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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

This message is being written while I am still your Master-Elect as our Installation of Officers will not take place until January 13. In a lodge as large as ours it is impossible or the members and officers to get to know each other unless each individual brother puts forth the effort to come to lodge and introduce himself to the brethren he does not know. That way you won't be strangers next time you meet. By the way, The Installation on January 13 will be the perfect time to meet new brethren and reminisce with old friends. Bring the wife along and stay for refreshments afterward.

Our thanks to Persida Pavlovich and the Dates for the really fine dinner at our December Stated Meeting. Carol Robertson, the Chaplain of La Sierra Chapter, O.E.S. played Christmas Carols on the piano while we ate dinner. Afterward, Dale Orr, accompanied by Paul Shelly, led us in singing Carols. Santa Claus, played by Bill Ahlenslager, then passed out candy canes to all the kids. If you are not already doing so, plan to attend these monthly dinners and enjoy the fellowship.

The Annual Election of Officers followed the dinner. All of the elected officers join with me in thanking you for your vote of confidence. Bro. Conrad Klein, who served us these many years as Treasurer, was not able to continue in this position, and Bro. Dale Orr was elected Treasurer. Bro. Dale served as Chaplain for 19 years and we know he will use the Treasurer's keys in his usual fine manner. Bro. Phil Lewis has been appointed Chaplain. He is one of our newer members and has demonstrated his zeal by regular attendance and participation in lodge activities. Brother Phil recently gave an excellent third degree proficiency. Bro. Ralph Saroyan has been appointed Marshal. He has been active on our Screening Committee and is one of the regulars on the Third Degree team. I know that all the brethren join with me in welcoming Bro. Ralph into our line.

Bro. Charles Dart, P.M., was re-elected as Trustee, and Brothers Dee Moyers, P.M., Harold Paul and Bob Reynolds, P.M., were re-elected as Building Directors.

How do you like the "Las Palmian" brethren? We have enlarged and expanded our monthly publication so that all of our members, near and far, may share in the enjoyment of the fraternal brotherhood of Las Palmas. Past

Master Harry Buckalew is our Editor and he has spent many hours in putting together this first issue. We solicit your participation by sending Bro. Harry items of interest about Las Palmas and her members. It is only through the combined efforts of all the members that such a publication can be successful.

Bro. Odell Lingerfelt, P.M. was unable to continue as Second Degree Officers Coach and our Inspector Sam Dollar has appointed Bro. Sam Pavlovich, our most proficient Junior P.M., to that position. Thanks, Bro. Odell for all the help you have given the officers.

Brethren, please plan to attend the Breakfast Meeting of the 416th District Officers Association on Sunday morning, Jan. 21, 9:00 a.m. at Las Palmas Temple. All officers and MEMBERS are urged to attend. Bro. Bill Wharton, the chairman of our Candidates Education Committee, will be the speaker and I know you will want to be there. Please let Bro. Ed Carpenter know if you will attend so that he can arrange for the food. Mark the date down and remember it is only \$1.00 for a great breakfast and an interesting program.

Brethren, don't forget to demonstrate that you have learned the lesson of charity, by sending in your contribution for the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund. We are trying for a contribution of at least \$3.50 per member this year. Fraternally, Len Gottner, W.M.-Elect

NEW STRENGTH

CHARLES W. BURCHNELL, a native of London, Ohio where he arrived in 1933. All of his early education was received in that city's schools, capped by his A.B. from Fresno State College. He is now hard at work on a M.A. in Geography. His wife Barbara has presented him with two sons, Brian, 10 and Bradley, 9. Chuck's hobbies are painting, writing and all sports. The family residence is at 4677 No. Fisher.

RICHARD ARTHUR MOODY — Dick's face is well known to most Fresnans as a newscaster on KMJ-TV. He is a native of Oakland (1923) where he completed high school. World War II found him serving as a staff sergeant in the infantry in the Pacific Theater. His wife is Patricia and his daughters are Kathie, 16, and Susan, 10. Dick has an interesting Masonic history. He elected and initiated in Las Palmas. Upon moving he completed his degrees by courtesy of Foothill Lodge No. 564 in Oakland where he affiliated in 1954. He came back home to Las Palmas by affiliation in December. Welcome back, Dick!

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS YOUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER

LEONARD ALBERT GOTTNER — Len first saw the light of day in the windy city, Chicago, on Aug. 7, 1928. After his elementary education in Chicago, the family moved to Santa Monica where he completed high school. When college did not materialize, Len pursued vocational proficiency in night courses of the American Institute of Banking, the Dale Carnegie Leadership Course, and a correspondence in Credit and Financial Analysis.

He and his wife Frances share the love of two children, Mike, 16, and Anne, 13.

In the mundane area of earning a living, Len is Assistant Branch Manager of the Reynolds Aluminum Supply Co. and has completed his company's Sales Training Course.

Other fraternal affiliations are:

La Sierra Chapter No. 555, O.E.S.

Fresno Chapter No. 69, Royal Arch Masons

In his journeying about in various jobs, Len has had varied Masonic experiences. He has belonged to and held office in these Blue Lodges:

Libertas No. 466, Bakersfield

Center No. 465, Fresno

Lindsay No. 416, Lindsay

Before Las Palmas officer duties pre-empted most of his spare time Len enjoyed getting out in nature in a tent with his family, meanwhile clicking the shutter of his camera madly.



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RAY FRANKLIN and his wife Cora celebrated their 50th (golden) wedding anniversary on Dec. 2 with an open house to numerous friends in their home. Ray, Jr., and his family came down from Sacramento to honor his parents

PAUL J. MOFFETT, retired Junior High School principal, and his wife, Eva, are spending three months in old Mexico.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Jan. 4 - Second Degree - John Stevens, Edward Wilde
Jan. 11 - Third Degree
Jan. 13 - Open INSTALLATION of OFFICERS, 8 p.m.
Installation practice for officers, 3 p.m.
Jan. 18 - Stated Meeting, preceded by DINNER WITH
OUR DATES, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 - Officers Ass'n. BREAKFAST MEETING, 9:00
a.m. Las Palmas Temple - All members invited.
Jan. 25 - Second Degree
Feb. 1 - Third Degree
Feb. 8 - Third Degree



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Installation of Officers of Other Lodges:

- Jan. 5 - Fresno Lodge No. 247, Fresno Masonic Temple,
7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6 - Sun Garden Lodge No. 530, Fresno Masonic
Temple, 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 6 - Clovis Lodge, Clovis Temple, 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 20 - Sanger Lodge, Sanger Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.
Feb. 3 - Center Lodge No. 465, Fresno Masonic Temple,
8 p.m.
Feb. 10 - Dedication of Fresno Masonic Temple

ATTENTION — SPECIAL MEETING

The Officers Association of the 416th Masonic District will be hosted at a breakfast on Sunday, January 21st, 1968 by Las Palmas Lodge in our dining hall. The hour is 9:00 a.m. All officers are expected to attend and *all members* are invited to be present. Brother W. W. (Bill) Wharton will be the speaker and you'll know a lot more about Masonry when you hear Bill.

EDITORIAL

This is a new publishing venture for Las Palmas. It's purpose is to knit the lodge more firmly together. Diluted in a growing city of 175,000, it is hard for our 1060 members to know each other well and maintain warm fraternal contacts. We have two important objectives in this trestleboard:

1. To keep every member well informed as to every activity of his lodge.
2. To disseminate personal news about our members so that all may know one another.

We'd like to tell all about you — your job, advancements and changes, civic responsibilities and honors, illnesses, bereavements, births, achievements of children and grandchildren and Masonic activities. In a word, to make you a living person to your brethren, instead of a name in a directory.

We will especially welcome word from our 300 out-of-town members. You fade out badly without some contacts.

Obviously, it is impossible for an editor to call 1060 members to gather news. *You must call him.* It is not immodest of you to tell about yourself. Your brethren are anxious to hear. So, phone or mail every detail to the editor and spread fraternal communication. Whether this the old double-fold card is up to you.

new venture succeeds or whether we are forced back to

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WALTER B. (Bud) FLINT, nicknamed "old faithful" has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the High Twelve Club.

GEORGE C HOLSTEIN, P.M. Busy George has received the highest honor within the gift of the Scottish Rite bodies by being coroneted in the 33 degree. George is also a vice-president in the High Twelve Club.

LELAND M. EDMAN, attorney and graduate of Hastings College of Law, has been named by Governor Reagan as a member of the California Adult Authority. Since he will continue to reside in Fresno, we hope he'll come out to lodge and tell us about his new job.

TO OUR CANDIDATES' COACHES

No man in the lodge plays a more important role than you do in the making of Masons. To be sure, the officers must do a proficient and effective job in presenting the ritual — that's axiomatic. But you're the one who really educates him in Masonry and help to shape his attitudes and future Masonic life. Your instruction in the candidates' lecture is fundamental and often demands great skill with certain candidates who do not memorize readily. You are zealous in your efforts to help him to pass a good examination. But your task just begins here. The crux of your service is the *attitude* you create in the candidate as to the nobility, scope and practical applications of Masonry in ennobling life. The candidate needs to know how Masonry came to be; its deep roots in antiquity; the long and honorable line of men who have made it a synonym for integrity; its basic, dual, moral philosophy — the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man; and its use of symbolism to illustrate moral virtues. In short, that in about three hours of Masonic ritual he is receiving much of the distilled wisdom and idealism of centuries. Show him that in every repetition some new gem of inspiration may be discovered that can add stature to his personal life.

You can influence his contribution to the Craft by showing him that regular attendance is necessary and expected. Point out to him every meeting he is eligible to attend during the course of his advancement, phone him and ask him to attend each specific meeting. Sit with him in lodge and see that he gets to meet his brethren by introducing him.

If you do your job well, the quality of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge will be greatly enhanced.



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JOHN S. ALEXANDER - In reporting Raisina Chapter doings we neglected to mention that Brother John was installed as Associate Patron. His mother, Anna, is the new treasurer.

CLETUS MORTIMER CAMPBELL, retired from the Department of Weights and Measures has just completed a very successful year as Worthy Patron of Fresno Chapter No. 295. He served in company with his daughter, Barbara, who was an outstanding Worthy Matron.

NEW STRENGTH

Since our last trestleboard, the following brethren have been raised to the sublime degree. The first three named set some kind of record when three teachers from the same school (Fort Miller Junior High School) were raised on the same day, Saturday, December 2nd by a complete team of school employees.

EDWARD H. DAVES is a native Californian, born in Kingsburg in 1922. After graduation from Kingsburg High School he has had a full potpourri of advanced education in Reedley J.C., Sacramento, San Jose, and Fresno State Colleges. He lives with his wife Edna Marie and children Jill, 10, and Gregory, 8, at 1118 W. Fountain Way. With his young son, he is active in Y. Indian Guides. As a professional he belongs to the California Teachers Association and the California Industrial Education Association while for fun he is affiliated with the National Rifle Association. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, boating and flying.

EARL W. VANDERBURGH is a teacher of physical education in his school. He is a native Fresnan (1931) and celebrates his birthday on April 10. Earl attended Clovis High and then moved to Madera where he was awarded a diploma. He started college in Modesto J. C. but completed his A.B. at Fresno State. Brother Earl and his wife Mary Ann are kept hopping by three active children, Cynthia, 15, Jake, 14, and Stanley, 11. He is a manager in Babe Ruth Baseball and is a member of the valley officials' association.

How's this for a hobby — cattle and horses? Sounds like an escape from Abilene.

CECIL H. MacFARLANE, Jr. It looks as though we shall soon be 100% in the Division of Highways. Cecil holds the title of Assistant Highway Engineer with the state. He is a native of Bakersfield, but when his parents moved out into the Colorado Desert he was graduated from El Centro High School. He was awarded a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering from F. S. C. where he was a member of Kappa Sigma. His wife Mary Ann and his children Robin, 8, and Kristen, 6, comprise his family. As a supportive dad, he helps to guide the destinies of the Indian Maidens. Cecil endeavors to maintain the vigor of his 35 years by swinging a golf club.

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The installation of officers of Raisina Chapter No. 89 O.E.S. had several Las Palmas overtones as shown by the following four items:

RALPH ALLRED, a past patron did a gracious job as host for the evening.

MARTIN E. ALLRED, P.M., basked in reflected glory as his wife, Corinne, a tremendous worker in our DATES was installed as conductress.

ORA J. TANNER is a bear for punishment. He has just been installed as patron for the second time. He does a gracious job too.

WARREN VREELAND has been spending much time in Richmond on his job but got down to watch his wife, Viola, newly appointed Deputy Grand Matron of District No. 47, grace the East. She is a Past Matron of La Sierra Chapter No. 555.

HARRY L. BUCKALEW, P.M., has been elected a deacon in the First United Presbyterian Church for a three year term.

WILLIS B. GOOD, retired this fall from the Security First National Bank, has also been honored by election to a vice-presidency in the High Twelve Club.

R. MILTON JONES, Jr., son of our past master Ralph, is president of the Fresno Elementary Principals' Association for this school year. He is also enrolled in the Doctor of Education program of the University of Southern Calif.

KENNETH POTTER. In case you haven't already heard about it, the little professor has been elevated to the rank of K.C.C.H. by the Scottish Rite Bodies.

RICHARD S. BURFORD. Our mighty mite with the "big pull" is now flag bearer for Fresno Chapter No. 295. O.E.S.

THE DAN ECKLUNDS celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19th, too close to Christmas for separate presents. In case you don't know Dan, he's the dynamo who keeps the candidates progressing on their proficiency examinations.



In Memoriam

The Supreme Grand Master has called these esteemed brethren to be with Him in the Celestial Lodge above:

JOSEF POMERANTZ

Born January 31, 1894

Died December 6, 1967

Raised in Livingston, Montana Lodge No. 32 in 1916

Presented 50 year button in December 1966

WALTER K. HINES

Born September 22, 1895

Died December 11, 1967

Raised in Las Palmas Lodge No. 366, May 3, 1934

Brother Hines retired in 1962 as general manager of the Sun Maid Raisin Growers Association. He was an active worker in civic affairs and was known worldwide in his field.

RAY G. PRIOR, age 74

Raised in Las Palmas June 11, 1931

Called to the Eternal Lodge above Dec. 26, 1967

Brother Ray was an automobile dealer for over 20 years.

Member: First Christian Church

Sciot Pyramid No. 12

Teheran Shrine Temple

York Rite Bodies

Scottish Rite Bodies

Elks

Organizer Fresno Zoological Society

Director American Cancer Society

Foreman Fresno County Grand Jury 1934

Member Fresno County Sheriff's Posse

EMMA KERNEY

Wife of our esteemed Charles Kerney, deceased Dec. 26 at the age of 86 years. She was a native of Iowa and lived in Fresno 48 years.

Member: Westminster Presbyterian Church
Raisina Chapter No. 89 O.E.S.