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From the East:

Brethren,
Greetings from the East.

The year is well underway and I am grateful for all the advice and help that I am receiving from all of you. At times, as Master, I may send you a letter asking for your assistance in investigating a candidate, please do not take this request lightly. You will not be asked to do this job often, but it is very important that you carry out your duty in a timely manner.

We are so pleased to have Ted Kitamura back with us after his most recent surgery. Sometimes those who work behind the scenes are taken for granted until they are found to be missing and the small details unattended to. This was our experience when Ted was absent. He quietly performs his duties with such a great degree of personal dedication, and was sorely missed by all. Welcome back Ted!!!

March is Masonic Youth Activities month, so please give praise and recognition to the youth and their sponsors this month in particular. This is another area in which much work is done which many times goes unnoticed.

Don't forget to get your reservations in early for the March stated meeting dinner. Mary has promised us the ever popular roast pork dinner, which she declares will be all calorie free!!! In addition to good food we will be entertained by the wonderful music of the Shrine Band. We are fortunate to have this great group of musicians with us, so mark the date on your calendar and plan to come.

In addition to the dinner and music, the ladies have a very special evening planned by the new President of the Las Palmas Dates, Hilda Ennis. Hilda has arranged for one of Fresno's best known artists to speak, Margaret



Hudson. Mrs. Hudson is a dynamic speaker and so the women have a real treat in store for the March meeting. Hilda has many other interesting meetings planned and I appreciate Hilda's enthusiasm and know the women will enjoy the events to come.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Alstrom
Worshipful Master

From the West

March roars in like a lion!

We need to do more roaring! Rather than going out and about like timid lambs. Masonry needs men who will proclaim their faith, and tell the world what masonry is all about. Masonry should stand as a wall of strength and not be a supine, inert and silent floor for the uncaring to walk upon.

In these days of easy liberality where it is frequently considered that anything goes, and square is equated with "Hick" rather than honest, just and upright, Masons are called to lead rather than follow.

We are charged to practice by precept and example the truth of the Moral and Social virtues. While esoteric modes of recognition and ritual are to be respected, we are charged by the greater portion and volume of monitorial work announce with conviction our position for morality.

A charge should not be considered an accusation or an assault but an electrifying proclamation, an energizing statement of fundamentals upon which we act and use as a guidepost for our lives.



Do not be afraid to tell anyone and everyone that masons stand like a steadfast wall for respect of Truth, Justice, Temperance, Brotherly Love, Charity and Relief.

So show a little Fortitude and with Prudence
— Roar a little!

Roaringly in the West
Lee I. French
Senior Warden

From the South

Fraternal greetings from the South. Ever wonder that your Junior Warden looks like?? There are a few rumors that I thought you might like to read. There is a rumor going around Las Palmas that the Junior Warden broke the camera when his picture was being taken. Some say that the Junior Warden is too short and was not tall enough to reach the camera, others have it that the Junior Warden is too tall and that the picture of him only took up to his knees, still the rumor persists that the Junior Warden is waiting each Thursday night to shake your hand and welcome you to your lodge, Las Palmas. Thinking on this subject for a moment, you just might ask yourself, "When was the last time I attended Blue Lodge?" You can solve this baffling problem by simply setting aside a Thursday night and attending Lodge where all of your questions will be answered. In your absence, we have some Brothers that are of note here....Congratulations to Brothers Pickering, Horg, Williams and Riley as all of these gentlemen became Lodge Bothers during your absence. Also, the follow-

ing brother became a Fellow Craft Mason, Dr. James Sowers. Brother Sowers also passed a very fine proficiency in the lecture of the entered apprentice degree. As I was sitting here typing this on my computer the thought came into my mind, that should you sign a petition, or know a man who is getting his degrees in our lodge, or you are bored with Thursday night television you just might like to play a part in the degree(s). All that's necessary is to simply telephone me and I will tell you how to go about it. Daytime I can be reached at 229-8572, or in the evenings 439-0746 every night except Thursday and then you know I will be waiting to shake your hand at Las Palmas. Our Lodge!!!!!!

I am very pleased and proud to announce that my Darling wife, Hilda, has consented to be the President of the Las Palmas Dates Club for this year. She has planned many exciting programs from the ladies to enjoy while their husbands are in the monthly stated meetings. She knows what I look like! Brothers, please ask your wives to read her column and then plan to attend the Dates Club meetings. I am sure that they will be enjoyed!

For the month of March it is looking like there will be two more first degrees in our lodge (GASP!!!) and then a third degree. During March, your officers will be attending officers school of instruction. Any master mason is welcome to attend or, for that matter, any mason may attend a school of instruction in the degree that he is working in. If you would like to attend please call me at the number above and I will be happy to give you the times and dates.

Also, our annual picnic will be held on Sunday, June 5th, this year. We are combining our efforts with Sun Garden Lodge and The State Center Chapter of DeMolay. So please circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Fraternally
Bill M. Ennis, Sr.
Junior Warden

CALENDAR

MARCH 1988

- 3** 7:30 p.m. 1° School of Instruction
Clovis Lodge
- 7** 1:00 p.m. Widows Club Luncheon
at Garden Tea Room
- 10** 7:30 p.m. First Degree — Roger A. Miller
- 17** 6:30 p.m. — Dinner with our Dates —
Roast Pork; Shrine Band will provide dinner music
7:30 p.m. — Stated Meeting
7:30 p.m. — Ladies Meeting - Sculptor
Margaret Hudson
- 24** 7:30 p.m. Third Degree —
Charles A. Oliver
- 28** 7:30 p.m. 3° School of Instruction at
Ponderosa Lodge
- 31** 7:30 p.m. Third Degree —
Ralph E. Reiner

APRIL

- 7** 7:30 p.m. Second Degree — to be announced

The Secretary's Corner:

Here's hoping that each of you had a Fantastic Presidents Day week-end and a beautiful Valentines Day. A good holiday away from our usual environment is generally good for all of us.

Following our eight day holiday to the coast, I found that the office of Secretary of Las Palmas had been very well taken care of by our Treasurer, George Posson, P.M. & his "Sidekick", Brother Ray Esheim. My thanks to these two fine Brothers. If each one of us would attempt to put in just one tenth of the time that these two Brothers do for the welfare of Masonry, I believe that our problems of declining membership and lack of attendance would be solved.

The dues are still coming in very well and I'm not complaining as yet. I'm reserving all that for the next trestleboard when those of you who have not as yet paid your 1988 dues of \$48.00 are ninety days delinquent and the secretaries' office will have to start sending individual letters to each of you. This costs the Lodge \$.22 for postage plus stationary. Please, look in your wallet and if the blue receipt doesn't say paid until December 31, 1988, look a little deeper and find \$48.00 and send it in. Don't be on that delinquent list.

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

We were pleased to have Brother Dale Orr report to us that the Tehran Shrine Temple Masonic Band will again entertain us at the "Dinner With Our Dates", on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, prior to the March Stated Meeting.

DATES CLUB NEWS:

Recently, I was asked to be President and I feel this is a very high honor considering I've only recently moved here from Pennsylvania and new to the fraternity. But, in order to succeed, I ask for your support.

At the March 17th meeting, we will have as guest speaker....Margaret Hudson, Fresno's well-known sculptor. This is an excellent program you will not want to miss so plan to stay after dinner while your husband is in his meeting and join us!!

Also, if I haven't met you please make it a point to introduce yourself as I look forward to your friendship.

Mark your calendar now — see you on the 17th!! Bring another "Date" with you to hear what is coming up in the future.

Sincerely,
Hilda H. Ennis
President

P.S. I know what he looks like — I think!!