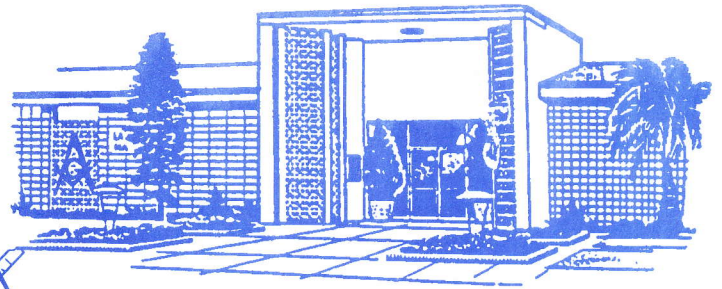


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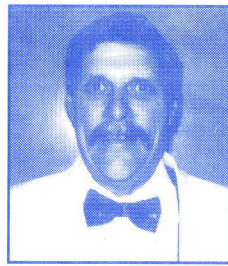
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From the East

This being my 36th and final Trestle Board, I would like to thank all the Officers and brethren who have dedicated so much of their time in helping me make this a most successful Masonic year. I would also like to thank those of you who have expressed how much you've enjoyed reading the Trestle Board each month. A special word of appreciation to our Editor, P.M. Cub Jack for all his help and expertise in making sure it got out on time and was as concise as possible.



We will be doing a third Degree December 31 for Brother Ford. This will be the first Third Degree done by the officers in their advanced stations. Please come and support them. I know they will appreciate it. On December 10th the lodge will be dark. December 17th will be my last stated meeting as Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. We will be presenting two Fifty Year pins, and Brother Randy Forrester will be receiving the Hiram Award. Mary will also be preparing her annual Christmas Dinner and we would appreciate your making advance reservations. Come and enjoy the fellowship and festivities.

I would like to thank my wife Janice for the support she has given me which has enabled me to give myself freely to the benefit of Masonry and the brethren of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge. As we all know, without the cooperation of our ladies, it would be impossible for us to dedicate ourselves to all the hours which are required for the successful operation of this lodge.

At our November stated meeting a special report was given by Most Worshipful Sam Pavlovich and Worshipful Richard W. Frey on the audit of the Trustee's Records. This in depth report shows us that the lodge, even though in good standing financially, needs to reconsider the way in which it handles some of its financial matters. Their recommendations were moved and voted on to become effective immediately and should improve the way we handle our financial responsibilities. This report can be found in the Secretary's office if any brother wishes to read it. Again my hearty thanks to the effort which went in to producing this report. I feel much more confident in the way the lodge will be handling its finances from now on.

Janice and I would like to wish all the brethren and their ladies, the Happiest Season's Greetings and a Wonderful and Exciting New Year!

Fraternally Yours,
JOHN S. BJORGE, MASTER

who have accepted their positions for the next year.

Once again our Mary Perch outdid herself with the dinner that she produced for our annual Thanksgiving feast. More help is always needed.

Our schedule for December and January is busy with a 3rd Degree on the 3rd of December. The 10th will be dark. The 17th will be our Stated Meeting for December, with Worshipful Randy Forrester to be given the Hiram Award for his service to the Lodge. We will be dark the 24th and 31st for the holidays. January 7th will be tentatively scheduled a 3rd degree. The 14th will be an officers practice for installation on the 16th.

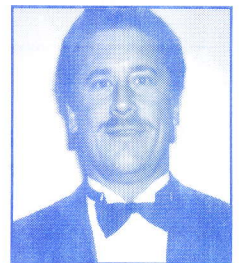
Until next month, my fraternal wishes for a happy and fulfilling holiday season.

TED SORGE
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,

I sure hope that everyone reading this message had as good a Thanksgiving Dinner as we did at our stated meeting. Mary and her crew pulled it off again, it took over 3 days to prepare and they fed almost 200 people.



Most Worshipful Sam Pavlovich in conjunction with Worshipful Doug Cairns presented two 50 year pins. Brethren it was heart warming to see almost all of the seats in the lodge room filled for the presentations.

Those receiving the Golden Veterans Award were Bros. Manford Morton and Lee Willingham.

Mary said that the dinner for the stated meeting in December will be leg of pork and a couple of chickens for our brethren who's observance is not to eat pork.

Last, but surely not least, thanks for electing me to the office of Senior Warden for the year 1999. Merry Christmas to all and may God bless you and your families this Holiday Season.

Fraternally yours,
Bill Freeman
Junior Warden

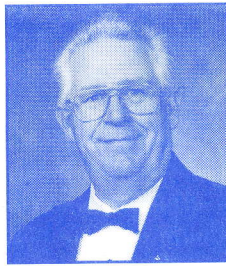
From the West

Brethren, Ladies and Friends,
Greetings from the West

First, let me take this opportunity to thank the members of the Lodge for electing me to serve you as Master for 1999. I look forward to the many events and activities that we have planned for 1999.

My congratulations to Bro. Bill Freeman, Curtis Jack to serve as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively for the next year. Also, Chris Patropulos and Marvin Wallace to serve as Treasurer and Secretary.

I look forward to next year with them and all the officers



Elections held at November Stated Meeting;
officers elected for 1999 Masonic Year:

Ted Sorge - Master
Bill Freeman - Sr. Warden
Curtis Jack - Jr. Warden
Chris U. Patropulos - Treasurer
Marvin E. Wallace -Secretary

Board of Trustees: "Tip" Banks, P.M.
Las Palmas Masonic Building Association, new
members:

Jim Wilson. P.M.; Jim Clark; Michael
Daugherty.

Congratulations to all!

CALENDAR

December

- 3 Third degree, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 DARK
- 17 Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 24 Dark. "Merry Christmas"
- 31 Dark. "Happy New Year"

January 16 Installation of Officers, 3:00 p.m.

MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

The Masonic Widows Club combined their November and December Luncheon Meetings due to the busy holiday season. We will have our Christmas luncheon (changed to a brunch), to be held at the Country Waffle Restaurant at 10:00 a.m. Address: 7191 N. Cedar, (just north of Herndon ave. Date is December 3rd. Note: That is a Thursday! Besides waffles, this restaurant serves very good salads and sandwiches and soup. Brunch cost will be "Dutch treat" and from the menu. Mark the date now on your busy calendar. Reservations will be appreciated - any Masonic widow who is not a member, is invited and if you need transportation, call one of the officers listed below.

Our January 27th meeting will be at our usual meeting place, the Fresno Masonic Lodge, 3444 E. Shields. Home made soup will be served. Our new club year starts in January ... Our dues are due then, \$5.00.

RUTH DAWSON, President Ph. 454-1520
Bobbie Carder, Vice Pres. 322-6851
Wanda Goodrich, Sec'y. 486-5359

Sneak Preview

Ladies programs for 1999 will include guest speakers on flower arranging and self-defense. Craft nights and game nights for the whole family. There will be extra outings such as a day shopping trip to Nordstrom's in the spring, a night out to the show, and a weekend trip to the Apple Festival in Apple Valley in the fall. These are not just limited to the ladies. Anyone can come! Are you EXCITED yet? At January's ladies program we will have a demonstration on assembling scrapbooks (the latest rage). It will be hands on so bring some of your favorite photos. See you there!

Marty Sorge
Master Elect's Lady

NOTICE

At this time there are fifteen brothers who have yet to pay their 1998 Dues. If you are unable to pay the dues PLEASE LET SOME ONE KNOW. Those brothers who have not paid their 1998 dues by Jan 21, 1999 will be subject to suspension at the stated meeting on Jan. 21, 1999. For a brother to take a demit from Masonry without being suspended for non-payment of dues, his dues must be current.

Marvin E. Wallace, Secretary

THANKS FOR THE HELP

The Thanksgiving dinner on November 19, was a success. Mary, thank you for a job well done. Over 200 members, family and friends turned out for the dinner. I do not have a list of the names of those who helped prepare the dinner but, a special thank you to those of you who showed up. The dinners, such as the one we just enjoyed take a lot of planning and preparation. If you enjoy good fellowship, a good time and some laughs be a volunteer and help prepare the meals. A big Christmas dinner is planned for Dec. 17. Please call and let Mary know that you can and will help prepare the dinner.

IN MEMORIAM

Lewis Kenneth Ellsworth Aug. 25, 1998
Richard Dick Mooradian Nov. 16, 1998

LA SIERRA VENUS #555 ENCHILADA FUND RAISER

\$ 10.00 per Dozen
Bobby Salazar's Enchiladas
Choices: Shredded Beef, Ground Chicken, or Cheese

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Orders ready to pick up on Dec. 18, 1998 at Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge, Fresno
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Designate quantity and choice. Contact Marty Sorge 275-9734.

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Marshal ROBERT L. MOORE, P.M. 485-3543
Tiler SAM LINARES 224-5164