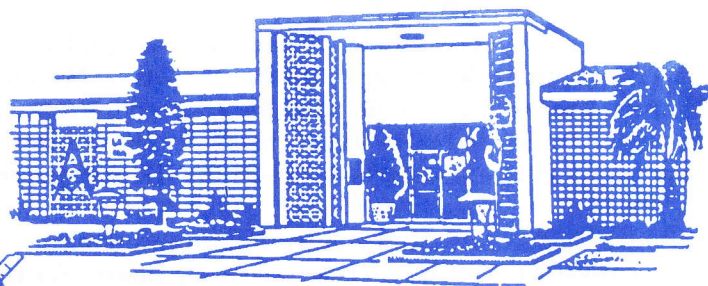


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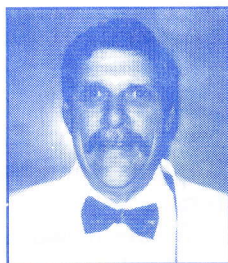
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From the East

As we come to the close of our Masonic year, it's hard for me to believe that this is my 35th article for the Trestle Board. That means I have but one more left. I hope you have found them to be not only informative, but sometimes educational as well. I have tried my best to keep you informed of all Lodge business.



I have just returned from Grand Lodge and once again marvel at how well we are able to pass the resolutions and complete all the Grand Lodge business in such a short-time. Having Grand Master Tony Wordlows participate in my installation a year ago, was such an honor, as well as to have two Past Grand Masters, Sam Pavlovich and Vern Gordon also assist, was more than I could ever hope for. It is such an honor to see all these gentlemen in action at Grand Lodge. We again passed some important resolutions which could change the way we run our lodges, and a copy of these resolutions can be found in the office of the Secretary if you wish to examine them.

Sam Pavlovich, Past Grand Master, will be presenting Fifty Year pins at our November Stated Meeting to Lee Willingham, Past Potentate of Tehran Temple and Manford (Manny) Morton, a long time friend of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge, whose help at many of our funerals has been truly outstanding. Please come and help us celebrate this joyful event. **Reservations will be mandatory** for this Stated Meeting dinner. Please contact the secretary at 268-2303.

Please remember that November is also our annual election of officers for the 1999 year. As the presentations and election will take up most of the evening, we have postponed the presentation of the Hiram Award to December at which time Randy Forester will receive this prestigious award.

I'd like to thank all those who participated in our bus trip to Grand Lodge for the presentation of the "Mason of the Year" Award to Mike Reynolds. There were forty-one

149th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in San Francisco. We were able to attend the 10th Anniversary of the Masonic Home in Union City, and meet and visit with Bro. Dee Brewer and his lady Sarah. Dee served Fresno Lodge #247 for many years as Secretary. Bro. Brewer and wife then escorted Worshipful Doug Cairns and his wife Lenore, Bro. Bill Freeman his wife Sara, my wife and myself through their residence and the facility that they call home. It was most enjoyable.

The Annual Election of officers is here, please attend Lodge and cast your vote for the slate of officers who will serve you for the 1999 Masonic Year.

The end of October was full of work for the Officers of the Lodge, with a 2nd Degree scheduled for the 29th for Bro. Jim Stahl. Worshipful Tip Banks filled the shoes of Bro. Bill Freeman, who was called away at the last minute on business. It sure was nice to have Worshipful in the East again.

The month of November will have a full mix of activities in the Lodge. On the 5th Las Palmas Ponderosa will be hosting an Officers School of Instruction in the 3rd Degree. On the 12th there is tentatively scheduled a 3rd Degree for Bro. Kelegian, at our Stated Meeting on the 19th we will be presenting two fifty year pins to Bro. Manny Morton and to Past Potentate Lee Willingham. The 26th of November the Lodge will be dark for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The 3rd of December is a Open date. The 10th will be dark. At our Stated Meeting in December we will present Past Master Randy Forrester with the Hiram Award for his service to the Lodge. The 24th and 31st it will be dark for Christmas and New Years.

Until next month, I am fraternally yours,

TED SORGE
Senior Warden

From the South



the Year Award to Mike Reynolds. There were forty on participants and I do believe a good time was had by all. I would especially like to thank Tom Hansen for all the work he did in my absence to be sure everything and everybody was taken care of.

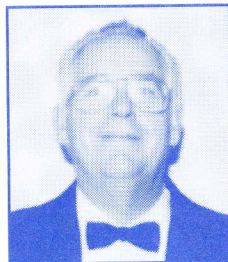
I will be doing the bike presentation at John Muir School for the final time as Master of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge. I have seen this bike presentation go from seventy students to over three hundred in the past four years with the help of my good friend and brother, George Cary, without whom this program would not have been as successful as it is today.

Fraternally Yours
John Steven Bjorge, Master

From the West

Brethren, Ladies and Friends,
Greetings from the West

First and foremost, let me thank the members of the Lodge for their generous support shown by sending my wife Marty and me to attend the

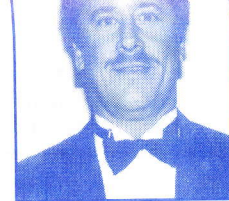


Brethren,
I would like to start out by thanking the Lodge for sending Sara and myself to San Francisco to Grand Lodge. This was our first time up there and with the rededication of the retirement home on Saturday and the award ceremony for Brother Mike Reynolds as Mason of the Year in California, we had a full 5 days. Also thanks for the \$600, which helped with the cost of the hotel and 1 meal, it was very much appreciated.

Our meal for November's stated meeting is Turkey with all the fixings. As you know the lodge can't furnish the wine, it comes from your donations only, and I will try to see if we can't get higher quality wine and still leave Brother Curtis Jack with money in the pot. I would thank all the brethren that donated to the wine fund in October. The fund had \$42 by the end of the night, over double the usual amount.

Also, I'm sorry for the type-error in last month's Trestleboard, it should have read thanks to Brother George Cary for his generous donation in September to the wine fund which allowed me to purchase higher quality wine.

Fraternally Yours,
Bill Freeman
Junior Warden



RAINBOW NEWS

The Fresno-Clovis Rainbow Girls are having a Christmas Boutique on December 5, 1998 at the Clovis Masonic Temple. Please mark your calendars for this event. If anyone is interested in renting a booth for the boutique, please contact Paula Roberts at 224-3186 or Debbe Mabery at 322-1715.

Both Fresno-Clovis and Golden Realm Assemblies are in the process of setting up their Advisory Boards for the 1999 year. There is nothing more rewarding than working with these young ladies and helping them grow into confident, productive adults. If you have time and would like to be a part of one of these Assemblies, please call me, Judy Weymouth, at 299-9146. These Assemblies need your help. You'll be very glad you made the call.

NOTICE

A certified letter has been sent to all those brothers who not paid their 1998 dues. The letter is a 60-day notice of intent to suspend for NON-PAYMENT of dues. 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 nonpayment of dues, his dues must be current.

Marvin E. Wallace,
Secretary

MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

We will NOT meet the 4th Wednesday in the months of November and December due to the holidays.

We will combine the meetings and have a BRUNCH ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd at 10:00 AM. **NOTE: This is a change of DATE and DAY.

This meeting will be held at the Country Waffle Restaurant, 7191 N. Cedar (north of Herndon). Please mark your calendars now. Ruth Dawson, President - 454-1520 Bobbie Carder, Vice President - 322-6851 Wanda Goodrich, Secretary - 486-5359

IN MEMORIAM

Elmo Everett Chapman - October 3, 1998

CALENDAR

November

- 5 School of Instruction, 7:00 pm
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge, Host
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Third Degree, 7:30 pm
- 19 Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
Turkey Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 26 DARK, Happy Thanksgiving!

Letter from a Job's Daughter to a Friend

(posted on the Internet, on a Job's Daughter chat site)

Hey, Kennie, my name is Danielle, and I am fifteen years old. I am Honored Queen of my Bethel No. 53, Peru, Illinois. It is a Masonic youth group called Job's Daughters.

We are based on the Book of Job in the Bible. I also have cerebral palsy. I was born two and a half months premature and suffered a stroke within the first twelve hours of my life. I can walk today because a few good men did something worthwhile. Instead of talking about doing something good, they went out and did it. We call them Shriners. I can also see today because the Knights Templar paid for eye surgery and cared for my eyes.

Some eight year old girl can hear today because I sold candy, calendars, and lollipops to raise money for HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund). This money went to buy a hearing aid and services so this girl could go to school.

Instead of talking about being a good Christian, I show I am a Christian by what I do every day, just like it says in Matthew 5:16. Remember Job 42:15, "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren".

HELP!

The dinner on November 19, will be turkey with all the trimmings. It takes three (3) days to prepare this meal ... PLEASE call Mary and let her know you can and will help on Nov 17, 18 and 19 or what day you can help. We all enjoy the fine meals. We can show our appreciation by giving some of our time and help with the preparation of the meals. Thank each and every one of you in advance for your help.

OFFICERS FOR 1998

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