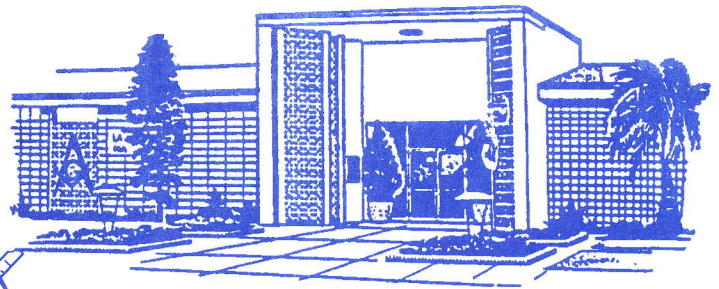


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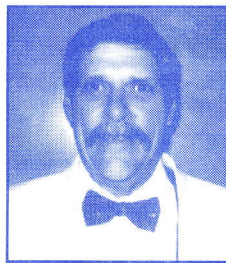
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From the East

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JOHN S. BJORGE
MASTER



From the West

Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

Once again I would like to thank the lodge for electing me to serve you as master for the 1999 Year.

Our year will start off with the January stated meeting on the 21st. Your newly installed corps of officers will be in their stations for the new year. On the 28th we will be having a 3rd degree Conferral on Bro. Stahl.

The new year will be one of new ideas and programs, as time goes by, I will be outlining the plans that I would like the Lodge to follow for the new year- this will, I hope, prove to be an exciting and meaningful year, an attempt to return to the practices of the past. All officers will be doing their own work. With the help of Bro. Bill Freeman and Bro. Curtis Jack, and the other officers in our line, I can envision a return to the practices of the past that made our Lodge great.

With your help, we will accomplish great things.

A thought: *The secret of success is to be like a duck - smooth and unruffled on top, but paddling furiously underneath.*

Anonymous

Thus will the leadership of **your** lodge be working.

TED SORGE
Senior Warden

NOTICE

At this time there are thirteen brothers who have yet to pay their 1998 Dues. If you are unable to pay your dues, PLEASE LET SOME ONE KNOW. 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 non-payment of dues, his dues must be current.

Marvin E. Wallace, Secretary

From the South

Brethren,

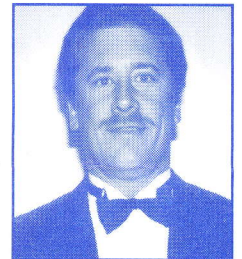
Before I get to the business of this article I would just like to say I hope there is enough firewood around to keep all of the brethren warm this month. I really can not believe how cold it is out there. I would also like to say how much I enjoyed working with Mary Perch this year. I know that I was the envy of all of the other Junior Wardens in district #293. Mary's dedication to our Lodge, along with that of her crew deserve our thanks. I would also like to give my thanks to Brother Sam Linares for all of his hard work that he put in for our regular degree meetings. I know how hard he has worked, and he took a real load off of the shoulders of the Junior Wardens of our lodge, for the last few years, by taking over the duties preparing refreshments for our regular degree meetings.

Now to the business. Mary Perch said the menu for our stated dinner in January is Filet Mignon, tossed salad, broccoli with cheese and a birthday cake for her 38 years of service to our lodge, so get your reservations in early.

I would also like to say I hope Curtis Jack, our newly elected Junior Warden, has as much fun working the refreshments for our stated meetings and regular degree meetings as I have.

I hope you all have a very Happy New Year!

Fraternally yours,
Bill Freeman
Junior Warden



To the Ladies

Hello Ladies! This is going to be an eventful year. Be sure to read the Trestle Board each month as it will let you know what the upcoming ladies program is for Stated Meeting night. January we will have a hands on demonstration from "Pocketful of Treasures" assembling picture scrapbooks. You won't want to miss this one! February we will be having "Game Night." If you like to play Bridge or some game that you haven't in a long time, bring it to February's Stated Meeting. I have a domino game I just learned called "Mexican Train" that is out of this world fun. See you there.

Marty Sorge

CALENDAR

- January**
- 1 - Happy New Year!!
 - 7 - Degree/Practice, 7:30 PM
 - 14 - Installation
Practice/Dress Rehearsal (Officers)
 - 16 - 95th Annual Installation of
Officers, 3:00 PM
 - 21 - Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
Dinner, 6:30 PM
 - 26 - Building Association, 7:00 PM
 - 28 - 3rd Degree, 7:30 PM

NOTICE

Late Monday morning on the 14th it was learned that Mary Perch was not well and could not prepare the dinner. A call for help went out to the Estrellita Club of La Sierra Venus Chapter 555 Order of the Eastern Star to help prepare the December stated meeting dinner. Mary you have some very fine and dedicated helpers. The dinner was a success because of the combined effort of the Estrellita members who answered the call for help and especially those dedicated helpers you have who showed up and pitched right in. Thank you. **THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR HELP.**

Mary Perch, Have a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. We wish you a speedy recovery. Get Well soon.
Marvin

JUDGE KINDLY

Don't expect perfection in a man just because he is a Mason. If you do, you will be disappointed. Masonry makes men better, but no human agency makes them perfect. If he is a Mason, you have a right to presume he is a fairly good man, but do not condemn Masonry even if a few Masons turn out bad. Even the Great Teacher himself had a Judas. The aim and purpose of Masonry is to receive none but good men, keep them good, and make them better. Judge the Institution, not by a few failures, but by the average of its successes. That average is high and it consequently gives standing to its members, but it cannot be an infallible guide. The Fraternity may decide to do something which you, as an individual member, may oppose. But do not feel that you must condemn the action on that account. You may be right but do not pull away. Even you are not infallible, and the Institution has stood for so many years, you may feel assured that its average performance will be good.

(The Indiana Freemason)

IN MEMORIAM

Ample Letcher Moore	Nov. 29, 1998
Robert Emmett George	Dec. 8, 1998
Harry Leisure	Aug. 29, 1998
John Vaughan Nalbandian	Mar. 25, 1998
Joseph Eldon Bates	Dec. 8, 1998
John Theodore Pryor	Dec. 18, 1998

DEEP Thoughts

- "If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?"
- "Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?"

- "What is the speed of dark?"
- "If you work in a hospital, can you call in sick?"

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