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From the East

First, I would like to mention some of the previous month's activities as I have been doing in most other articles.

On November 14th, Brother Ted Sorge, Sr Deacon (Jr Warden elect), had his first time sitting as the Master in conferring the First Degree. Our newest Entered Apprentice Masons are, Timothy Richard Newcomb and James Carl Clark. Welcome, my Brothers! Congratulations, also, to the officers for a job well done in your advanced stations.

On November 21st, at our Stated Meeting, the following officers were elected: Master elect - Ralph Medeiros Sr Warden elect - John Bjorge Jr Warden elect - Ted Sorge Secretary elect - Marvin Wallace Treasurer elect - Michael Daugherty Congratulations to all who have been elected and appointed to serve our Lodge for the upcoming year. The 93rd Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, January 4th, 1996 at 2:00 P.M. I hope you will all come to this Installation and show your support for your Lodge and it's officers.

Now for the part I keep having trouble putting into words. (I've made several attempts) I find that I am writing this last article with many mixed feelings, most are thoughts of accomplishment, but, a few are those things unfinished or not done. However, I am confident that those who follow are dedicated to our purposes and that our future is safely preserved in their hands.

I know it would be impossible to thank everyone by name who helped me throughout this year. Some of you were singled out at the last Stated Meeting, many others were not. Again, thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

I would be remiss if I did not mention a couple of individuals that a Master would have a hard time getting through his year without them. First, a special thank you to Mary Perch and her "kitchen crew", with their labor of love, make each Stated Meeting dinner that extra special event. We are the envy of Lodges throughout the State. Second, Marvin Wallace, our Secretary, who works diligently to see that every detail



of the administration of our lodge office is accomplished in an efficient and timely manner. Although he can be outspoken and somewhat cantankerous at times, I know that he has a great devotion to Masonry and the care of our Lodge. Thanks, too, to all of my officers this year, who supported our activities throughout the term. It truly takes a TEAM to win the game. Last, but certainly not least, my wife, Joan, for all her support as we traveled this road this year. Thanks for standing by me in the good times, as well as, the not so good times and for just being there when I know there were at least three other things you could have been doing. The gavel will soon be passed to the new officers and a new year will begin. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as Master of OUR Lodge.

Joan and I wish you all a JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON!!

Cline "Cub" Jack
Master

From The West

Brethren,

Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me Master of our Lodge for the ensuing year of 1997. It is a great honor and privilege to serve you, my Brothers. I will endeavor to move forward with tradition and meet the challenges for our Lodge as my predecessors have done before me. I am looking forward for your continued support and attendance in our social functions, ritual and business meetings. Our team of fine officers is an asset to this Lodge and I am proud to have these officers with me and by working together we will accomplish our tasks.

I wish you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In closing, I again congratulate and salute all the 1997 Officers. Let us all get this New Year going and have fun doing it! See you at the Lodge.

Aloha Nui
Ralph Medeiros
Senior Warden



From the South

Dear Brethren,

I would like to thank all the brethren for electing me Senior Warden for the incoming year of 1997. It is a great honor and I hope we will have a successful year.



I also would like to thank everyone who helped me as Junior Warden not only in the kitchen but also in the degree work which we performed this year. Without your help this year would have been more difficult and not nearly as successful.

Our December Stated Meeting dinner menu will consist of Swiss steak, green salad with home made dressings, corn, peas & mushrooms for a vegetable, buttered noodles and for dessert chocolate mint ice cream with Christmas cookies. I hope these menus have helped you in making your decision to attend the dinners, and if so please let me know.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the wine fund. Because of your generosity we'll be able to continue providing wine at our dinners.

Fraternally,
John S. Bjorge
Junior Warden

NOTICE

Several of our brothers have yet to pay their 1996 dues. At the Stated meeting in January these brothers will be suspended for NON PAYMENT of dues. If you have not paid your 1996 dues and are not able to pay them, call the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or the Secretary and let them know you cannot pay your dues. If you do not want to explain over the telephone, send the Secretary a letter stating you are unable to pay your dues because of medical reasons etc. The last thing the Master elect wants to do at his first stated meeting is to suspend members of the Lodge for not paying their dues. Please let some one know.

The Lodge is putting on a 3rd degree in Columbia on April 12, 1997. The Lodge has reserved some RV Sites with full hookups at Marble Quarry RV Park. If you are planning to attend the 3rd degree or just looking for an excuse to get out of town for two nights and three days call the secretary at 268-2303 and reserve a RV site for April 11 & 12 depart on Sunday.

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES:

Brethren,

Our Lodge needs a new roof, can you help? This is the season of giving. Donations to help defray the \$30,000 cost would be appreciated. Our roof is over 30 years old and needs a new surface treatment. Make your gift payable to Las Palmas-Ponderosa roofing Project, it will help.

Fraternally,
Bill Ahlenslager, P.M.
Trustee

Happy Holidays



Come Cruise With Us

Las Palmas/Ponderosa Lodge and Senior Warden, Ralph Medeiros, are planning a Baja California Cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's VIKING SERENADE

March 14th-17th, 1997

Please invite your friends and family! The more the merrier. Kids are welcome too!

Ensenada

- In Ensenada:
- Hunt down **Mexican handicrafts** on Avenida López Mateos.
 - Meet little old Mexican wine makers (and sample the goods) on a tour of the **Santo Tomás Bodegas Winery**.
 - Try something completely different, like **lobster pizza**.
 - Let us spoil you totally — bask in the sun all day aboard **Viking Serenade**.
 - Bring your camera along for a **Scenic Coastal Drive**.

"SPECIAL GROUP RATES"

	Brochure	Cruise Co.
OUTSIDE CABINS	\$679	\$299
INSIDE CABINS	\$629	\$249

All rates subject to change until deposited.
 Deposit deadline December 15, 1996.
 Final payment due January 18, 1997.
 Credit cards and Checks accepted.

Port Taxes: \$78.50

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Rates are per person, double occupancy.
 Space is limited in each category.
 Book early for best availability.

If enough people sign up, we will have a bus to the pier.
 Detail to follow at a later date.

★ Port tax subject to increase per Royal Caribbean's discretion.

Itinerary

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Fri	Los Angeles, CA		5:30 PM
Sat	Ensenada, Mexico	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
Sun	At Sea		
Mon	Los Angeles, CA	8:00 AM	

REGISTRATION

Enclosed is \$ _____ (\$100.00 per person) deposit for the Viking Serenade departing on March 14, 1997. Final payment is due on January 15, 1997.

NAMES

- _____
- _____
- _____
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ADDRESS

HOME PHONE & BUSINESS PHONE

I would like: Inside Cabin _____
 Outside Cabin _____

Early Dining/Non-Smoking has been requested.

We would like to be seated to dine with:

Other special requests: (Birthday, Anniversary, wheel chair ast, handicap cabin, etc.)

Please contact:

Ted Sorge, Senior Deacon
 (209) 275-5817

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- Captain's Gala Cocktail Party
- Exciting Entertainment

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 5th - Christmas Tree decoration, 7:00 P.M.
- 8th - Officer's Exams, Fresno Lodge
(Master, Sr & Jr Wardens, Sr Deacon)
- 12th - Degree
- 19th - Stated Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 26th - DARK, Merry Christmas!

JANUARY

- 1st - Happy New Year!
- 2nd - Installation Practice, 7:00 P.M.
- 4th - Installation of Officers, 2:00 P.M.

**LAS PALMAS-PONDEROSA LODGE
NO. 366
93rd INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1997
2:00 P.M.**

HIRAM AWARD

Brother Sam Linares is the 1996 recipient of the Hiram Award. Sam is one of those "behind the scene" kind of guys who will do anything he is ask to do. He has been providing refreshments at our degree nights for several years and always comes up with some special treats on those special occasions. He has also been serving the Lodge as Tiler this year. Sam is active in Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He and his wife Barbara can always be found helping to prepare and serve at our Stated Meeting dinners. Congratulations, Sam, and thank you for your continuing support and dedication to our Lodge and to this great fraternity. It was my extreme pleasure to recommend you for this prestigious award.

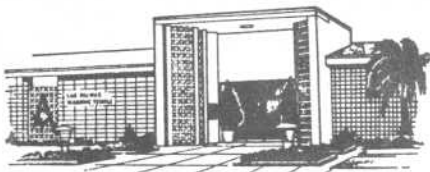
293rd Masonic District Installations

- December 14th - Madera Lodge No. 280 ,
2:00 P.M.
- 15th - Clovis Lodge No. 417, 2:30 p.m.
- January 5th - Fresno Lodge No. 247, 3:00 P.M.
- 7th - Sanger Lodge No. 316,
(Closed meeting)

OFFICERS FOR 1996

Worshipful Master	CLINE (CUB) C. JACK JR. 432-8262	Junior Deacon	VERNON SCOTT ULLSTROM 456-8461
Senior Warden	RALPH P. MEDEIROS 251-4187	Marshal	
Junior Warden	JOHN BJORGE 431-3820	Senior Steward	BILL FREEMAN 297-4968
Treasurer	MICHAEL DAUGHERTY 226-3297	Junior Steward	THOMAS BEKHOUD 322-9838
Secretary	MARVIN WALLACE 439-9111	Tiler	SAM LINARES 224-5164
	268-2303 Office	Organist	CHRIS MORRIS 221-7336
Asst. Secretary	EDD DODD 222-1763		
	268-2303 Office		
Chaplain	BILL ENNIS SR., P.M. 439-0746		
Senior Deacon	TED SORGE 275-5817		

**Stated Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at
7:30 PM Preceded by a dinner at 6:30 PM RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED.**



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