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From the East:

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

The season of resolve is upon us!

The year behind is but a dim lit memory! The year ahead — one of bright promises! A year of wonderful opportunities and exciting possibilities!

I want to say to each and everyone of you personally, "The Craft is back," we will in this year move forward to make the most of that which we already have, a thriving Lodge. I believe that the **Craft is back**. That we have all heard enough about decline, that none of us will except defeat, but each one of us will move forward and do all we can to see that Freemasonry in general and Las Palmas in particular moves forward in 1991.

That's all well and good, but what can we as individuals do? The answer is simple and easy. We must involve ourselves in every possible way with Lodge activities. Visit the degree work on Thursdays. Come to Stated Meetings, stay after dinner and have a say in what your Lodge is doing. More importantly you will, by being active know what Masonry is all about. You will have something to talk about to prospective members. Brethren we can't paint the inside of a house if we are always on the outside. So enter in! Make this the best year possible by becoming involved.

SEE YOU IN LODGE!

Fraternally,
Stephen M. Harrelson
Worshipful Master

WELCOME TO:

Brother Ron Petrie, our new Marshal, welcome aboard. Brother Ron is a Senior DeMolay, a supervisor for Pacific Bell, and brother in law of Brother Fred Richburg. Our new Marshal comes very well recommended and should be an asset to the Lodge.



From the West:

The New Year is here and the Lodge is off and running on its 1991 schedule. I hope your 1990 Christmas was indeed pleasant, and was both a happy and a holy celebration. As is well known at this time there have been many changes in the officers line.

We have a new Marshal, Secretary, Treasurer and Tiler. Brother Bill Wharton is in charge of the Trestle Board publication so I'm sure that all members will receive the Trestle Board in a timely manner. I don't think that too many of you missed the marvelous stated meeting Christmas dinner. Roast pork with all the trimmings as only Mary Perch and her staff can do it. The banquet room was filled to capacity and even the old Gent himself made an appearance and distributed goodies to the little ones and good cheer to all. I'm sure that most of the members have made their New Year's resolution to attend Lodge more frequently in 1991. It is not nice to fool mother nature and break a new year's resolution. Las Palmas will be stronger than even in 1991 with some announced surprise to be made before long. More activities are being planned involving not only members but spouses and/or guests. To regress for a moment, Mary informs me that several serving pans and trays are quite heavy on banquet nights and she could use a few "strong backs" to help with the lifting. I hope to be able to volunteer for that duty starting in February. May we all have an eventful and healthy new year.

Respectfully,
Don Scott
Sr. Warden



TIDBITS

If your like takes a turn for the worse, Remember that you are the one who is driving.

He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question is a fool forever.

From the South:

As your newly elected Junior Warden, I want to thank you all for your confidence, friendship and support. I eagerly look forward to the ensuing Masonic years as a time to serve Las Palmas and to help lead toward the 21st Century. My primary goal will be to help carry on the tradition of the men who have gone before me and maintain Las Palmas as the premiere Lodge of our area, being active, growing and vital. I look forward to your support and attendance at our degrees and social functions and we will always strive to have a variety events which all can enjoy. Speaking of which we are planning a deep sea fishing trip to Monetary in February with a day of shopping for the ladies. I hope many of you will plan to attend.

As the new Masonic year begins I sincerely hope that every brother will make a pledge to himself to attend at least one of each of the three Masonic degrees during upcoming year in order to renew his commitment to the teachings of Masonry and to support the Lodge, our new brothers and your corps of officers. In closing please remember that the officers of your lodge are here to serve you and that we welcome your support, your ideas and, when given in a constructive manner, your criticism in order to further the interests our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Fraternally yours,
Randy Forrester
Jr. Warden

Matrimonial Secret — A man succeeds in marriage without the unkind word or fight if he keeps quiet when he's wrong and shuts up when he's right.

Happiness is suddenly realizing your Husband has been watching you in silent admiration.

Advice is like medicine; you have to take it to find out if it does you any good.

Last summer one-third of our nation was ill-housed, ill-nourished and ill-clad. They called it a vacation.

CALENDAR

January 1991

- 10 2nd Degree
- 17 Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Call for reservations.
- 24 3rd Degree
- 31 3rd Degree

February

- 7 Degree
- 14 Degree
- 21 Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Call for reservations
- 28 Degree

A Fresh Start

It's that time of year again. We start from scratch once more. Lots of new beginnings. New stations, new words, new duties, and new ideas and plans. It's a healthy state of affairs. New blood is the life stream of our Lodge. It should create new interests and enthusiasm, and increase side-liners. They will want to see how a fresh team pulls together and gets things done.

It looks good from where I sit. No matter how good the past has been there is always room for improvement. The new team says, "This is going to be a great year, we have all learned from experience. We have seen good things and we have seen places for improvement." The secret lies in the word team. That old saying, "United we stand, divided we fall" certainly works in the Lodge. The combination of intelligence, enthusiasm, clear thinking and communication, will make it every time. There must be communication. The Lodge and particularly the officers must be kept well informed if we are to achieve our common goals.

Las Palmas is going places this year, you can be sure of that.

The Editor

WORRY or WORSHIP

Man has conquered the earth
And is now assulting the moon.

He knows why it's cold in December
Can explain the warmth of June.

For everything heavenly he has an answer
With no need for God or his Grace.

He has a place for everything
And puts everything in its place.

All things he knows can be proven,
To him life is one big song.

He doesn't need a spiritual slide rule
For life's solutions he will never be wrong.

Yet, when he tests each one of these great things,
He looks up to Heaven to say:

Dear God, human hands put this together,
But You make it run, I pray.

W.I. Owen
Ass't Ed.

From the Secretary

Every month the bank sends it's depositors a bank statement. Las Palmas lodge sends out the Las Palmian to keep it's members informed of its events, both coming and past, and to keep them informed of the condition of the lodge financially. That is what prompted this article.

The delinquent dues account is higher than it has ever been. So you say to yourself, "Why don't they do something about it?" Well, my Brother, every member who is delinquent is being contacted in person or by phone or mail; plus the secretary and his assistant are calling every Brother who lives in Fresno and we are getting results.

Your part is to bring your dues up-to-date if you are one of those who is delinquent.

Fraternally
Phil Lewis

To All My Brothers

All big businesses have branches, and if the branches do not show a profit, they get rid of them. Well, my brothers, Masonry is a big international business who doesn't need a profit, just striving to be self-supporting. The only way that can be accomplished is by you paying your dues consistantly on time. Without your dues on time the big wheel breaks down. So, you see, my brothers, it is not the time you put in at the lodge that counts. It is the time you put in FOR the lodge that counts. Let's all get together and pay our dues promptly and keep ole 366 running smoothly and on time.

Bro. Whitie Owen
Asst. Secretary

"A Little Right of East"

BRETHREN:

It comes that time of year when the officers of Las Palmas are put into their New Positions. Getting ready for the term at hand. At the same time we are Re-forming the Degree team.

This will require possibly one Degree a month, if needed, and a practice once every other month, or when needed. Our goal is to put on a Degree that is of a Serious nature, free from joking, and errors. Each brother will be given a private coach for each part. The Third Degree Coach, will put on final touches to make us proficient.

If you are interested in helping your Lodge. Please contact me.

Fraternally,
Tip Banks
Senior Deacon

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