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Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

March 1995

From the East

Brethren,

It grieves me to inform you that this year we put to rest 38 Brothers. These members will always be remembered in our lodge and in our hearts. As Master, each year when you have to project gains and losses by members. Last year I fell way short of my goal.

I projected that we would have 10 members join our fraternity. Instead we had 3. This year I have projected a loss of 30 members. Many advisors say that my number is too low. I hope that they are wrong. If this continues to come, our Lodge will cease to exist. We cannot continue the path we are on. This year again my goal is again 10 new members. I hope and pray we can meet that goal! Granted, we cannot ask a friend to be a Master, but we can ask him, why aren't you a member? And sometimes talk to his loved one. Let her do the ground work. Even with a gain of 10 new brothers this year we still have lost 50 fine brothers.

I would like to thank everyone again this year for my re-election as Master. Kathy and I are looking forward to another year working with everyone. I would like to thank my wife for all the support last year with ladies program. Kathy has stated that they had a lot of fun putting them on. Already this year she is planning a shopping trip to Gilroy to the outlets. Ladies check with Kathy for the date.

See you in Lodge,
 Tip Banks, Master



From The West

Brethren:

Congratulations to our recent Past Master, "Tip" Banks, on being elected to serve again as Master of our Lodge for the remainder of this year.

As most of you already know, we are not very busy in the conferring of degrees. We have several candidates working on proficiencies



and looking toward their next degree.

We also have quite a few petitions out and hopefully everyone is following up on their prospects so the officers can get busy and "show their stuff!"

Let's all work together to make this Lodge a viable organization for it's members and worthy of the rich legacy given by those who have gone before us. If anyone has anything to contribute that might help us better serve our membership, please don't hesitate to call or talk to any of the Lodge officers.

Remember this adage: "IF IT'S TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME."

Looking forward to seeing YOU in OUR Lodge!

Fraternally

Cline "Cub" Jack, Sr. Warden

From the South

Brethren,

Congratulations Brother Bissell on receiving the degree of Master Mason, and also Brother Ratley on becoming an Entered Apprentice Mason. The seeds of Masonry is now in your hands, sow it, attend to it, and then my brothers, reap the many rewards Masonry can offer.

It is that time of the year for our annual trip to open Columbia Lodge. Mark your calenders, Saturday April the 22nd. The Lodge is slated to open at noon. Dinner will be in Sonora at "Sonora Joes" \$10.00 per person, after the Lodge is closed.

If you are planning to stay overnight or through the weekend, call early for hotel reservations. Sonora is the next best place to stay if Columbia is booked. There are R.V. accommodations at the "Quarry" in Columbia. Please call early for parking reservations. If you need a road map and directions to get to this area, copies will be available at the Lodge, or call me at home (251-4187) and I will mail you a copy.

Aloha Nui,

Ralph Medeiros, Junior Warden

P.S. Mahalo (thank you) for he beautiful lei, presented to me at the installation.

Calendar for March

Mar. 2	Practice 7:30
Mar. 9	Practice 7:30
Mar. 16	Stated Dinner 6:30
Mar. 23	Practice 7:30
Mar. 30	Practice 7:30

NOTICES

- There have been several members who have inquired about making installment payments toward a Life Membership. The Lodge has no provisions for making installments. The Life Membership is \$1,260.00.

- The Master had the unpleasant task of suspending 17 members at the Feb. 16, 1995 stated meeting. The Secretary's Office has since been informed of members who are sick or confined. The suspension of those members who are confined sick or unable to pay their dues could have been avoided, if they or someone would have taken the time to write the Secretary or Master and inform them of the problem.

- If you are going to Columbia on April 21 & 22 with check out on April 23, call marble Quarry RV Park 209-532-9539 and make your reservation.

- Brother Henry Jacob a member of Island City Lodge #215 in Alameda is in the California Armenian Home on 6720 E. Kings Canyon. 251-8414. Brother Jacob would appreciate a visitation from the Brethren.

- Brother Sam Avakian is confined to the Hypana Rest Home at 3510 E. Shields. 222-4807. Brother Avakian would appreciate a visitation from the Brethren.



DURING THE YEARS 1737-1779, TWO SHIPS PLIED UP AND DOWN THE EASTERN SEABOARD OF NORTH AMERICA. ONE WAS NAMED THE "FREEMASON" AND THE OTHER THE "MASTERMASON." THE "FREEMASON" CAUGHT FIRE IN THE HARBOR OF MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS IN 1779 AND SANK
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