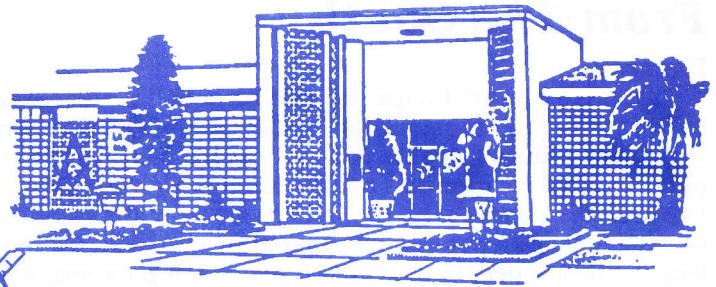


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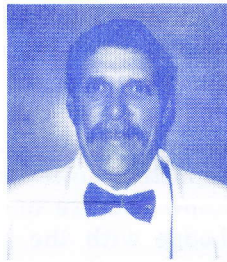
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From the East

Greetings! Janice and I hope you all had a joyous holiday season and wish you a very "Happy New Year." The Installation of Officers December 20th was a huge success with over 230 brothers, wives, family and friends in attendance. It was such a thrill not only to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master Anthony P. Wordlow as the Installing Officer, but also the honor of having two Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Sam Pavlovich and Most Worshipful Vern Gordon, participate as Master of Ceremonies and Chaplain, and our own Douglas Cairns, Inspector 293rd Masonic District. For those of you who were unable to attend, Mary Perch, helped by her faithful kitchen crew, prepared one of the most beautiful and delicious dinners I have ever seen. The beautiful floral arrangements only added to the festive Christmas decor. The youth groups participation was without a doubt essential for the success of the evening as the Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay not only participated in the ceremony but also helped serve the food. We would like to thank everyone who participated in any way in the ceremony, dinner and festivities for helping make this a most memorable Installation.....



It is with great joy and anticipation as I embark on my year as Master. There are two goals I would like to see accomplished. The first being that we confer at least twelve third degrees, one each month. This can be done if each master Mason takes it upon himself to renew their dedication to the craft and its future. Please, let's stop being the best kept secret in California! The second goal I would like to see accomplished is to have all of the brethren attend at least one of the Thursday night meetings. Please take out your calendar and circle a date now. If you need a ride to Lodge, please call the secretary and we will attempt to make arrangements to get you there and back.

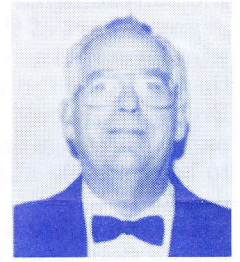
The Trestle Board is our way of communicating with all our members at one time. In hopes of enhancing its interest, Cub Jack has agreed to become editor. Any Masonic Group wishing to contribute items of interest, please submit them by the third Thursday.

January 8th there will be a second degree for Brother George who will also be doing his first degree proficiency that night. January 15th will be our stated meeting night, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 and there will also be two fifty year pins conferred. January 22nd we will be doing our first 3rd degree by the corps of new officers, please plan to

From The West

Brethren, Ladies and Friends

Before I get to the business of my article as your Senior Warden, I would like to express my appreciation to some very special people who have made my year just past a pleasant and enjoyable one. First to Mary Perch, without your dedication to our Lodge, we would be eating chili dogs and chips for stated dinner instead of the wonderful dinners that you have made for us for so many years. Your efforts have put Las Palmas Ponderosa on the map in our district and also the state, and made me as Junior Warden the envy of all my counterparts in the state. Also, Mary, your dedicated crew that helps you every month deserves our thanks as well. Bro. Sam Linares, your ceaseless efforts to provide the officers and members of our Lodge with refreshments at our regular degree meetings has been one of the most liberating jobs that you could have done for me as Junior Warden, Bro. Bill Freeman is our new Junior Warden, and I know he will be as grateful as I have been for your efforts.



Now to the schedule of degrees for the month of January. The 8th will be a 1st degree proficiency for Bro. Don George, with his 2nd degree to follow. The 15th of January will be our Stated Meeting for the month of January, our first in our newly installed positions, I might add. The 22nd will be Bro. Sillva's 2nd degree proficiency with his raising to follow. I have been assured that Bro. Don George will be proficient in the 2nd degree on the 29th of January, and that he will be raised that evening. Meetings start at 7:30.

Thanks from the West
Ted Sorge, Senior Warden

attend if at all possible. There will be a third degree on the 29th. Also there will be a School of Instruction January 21st at Fresno Lodge, 7 p.m.

Our annual Super Bowl Party will be held January 25th at 1 p.m. at Fresno Lodge. This is a joint effort by the five lodges in our district and the first major event of the year put on by the new masters. Please plan to attend - don't forget to bring your kids, your grand kids or the neighbors kids. There will be a satellite big screen T.V., lots of good food, beverages and fellowship at no charge.

Let's make this a great year for all our Masonic Families!

Fraternally Yours,
John Steven Bjorge
Master

From The South

Brethren,

Happy New Year! I hope you will have had a wonderful holiday season. The installation on December 20th was very successful with well over 200 in attendance. Mary, as usual put on a fabulous dinner. The filet mignon was terrific and I would like to thank all of the kitchen crew for all their help in putting together such a great meal. I was surprised how long it takes 4 people to peel 125 pounds of potatoes, and that's not even counting the time it takes to prepare the filet mignon, salad, green beans, mushrooms, table settings, silverware, flowers, etc.

As junior warden it will be my responsibility to oversee the refreshments at our stated meetings as well as our degrees. Part of that responsibility will be supplying the wine for stated meetings and the Senior Warden informs me that the wine fund carried over from 1997 is down to \$22. Brethren, I would like to remind you that the wine is not part of the lodge budget. If you would like wine to continue to be available at the stated dinners, I am asking you to donate to the wine fund at the next stated dinner. At the wine table there is a box provided for donations and I am asking that those of you who partake in the wine please contribute generously to the fund.

At our next stated meeting on January 15, Mary Perch is planing to serve roast leg of pork, broccoli salad, mashed potatoes, and birthday cake. We will be celebrating Mary's 37th year overseeing the stated dinners. Mary has not missed a stated meeting in all that time Extraordinary!. We are very fortunate to have such a treasure in our lodge. Please call in your reservations well in advance, because I am sure there will be a full house to recognize the special event.

Bill Freeman
Junior Warden

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 8th 2nd Degree
- 18th Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
Stated Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 21st School of Instruction, Fresno Lodge
1st Degree
- 22st Third Degree
- 29th Third Degree

NOTICE

Nine of our brothers will be SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES on Jan. 15 1998. This is by far the most difficult task the Master of a Lodge has to perform. If you are one of the members who have not paid their 1997 dues and you are not able to pay the dues for whatever reason, PLEASE LET SOME ONE KNOW. The dues can be remitted; however, to remit the dues some one needs to know you are unable too pay. No one joins the Masonic Lodge with the intention of having the dues remitted. However, there comes a time when every one needs help of one type or another. Would go out of your way to help a brother in distress? Yes, you would. So let some one know you need help. Do not let yourself be suspended for non payment of dues.

IN MEMORIAM

Tony Julius Biglione 11-28-1997
Benjamin Herman Watson 12-25-1997
Jesse (Jack) Cloud Malicoat Jr. 12-25-1997
(A Sojourner of Massachusetts)

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