

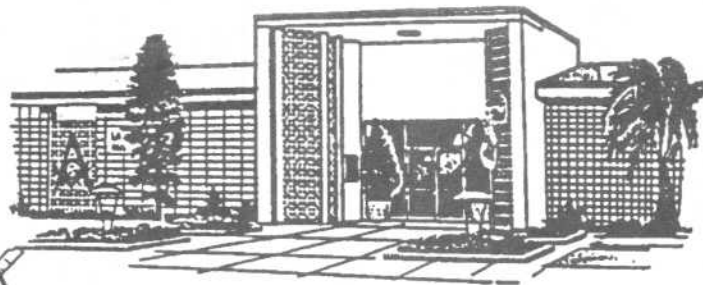
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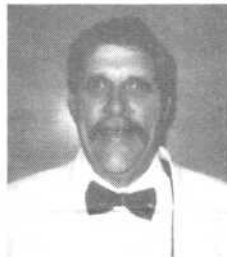
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From the East

This being May let me wish all the mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers a very Happy Mothers Day. Please come and join us for our Mothers Day stated meeting dinner on May 21st. As usual, Mary has something special planned for us all.



I would briefly like to talk about the Grand Masters Reception which was held at the Scottish Rite and was attended by well over two hundred Masonic members and their friends. Thank you all for such a great turn out. I was told by one of the Grand Lodge Officers that it was one of the largest turn outs he had seen all year and it really made it worth while.

I would like to extend a personal welcome to our three new brothers who have affiliated to Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge, Jack Hagop Peloian, James Hagop Peloian and Gerard Hach Peloian and hope to see them at our next stated meeting and dinner. Please make them feel welcome. We also voted on two new candidates who will be receiving their first degrees on May 7th, Hamo Hamamjian and Clifford Michael Carrigan. Please come out and show your support. I know these new candidates will deeply appreciate it. We also read an application for affiliation from Robert Charles Buttons who will be voted on at our May stated meeting. The Inspector's official visit will be at our May stated meeting also.

I would like to congratulate Hambleton Frederick Lees, PM Las Palmas Lodge, who received his fifty year pin from our Inspector Doug Cairns at our April stated meeting. Hopefully we will be giving out three more fifty year pins this coming month, one to Harvey M. Cook, Haley Edward Greenfeld and William Edward Sawtell.

Our annual Columbia Third Degree was attended by thirty seven brothers from all five lodges in the 293rd District as well as officers from other districts. Thank you to all in attendance, especially my brother Tommy Farr from Turlock who gave an excellent third degree charge. I congratulate brother Oakley who became a Master Mason, even if though he is from Clovis Lodge, I would personally like to thank my Junior officers Ted Sorge and Bill Freeman along with their ladies, for all the fine work they did preparing the food and refreshments, as well as those who also contributed to the success of the barbecue. There were over seventy in attendance and a fine time was had by all.

Fraternally Yours,
John Steven Borge, Master

From The West

Brethren, ladies and friends
May is here and the lodge is looking at a month full of degree work and see advancement of our brothers and the initiation of new masons into the fraternity.



The officers of the lodge are looking forward to the opportunity to use our proficiencies that we have worked so hard on, and to maybe show off a little bit.

We welcome a new Master Mason who was raised in the historic lodge at Columbia. Brother Clayton is from Clovis lodge and is one of the newest 3rd Degree Masons in our district.

Hope all of you who attended the Clovis Rodeo Parade had a wonderful time.

Fraternally from the West,
Ted Sorge, Senior Warden

From The South

Brethren, just a little note about the 3rd degree that we put on Columbia. Around 25 brothers showed up for the degree and around 40 for the Barbecue picnic afterwards. A good time was had by all and there was plenty to eat. The degree work was shared by Las Palmas and Clovis Lodges. My thanks to all that came and brought food to share and my special thanks to Ted Sorge who helped with the Barbecue. There was no way that one person could have kept up with that mob. Also a special thanks to Marty Sorge who picked up some Italian sausage that was a big hit.

Mary said that May's Stated Dinner will be Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Broccoli Salad, and Fresno State Ice Cream with Fresh Strawberries on top. Mary would also like to pass along an open invitation for any and all of our lodge family to come down on the morning of the Stated Meeting to join in the fellowship of putting on a dinner. There are jobs for everyone. Everything from peeling 120 lbs. of potatoes to washing broccoli and squash. Any amount of time that you can volunteer, even if it's just to help unload the heavy boxes from the truck when the food is first delivered. Mary could also use a strong hand in the afternoon lifting the roasts into the ovens. So if your fortunate to work outside an office like myself, try and stop by for an hour and really get to know the people who work so hard to put on our dinners. Remember the dinners don't just happen, you can even volunteer to help serve the dinners like Pam and Randy Forrester.

Bill Freeman, Junior Warden

Scholarship Committee

It has been a privilege to serve on the Scholarship Committee again this year. I would like to thank the selection committee for their efforts in screening the applications. The quality of each applicant for our grants is outstanding and there were very few points separating all of them.

Thanks to the generous contributions and bequests of our members and others, we were able to offer four \$750.00 scholarships this year. Master, John Bjorge, presented checks at our Stated Meeting on April 16th to the following: Kevin Gibbs and Brenda Oates, grandson and granddaughter of Bro. Roy Gibbs. Moms and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa proudly watched the presentation.

Proud Mom, Jeanne Esheim received the check for Taiki Esheim. He is away attending school at USC. He is the son of Bro. Edward Esheim.

The fourth recipient, Jerome Thormann, III, received his check at the Columbia Lodge on April 18th, at a presentation prior to the Degree. He is attending the Columbia Community College. He is the son of Bro. Jerome Thormann, II.

This is an ongoing program and is open to all members and direct relatives of current and past members. There is definitely a need for this program, based on the response we get each year and we hope you will continue to support it. With your assistance we will be able to help our children afford the education they need to succeed.

Cline "Cub" Jack, PM

Contrary to popular belief,
ALL MASONS ARE NOT SHRINERS.
 However,
ALL SHRINERS ARE MASONS!!!

MAY CALENDAR

- 7th First Degree
- 14th Second Degree
- 21st Stated Meeting & Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- 28th School of Instruction Clovis Lodge,
First Degree, 7 P.M.

June

- 6th Annual Third Degree put on by
Ulysses G. Patropulos, Grand Lecturer
8 a.m. - Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge

NOTICE

If you have paid your 1998 Dues and, you received a **SECOND DUES NOTICE**, please have patience with us and furnish a copy of the canceled check. On the memo line the year 98 or 1998-and a number which is your dues card number is entered. This information will help to correct our records. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

IN MEMORIAM

CLIFFORD THEODORE ANDERSON
 February 11, 1998

CECIL ROY DENTON
 April 2, 1998

DONALD LEE MCKENZIE
 April 2, 1998

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