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### From the East

The month of April was a busy one, not only with our planned activities, but also some unplanned ones.

On April 11th, the 1st Degree had to be postponed and not wanting to let a planned night at the Lodge to be wasted, the Master and some of the officers left their tuxedos at home and formed a work party. With paint, rollers and brushes the following brothers made fast work of painting the west wall of the banquet room: Scott Ullstrom, Ted Sorge, Bill Freeman (and his 3 little helpers), Marvin Wallace, Curt Jack, Doug Carmichael, Larry Bennett and Randy Forrester. Prior to this, a portion of the wall below the serving window had to be replaced due to a water leak between the steam table and the wall. This problem was corrected by replacing the faucet and fittings by brother Carl Wilcken and the drywall by brother Randy Forrester. Thank you!

The School of Instruction was cancelled due to the weather; it was raining as hard inside the Sanger Lodge room as it was outside. I hope there is not too much damage.

On April 19th, seven RVs filled with members and their families headed for the Marble Quarry for the annual trek to Columbia State Park. On Saturday the 20th, the 3rd Degree was conferred upon brother Mark Eisenberg, a courtesy degree for Golden Rule Lodge No. 479, of San Jose. Rumor has it that Mark is going to be affiliating with Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge real soon. The Degree work was excellent with officers of various Lodges participating. The Lodges which were represented were: Las Palmas-Ponderosa (Host), Fresno, Porterville, Lemoore and San Bruno. The Lecture was given by Mark's Father-in-law, Stu Mephram, a Past Master of Blue Lakes Lodge, No 714. He made the trip from Kerby, Oregon. An outstanding job by all and my sincere thanks for your participation.

The ceremonies were followed by a Barbecue at the Quarry, where everyone met to enjoy each others company and lots of good food. Thanks to Tip Banks and John Bjorge for setting up and doing the cooking. A special thanks to my wife, Joan for preparing all the food to take up with us.

On April 24th, the Scholarship Committee met to go over the applications for this year. My congratulations to everyone that submitted an application, you are all winners. A report from the committee with the names of the recipients is listed elsewhere in this trestle board.

On the 25th of April, Brother Curtis Jack became our newest Fellowcraft Mason. Congratulations!

Upcoming events: Check your calendar for future events. We have several brothers working on proficiencies in various Degrees and look forward to their progress so they can continue toward becoming a Master Mason.

On May 11th, (Saturday) Fresno No. 247 and Las Palmas-Ponderosa No. 366 will sponsor the 4th Annual KIDS DAY AT THE ZOO. The Zoo will open at 9:00 AM. We will also have our annual Masonic Family Picnic in the event area from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the cost is \$ 6.50 for adults. (Includes admission to the Zoo). Remember, KIDS ARE FREE. This is a sponsored PUBLIC EVENT and you can assist our Lodges in their community VISIBILITY by your attendance. Please plan on attending and enjoy the FUN and FELLOWSHIP of Masons and their families.

Remember: **T**-ogether  
**E**-veryone  
**A**-ccomplishes  
**M**-ore

Cline "Cub" Jack  
Master



### From The West

Brethren,

My thoughts are with those of you who were fortunate enough to attend our annual trip to the Columbia Lodge this year. I had the misfortune of missing it and envy those who went. My work schedule would not permit me to go.

The rustic beauty and nostalgic majesty of such an ancient Lodge can be overwhelming. There is a strong representation of Brotherhood, that only being there can you appreciate its glorious past, as well as the present.

Proof that pulling together and helping one another can keep a Lodge together physically, as well as preserving its undaunted spirit.

Columbia Lodge is an inspiration to all of us. This is the place where good men; Masons come together as one and enjoy our brotherhood.

I am always proud to say that I have stood with these men...who are my brothers.

I hope those of you who attended had a good time. For those of you, like myself, who had to work or had other pressing obligations, I am sure that there will be future opportunities to attend.

See you at the Lodge.

Aloha Nui  
Ralph Medeiros  
Senior Warden



### From The South

Brethren,

I would like to thank all those who made time to help Mary in the kitchen over the last few months, in addition to our normal crew. Your efforts are very much appreciated and have helped us make these dinners as successful as ever.

At our May Stated Meeting dinner, Mary will be making her FAMOUS ROAST CHICKEN, rice pilaf, cucumber and tomato salad and a SPECIAL SOMETHING for dessert in honor of Mother's Day.

A brief, sincere thanks to those who have graciously contributed to the wine fund. Please know that your donations are much appreciated.

The turn out for the annual Third Degree performed in Columbia was a tribute to the cooperation of the many Lodges involved; Las Palmas-Ponderosa, Fresno, Lemoore and Porterville, just to name a few. We had a Barbecue following the ceremonies attended by the brothers, their wives and children. A good time was had by all!

I would also like to remind you all about ZOO DAY coming up on Saturday, May 11th. Gates to the Zoo open at 9:00 AM. We will have a Barbecue for our Masonic families and friends from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, cost \$ 6.50 (includes admission to Zoo) for adults. Children are FREE... Information and tickets are available from the Secretary or any of the officers. Please join us, it should be Fun!

Fraternally yours,  
John S. Bjorge  
Junior Warden

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

Do you know in what direction YOUR Lodge is going? Do you know what YOUR Lodge goals are? Do you know what the future holds for YOUR Lodge? Are you interested in the DIRECTION, GOALS and the FUTURE OF YOUR LODGE? If you are interested, then you are you when the Lodge is called to Labor at 7:30 P.M. on Thursdays? Brothers the Officers of YOUR Lodge need your support. Take a break on Thursday evening and come to Lodge. Your absence is noticed and your presence is missed. YOU the members are the Lodge not the Officers or Building.

There are yet several members of the Lodge who have yet to pay their 1996 dues. Are you one of those members? If your dues card expires any date other than December 31, 1996, you have not paid your 1996 dues. Should any unforeseen accident fall upon you and your dues are not current. Then you are not a member in good standing. If you are unable to pay because of health or other reasons, or know of a brother who is unable to pay, PLEASE let the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden Secretary or some one know. It is not the desire or intention of the Master to suspend a brother for Non Payment of dues.

**GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK**

Make a gift to the Masonic Homes and receive an annual income for the remainder of your life (and that of a loved one). Want to hear more? Call toll-free 800 242-0123, or write:

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IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3...to get information on how to get the most from your donation to the Masonic Homes.

**NOTICE**

In accordance with the standing resolution regarding the expenditure of Lodge funds, NOTICE is given of the proposed expenditure of funds for operating expenses of the Las Palmas Building Association. The amount requested to be made available periodically, as required, throughout the remainder of this year. The total amount, NOT TO EXCEED \$ 15,000.00.

Consideration of this proposed expenditure will be at the next Stated Meeting on May 16, 1996.

**WANTED!**

Having our own building is a wonderful thing, but it also is an expensive proposition. Unfortunately over the last several years we have been faced with decreasing rental income and increasing expenses which has made it more difficult to operate and maintain our building without having to ask the trustees for additional funds. Again at the last stated meeting was forced to ask for an additional \$15,000.00 which will hopefully make up the deficit for the remainder of this year, but no guarantees. What is really needed are additional table, long term, non destructive tenants to help share in our expense and enjoy our facility. If you know of such a group which meets regularly and is looking for a home, please let them know that our facility is currently looking for additional tenant.

Fraternally,  
 Randy Forrester, P.M.

**THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU**

Thanks to two of our brothers who came to the aid of another brother in need.

Brothers, Del Anderson and Larry Bennett gave of their time and talents to build the ramp for Brother Bob Shaffer. Bob is in a wheelchair and is now able to get out and about. A job well done!

THREE TIMES THREE, BRETHERN!!

**FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

This year it was again my pleasure to be involved with the Las Palmas-Ponderosa Scholarship program. Again, I was amazed at the quality of the young people applying for our grants and found that every one of them was deserving. Thanks to the generous additional contributions and bequests of our members we were able to offer three \$500.00 scholarships and two \$250.00 scholarships. The recipients are: Lea E. Lipscomb, Kanoko Esheim, Gabriella Bonino, Kristi Hornback and Charlie Miksch. This is an ongoing program and is open to all members and direct relative (including nieces and nephews) of our current or past members. It is obvious the response we get each year that there is a real need for this program and I hope you will all continue to contribute to it.

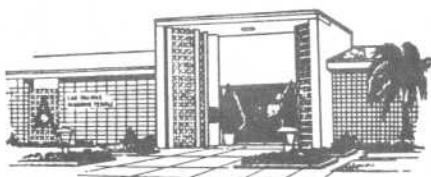
Fraternally,  
 Randy Forrester, P.M.

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**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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28	29	30	1	2 Proficiencies All Degrees 7:30	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Second Degree 7:30	10	11 Kids Day at the Zoo ----- Masonic Family Picnic
12  Mothers Day	13 Building Association Meeting 7:00	14	15	16 Dinner 6:30  Stated Meeting 7:30	17	18
19	20	21 School of Instruction Madera Host 7:00	22	23 First Degree 7:30	24  <b>SHRINE</b>	25
26  <b>CIRCUS</b>	27  Memorial Day	28	29	30 <b>DARK</b>	31	1
2	3	4	5	6  Third Degree 7:30 Curtis Jack	7	8