



# The Las Palmian

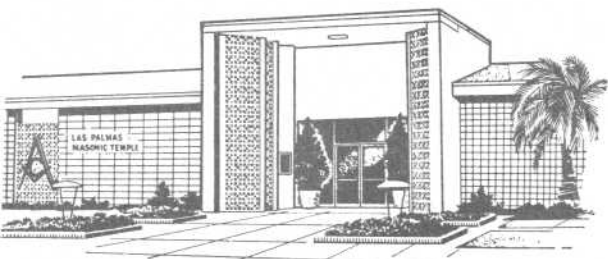
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Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366  
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## *From the East*

The month of June signals the beginning of summer, and for Las Palmas, June usually means a big "push" to get candidates initiated and working prior to July when we go dark for two months. With this in mind, I have scheduled a 1st degree for June 28th; and, at this point in time, we could have as many as 5 candidates that night. Out of necessity, Lodge will open at 6:30 p.m., in order that we may initiate all of these men on one evening. This is the second time this year that we have had to open Lodge at this early hour, and it is only because of the dedication of our corps of officers that we are enabled to do so. These 13 dedicated men give up their Thursday nights every week in order that Las Palmas may continue to prosper. For them, July and August are not vacation months, but working months when they are busy learning new ritual in order that they may advance to a new station the following year. Officers, I thank you for your dedication to our order, and for your cooperation and support this year. You have made my first 6 months in office a "piece of cake".

At the beginning of my term, I set two major goals for Las Palmas in 1984. The first was a net gain in membership (initiations and affiliations in excess of deaths, demits and suspensions). This has proven to be a formidable task, and while I must report that we are lagging slightly behind in achieving this goal, we are far ahead of the last several years. Keep those petitions coming in, and urge sojourner acquaintances to affiliate with Las Palmas. My second goal was to increase attendance at our Stated Meetings. With the implementation of our Ladies Programs, I am happy to report that attendance at our Stated Meetings has skyrocketed! I am encouraged by this trend, and hope that you will continue to attend in the number we have seen these past few months. Thanks for your support!



As mentioned previously, there will be no degree work in July and August, but we will still have our monthly dinners and Stated Meetings. There will be Ladies Programs both months, so plan to attend. August 30th will be an all-degree proficiency night for our candidates who have worked so hard learning their required examinations during July and August. May you all have a pleasant summer!

Faternally

LAWRENCE D. HOPPER  
Worshipful Master

## SUMMER CALENDAR

- June 7** 3rd Degree, 7:30 p.m.
- June 10** Masonic Festival in Bakersfield  
Call Lodge Secretary for information (268-2303)
- June 14th** 2nd Degree, 7:30 p.m.
- June 21st** Dinner with our Dates, 6:30  
Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Inspector's Official Visit  
Ladies Program, 7:30 p.m.,  
Sharon Hiigel, Director, Fresno  
County Historical Society, "Slides  
of Old Fresno and a Society Overview"
- June 28** First Degree, 6:30 p.m., Initiate 5  
new Brethren
- July 19** Dinner with Our Dates, 6:30  
Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Ladies Program, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 16** Dinner with our Dates, 6:30  
Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Ladies Program, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 30** All Degree Proficiency Night, 7:30  
p.m., Examinations in all 3 degrees

## *From the West*

Brethren:

After just completing two weeks of military duty, I am even more aware of the existing and potential for increasing conflict in the world. It is important to remember, during times like these, that many of you Brethren and our forefathers are responsible for the freedoms we and our families have today.



It is appropriate that during the months of May, June and July we are afforded three opportunities to reflect on our past and pray for the future. May 28th is Memorial Day, June 14th is Flag Day and July 4th is Independence Day.

This Fourth of July will be the 208th Anniversary of the day which guaranteed that "We the People" would be able to achieve Liberty and participate in the Pursuit of Happiness. We are indeed fortunate to be able to pray in the place of worship of our choice.

It is significant that the first leader of our country, President George Washington, was a Mason. It is due to this birth of our nation and our freedom that you and I, Brothers, can openly participate in this great and honorable Masonic Fraternity.

The fact that our present freedoms have existed for 208 years is by no accident. We should take a moment and give thanks to our Creator and to those who gave of their lives in combat that we might enjoy peace and freedom today.

We have all experienced the chill which runs down our spine, when that feeling of Patriotism pervades our being. Let us work together to instill this feeling in others by flying our flag and by making sure that it appears Mightier than the flags of our adversaries, more Alluring to the people of the world, Straighter than the flags of corrupt governments, Over and above all others under all forms of adversity and conflict, and to instill National pride in our heritage and country. As you can see, a

MASON is an integral part of the success of our great United States of America. Be proud and wish a fellow American, "Happy Fourth of July!"

Fraternally,  
LARRY L. DUBA  
Senior Warden

## *From the South*

Fraternal greetings from the South.

For most of Americans, Memorial Day is a day for picnics, trips to the coast or mountains and relaxing with relatives and friends. Let's not forget that Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor the many men and women who made the supreme sacrifice so each of us could enjoy this great nation. Without their devotion to the cause of Liberty our nation would have surely withered and fell. Most of these devoted men were Masons who carried their convictions to the battle field and gave all they had to give.



If, you enjoyed your day off with your family in comfortable surroundings, pause for a moment and remember them and the gift they gave you.

Every day you see a sunrise in a free country is Memorial Day!

I would like to express my thanks to all who helped and attended the picnic, we had a great time.

I am pleased to welcome Brothers Fred Lindeman, Michael Daugherty and Bud Jones to our Lodge. Congratulations to Brother Ronald Hirschler on being passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft and to Brothers Ellery Kirkbride, Jack Cannon and Preston Bush on passing their Master Masons Proficiency.

As you can see there has been a lot of activity in Lodge. Congratulations to each of you. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally  
John L. Denton  
Junior Warden

## *From the Secretary*

Las Palmas is noted for being friendly, especially to members of other lodges who visit us occasionally. Usually they come to be with a friend who is receiving a degree or because he was invited by a member to attend.



You will notice that most of the officers greet the visitors before the meeting starts. This makes them feel welcome and they will come back when they find another excuse. If the visitor is a member in another city there is a possibility he will receive a favorable impression of our friendship and sooner or later decides to affiliate with us.

Brotherly sociability is one of the virtues to be practiced and being on terms of perfect equality of "worldly wealth of honors" is another.

Sit next to the brother whom you do not know and extend your acquaintance in your lodge. Our lodge is a large one and you will never know many of your own brethren unless you make the attempt.

The pleasant greeting of visitors in the lodge and anteroom is still more important. Let no brother's rank in life make him a masonic wallflower. It is better for masonry to hunt out the men whose humble opinion of his importance causes him to hang back than to rush forward and shake hands with the prominent many who has plenty of friends.

If you do not know him, shake hands anyway and say, "How are you? My name is Bill Smith. Stop others who are passing by and introduce your new friend. Make him feel at home.

A number of affiliates to Las Palmas Lodge have associated with us because of just how they were greeted when they visited us. Some of them were searching for a lodge to affiliate with when they attended. We don't mind receiving a member from another lodge who has visited around Fresno. If we are kind to him he may decide this is where he belongs.

Bob Paden  
Secretary

Masonic Homes Endowment Month may be over, but there is still time to make that all-important contribution. This is your last chance to put our Lodge over the top and make this year's Honor Roll. If for some reason contributing has slipped your mind, DO IT NOW! If you feel you can contribute a little more, DO IT NOW! The end of the fiscal year for the Homes is June 30. In order for our Lodge to receive credit toward this year's Honor Roll, please write your check immediately upon receipt of this Bulletin and give it to the Lodge Secretary. All donations must be in the hands of Grand Lodge by June 30.

The privilege of contributing to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund does not end on June 30. We can all give at any time throughout the year. As the costs of caring for our youth and elderly rise, so should our spirit of Brotherly love and our commitment to those entrusted to our care.

Among the many opportunities to make on-going contributions is through memorials to our loved ones. What better way to honor those we love than to make a memorial donation to benefit others at our Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina.