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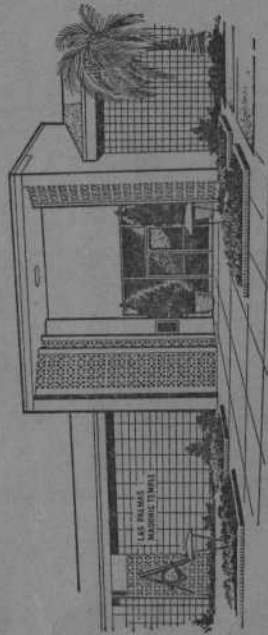
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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

February was certainly a busy and an enjoyable month. We conferred the Third Degree upon Brothers Knut Steinnes and James Stevens. Center Lodge, as a courtesy, assisted us by giving our brother Phil Patton his Third Degree. Brothers Earl Vanderburgh, Charles Burchnell and Ed Daves gave very fine proficiencies in the Third Degree. All six of the above named brothers have already proven themselves to be "working" Masons by taking an active part in our activities.

A Swiss Steak dinner was enjoyed by 150 members and ladies at our February Stated Meeting dinner. Afterward, all adjourned to the lodge room for songs, accompanied by Bro. Paul Shelly at the organ. Br. Al Dadmun, P.M., then presented bibles to Bros. Vanderburgh and Daves for their Third Degree proficiencies. The "Dates" also presented the Lodge with a beautiful American Flag for permanent use in the banquet room. Many thanks ladies for all you have done for Las Palmas.

Bros. Ben Paschall, Charles Garabedian, Ed Garabedian and Wally Garabedian were elected to membership by affiliation in February. Welcome to Las Palmas - we are certainly happy to have you as members.

Later in the month, Bro. Stanton Biggs received his First Degree and Bro. Francis Dake his Second.

March promises to be another busy month. On Sunday morning, March 3, at 9:00 a.m. we will host the 416th District Officers Ass'n. for a First and Second Degree School of Instruction. All interested brothers are invited to attend.

Our Candidates Coaches should plan to attend the annual School of Instruction for Candidates Coaches on March 5, 8:00 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Temple. All three degrees will be exemplified, and it is the only time you can be sure you have the work letter perfect.

Bro. Verne Fouty is scheduled to receive his Third Degree on March 7. He was delayed for two months in receiving this degree due to illness.

Fried chicken will head up the menu for our March "Dinner With Our Dates" on March 21. You can't find a better meal than our Dates serve, so plan to attend.

Our Grand Master has proclaimed March 17-24 as Youth Order Week. Each one of us, as Masons, can demonstrate to our youth that we support them by attending a DeMolay Chapter, a Job's Daughter Bethel or a Rainbow Assembly sometime in March. One group or another meets almost every night of the week and some on Saturday morning.

Brethren, when attending our meetings, look around for brothers with representations of blue bordered aprons in the breast-pockets of their coats. These pocket cards show them to be visitors. Make a very special effort to make them feel welcome and be sure that they do not sit alone.

Thought for the Month: ". . . convince the world, by your acts, that on becoming a Master Mason you became a better man."

Fraternally, Len Gottner, W.M.

FRATERNAL BONDS

WILLIAM W. WHARTON has a daughter, Vicki Yancy, who was married to Mr. Jeffrey Hawks on Feb. 17. Maybe some day grandchildren for Bill.

EDGAR C. SMITH, P.M., has done it again. Well no, he hasn't, but his granddaughter Frances has, by making him a great grandfather for the third time with a baby in Jan.

RHINE G. MEYERING, P.M., celebrated the 40th anniversary of his installation as Master in January, 1928-1968.



TRESTLEBOARD

- Sun. March 3 - Officers School of Instruction - First and Second Degree, Las Palmas Temple, 9:00 a.m.
- Tues. March 5 - Candidates Coaches School of Instruction, Scottish Rite Temple, 8:00 p.m.
- Thurs. March 7 - Third Degree - Verne Fouty
Candidates Education, First Degree, All Entered Apprentices to attend. Recreation Room.
- Thurs. March 14 - Third Degree
- Tues. March 19 - Building Ass'n. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. March 21 - Stated Meeting
Dinner With Our Dates, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. March 28 - First Degree - Candidates Education, Second Degree, All Fellowcrafts to attend, Recreation Room.
- Fri. March 29 - Second Degree
- Thurs. April 4 - Third Degree

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri. March 15 - Sanger Lodge 75th Anniversary Celebration - E. S. Hopp, Grand Master - 7 p.m. dinner, Washington School, Sanger. \$2.50 per person. Reservations: Phone Fresno 266-4646 (Day time) John Olson, Ticket chairman.
- Fri. April 12 - Fresno Board of Relief Blood Drawing

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS YOUR JUNIOR WARDEN



EDWARD C. CARPENTER - The population of Grand Rapids, Michigan was increased by one on May 10, 1914. On the very same day in Steele N.D. Ed's wife, Jennie, was born. Can you top that?

After graduating from Godwin H.S. in his native city, he completed courses in the G.R. Junior College and then transferring to Michigan State College from which he was granted a degree in forestry in 1937.

Not one to lose time, he began at once a career with the U. S. Forest Service which has continued to this day from the east to the west coasts, Montana, New England, South Carolina, Wisconsin, California. This encompasses nine national forests and two forest products companies. Tasks included fire control, salvage of hurricane blow-down, surveying and reforestation. His present assignment is Recreation Planning Officer for the Sierra National Forest.

Ed served 5 years in the armed forces as a 2nd Lieutenant in France during WW II and stateside service in the Korean Conflict.

His marriage to Jennie produced a son, John, now 21 and a pre-med senior at F.S.C. Ed presided as Master when John was initiated into Las Palmas in September.

Ed was a DeMolay and has served on the Advisory Council of Fresno Chapter. He has served as a Scout Master for the B.S.A. and has attained the 32nd. degree in the Scottish Rite.

One of his greatly appreciated services is that he has selected, cut, transported and set up the lovely Christmas tree which has graced the lodge banquet hall for the past six years. Wife Jennie has worked consistently in the Dates, and served as president in 1966.



In Memoriam



MRS. LOUISE JACK

Mother of Brother Cline Jack, Sr., and grandmother of Brother Cline Jack, Jr.

Deceased in Fresno Feb. 14 at the age of 76 years.

Resolution To Amend Articles Of Incorporation To Be Voted Upon On March 21, 1968

The Internal Revenue Service recently informed LAS PALMAS MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION that they were considering the Association's Application for Exemption from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, and in order to retain the Association's exempt status it would be necessary to amend the Articles of Incorporation by adding the following paragraph:

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Articles of Incorporation of LAS PALMAS MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION be amended in this respect:

That there be added an additional paragraph numbered EIGHTH, reading as follows:

"That this corporation is organized for the exclusive purpose of holding title to property, collecting income therefrom, and turning over the entire amount less expenses, to Las Palmas Lodge No. 366 Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California."

The resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the meeting of the Building Association on February 13, 1968, and the Secretary was directed to deliver a copy to W. PRICE ROBINSON, Secretary of LAS PALMAS, to be presented to the Lodge at its stated meeting on February 15, 1968.

On that date the resolution was presented to the Lodge to be voted upon at the stated meeting of LAS PALMAS on March 21, 1968, and the Secretary of the Lodge was instructed to print the foregoing resolution as passed by the Building Association and presented to LAS PALMAS LODGE in the LAS PALMIAN FRATERNAL ORGAN of LAS PALMAS LODGE prior to said meeting.

CHEER-UP CORNER

CHARLES BERNARD, 50 year member, is living in San Joaquin Gardens. He is confined to bed and eagerly greets visitors.

CHESTER LAUCK has had a rugged time in the hospital. After an operation to remove a growth on his back, the skin graft failed and had to be done over again. Present progress is good.

RHINE MEYERING, P.M., chose a unique method of celebrating his 82nd birthday by having a bird's egg sized stone removed from his bile duct. All went smoothly.

EDITORIAL (INVESTIGATING)

When the Master sends you that all important little sheet asking you to investigate the desirability of admitting an applicant into our lodge, a fearsome responsibility devolves upon you. A little chunk of the future of Las Palmas Lodge rests upon your diligence. The whole is in a very real sense the sum of its component parts. A Masonic lodge is not a reformatory. It seeks to admit good men and make them better. Conditions here are not like those in a small town where one knows almost everyone else. In a city our size hardly any applicant is known by even a handful of the brethren. When a member approaches the altar to ballot, he must base his decision upon your recommendation.

The primary sins of investigating committees are procrastination and consequent sloppiness. Each Master, as the stated meeting approaches, must call committeemen for a report or put the ballot off for a month. The committeeman pleads that he has been too busy and patches together a hasty report, often without adequate investigation. Start as soon as the request comes to you and dig hard. Call all four recommenders and sponsors. Don't just ask them whether so-and-so is O. K., but ask a prepared list of specific questions to probe his character and habits.

Check the applicant's financial responsibility. We have enough lodge members of the Merchants' Association that you can get a credit rating. Find out whether there has been a bankruptcy in the background.

Several high-ranking police officials are Masons and can find out if there is any criminal record involved.

Find out about the applicant's health. Artificial limbs are out and a candidate may not wear a hearing aid for the degrees.

Family attitudes are important. Men whose wives are not in sympathy with Masonry do not attend lodge. Arrange to see the wife privately and sound out whether she heartily approves. The opposition of two or three religious sects has sidelined some men who have gotten in, and we have even lost members because of church opposition.

Be especially careful to probe motives. Does the applicant hope to use the lodge to further his business; promote his political aspirations does he think the heart of Masonry lies in the appendant bodies and the Blue Lodge is just a necessary step to achieve his goals? If an older man without secure income, is the Masonic Home a glint in his eye?

If you have a sincere doubt, your decision should be for the welfare of the lodge, not sympathy for the applicant. The caliber of lodge rests more on the quality rather than the quantity of its members.

You're not likely to be called on for this vital role more than once in two to five years. When your time comes, do a workman-like job!

— Editor

Grand Lodge
Free And Accepted Masons Of California

EUGENE S. HOPP, *Grand Master*
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



Proclamation

Youth Orders Week — March 17-24, 1968

The most important asset of our nation today is its youth. By 1970 approximately one-half of our population will be under twenty-five years of age. In these days of abrasive, rapid change, young people need to have spiritual values and high moral standards of conduct, more than ever before in history.

As Freemasons we have an obligation to all mankind to do everything we can to help the youth of today develop a philosophy that will better prepare them to cope with the problems of tomorrow.

The finest possible builders of character are the Youth Orders: DeMolay, for boys, and the International Order of Job's Daughters and the Order of Rainbow, for girls.

In support of these fine Masonic affiliated Youth Organizations, I hereby proclaim the week of March 17th to 24th Youth Orders Week. I urge each Lodge to invite a DeMolay Chapter, a Job's Daughters Bethel or a Rainbow Assembly into their hall. Let us search for every means by which we can encourage these fine young people in their respective activities.

I direct that this proclamation be read at the next Stated Meeting of each Lodge or be distributed to each member or when possible, that it be reprinted in the March Lodge Trestleboard.

Dated: February 5, 1968

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Eugene S. Hopp, *Grand Master*

In Memoriam

SAMUEL AMES

Merchant

Raised in Edward G. Martin Lodge No. 689, Allentown, Penn., Sept. 4, 1925

Affiliated Las Palmas, Oct. 17, 1946

Died in San Jose, Jan. 1, 1968

"Soft and safe to you, my Brother, be thy earthly resting place."

NEW STRENGTH

DOUGLAS E. PEASLEE comes to us from Libertas Lodge in Bakersfield where he was raised in 1947. He raised the population of Caruthers by one in 1921. After completing his elementary and high school in Fresno and Bakersfield, he took professional education in Bakersfield, Jr. C. His vocation is design engineer with the California Division of Highways.

Doug and Barbara have four children: John 16; Ken, 13; Cheryl, 12 and Sandra, 10. He was a pilot-lieutenant in the U.S. navy from 1942-1946. His activities include chairman T-62 Committee B.S.A.; Board of Deacons, College Community Congregational Church; member Bakersfield Chapter No. 125, O.E.S.. His hobbies are golf and fishing.

ANDREW J. EVANKO - Here's a really unusual combination of careers. Andy is a salesman and a minister.. He is a four year graduate of the Institute of Religious Science and served as a minister for that church in El Monte. He is now selling for Sears, maybe to help Bill Wharton's quota.

Brother Evanko was born in Lakewood, Ohio (1929) and after elementary schooling in Cleveland, he finished high school in Lakewood. To further complicate this man's background, he attended Milwaukee School of Engineering. We'll bet he's never out of a job! With his wife, Barbara, he shares a balanced team of two boys and two girls: Richard, 18; Patricia 15; Debra, 12 and James, 9.

Andy served as Yeoman 3 in the navy from 1946 to 1947 and stationed on Guam. He enjoys bowling and woodworking (Craftsman tools) in his spare time.

JAMES M. STEVENS - We don't know whether we have a Cajun or not, but he was born in Baton Rouge, La. in July 1927. He is a graduate of Central High School in that city and has attended various short course electrical schools. His present employment is with Snyder Electrical Co.

Jim and his wife, Patty, have three children: Craig, 14; Gailyn, 12 and Tracy, 3. He served in the U.S. Navy in WW II and again in the Korean Conflict. To escape the cares of his job, he enjoys fishing, hunting and woodworking.

KNUT O. STEINNES comes to Las Palmas all the way from Norway where he was born in Tromso in 1927. After completing grammar school there, he emigrated to the U. S. Further schooling was in F.J.C. and F.S.C. with time out for 2 years service in the army. His wife's name is Joan. Children, none. Dogs, two, Cognac and Flekken. To bring in the groceries, he has two diverse callings, machinist and dance instructor.

Still young and adventurous, he enjoys skin diving, motorcycling and dancing.

NEW STRENGTH

LEWIS D. WAGONER admits to being an Okie, born in Dillard, Jan. 11, 1923. His education, though, came in Mc Farland, Calif., where he was graduated from high school. Our contingent at the Division of Highways goes up one more 'cause Lewis is an engineer there. He is also national president of the Day Sailer Association. WW II saw him serving as an aviation radioman in the U.S.N. His former hobbies of hunting and fishing have been pushed into the background by his sailing.

The three children his wife Ruth presented to him are married adults: Ronald, Delores Burton and Darlene Goodall. Lewis comes to us by affiliation from Oildale Lodge No. 688 where he was raised Jan. 21, 1949.

FRATERNAL BONDS

MOTT FULLER has retired as our visiting the ill committee. This good brother took over that chore when past 80 years of age and carried on for four years. What a marvellous service. HEBER MORELAND will take over.

EILEF RUE is now 76 and doesn't get out at night. He was a newspaper man in Butte, Montana before coming to Fresno in 1922 as telegraph editor for the Republican. He became a Mason in 1917 preceding his enlistment in WW I. After the armistice in 1919, he remained a year as a professeur d'Anglais at St. Cyr, the French National Military Academy. He holds a 50 year gold card in The American Legion.

WALLACE R. SCOTT, an old-time professional scouter, still keeps his hand in as a district commissioner. He's been as busy as a cranberry merchant lately working on the annual re-chartering of the troops in his district.

CONRAD KLEIN should not be allowed to slip into limbo without a hearty acknowledgement of his six years of faithful and competent service as our lodge treasurer. Kudos to you Connie! We love you.

HERMAN WEGIS - This brother from Alameda Lodge is rendering valuable service to Las Palmas by daytime coaching of candidates. He has already turned out six. He and Viola attend the dinners with our Dates.

CHEER-UP CORNER

JOHN T. DEINSTADT - Brother John was involved in an auto collision quite a while ago. He apparently suffered considerable brain damage and his condition has worsened with the passage of time. He is now in Modesto State Hospital for treatment.

JACK W. HAMMEL Complications after surgery, including restitching and a hepatitis attack prolonged his hospital stay to six weeks. All goes well now.

CHARLES H. KERNEY suffered a stroke on February 13.

I'm A New Member

*I see you at the meetings,
but you never say hello;
You're busy all the time you're there,
with those you already know.*

*I sit amongst the fellows
and yet I'm a lonesome guy;
the new birds are as strange as I,
but you old fellows pass me by.*

*But darn it, you guys asked us in,
and you talk of fellowship;
you could just step across the room,
but you've never made the trip.*

*Why can't you nod and say hello,
or, stop and shake my hand;
then go and sit among your friends,
now that — I'd understand.*

*I'll be at your next meeting,
perhaps a nice time to spend;
do you think you could introduce yourself?
I want to be your friend.*

Contributed by George W. Miller

FRATERNAL BONDS

LEROY BJORNSEN wrote in to say he enjoys the new Las Palmian. Leroy is principal of the McCabe School in Mendota.

JOE YOKUM is proud that his daughter Linda is Outer Guard of Bethel No. 243, Job's Daughters for this term.

GEORGE C HOLSTEIN, P.M. Do you know how much this brother has done in and for Masonry? Read this:

BLUE LODGE - Master Las Palmas, No. 366 - 1949;
Grand Lodge Public Schools Committee - 1958, '59, '68.

SCOTTISH RITE BODIES - Lodge of Perfection Venerable Master 1957; Chapter Rose Croix Wise Master 1949;
Council of Kadosh Commander 1957; Consistory Master 1955; K.C.C.H. 1951; 33rd Degree 1967.

YORK RITE - Council of R. and Select Masters, Master 1955; Royal Arch Chapter High Priest 1958; Commandery K. T. Commander 1959; York Court of Honor Knight 1961; Red Cross of Constantine 1960; Grand Council R. and S. Masters, Captain of Guard 1968; Allied Masonic Degree, Yosemite No. 61, Sovereign Master 1965.

O. E. S. - Raisina Chapter No. 89 Patron 1945;
A. A. O. N. M. S. - Teheran Temple Potentate 1960.

HIGH TWELVE CLUB - 3rd V. P. 1968.