



The Las Palmian

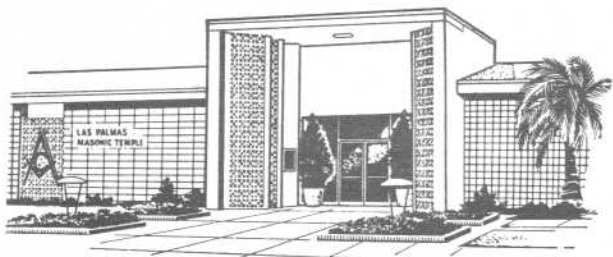
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From the East:

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

Last month I informed the Lodge that my theme for the year would be "The Craft is Back!" This month I would like to ask each and everyone of you to do something very simple, to make it happen.

Talk to someone about Freemasonry once a week, share with someone you know something about our Fraternity. We can no longer hide our existence under a basket. We can no longer enjoy a quiet complacency. Talk about Masonry, talk about fellowship, friendship of brothers and how much this means to you!

I'm committing myself to do the same! Each month we will be organizing a special event to promote friendship and fellowship.

Finally, my request to you is simple:

1. Talk about Freemasonry to others!
2. Take interest in monthly activities.
3. And "The Craft Will be Back."

Fraternally,
Stephen M. Harrelson
Worshipful Master



From the West:

This is one of those times when the thoughts just don't seem to come. How can the lodge increase its membership? How can we increase attendance at our regular Thursday night meetings? What can be done to induce some of the younger men to join Masonry? How can I make some statement about my deep concern for this country's participation in the recent world crisis without sounding political. Should I suggest to the master that we now include the flag presenta-



tion as a routine part of our meeting? If so, why now instead of a month ago?

Through this jumbled maze of thoughts I suddenly remembered the peace and sense of refuge that I felt as a "side-liner" when I attended lodge and listened as the work of the lodge was presented. Its meaning and impact as it applied to me was both confronting and challenging. As my attendance became routine I was introduced to other members who have since become true friends and whose word is their bond. It has finally dawned on me that it is the fellowship which is the priceless ingredient in Masonry. Who among us would turn away the opportunity to form quality friendships among our brothers and their ladies? Mary Perch stated the same thought eloquently at our last stated meeting dinner when she said that her 30 years of service to the lodge was a "labor of love" and her reward was the fellowship her dinner preparations provided for the membership. Think about it.

Respectfully,
Don Scott
Sr. Warden

From the South:

Well, the officers of your lodge are busily at work planning for the upcoming year and trying to find events which appeal to one and all. The Installation of Officers was a big success and our new Master is excited and enthusiastic about the upcoming year. There will be a Layman's night coming up in the not too distant future, so be thinking about who you know that may be interested in joining our fraternity and that you feel is worthy of being a Mason.

Brother Brent Ball has kindly consented to help with refreshments on degree nights, so we should be well fed. If any other brother would like to assist with refreshments, or any other



committee assignment, please contact one of your officers and let him know you would like to be involved. The more members we have involved the more fun can be had by one and all.

As I sit writing this article I am saddened that again our country has found it necessary to go to war, and pray that it will be short and involve very little loss of life on either side. But at the same time I am reminded with pride of the long list of patriotic Masons who have served this country so well, and died in the name of freedom; so that you and I could be free to express our opinions and enjoy the fruits of a free society.

In closing, remember that the Masons are like the Marines, we're always looking for a few more good men.

Fraternally yours,
Randy Forrester
Jr. Warden

PRESIDENTS' MONTH

Some say February is President's Month, and so they should. Two of our country's greatest presidents were born this month. "The Great Emancipator" Abraham Lincoln, and "The Father of Our Country" George Washington.

Lincoln was not a mason, but he stated publicly, "When my term as President is completed, I plan to petition a lodge in Springfield." Unfortunately his untimely assignation made that impossible. The craft was denied a good man. On the other hand, George Washington was a mason, and a great one. He was truly, "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his countryman.

Brother George received the degrees of Freemasonry in Fredrickburg, Virginia. He was at the time, Adjutant General of the Virginia Colonial Forces. The old lodge is now known as Fredricksburg Lodge #4. He paid his fees of 2 pounds, three schillings, and was brought to light as an Entered Apprentice, November 4th, 1752. He passed Fellow Craft March 3, 1753, and on August 4, 1753, George Washington was

raised a master Mason. He remained a member of that Lodge through the remainder of his life.

The editor

CALENDAR

February 1991

- 7 Degree
- 14 Degree
Valentine's Day.
- 21 Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Call for reservations
- 28 Degree

ASK HER TO BE YOUR VALENTINE

Remember your Valentine, Thursday, February 14th. A little extra something on that day, show that you care. That extra effort can pay huge dividends in happiness. It might become a habit, and there is nothing wrong with that. Anyway don't forget. It is important to our ladies, and it could make your day something special.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Being Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge automatically puts one in a position whereby he has to be able to make just decisions completely divorced from personal desires. To be able to do this, he must have a working rapport with his line officers, the respect of the membership, along with their willingness to help attain the Master's goals.

This is why each night I thank God for the people He has surrounded us with, who seem to do so much with so little, and I am thankful.

Fraternally,
Whitie Owen

From the Secretary's Desk

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the brothers of Las Palmas lodge 366 for electing me as your secretary.

I will do all within my power to give support to our Worshipful Master and aid Las Palmas lodge in all its needs.

Let us make a vow to attend our lodge. To give our Worshipful Master the support that he deserves.

Our lodge gives great support to our member and their families.

The many activities of Las Palmas lodge includes our family and our friends, so let us reciprocate by being a good attender of our stated meetings.

To be accepted among our Brothers is a great privilege and an honor. Let us attend our lodge so the new members will have that same feeling and privilege.

Let us not create a feeling of void, wondering why we as members do not attend.

Let us not create a feeling of wondering why we are not there to greet them. This gives them an opportunity to develop a negative attitude.

Good attendance develops positive thinking, a positive desire to attend.

Lerein Duranceau

In The TV reportage, the only vehicles we see moving around the Saudi Arabian sands are tanks, armored personnel carriers and trucks — but — Also roaming the desert each night are Toyota Roadrunners, Jeep Wranglers, Range Rovers and Chevy 4-wheel Blazers, driven by members of — are you ready for this? — the Masonic Lodge in Dhahran. Admit it. You weren't ready. What these fine Masons do is bring soldiers to their homes for showers, a home-cooked meal and a chance to wash their clothing. The lodge members, who've dubbed themselves the "Desert Rats," also haul ice, soft drinks, iced tea, Gatorade and water to the front line troops...I agree. They should be Shriners, wearing their fezzes and pantaloons as they cross the burning sands. At any rate, a lodge contribution to the war effort.

Herb Caen

"A Little Right of East"

BRETHREN:

On February 2nd, your lodge will be putting on a trip to Monterey, California, with three things in mind.

First we will be going out to dinner at a restaurant on the Wharf of everybody's choice.

Second a sight seeing and shopping trip of the Monterey area.

Third for those willing to partake a fishing trip on Sam's Fishing Fleet. The boat leaves at 6:00 a.m. and will return between noon and one. Approximate cost for fishing will be \$28.00 dollars, which includes everything, except your lunch and drink. Good times should be had by all.

This year we are trying to present to the members and wives an event every month. Next month we are looking into a show, such as Roger Rocka's or Second Space. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me or Randy.

Fraternally,
Tip Banks
Senior Deacon

WORRY or WORSHIP

Man has conquered the earth
And is now assaulting the moon.

He knows why it's cold in December
Can explain the warmth of June.

For everything heavenly he has an answer
With no need for God or his Grace.

He has a place for everything
And puts everything in its place.

All things he knows can be proven,
To him life is one big song.

He doesn't need a spiritual slide rule
For life's solutions he will never be wrong.

Yet, when he tests each one of these great things,
He looks up to Heaven to say:

Dear God, human hands put this together,
But You make it run, I pray.

W.I. Owen
Ass't Ed.