.m. Second Degree — Bobby R. Williams
- 14 7:30 p.m. Third Degree—Ralph R. Reiner
- 21 6:30 p.m. Easter Dinner with our Dates — Make Reservations!
Public School Program — David Bonetto, Central Unified School District, program and update.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting
7:30 p.m. Ladies Program — Chiropractor, Randall Forrester
- 28 7:30 p.m. Second Degree — William H. Horg.

May

- 5 7:30 p.m. Third Degree — Bobby R. Williams
- 7 9:00 a.m. Las Palmas excursion to Columbia, Gold Country
Third Degree — James A. Sowers
Families are included — Tri-Tip Bar-B-Que following
Make Reservations!

DATES CLUB NEWS:

The last month's program was excellent and so was the turnout!! More than 30 "Dates" enjoyed Margaret Hudson's poetry and sculptor of an adorable leprechaun. If you missed this, there are more exciting programs to come.

On April 21st, the speaker will be a Brother, Randy Forrester, who is a licensed chiropractor. Are you knowledgeable of modern chiropractic and its benefits? How much do you really know about it? Why suffer with pain unnecessarily from disorders due to spinal problems, etc. Come out for an excellent and informative program - get all your questions answered - it may save you a lot of pain in the future!!

Also, on April 28th, we will be having a trip to the Sierra Nut House, Bullard and Palm, for a program by JoAnn Arvanigian. She is specially opening the store for us that evening and will talk on different nuts, dried fruits, candies, coffees, teas, grains, seeds, etc. She will be very, very informative and will cover the nutritional values, etc., as well as prepare something (almond bark candy, possibly) for us — there will be free samples also. Plan to meet at the store at 7:30 p.m. or carpool from the lodge with a friend. Please sign up at the next meeting or call me at 439-0746 to get on the list of attendees.

Have a Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Sincerely,
Hilda H. Ennis
President