



The Las Palmian

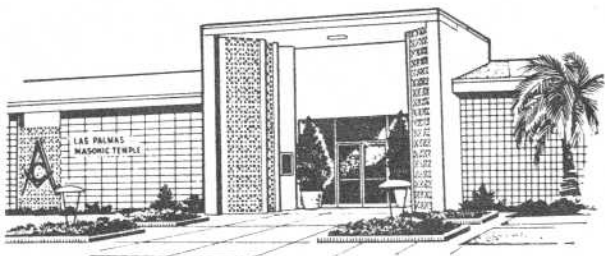
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of

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



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From the East

Brethren, Our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful H. Douglas Lemons has proclaimed the month of March as "Youth Observance." Please mark your calendar for March 26 and be in Lodge to see the Rainbow for Girls exemplify a degree. It is a beautiful and inspiring ritual.



Our Grand Master has also proclaimed the month of April to be Public Schools month with one week set aside for a special program. In compliance with his request a Public Schools program has been planned for our April Stated Meeting. A fine program has been prepared by Bros. Wally Scott and Paul Shelly. Your attendance and support at these meetings will assure them a great success.

Brethren, it is real nice to see so many familiar faces attending Lodge, some we haven't seen for a while. This is good and makes our heart beat a little faster when we see some not quite so familiar. To the brothers that have not attended too often, don't be embarrassed for having been among the missing, a friendly hand shake and a warm greeting will probably revive your old enthusiasm in our Fraternity. We want you to become active again — The Word Is *Participate*.

Fraternally,
GARY A. STARR
Master

Youth Activities Month, 1981

The Grand Master of Masons of California and Hawaii, the Most Worshipful H. Douglas Lemons, has proclaimed the month of March as "Youth Activities Month". He encourages all Lodges as part of their year round assistance to our young men and women, to make special efforts to encourage and support them. By aiding and abetting these fine youth groups we help to lay a firm foundation for our country and ourselves.

From the West

My Brethren:

It looks like Las Palmas is off to a fine start this year. Our Worshipful Master Bro. Starr has an excellent program for growth and activity that can't fail if we all pitch in and "stretch forth a helping hand."



Several of our friends who have not yet taken the degrees of Masonry have now expressed a desire to do so. Let's be sure Brethren, that we talk Masonry in a very positive manner to those friends who have not expressed a desire yet, to join our Great Fraternity.

On March 12th, 1981, Bro. John Denton received his Third Degree in the Halls of Las Palmas Lodge. Welcome to the craft Bro. John.

We are hoping to have at least one Third Degree each month this year and are trying for two. Remember Brethren, Masonry will only grow, and be good and strong if we all help and participate.

Fraternally,
JIM KLEINGKNIIGHT
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren:

Spring is here, this is the time of year when new life springs forth. Let this also be true in our Blue Lodge, let's put new life in all we do. Attend Lodge as often as you can. Help it to grow.



There may be times when we do not remember how important our Blue Lodge is to us; for those times, let us share four ultimates in Freemasonry: *The Highest Honor*: The bestowal of the Lambskin Apron; *The Highest Degree*: The sublime degree of Master Mason. *The Highest Privilege*: To be admitted to membership in a Lodge of Master Masons. *The Highest Duty*: To live by the Obligations and Principles of

Freemasonry.

These are not only the highest; they are also a major part of the foundation of the Masonic Structure. This is true, whether you are the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Lodge, or the Grand Master of Masons in this Jurisdiction.

Your Blue Lodge is your foundation in Masonry, let us support and protect it. All other Masonic Bodies are totally dependent on this foundation; without it they simply would not exist. See you in Lodge. Participate.

Fraternally,
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Junior Warden

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Corn, Wine and Oil

The Parable of Wages

At the dedication of a new edifice, the laying of the cornerstone, an offering is made of corn, wine and oil. It is the new with the old, the fruits with the seed. Therein is the answer and a great lesson. A building must be true, strong, pleasing to the eye and serve a useful purpose. It follows therefore that the start must be as near true and perfect as is possible. In like manner, the seed to eventually bear good fruit must be properly planted. It must be nurtured and cared for. Fed that it may grow strong and guarded against influences that can harm the reward of its fruits for the benefits that may be derived therefrom. The fruit, the harvest is the reward and the sustenance; the wages and benefits of honest labor. We learn that if our labors are properly guided and the fruits used for the most beneficent purposes, then we will have earned the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of refreshment and the Oil of joy. A just reward.

Galatians 6:7-8

7. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

Calendar

- March 19** 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Reservations Required. Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting; Bible Presentation. Home Endowment Program. Last Reading of By-Laws Amendment.
- March 26** 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Girls exemplification. A fine program.
- April 2** 7:30 p.m. Dark. Second Degree officers school of instruction. Excuses only from Bro. Ted Lindsay, Inspector, 416 Masonic District.
- April 9** 7:30 p.m. Third Degree
- April 16** 7:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Reservations please. Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting. Public School Program

Other Dates to Remember

- Mar. 28** Saturday, 1st Day Scottish Rite 3 day class.
- Mar. 31** York Rite Family Fellowship Dinner. All Masons. Phone George Holstein 233-7987.
\$5.00 plate.
- Apr. 13** Scottish Rite Dinner. Stated Meeting
- Apr. 16** Scottish Rite, Maundy Thurs., Dinner-Service
- April 19** Scottish Rite Easter Breakfast, Open Service. Symbolic Relighting of the Lights.
- May 9** Las Palmas. Columbia Trip, Third Degree.

From the Secretary

Several members have recently asked about withdrawal from the lodge. We are not sure they wish to terminate their membership. But simply want to know the procedure. It may be well that everyone be informed should the wish ever come to a member.

Every mason should belong to some lodge, pay his dues, and attend its meetings. But a member of a lodge in good standing, against whom no charges are pending and whose dues are paid, may withdraw therefrom by giving notice in writing at a stated meeting of his intention to do so. He is, thereupon entitled to receive a demit, and no vote on his request is necessary. Such mason ceases to be a member of any lodge but may apply for affiliation with another lodge.

If the applicant is elected to membership in the second lodge, the secretary thereof will forward the request for demit to the applicant's lodge which will send the demit to the secretary of the second lodge, who, upon receipt thereof, will enter the applicant's name as a member of that lodge.

In that way, continuous membership is maintained and there is avoided the danger of terminating membership in one lodge and then being rejected by the other.

Under the regulations of the California jurisdiction, both dual and plural memberships are permissible.

Dual membership consists of belonging to a lodge in this jurisdiction without having to terminate membership in a lodge of another jurisdiction. This procedure is possible only in those cases where the other jurisdiction involved also permits dual membership.

Plural membership consists of belonging to two or more lodges, each of which are in this jurisdiction.

Complete details as to procedure in either instance should be reviewed with the secretary of your lodge before taking any steps toward affiliation as a dual or plural member.

In either case, dues must be paid in both lodges to which the member is affiliated. Non-payment of dues by reason of neglect or

refusal in one lodge will probably cause suspension in that lodge. In California when a dual or plural member is suspended, the secretary must notify the other lodge and suspension is automatic in the other lodge, even though the member's dues are paid there.

Good Happenings Coming Up

It might be well to put a few dates on your calendar of upcoming events. They are "Goodies" and if past history is any indication they will be well attended.

May 9th: Our annual trip to Columbia and the Historical Masonic Temple. The cornerstone was laid on Oct. 10, 1854. It was restored in 1951 and has been used ever since for special degrees.

Bro. Green Young, P.M. is making arrangements. We will leave Las Palmas at 7:00 a.m. by bus, have a hearty breakfast in Merced about 9:30 and arrive at Columbia for the degree about 1:00 p.m. For the Ladies and non-masons the town of Columbia is fun and interesting. There are eats, gifts and curiosities as well as restored momentos of the Gold Rush Days. We'll top the day off with a good dinner. No matter how many times you have been, there's always something new. Bus fare \$12.50 per person. Dinner at Howards Sonora, Open Menu - average \$4.00.

May 21st: A Hiram Award presentation. You will want to be there to find out who the worthy Brother is.

May 31st: Our annual picnic at Woodward Park. More on this big event later.

Also coming up, Layman's Nite in June, the Grand Masters Reception Sept. 20th, and a two day trip to Los Angeles for a third degree. More later.

It's a very good year. Get on board, be a part of it. Participate.