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From the East:

Greetings from the East.

At our November Stated Meeting I will have the pleasure of presenting the Hiram Award to Brother Jon Kinsey. He has been invaluable to the Lodge by much work behind the scenes. In addition to serving as Treasurer of our Building Association and Financial Advisor to our Lodge he has put in countless hours helping with the many improvement projects undertaken by the Lodge Building Association. He has helped with opening the building to tenants, and dealt with many of their questions and needs. The refreshments Jon has prepared for our special meetings have been delicious, and not only does he cook well, but he cleans up after himself!! No project has been too great for him to tackle, without his help this past year we would not have accomplished as much of our goals as we have. And so it will be with special pleasure that we will honor Jon with the respected Hiram Award in November. I hope each of our members will attend our November Stated Meeting and personally Thank Jon for his devotion to Las Palmas Lodge.

We will also be representing 25 year pins to our Brothers who were raised in 1962, and 1963 and so you can see our November Stated Meeting will be one you will not want to miss. Past Master George Posson (Master 1962) will be making the presentations please notify the Secretary if you can be there.

Your officers are now serving in their advanced stations in our degree work and doing very well. Please come out and support them.

Remember Brothers, please plan to attend Lodge one more time this year than you did last year.

Fraternally
Charles E. Alstrom
Worshipful Master



From the West:

Greetings from the West
Brethren

A couple of weeks ago I was asked if I could sum up in a few words what ever it was that I said last month. I of course replied that I most assuredly could sum up in a single word, and that word is "Integrity".

I did not however imply that I would constrain or confine myself or feel compelled to necessarily stop or rest with only that small word, and therefore to elucidate and further imply, clarify and modify, I will go on to say that one word is never enough to provide an explanation, particularly when a few dozen more will almost certainly totally befuddle, confuse, obfuscate, and lambaste the issue. By which we are convinced that there should be more of it, and shame on those that don't have any because that ought to shape up and get some — integrity that is. Masons strive to attain it and proclaim their admiration for it. There are many who lack it. There are those who are totally unaware of its existence. There are those who wouldn't recognize it if you hit them over the head with a wet one!

The other thing is enthusiasm. We should have lots of it! I mean we should like what we do and not be afraid to say so and why — if any, we feel that there are reasons that we should!

Those therefore who are confused have plenty of company, and those who are not, should be less certain!

After all those who know absolutely nothing about an issue — much as politicians and their like etc., are almost invariably accorded the highest acclaim, admiration and acknowledgment of the ultimate authority, while those who do are suspected and reputed to be smug.

Therefore in this month of election let us never hesitate to give and to have Thanksgiving and may it be a happy one.



God bless us everyone!
Enthusiastically in the West.

Lee I. French
Sr. Warden

From the South:

Fraternal Greetings from the South

Brethren

Well the summer is gone and now the long days of winter are upon us. Time for fires in the fire place and time to enjoy our families. Also time to attend Lodge.



For those who haven't been lately let me tell you what's been going on at Las Palmas. Beginning September 1, we had a First Degree, then the next week we had two more first degrees then the stated meeting then two more first degrees, then the following week guess what?? We had one more first degree, October started out with a bang we had a Third Degree then the next week we had a second degree, then the next week we had a stated meeting again then guess what again??? That's right, we had one more first degree. I think that just about brings up to date. By the way, Congratulations are in order to Brother John Pickering for being Raised To The Sublime Degree of Master Mason. As I write this I am thinking that for November we will have a First Degree and Then Past Masters Night then the Stated Meeting then Dark for Thanksgiving. I need a rest! For the month of December I would think that we should have a second degree or two or three or four. (GASP!!!!) All the officers Love The Work.

Also let's remember that November is Voting Month. I think that one thing that we can all do together is to get out and vote. No matter what party we are a member of, it is truly our solemn duty to get out and cast our ballot. Our vote can make a difference. Thinking back to

September when Our Grand Master was at Las Palmas and part of his message was many people have told him how they think our great fraternity should be running and he said, "If you don't like something come to Grand Lodge and change our ways of doing things. It's possible to do so. Any Master Mason may attend Grand Lodge and any Mason with an opinion on what's in front of Grand Lodge may make the Wardens and Master of His Lodge aware of the way he feels and in that way help to sculpt the future of our Great Fraternity. The important thing here is to be heard and make your thoughts known. Also we vote on a regular basis at our Stated Meetings and this is a way that any Mason may help to carve the future of Las Palmas, but again to do this we need your attendance. Please join us. We need you and your opinion.

It is looking like I am getting a bit long winded here, so I had better close off this one. Looking forward to seeing you at Las Palmas I am.

Fraternally,
Bill M. Ennis, Sr.
Jr. Warden

From the Secretary's Corner

This year has come and nearly gone so fast that me and the weather think that spring is still with us. However, such is not the case. The fact is that another Grand Lodge year has just begun and we have several interesting new rules and regulations to report at our stated meeting in the very near future.

One of the new changes that we secretaries are aware of is the resolution that was passed to eliminate the privilege of paying our dues quarterly. The new law states that all Lodge dues are due and payable prior to January 1st of each year. It is the responsibility of each Mason to see that his dues are paid each year before January 1st.

You will be receiving your dues notices in the mail shortly. Your dues are \$48.00 for the year of 1989. Make all checks payable to Las Palmas Lodge No. 366.

If you feel that you can spare a little extra, the Homes Endowment Fund will be glad to receive your check as well. You can make it all on the same check and it will be separated here and receipts sent accordingly.

J.F. Kleinknight, P.M.
Secretary

In recognition of their continued support of Las Palmas Widows will be our guests at the November Stated Meeting. Please indicate that you are a Las Palmas Widow when you make your reservations or at the ticket table.

Calendar

November

- 3 7:30 p.m. Degree
- 7 Widows Lunch Garden Tea Room
- 10 Past Masters Night/Dinner
Swiss Steak Dinner @ \$5.00
Please call Office for Reservations.
- 17 Stated Meeting/Dinner
Turkey Dinner with Entertainment by
the "Rite" Brothers Chorus
Under the Leadership of Mervin
Salwasser, Al O'Connell and Ann
Wallace.
- 24 THANKSGIVING, Dark

December

- 1 First Degree
- 8 Second Degree

"Dates" Program for November Stated Meeting

Las Palmas member Charles Oliver D.P.M. speaking on two of our most valuable physical assets... Our Feet. Come and find out how you can better care for your own set of "built in transportation!!!"