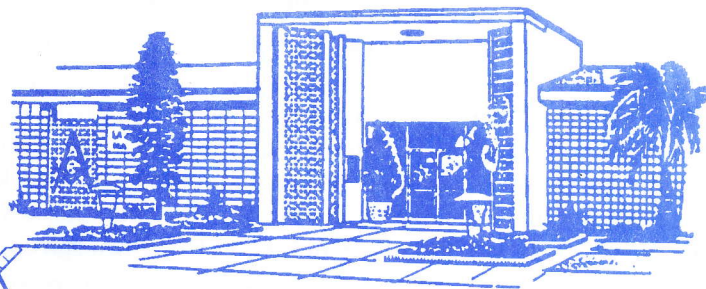


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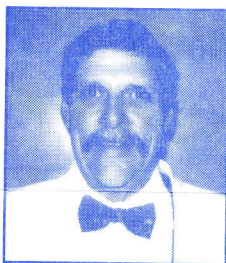
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From the East

October is here which means Grand Lodge is about to open and a member of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge is about to receive the highest honor a Mason can be given by the Grand Master of the State of California by being designated Mason of The Year.



This honor is not given out lightly and not every Grand Master has given one in his year, but our brother Mike Reynolds will receive this honor on October 11, 1998 at the opening of the 149th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. I arranged for a bus to take forty brothers and friends up to Grand Lodge on this date to celebrate this honor of our distinguished brother Mike Reynolds. **At this time I have not been able to fill all the seats and still have remaining and if I do not fill them we will not be able to take this bus up to Grand Lodge and share in brother Reynolds' honor. Please call the secretary and let him know if you can join us on this trip. We were able to obtain this bus at a cost of only \$20 per person which includes not only round trip transportation, but also a continental breakfast which will be served on the bus on the way up. The bus will leave promptly at 8 a.m. from Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge and return that evening. Anyone leaving their car can rest assured that the lot will be locked until they return that evening. Please help me fill this bus. It would truly be a shame if this trip had to be cancelled for lack of participation. By 12 noon October 3rd all reservations and monies for 40 people have to be in to the secretary or this bus trip will be cancelled!!!!!!**

October will be a very busy month. Not only have all the officers completed their proficiencies and moved up to their advanced stations, but they are looking forward to doing the degree work on the two new applications for membership which were read at our September meeting. The applicants were John Mitchell and John Ellis Mitchell, a father and son. We also had two applications read for affiliation, J.B. Morrison and Jeffrey Reuther. These will be voted on at our October stated meeting. We also voted on Theodore Marsella to receive the degrees of masonry in this lodge.

Our Inspector Douglas Cairns graciously presented

brother can receive in a lodge of master masons.

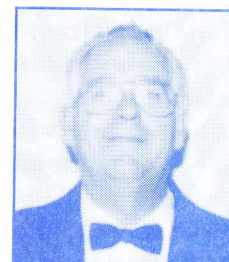
Brother Randy Forrester will be receiving the Hiram Award at the November stated meeting & dinner. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us as we celebrate this honor.

Fraternally Yours

John Steven Bjorge, Master

From the West

Brethren, Grand Lodge is upon us and your officers and Past Masters Representative will have attended the 149th Annual Communication in San Francisco the second weekend in the month of October. More news about the business of Grand Lodge in my upcoming article in November.



The month of October will see the officers of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge #366 conferring degrees on October 8th with a 3rd Degree planned, October 22nd with a 1st Degree planned and October 29th which will be an open date with a degree or practice to be called in the near future. October 1st will be a School of Instruction at Clovis #417 to cover Grand Lodge Resolutions. October 15th will be our regular Stated Meeting.

Next month (November) will be our annual election of officers for the 1999 Masonic year. Your attendance at the Stated Meeting is respectfully asked, because the new corps of officers need to see a good turn out so that they can see the commitment that you have to the selection of the next year's Master, Senior and Junior Wardens.

Your regular attendance at Lodge is appreciated.

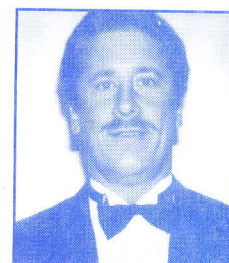
Ted Sorge

Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren;

After diligent search, brother Bill Ennis found the wine glasses locked up in a cabinet in the pantry. No one knows how they got there, because they have never been put there before.



two fifty year pins to our brethren Robert Neman and Lloyd Wacasser. My hearty congratulations to both of you. I still believe that this is one of the highest honors a

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Presented by the SHRINERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND OREGON. Sunday October 4th at Folsom College Center. There are 7 sections and 31 classes of automobiles. Registration Fee is \$20.00 and late registration is \$25.00. Admission fee is \$10.00 Children under 12 free, accompanied by an adult. Application forms and information are available at the Lodge Office 268-2303. THIS IS A FUND RAISER FOR THE SHRINERS HOSPITAL

We had a good turn out for past masters night and the filets were excellent. Special thanks go out to Brothers Sam Linares and Brother Randy Forrester for the barbecuing job. Also thanks to both brothers for the job they did for the stated meeting dinner.

The dinner planned for the October stated meeting is Swiss steak, noodles, broccoli with cheese. The theme for the dinner is Halloween and Mary is also planning to have orange Jello to top off the dinner. For dessert we are going to have marble fudge cake.

I would also like to put in a special thanks to Brother George Carby, for his special donation to the wine fund. Because of his donation I was able to buy Merlot and White Zinfandel instead of Blush.

From the South
Bill Freeman
Junior Warden

THANKS FOR THE HELP

A great BIG HAND to MARY PERCH and her helpers for another fine dinner. There were 89 members and their guest who enjoyed the dinner. I would like to thank the following Brothers, Sisters and Friends for their help. The following helped prepare the food Jim Clark, Leo Bopp, Harry Dunlavy, Frank Maul, Ethel Day and Verba Clinger. The following helped in the dinning room George & Marian Posson, Lois Parker, Betty Morine and Eleanor Mikssch. Thanks to Randy Forrester and Sam Linares for a fine Bar-B-Que. The following helped serve the dinner Pam & Randy Forrester, Sam & Barbara Linares and Hilda Johnson. If any one who helped was not mentioned please let us know and a correction will be run next month. Mary planned a fine Bar-B-Que of home made potato salad, Big thick hamburgers and 8-inch 1/4 pound hot dogs and buns to match. The trimmings included sauer-kraut, chili-beans, grated cheese, chopped red onions, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, mustard, mayonnaise and relish for deSsert there was ice cream. Mary purchased food for 150 and only 89 members their family and friends showed up for dinner. There were a lot of complaints over charging \$10.00 for the dinner. Where else can you get a dinner consisting of a 1/4 lb. hot dog and a hamburger with dessert and all the trimmings. No, not a hot dog or a hamburger. You got both a hot dog and a hamburger. This was a \$10.00 dinner. There have never been any complaints over paying \$10.00 for a \$25.00 to \$30.00 dinner which includes deSsert and beverages. The question is where was everyone? Can we not pay \$10.00 for a \$10.00 dinner with dessert and beverages?

Marvin Wallace, Sec.

CALENDAR

October

1 - School of Instruction, 7:00 pm

Clovis Lodge Host -

Grand Lodge Resolutions

8 - Third Degree, 7:30 pm

11-14 - Grand Lodge Communication,

San Francisco

15 - Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm

Dinner, 6:30 pm

22 - Second Degree, 7:30 pm

29 - First Degree, 7:30 pm

31 - BOO!! Happy Halloween

IN MEMORIAM

Howard Thomas Goolsby

Aug. 28, 1998

NOTICE

A bus will be going to San Francisco on Oct 11, to support Bro. Mike Reynolds when he receives the Mason of the Year Award. The loading time is 8:00 am at Las Palmas Ponderosa. The bus will leave at 8:30 am and return on the same day. The exact time is not known. The cost is \$20.00 a person. There are 17 seats available. For information and reservations call The Lodge Office at 268-2303.

Rainbow News

Many of us throw our pennies or loose change into a jar or jug with the intention of someday doing something with them. Well, we've found an enterprising use for this "jug of change." We're donating it to the Rainbow Girls for their Grand Service Project. This year the money will go to the Blind Babies Foundation for children and their parents. What an excellent Masonic use for this change. Do YOU have a jug of pennies or loose change that's just looking to be put to a good use?? If so, contact the hotline at 299-9146. Her's an opportunity for you to make a difference to someone's life ... go for it!!! The funds will be presented at our Official Visit on October 17th. Fresno-Clovis and Golden Realm Assemblies will appreciate your support.

The Fresno-Clovis & Golden Realm Assemblies will be participating in the Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor and the Supreme Inspector on October 17, 1998, at 2:00 PM at the Visalia Masonic Temple. If possible, please join the girls for this special evening.

NOTICE

A certified letter will be 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 dimit from Masonry without being suspended for nonpayment of dues, his dues must be current.

Marvin E. Wallace Secretary