

The Las Palmian



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

May1994

From the East

Brethren,

I would like to congratulate Brother John Sorge for receiving his third Degree at Columbia Lodge. From the looks on his younger Brother's face (Junior Stewad Ted Sorge) he was very proud to see his brother raised as a Mason.



a pool table in the Cardroom. Thanks to the donation by the Crossland family. Some of the Brothers have offered to restore the table to it's original luster. If you are interested, call me and I will put you in tough with them.

I would like to thank the education Committee for a fine program presented last stated meeting. Brother George Cary brought 8 students and 2 administrators to our dinner as our guest. George is doing a wonderful job with that committee and should receive 3 thumbs up. The Calendar for this month will have some degrees scheduled. Please feel free to call me for what degree will be presented. The candidates that are working at the present time are busy in jobs and tax time and can't donate the time that they would like. Please bear with us.

> See you in Lodge! Tip Banks Master

From the South

First, I would like to apologize to everyone for not having an article in the April Trestleboard. Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, the article, the editor and the printer were destined not to come together.

With that in mind, I would like to thank all the members of the DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's



Daughters who participated with us in observing Masonic Youth Orders Month at our stated meeting in March. Special recognition goes to Jack Spangle, Master Councilor o-f State Center Chapter DeMolay, for an outstanding presentation of the Flower Talk Ceremony. Let's continue to give the youth groups our support.

For this month, please mark your calendars for May 21, when the combined lodges of the 293rd Masonic District will again host "Kids Day" at the Zoo. This year's event will be co-sponsored by KMPH-TV, KFRE-TV/Radio, KNAX-Radio and the local newspapers of the area. All children will be admitted to the Zoo FREE as our guests. The Shrine Band will be there to get things started and the Clowns will also be roaming the park throughout the day. A Bar-B-Que Picnic will be held in a private area adjacent to the Zoo for all Masons, their families and friends. I hope everyone will make plans now to attend and share in the FUN and FELLOWSHIP on this special day.

Fraternally,

Cine "Cub" Jack Junior Warden

From the West

Brethren:

For those of you who did not go to Columbia on Saturday April 23. You missed one of the finest 3rd degrees ever witnessed. The Lodge was opened by PM Jim Kleinknight who also did the obligating. PM Don W. Scott raised the candidate and was assisted by the SW Will-



iam D. Yelkin. The lectures of the degree was done by none other than the Master Lawrence (Tip) Banks II. The Masters and Past Masters work was excellent. My congratulations to the three of you for and outstanding performance. After the degree, 12 of us went to Sonora Joe's for prime rib. If you enjoy prime rib, you missed out. It was excellent. Do not forget Zoo day for the kids. We need your help in cooking, answering questions and just general fellow ship on Saturday May 21.

William D. Yelkin

The Making of a Mason in England

After identifying some one who is a Mason, You ask to join. The petition is turned in. For 1 year you are watched and investigated. On your acceptance, you are blind-folded and led a long and disorientating journey to the meeting place. If you are rejected you are led back the same way so you will not be able to find your way back to the meeting place. You must wait 1 year between degrees. If you miss a meeting, someone calls on you to find out if you are okay. You miss several meetings and you will be summoned to the Lodge and explain your actions. If your explanation is not to their satisfaction, you will be suspended. For undoubtedly you do not wish to be a Mason. How lucky we are that we are not scrutinized in-such a manner or held accountable for missing meetings.

Calendar for May

Thurs. May 5	7:30	Dark School of Instruction, Clovis
Thurs. May 2	7:30	First Degree, Mr. Jamil Thomas Bekhdoud
Thurs. May 19	6:30 7:30	Dinner Awards — 50-yr.Pins Stated Meeting Follows.
Sat. May 21		ZOO Day for the Kids.
Thurs. May 26	7:30	3rd Degree maybe
Thurs. June 2	7:30	Degree or Practice

FROM THE SECRETARY

Once again we have several members who have yet to pay their 1994 dues. Do you fall in that category? I have received several letters stating drop me from the rolls. I have resigned. Please cancel my membership. If your dues are not current and, you do not pay the dues. The only recourse I have as the Secretary of the lodge is to submit your name for suspension for NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. If you wish to DEMIT from

the Lodge, your dues must be current (PAID TO THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR). The request for a DEMIT must be typed or written and SIGNED by you. The request for a DEMIT must be received before Dec. 31, 1994. If you are unable to pay your dues because of illness or hardship, please let some one know. The dues can be remitted. However if no one is aware of your situation, then the lodge is unable to help.

Marvin Wallace, Secretary

NOTICE

A number of items have been turned into the secretary as found. If you have lost items at the Lodge please call and inquire if your misplaced or missing item has been turned in. Glasses, Keys, Jewelry etc.

NOTICE

Elmer V. Vick who is a member of Arcadia San Gabriel Lodge #278, is in the Redlands Rest Home in Fresno. Isiac Stuckey a member of a Lodge in Pittsburg, Kansas, is in the Hillcrest Rest Home in Fresno. These Brothers would appreciate having visitors. Please do your part as a Mason.



I wish to take this time to thank each and every one of you lovely people for your help in preparing the dinner on April 21. Without the help from each of you there would not have been a dinner. I am looking forward to the dinner on May 19, I know I will have a lot of help in preparing the dinner. Once again thank you one and all for your help.

Love, Mary P.

LADIES

The next meeting program will be presented by, Kopie the weather man from channel 26. Please attend.

> Kathy Banks The Domestic Goddess

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PROCLAMATION

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT MONTH

"THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, GO I"

In the spirit of that potent message we each assume a special responsibility for those in need. The need may be medical, financial or social but the giver knows his response will be a blessing -- a blessing for both the receiver and the giver. We are really talking about the stewardship of Freemasonry and about putting others first.

The role of the good Samaritan is a role which Freemasons both understand and fully support. It defines the relationship we each have for one another and which is expressed as personal stewardship. To help those *less fortunate* is not an option; it is the only course open to us.

The month of May is hereby proclaimed to be:

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT MONTH

Each one of us is requested to turn our thoughts to the over 400 residents of our Masonic Homes and make a special contribution to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund. Your contribution is added to the fund principal and will never be spent. The income, and only the income, from this fund is used to support the operations of our two Homes. Your contributions will generate income to support our homes in perpetuity.

You, my brethren, together with your families, have never failed to respond generously to this annual drive. Remember your support will change the lives of those in need. And in the process both the giver and the receiver will be with the rewards of renewal.

This proclamation is to be read at the March, April and May stated meetings, and wither copied or summarized in the April and May Trestleboards.

Dated: February 1, 1994 Attested:

John L. Cooper Ill Grand Secretary

Fratemally, DMG. Warren J. Blo Grand Master

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