

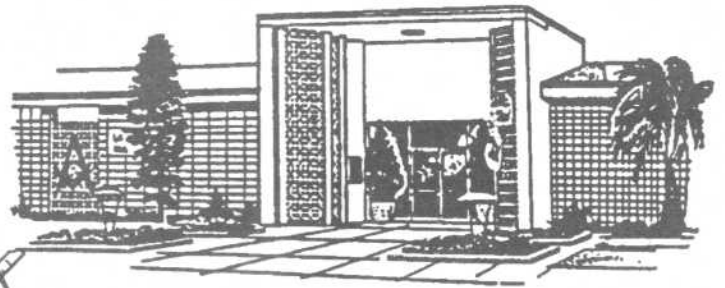
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## From the East

Here we are in June and half the year has been completed already. I'd like to thank all those who have helped me make it so successful so far. May was a busy month for the officers in that we performed two first degrees and Brother Carrigan not only got his first degree on May 7- but did his proficiency on May 14th and received his second degree along with Brother Hyatt.

At our stated meeting on May 27th I was asked by the trustees to appoint a committee to do an audit on the lodges accounts and report at the August stated meeting. We had a nice turn out of approximately 130 brothers and family for the dinner and handed out three fifty year pins. The proud recipients were Brother Harvey Cook, Brother Harold Comstock who have both been members of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge the entire time. The third recipient was a courtesy presentation from South Dakota.

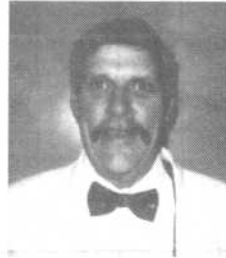
At our annual Grand Lodge Meeting in October Brother Mike Reynolds will receive the Outstanding Mason of the Year Award for 1998. This particular honor is not given out every year by the Grand Master and deserves our attention. I would like to make arrangements to take a bus load of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge members and their families up for the presentation on Sunday October 11th. This will be a one day trip and we will return late that evening. We will have some refreshments on the way up and stop for no host dinner on the way back. Please contact the secretary if you are interested in going. We will have approximately 42 seats available. I have contacted Herb Cray who will let me know what the cost per person will be but he expected it to be very reasonable. This would be a great opportunity for not only the brothers but their families and even the widows who would like to have a day of friendship and camaraderie as well as show their support for our brother Reynolds.

We also had our Official Visit from the Inspector of the 293rd Masonic District, Worshipful Douglas N. Cairns at our stated meeting and he presented all the fifty year pins. A hearty thank you for all the help you have given the lodge in the past six months.

On June 25th we will have Las Palmas Ponderosa's first Rusty Trowel. Please mark this date on your calendar. A Rusty Trowel is a night when we go through all the ritual and customs of the lodge on a casual basis for all the brothers who thought they might have forgotten the words and signs of all three degrees. There will be other questions and answers done at this time for the purpose of our newly obligated brethren who may have questions about Masonic rituals and customs. I would hate to think that any brother would not be attending lodge because he might think he has forgotten these rituals, so please come so we can go over this together on a casual basis.

In closing I would like to remind all the members that the lodge will be going dark in July and August, and dress for the stated meetings will be casual.

Fraternally Yours, John Steven Bjorge, Master



## From The West

Brethren,

The month of June is full of many types of activities, weddings, graduations, and many more. Our families are busy, busy, busy and so are we here at Las Palmas Ponderosa.

The month of May was full of Degree work with our Junior Warden conferring 2 First Degrees and I conferred 2 Second Degrees the next week. Brother Carrigan received his first degree one week, his proficiency the next and then the same evening received his 2nd; excellent work. I would like to take this opportunity to give credit to Bro. Larry Bennett, our head candidate's coach, who leads our candidates along their path towards their Master Mason Degree. Bro. Larry puts a lot of himself into the responsibilities of his position.

Getting on with the Lodge schedule, on the 4th of June I will be conferring a 2nd degree. If our candidate cannot be there, our Master has scheduled a 3rd degree to replace the 2nd. On the 16th of June, Worshipful John has scheduled another 3rd degree. I will miss my second stated meeting since joining the line. I will be out of the country until the 23rd of the month.

Worshipful Bjorge has scheduled a Rusty Trowel presentation by PM Bersani who will present a Masonic education program for members of the lodge. He will answer your questions regarding the Degrees of Masonry.

Just a reminder, we will soon be going dark for the summer.

Fraternally from the West,  
Ted Sorge, Senior Warden

## From The South

Brethren,

I would like to start out by thanking the Lodge for sending Sara and myself to the Junior Wardens Retreat this past weekend May 17-19. There were 107 Junior Wardens and 76 of their ladies present for the retreat. The weekend was very enlightening and I hope that I will be better able to serve our current Master John Bjorge and next year Ted Sorge. I ended up with 6 pages of notes and developed good friendships with the other Junior Wardens in our district as well as meeting their wives.

Mary said the menu for next month's stated meeting will be Shishka-bob, rice pilaf, Soubrag and Baklava, along with the usual tossed salad and vegetables, and pita rolls. I would like to put out another call for help for Mary on the days of our stated meetings. The dinner last month was a half hour late because of the lack of helping hands. Please try and find some time to volunteer, if only for an hour in the morning or in the afternoon, it would be a great help to Mary and our Lodge.

Fraternally Yours,  
Bill Freeman, Junior Warden



## MASONIC HOME (Union City) BUS TRIP

August 15, 1998

Sponsored by the Past Matrons  
and Past Patrons of  
Raisina Fresno Chapter #89

\$25.00 a person includes transportation, continental breakfast, sack lunch at the home, tip for the driver, expenses for mailing and fellowship! Sponsored by the Raisina-Fresno #89 Past Matrons and Past Patrons group and any member, family or friend can tag along to enjoy the day.

Leaving Las Palmas Parking lot at 6:30 a.m (2992 E. Clinton), stopping in Turlock for coffee, donuts etc. Arrive at the home for tours and program followed by lunch. Leaving the home about 3:00 p.m. and arriving back in Fresno at the Las Palmas lot about 7:30 p.m. (still daylight)

Our members Sarah and Dee Brewer have recently taken up residency at the Masonic Home and they are coordinating our arrival. It is a special day because it is the annual Jam and Jelly Day sponsored by the Past Matrons of the East Bay Association. In addition to that the Grand Lodge Officers will be present to celebrate 100 years of the home's existence. The Grand Chapter Officers will be there to celebrate 125 years of California Grand Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Master coordinated their calendars so we could have a great family day of celebrations.

The bus holds 47 passengers and 27 have indicated they want to go on the trip as of May 15. All you have to do is pay your \$25.00 to hold your seat. Make check payable to RAISINA-FRESNO #89 P.M. & P.P. OES and mail same to the old wagon master, HARRY DYCK, P.O. BOX 5005, FRESNO CA 93755-5005.

There will be a detailed letter mailed by August 1st telling you all you will need to know for the trip. DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1st and no refunds after that date unless we can resell your spot on the bus. If you need to contact Harry by phone call (209) 227-6178 — direct all questions to Harry or the assistant wagon master, Bernice Dyck. REMEMBER; \$25.00 holds your seat! DEADLINE 8/1/98

## JUNE CALENDAR

4th - Third Degree, 7:30 pm Bro. Hyatt  
11th - Third Degree, 7:30 pm Bro. Carrigan  
14th - Flag Day, Fly it proudly!  
18th - Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30 pm  
21st - Father's Day, Remember Dad!  
25th - 1st Annual Rusty Trowel

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you enjoy the stated meeting dinners that Mary Perch coordinates every month? Do you know how much work goes into planning these dinners? Mary Perch and the few that help prepare these dinners each month could use some help. There is a lot of work for so few to do and so many to enjoy. So you say to yourself. Why should I help? I pay for my dinner. Yes you pay for your dinner and so do the volunteers that help prepare the dinner. Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated. If can help for 2-3 hours, please call Mary Perch and let her know what hours you can work. The time you spend will be enjoyable and deeply appreciated. Thank You in advance for your help in preparing the dinner on June 18.

### NOTICE

Yes! This article is getting redundant however, there are a number of our Brothers who have not paid their 1998 Dues. If you should be suspended for NON-PAYMENT of dues, you are subject to suspension from ALL MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS. If you are unable to pay your dues, Please let some one know.

### IN MEMORIAM

Paul Revere Brown — Apr. 17, 1998  
Ralph Laurence Wood — Apr. 27, 1998  
William Grinstead Allen — Apr. 29, 1998  
Wayne William Gross — Apr. 29, 1998  
James Wheeler Fisher — May 14, 1998

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