



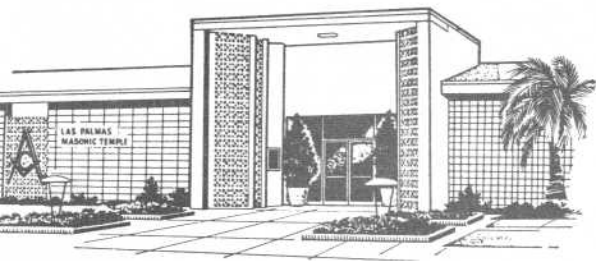
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From the East:

How are we doing? Are we talking about Freemasonry? Has a perfect stranger asked you about your Lodge because of your excitement? What did you tell him? These questions need to be answered, need to be solved in all of our minds. Another



question comes to mind **“If you were arrested for being a Freemason, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Are you GUILTY as charged or just a SUSPECT?”**

Ah! I hear voices now **“I’ve done my part”** **“I pay my dues, I belong that’s enough, or my favorite “to much politics”** Thank God for differences — and Gentlemen if we don’t talk about differences soon we won’t be allowed to. **I encourage you to use your Lodge Membership, attend Lodge functions, dinners, and degree work!**

In closing, I’m reminded of the analogy of the airplane, and the ship. Of the airplane it is said it will corrode, deteriorate, and become unairworthy faster sitting on the ground **FASTER** sitting than it will flying in the heavens besides that’s what airplanes do! Of the ship it is said it will collect barnacles and rot faster sitting at anchor than it will sailing the high seas besides that’s what ships do!

To this I would add Masonry, unused, will die faster than if it’s practiced, participated in and talked about.

Besides, that’s what Masons do?

Fraternally,
Stephen M. Harrelson
Worshipful Master

From the West:

Congratulations to brother John Stephen Bjorge and brother William Richard Freeman. Brother Bjorge gave an excellent 1st degree proficiency and also receive his 2nd degree. Brother Freeman joined the fraternity by receiving the first



degree. Brother Whitey Owen informs me that he is busy both in the morning and evenings with candidates. Brother Larry Bennett continues to keep the candidate book full and on track. Ponderosa also has candidates in the wings so it appears that Las Palmas-Ponderosa will be busy in the months ahead.

Mrs. JoAnne Gravano, principal of McKinley Elementary School gave a very informative talk on the subject of discipline in public schools for our lodge observance of public schools month.

Brothers Frank Lewis, Marvin Castillo & Don Scott attended an initiation Ceremony for both of brother Castillo’s nieces into the Golden Realm Rainbow for Girls Chapter. The ceremony was most impressive. The future of masonry must truly look to the youth of this country. This can really be appreciated if one takes the time to visit a DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls or a Jobs Daughter meeting and observes the flawless ritual work presented. What chips away the stone to reveal the pride and polish is the discipline these young people are willing to concede to achieve their goals. Can you think of some young people whom you know who could use a good dose of discipline and self-sacrifice? Visit a masonic affiliated youth meeting and you too will feel this sense of pride and you will come away feeling a great deal better about our young people and the future of this nation. By none the surprises revealed at our combination lodge history and ice cream social night are common knowledge. It was a

great evening. Many thanks to all who helped make it a great success.

Respectfully,
Don Scott
Sr. Warden

Ladies Program For After Dinner Meeting of May 16th.

Please come, join us in learning "How to fold napkins," a repeat performance. Bring a dinner napkin and learn how to fold it for that special dinner.

Pam Forrester will be presenting this program. Please come.

Pat Scott

From the South:

Today it's with great sadness that I must report the passing of our Past Master Jim Hall. Jim was still a young man, who devoted countless hours to improving our Lodge making it what it is today. I have never met a man who was more dedicated to the fraternity or who had greater passion for the principles for which we stand. I am happy that I was able to call this man my friend and brother and although his presence will be greatly missed, his spirit will grace the halls of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge forever.

Thought for the Month: The world is made up of three types of people: those who make things happen; those who watch things happen; and those who say "what happened?" I hope that each and every one of you will vow to be in the first group and help us continue to make our Lodge a better place.

Fraternally yours,
Randy Forrester
Jr. Warden



CALENDAR

May 1991

- 2 Thurs. Third Degree, Proficiency.
- 8 Wed. School of Instruction. Las Palmas-Ponderosa.
1st section 3rd Degree.
- 9 Thurs. 3rd Degree. B Jorge.
- 16 Thurs. Stated
Dinner with our Dates 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Thurs. School of Instruction, Clovis
2nd Degree, 2nd Section 3rd Degree

JUNE

- 6 Thurs. 1st Degree. Jason Weimer.

NOTE: Degrees on Wednesday Night
All officers required to attend school unless excused by the Inspector. All Master Masons are invited.

From the Secretary

Dues are due from quite a few, and you know who!!!

Over one hundred members have not paid there 1991 dues.

The amounts to a considerable amount of money.

Money that can be used to take care of Lodge business, such as putting out the Las Palmian-Ponderosian for your information, planning programs for you and your family, and keeping our lodge clean and desirable for your enjoyment.

Let's start out this historical year with a clean slate.

No outstanding bills, no delinquent dues and every one on the roster with correct addresses.

The office of your secretary will try to keep you informed and up to date on all activities of the Lodge and this office.

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Las Palmas-Ponderosa

Annual Picnic

June 16, 1991

Kearney Park

Celebrate

Father's Day

Mark Your Calendar

NOW

Save the day to have fun

COME ONE - COME ALL

11:00 A.M. till ?

A Little Right of the East

BRETHREN:

One of the duties of the Senior Deacon is to introduce all the visiting brethren to the Master and to the lodge. Last week during Stated Meeting, the chairs were so full with members I had the pleasure to say to the Master "We are all home grown this evening and many in number."

In the near future we will have a Third Degree, and we will be calling for a degree practice. If any brother would like to take part please feel free to step forward and let it be known, for there are so many new faces right now we would like everybody to have a chance at what we

PROCLAMATION

Masonic Homes Endowment Month

The support of the Homes themselves, and these two programs as well, depends mainly upon you and me through our contributions to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund. Currently the Endowment Fund provides only about one third of these necessary to operation the Masonic Homes programs. The increasing age of our membership, and increasing costs of providing quality care for those who need it, will require a total commitment by EVERY Mason.

Last year almost half of our California brethren made a contribution to the Homes Endowment Fund. But we need 100% effort! Only by MASONS WORKING TOGETHER as a team can we continue to provide our distressed brethren with the kind of help that will guarantee them stability, security, companionship, a quality future, and most of all, a life enriched with MASONIC LOVE.

With the above in mind, I proclaim the month of May, 1991,
to be

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT MONTH

Youth Orders Month

"CALIFORNIA FREEMASONRY...WORKING TOGETHER," our theme for this year is especially appropriate in respect to our three Youth Groups. The members and leaders of the International Order of DeMolay, International Order of Job's Daughters, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls need and deserve our support.

We are witnessing a time when the great moral values espoused by our fraternal family are again becoming popular with the youth of today. Our Masonic Youth Groups teach and reinforce these values to their members, and it is incumbent upon each one of us to help strengthen the cause.

Our Youth Groups are in need of adult leadership. We have Chapters, Assemblies and Bethels in this Grand Jurisdiction that are closing their doors and surrendering

and families) please let us know if you would be interested in learning on this

Fraternally

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of membership and

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