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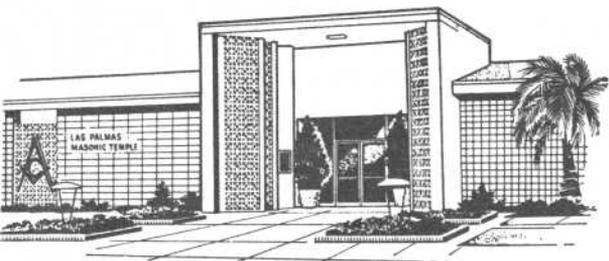
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From the East:

Autumn has finally arrived, and, for the most part, the heat of the summer is behind us. The month of October also means that, once again, it is time for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California. As always, this year's communication will be held in the beautiful California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. This year, your Lodge will be represented by your Master, both Wardens, and the Secretary. This will be my final year to attend as a voting member of Las Palmas, and I plan to be on hand for 3 of the 4 days, and especially for the voting on this year's resolutions. We, as Delegate members of a regular Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, can and do shape the future of Freemasonry in this State, by casting our votes for next year's officers, as well as on the various pieces of legislation brought to the membership of Grand Lodge for a vote. I must once again stress the fact that we are desirous of your opinions on how we should cast our ballots. This year there are ten resolutions to be voted on. Each will have specific impact on how Grand Lodge will operate in the future. I urge each and every one of you to take the time to come by the Lodge office and read these resolutions, and to contact your delegates with any comments you may have. We will vote according to the wishes of our membership.



I am pleased to present you with the following update on the project which has been my foremost priority this year: Membership. As of October 1st, we have initiated 17, Passed 11 and Raised 8. In addition, we have 1 brother waiting for his 3rd degree, and 1 for his 1st. We have gained 2 members through the process of affiliation. As a final note, we are currently investigating 2 applications for membership, and 4 applications for affiliation. Brethren, I appreciate your efforts to increase our membership. Many of you have picked up an application and given it to a friend. Most have come back. A few have not. I urge you to contact that friend and find out what's holding up the application. Maybe the answer to a few simple questions could bring us another new member. Take the time to follow-

up and help your Lodge grow.

Our meetings during the month of September were filled with the enthusiasm generated from a new Corps of Officers "getting their feet wet" in the positions they hope to hold next year. Indications are that next year's ritual work will be better than this year's. That's hard for me to say, as I am extremely proud of the work done by this year's Corps.

Those of you who have been around the Lodge this past year have noticed a phenomenon uncommon to many of the Lodges in our area. It appears that our active membership and our Corps of Officers is getting younger. This is a healthy sign for Las Palmas. Brethren, we are a fraternity rich in history and tradition, but the average age of our membership has climbed steadily in recent years, and the death rate has increased dramatically. This is true not only in our Lodge, but for Masonry in general. The attraction of younger men, and our ability to retain them as active members is the only sure way to insure our survival. We cannot let the principals of Freemasonry die! It is imperative that we look to the future now, and intensify our efforts at attracting new, young members. The trend that we have been experiencing at Las Palmas is fantastic. Keep up the good work!

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge this month!

Fraternally,
Lawrence D. Hopper
Worshipful Master

For the Ladies Only:

Our speaker for the month of October will be Jeff Nagel, a local travel agent who has led many tours of Fresno to exotic lands. Jeff has prepared a multimedia presentation entitled "Scenic Scandinavia" for us after our Stated Meeting dinner on the 18th.

Calendar for October

4th	First Degree	7:30 p.m.
11th	Third Degree	7:30 p.m.
18th	Dinner with Our Dates	6:30 p.m.
	Stated Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Presentation of 25 Year Pins	
	Ladies program	7:30 p.m.
	Jeff Nagel—"Scenic Scandinavia"	
25th	Second Degree	7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER NOTE: Our annual Past Master's Night will be held on November 8th. As always there will be a 3rd Degree that night. We will have a dinner that night also. Mark your calendars!

From the West:

Brethren

I would like to take this opportunity to send you Greetings from the West. Most of you either have other activities on Thursday evenings or unable to attend due to distance or poor health. I would really like to greet you personally sometime in the near future at your Lodge if at all possible.



Columbus Day will occur on October 8, 1984. Alice and I were fortunate to have driven through Genoa, Italy, from where he sailed. We were even more fortunate to have been able to return to America — the land of freedom and opportunity. Let us all take a moment out of our busy schedule and give thanks for the country we are privileged to live in.

It is time for every good Senior Warden to plan the activity calendar and select committee members for the ensuing Masonic Year of 1985. I am very receptive to and solicit your input and ideas. Those who are comfortable in your present jobs may desire a change. Those Brethren who have not participated on a committee because they have never been asked to do so now have an opportunity to express their interest in assisting in our charitable work. The management of a Lodge requires many people performing in concert in order to accomplish our mutual objective. I am a believer in Team Work and I would like to have you on my Team. You can either talk to me personally or write me a short note about your interests and concerns.

I would like to formally thank Brother Jim Jones for the time he has spent on surveying and making suggestions to aid in the Temple Board Association's Energy Conservation Program. The Board Members also thank all of you who are making the extra effort to help us conserve and reduce our energy costs.

See you Thursday,

Larry L. Duba,
Senior Warden

From the South:

Fraternal Greetings from the South!

I would like to thank everyone for your support and help on the Grand Master's breakfast. To those of you who could not attend, you missed an informative talk by the Grand Master, good fellowship with Grand Officers and Brethren, and we really missed seeing you.



What would our Lodge be like if we didn't have music? Stop by the organ and tell Brother Paul Shelly how much you enjoy his work.

The officers of Las Palmas Lodge strive to achieve a degree of excellence in their work to uphold a tradition that began many years ago. The excellence we strive for is achieved through hard work and pride in our Lodge, but the edge is placed on this endeavor by your attendance in Lodge. We work this hard so you can be proud of **your** Lodge and **your** Lodge Officers. When the Lodge is filled with brethren, we get real nervous and try even harder to excell. Why not come to Lodge, fill every seat, and give us a nervous breakdown.

What do you brethren think about having an annual golf tournament? I was thinking about calling it the Las Palmas Open and donating any proceeds to a DeMolay Leadership trust fund. Call Brother Bob Paden or myself and express your opinion.

Congratulations to Brothers Michael Daugherty, Arthur Hoff, and John Moore on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. I am pleased to welcome into our Lodge Brothers Paul Locker and Bruce Baird.

Ya'll Come.

Fraternally,
John L. Denton,
Jr. Warden

LAS PALMAS WIDOWS CLUB

Las Palmas Widows Club will be going on a two-day trip on Nov. 12-13, 1984. Trip includes tour of our children's home in Covina, Universal Studio, and J. Paul Getty Museum. Overnight lodging will be aboard Queen Mary at Long Beach Harbor. Cost per person \$80.00. For reservation call Eldon Cole - 299-8120.

From the Secretary:

At our last stated meeting a resolution was introduced to increase our dues from \$30.00 a year to \$36.00 a year. This action must lay over for a month to allow time for all members to receive the information and to inform them that at the stated meeting in October final action will be taken to pass it or reject it.



The finance committee reported that a study had been made and the amount of dues now being received would pay the bills of the lodge through September of each year, it being necessary to borrow extra money from the Trustees to remain solvent for the last three months of the year.

The dues increase will produce about \$5,000.00, which will take care of expenses for the last three months and will help keep our savings account intact for more important purposes. It may be necessary to assist a member or his widow, and if there is no money in reserve it will be impossible.

The last several years it has been necessary to start using dues money paid for the coming year. The amount received has been steadily decreasing to the point where we find we are three months behind this year.

There are always a list of members who do not pay in accordance with the by-laws — on or before the first of January each year. As of the stated meeting in September there were 30 members who have not paid dues for 1984. This creates a heavy burden on our bank account, and if paid on time would help us pay bills for another month.

There are about fifteen members whose dues are remitted each year because of financial problems. This is something we should take care of, but it means less money coming in as dues.

If you have anything to say, either for or against the dues increase, you should attend the stated meeting in October and make it known to the membership. It may influence the outcome of the vote.

When dues are increased the fee for a Life Membership, now is the time to do it while the fee is still \$625.00. If the above increase passes, it will be \$656.00.

PROCLAMATION MASONIC AWARENESS WEEK

Masons are proud of their heritage and the fact that they are members of the oldest and most respected fraternal organization known to man, having for its foundation the practice of the social and moral virtues. If each Mason exhibits the pride that he feels for his Fraternity, there will result a revival of the Masonic spirit so necessary throughout our membership.

Masons should ever bear in mind that exclusively in those areas of the world where freedom exists does Freemasonry flourish — a fact to be proudly shared with those who are not privileged to be counted among us. Freedom and Freemasonry are inseparable as Masons are enjoined to discharge civic duties, obey the law and give unqualified allegiance to their Country.

In every age and country, men preeminent for their moral and intellectual attainments have encouraged and promoted Freemasonry's interest.

In recognition of the pride we feel in and for our Masonic Fraternity and to remind each individual Mason, his family and friends of the importance of his membership in our Fraternity, I Proclaim the week beginning October 8, 1984 to be

MASONIC AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of California and Hawaii this being the week of the 135th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California.

To promote this awareness, I request that each Mason proudly wear his Masonic Square and Compass pin, as a means of identifying himself as a freemason.

I further encourage every Mason to promote the interest of our ancient and honorable institution by reconfirming his acceptance of the burdens and responsibilities to our fraternity as well as publicly extolling the benefits and privileges gained through his Masonic experiences.

Please bring this Proclamation to the attention of all the members of your Lodge and remind each that "One Mason Can Make A Difference — YOU!"

Fraternally,
E. Arthur Haglund
Grand Master