



# The Las Palmian

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of

Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366  
F. & A. M.



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# *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All. May the Good L*

## **A Message from the Master**



My Brethren:

The Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay will again be selling Christmas trees beginning December 4th. The location of the lot will be at the Foodland Shopping Center at Cedar and Gettysburg.

Clovis Lodge No. 417, F. & A.M. cordially invites you to attend the Cornerstone Ceremony for the new Clovis West High School, 1070 Teague Ave., on Friday, December 10th. Grand Lodge opening will be at 11 a.m. in the Clovis Lodge followed by a luncheon in their banquet room. We will assemble at 1:30 p.m. and go to the Cornerstone Laying which will begin at 2:30 p.m. We would like to see as many apron clad Masons as possible; so if you can, please try to make this memorable occasion.

Many of you have probably heard by this time that the owner of the property next to the Lodge (West Side) is trying to get it rezoned in order that he can sell it to a developer for an apartment house (Multi story) complex. The plan is to build a 42 unit multi-story set of apartments on the site. The plan has met with very stiff opposition from the surrounding neighbors and the vote taken at the last meeting of the Planning Commission was 3 for and 3 against with one abstention. This means it will go before the City Council to be resolved. You will be notified of this date.

This will be my last message for the year and I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support you have given me during my year as your Master. It has been a memorable year, and no man who serves as Master could have asked for more. To my successor, John and his excellent corps of officers I wish the same success that I enjoyed.

Fraternally,  
DAN ECKLAND, W.M.

## **From the West**

Brother Bruce Douglas Moore and Cory Clifford Cartwright gave their First Degree proficiency on September 28, 1976 and received the Second Degree of Masonry the same night.

Brother Stephen Ray Collins was raised to the Third Degree by our Past Masters on November 11, 1976.

Brethren, I would like to thank Brother Ben Schaeffer for his fine work this past year as head coach, and to all the candidates coaches, thank you all for a job well done.

As this will be the last time I will write from the West in '76, I would like to wish all the Brethren and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in '77.

Fraternally  
JOHN R. REYNOLDS,  
Senior Warden

As our Master has stated above, this is the last issue of "The Las Palmian" for 1976. We hope to be serving you again in 1977 and would like to make our fraternal organ more interesting if we can. We very much appreciate the cooperation of the brothers during this good year and sincerely hope it continues. We solicit your ideas to make it more readable.

1977 should be another good year. We have been fortunate to receive in our midst more good men and true to further the concept of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. With the able guidance of our corps of officers and the cooperation of our members we will be certain to further the teachings of our great fraternity, strengthen its foundations and show the less informed the worth of our Masonic Ideals. Be of good cheer the test of time is proof.

*rd's Grace shine upon you.*

## Calendar

### December

- 2nd [Thurs.] 7:00 p.m. First Degree.
- 9th [Thurs.] 7:00 p.m. 2° Proficiency;  
7:30 p.m. Third Degree — Cory C. Cartright (Courtesy Degree Triune Lodge #422, Lansing, Ill.)
- 10th [Friday] 2:30 p.m. Cornerstone Laying (Clovis West High School), 1070 E. Teague Avenue.
- 16th [Thurs.] 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates (Christmas Program). Reservations please. Call Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.
- 7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting. Election of Officers.
- 22nd [Wed.] 7:30 Proficiency Nite — All Degrees.
- 23rd [Thurs.] Dark
- 30th [Thurs.] 7:30 Third Degree (Delmore Moore).

HAPPY NEW YEAR

### From the Secretary



We often wonder what members of lodges who live in Fresno actually get out of their membership. A great many people moved here since the second World War and have retained their status as a mason by paying dues in Illinois, Iowa, or other cities far too distant for them to attend.

They are unable to contribute anything to their home lodge, and in a like manner local lodges have little to offer a sojourner in the way of benefits.

Some persons have life memberships in their home lodges. Others have been masters there and there is a sentimental attachment they cannot seem to sever. Perhaps they are a charter member of a small lodge in the east.

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It would be much simpler, if a member actually had masonry in his heart, to transfer his membership to a local lodge where he could possibly become more active. I am sure this would create interest in attending more often. He may even desire to take part in some of the ritualistic work and contribute something to the order.

I would urge members of Las Palmas Lodge to contact sojourners whom they know are from a distant land and try to explain some of the advantages of being a member of a local lodge. Most states will allow dual membership, and if they wish to remain attached to their original lodge, they can become a member here also. Try it on a friend and see if you can get some results.

### In Memoriam

Joseph A. Reiss	11-'76
Charles B. Hanby	10-'76
John H. Warson	10-'76
Charles S. Johnson	10-'76
Carl V. Schiefer	11-'76
Samuel Clayton Ramage	11-'76

The officers and members of Las Palmas Lodge wish the members of Las Palmas Ladiesclub and their families a healthy and happy Holiday Season together with a New Year of Love, Friendship and Joy.

Ladies: Don't forget the Luncheon January 17th at Ballante's — You will be called.