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Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

June 1995

From the East

Brethren,

It has come to my attention that several vehicles have been taken from our lodge parking lot during the time the different organizations are having their meetings. Unfortunately the lodge cannot be responsible for the theft or the damage occurring due to the attempted theft. It would be the same thing as if your vehicle was parked at a shopping center, the center would not be responsible either. The time has come that each organization should post a guard to oversee the parking lot. The lodge cannot take the funds to hire a Security Guard for each renter. What would be an idea for some of the Ladies groups is to have some of the husbands on a rotating schedule to guard the lot while the ladies groups are meeting, or after all the members are there at the given time, lock the main gate!

This will protect the vehicles both ways. Even the lodge is going through the same problem. Starting next meeting I will ask the "Tyler" to keep tabs on the parking lot. The weather is changing and summer is upon us. The evenings are going to be turning nice and maybe sitting under the canopy would be a nice change instead of in the lodge waiting for the meeting to end.

Recently we had an influx of petitions of new members. I would like to thank the Brothers for bringing the men into the fraternity. As officers, you get a chance to brush off the "cob webs" and return to work with the degrees we have taken so much time to learn. Every member should stop by the secretary's office to pick up a Petition for Membership and help our lodge grow.

Fraternally,
Tip Banks, Master

From The West

Brethren:

As we reach the mid-point of the Masonic Year it looks like we are going to be busy in degree work through our Summer break. We have waited patiently and now it is



time to go to work.... we have several waiting to take their first step in Masonry.

A thought for the day: Has Masonry fulfilled it's mission? A recent national survey of members of the Masonic Fraternity revealed that more than 80% do not participate in Lodge activities. However, when asked if any changes should be made the majority answered in the negative. Should we be concerned with this lack of interest in attending Lodge?

For more than 250 years Masonry's lessons have been virtually unchanged. Assuming that Masonry has taught its principles, philosophy and code of conduct effectively and well and that the new Mason will forever practice those precepts to the best of his ability, then hasn't Masonry fulfilled its mission?

The small percentage who find fulfillment in being active Masons would prefer that the other 80% jump on the bandwagon of fellowship, brotherhood and sense of purpose.

However, if this large majority chooses not to be players, it should not in any way infer that Masonry has failed in its purpose. As a result of their Masonic experience they are better men and in many measurable ways are better citizens and neighbors.

We should double and triple our efforts toward attracting them back into our circle of friends and brothers. But if the invitation is not accepted, we must not think for a moment that they are any less a Mason.

Fraternally
Cline "Cub" Jack, Sr. Warden

From the South

Brethren,

When I was initiated and entered Apprentice mason some years ago, hoodwinked and dressed in a manner unfamiliar to me, my mind was in a state of apprehension.

Strange questions were asked of me and I answered in the affirmative not really knowing what I was getting myself into. My fears and being symbolically blinded and in the dark, for I would not see, was relieved when two men (whom after I found to be brothers) took me by the hand and supported me. My fears subsided and this act was comforting. After



Calendar

June 1	1° Degree
June 8	2° Practice
June 15	Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m.
June 22	School of Instruction at Las Palmas
June 29	1°
July 6	1°
July 14	Dark for the Summer

School of Instruction

July 22	Schools of Instruction at Las Palmas
Aug. 26	3° at Clovis 8 A.M. Grand Lecture
Sept. 26	Madera Lodge
Sept. 28	Grand Master's Dinner - Las Palmas
Oct. 24	Sanger Lodge
Nov. 15	Fresno Lodge

NOTICE

The Lodge will be Dark from July 7 to September 1, except for stated meetings.

gaining admission into the Lodge room I was transferred to another brother who took me by the hand, led and guided me and eventually to an Altar where I was made a mason. The hoodwink was removed and for the first time in my life I saw the great lights of Masonry revealed before me. Also I was impressed when I glanced around the Lodge room and saw brothers in the sidelines, who were there also supporting me during my time of darkness. This was indeed my first lesson of Masonic brotherly love. They were there for me.

On May the 25th, June 1st and 29th, I will have the pleasure and privilege of conferring the First Degree on men who will also be in the dark and take those steps which we all have taken before. Let us all support these candidates. See you at the Lodge.

Aloha Nui,

Ralph Medeiros, Junior Warden

PROCLAMATION

The Grand Master has proclaimed the month of May to be, **MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT MONTH**. Every one is encouraged to make a special donation the California Masonic Homes. Charity extends beyond the homes themselves by providing Non Resident Assistance to those who cannot enter the Masonic Homes or prefer not to.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Another successful presentation was held at the John Muir Elementary School during the month of May 1995. I would like to thank the Brothers who have donated bicycles in support of our public school program. All; of you are making a Public School better place for younger children to obtain an education. I would also like to give a special thanks to Past Master Randy Forrester for his help in the committee and for highlighting our presentation as Popper the Clown. Thanks to brothers Cub Jack, Senior Warden and Chris Morris, Organist, John Bjorge, Jr. Deacon and Brother George Willimas, a member of Fresno Lodge, for their assistance in continued support in the presentation, and for their assistance in the public school committee. George is also a clown, and he has helped in obtaining parts for us to repair bikes. In addition, after our presentation, he gave me a pair of rollers blades (worth \$175.00) to give to the principal for their school raffle program that aids the children. Thanks George! from the Las Palmas/Ponderosa Lodge, this committee, the school and the students.

May 11, 1995 at 7:30 p.m., at Master Tip Banks business establishment we held a clinic to repair bicycles. We had sodas and cracker jacks to drink and eat and had a lot of fun. There were 13 Master Masons working hard and we were able to repair more than 10 bicycles and have a number cleaned and polished ready for tires, which makes a group of bicycles ready for drawings. Hurray!

I would be remiss if I didn't put their names in this article: Master Tip Banks, PM George Posson, Senior Warden Cub Jack, Sr. steward Ted Sorge, Secretary Marvin Wallace, Treasurer Mike Daughtery, Tiler Gene Page, and Brothers Wall Kron, Tom Hansen, Sam Linares, John Ryan, and myself. A hearty thanks to all of your for your help in making this evening and the Public School program a success.

Fraternally,

George H. Cary



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