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Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366
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From the East:

Brethren, I'm excited! All who participated had an enjoyable summer! We had a wonderful picnic in June! A fantastic Columbia trip in July! Not to mention the three best Stated Dinners in the city during June, July and August. Brethren, Las Palmas-Ponderosa is moving forward and there is plenty of space in this family room for the young and the old. There is plenty of happiness; Plenty of love, there is plenty of room in the fold. Come join us!

We will be starting September off with 2 first degrees, one each week for two weeks; then our famous stated meeting dinner. Things are happening, Come join us!

Fraternally,
Stephen M. Harrelson
Worshipful Master



From the West:

Brethren, you are encouraged to participate in expressing your constructive opinions or suggestions to be published in the Trestle Board for all to think about. Contact the Master or any officer when you would like to discuss a subject. Las Palmas-Ponderosa works best for all when the will of the membership is known.

We will resume our regular Lodge Schedule on Thursday, September 5th, at 7:30 PM. when we will confer a 1st degree upon Mr. Thomas Howard Pendergraft. All officers please remember that we will revert to all black tuxedos beginning with the September 5th meeting. All officers will be working in advanced stations. If anyone needs help please see your officer's coach **now**. I hope all lodge members have enjoyed a safe, prosperous and healthy summer. This Lodge and its officers are looking forward to a fine fall and winter 1991 calendar and are in the process of finalizing a complete lodge calendar for 1992. See you on September 5th. Bring a friend to lodge. Please help make the first degree as meaningful to our new candidate as it was to you.

Respectfully,
Don Scott
Sr. Warden



From the South:

Summer is drawing to a close and it is time to start back to work. September is that time when the officers begin working in their advanced stations and the next two months promise to be busy ones. We will start with two first degrees on our return and on Sunday, September 22, we will be having our second annual Mini Masters Golf Tournament at Blackbeard's Miniture Golf Course. If last year was any indication, everyone is in for lots of fun and stimulating competition. We will assemble at Blackbeard's picnic area at noon and tee off will be at 1:00. A tri-tip dinner will be prepared by our own Chef Tip which will be served after golf. The cost will be \$8.00 per person and will include golf and dinner. Punch will be provided to drink, but if you want soft drinks, you must bring your own, or purchase them from Blackbeard's. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Lodge because we need to know how many to plan for, so please stop by or call the Lodge Secretary to sign up. This event is open to frineds as well as family.

On September 27, 28 and 29, Pam and I will be attending the Junior Warden's Retreat in San Ramon and we are very excited about meeting with the Senior Grand Warden and the information which is to be presented in planning for the 1993 Masonic year. Then in October we will be attending Grand Lodge, so the next two months promise to keep us busy.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and I will look forward to seeing you at our events.

Fraternally yours,
Randy Forrester
Jr. Warden



Ladies Programs

As I promised, I have an excellent program all set up for the ladies after the Stated Meeting dinner. The speaker will be Ms. Joy Grado of the Fresno Community Hospital. Her subject will be general health, illness prevention and general well being through education. She is well versed on the subject, and is an interesting speaker.

Pat Scott

A Formula For Success Craft Masonry

Now, as much as at any other time in the history of our great Fraternity, do we need to return to the solid foundation offered within the halls of Craft Masonry. I am reminded of the excellent admonition offered by Grand Commander C. Fred Kleinknect, 33° in the June 1989 issue of the Scottish Rite Journal, "The whole structure of Freemasonry is based on the Symbolic Lodge. It is here that good men learn the ideals of our order. Here they catch the fervor of Freemasonry. Here they learn from their Brethren just what it really is to be a Mason."

That is, of course, an axiom beyond question. All the fundamentals of leading the good and proper life are incorporated in the work and ritual of the three Degrees of Masonry. However, to have received these degrees and/or to have worked in them, **does not** assure the assimilation of all that which Masonry has to offer. We must accept and believe, practice and study, apply and live by, all that which has been laid before us. Then and only then will we fully understand exactly what is meant by the sublimity; the high moral, ethical and intellectual station to which we may rise; the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

It therefore follows that we must expose our minds and our intellect to the teachings of the Fraternity as much as we possibly can. Attend degree work, listen, watch and analyze. Repetition breeds understanding.

The Editor
W.E.W.

The Honeymoon is Over — and Such

The horses are harnessed, the engines are working up a head of steam, plans are laid and the workmen are in the temple. Some are planning for 1992. In September we went to work again and are now getting into stride. There is a backlog of degree work. Advanced stations are in effect. Las Palmas-Ponderosa is set for the last lap of this Masonic term. It is going to be a good one. It's time for team work; **the whole team.**

Two problems still exist. Missing Brethren and delinquent dues. Check the list in last month's Trestle Board or in the secretary's office. We must find these lost Brethren. Some might possibly be in distress. We should at least be able to contact them to keep them informed. The list of

delinquent members is too large. Most of those who are late in paying their dues are for the current year, but some are two years in arrears. This can become serious and the consequences should be avoided if at all possible. In the case of financial hardship let us know; we are ready to aid and assist a worthy Brother Mason. The Secretary and the Sr. Deacon have a list, check with them. You may be able to shed light and be of help.

We want to clean up some loose ends as soon as possible. This means the full cooperation of the membership. Work closely with the office and the officers. We want to make Las Palmas-Ponderosa the great Lodge it can be. Great plans are being formulated. We are going to be **doers, not idlers**; attend meetings, work in the degrees, offer suggestions. **YOU ARE THE LODGE.** Take part, make yourself heard. The rewards are tremendous!

The Editor
W.E.W.

CALENDAR

September 1991

- 5 Thurs.** 1st Degree
Thomas Pendergraft
- 8 Sun.** Grand Master's Breakfast
8 AM, Masonic Temple
Shields Avenue
- 12 Thurs.** 1st Degree
Ray Morales
- 19 Thurs.** Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM, Baked Chicken
Please make reservations.
Ladies program after dinner.
- 22 Sun.** Mini Masters' Golf Tournament.
1:00 PM, Blackbeard's.
- 26 Thurs.** Degree (To be announced)

SEPTEMBER 22

FUN FELLOWSHIP FOOD FROLIC EVERYONE COME

Mini-Masters Golf Tournament
Tee-off 1:00 PM Blackbeard's

Tri-tip Dinner

All the Fixings

Sign up so we can prepare.

FROM THE OFFICE

Lerein Duranceau, PM, Secretary, has worked his way out from behind stacks of files and records. He is happy to report that the consolidated membership files are now complete and up to date. The consolidated computer data is near completion. When that part is finished we will be in "high gear" and can operate efficiently. The remaining hurdles are the Brethren we cannot locate, and the matter of delinquent dues. Please, Brethren, check these two lists that are in the office. You may be able to help.

Bro. Marvin Wallace, Treasurer, also has a positive report. All consolidated financial records are complete and up to date; all accounts balance. If we stay close to budget we will be in good shape. In studying the accounts, he feels there are some that need attention, with the hope of reducing expenditures. The overall picture looks good as long as we stay in line. With teamwork from all concerned, working for the general good of our Lodge, we should be **Right on Top**, where we belong.

From Ten Fathoms Down

The L.P.P. Scuba Dudes have been at it again. PM Larry Hopper, JW Randy Forester and SD Tip Banks, and their male offspring are having a ball. They recently explored the water and sea bottom of Catalina Island. They didn't find any mermaids or sunken treasure. They did swim through some sunken ships. If any of the Brethren are qualified for scuba diving and would like to become a Scuba Dude, see one of the above flipper flippers.

L.P.P. Widows Club

Because of the Labor Day Holiday, the Widows Club will hold their meeting the **Second** Monday in September, the 9th. It will be at the Y.M.C.A. Tea Room at 1:00 P.M. Visitors are always welcome.

Marguerite Carpenter
Chairman

So Mote It Be

These are the final words of Regius Poem, which is the oldest written record (1390) still extant, referring to Masonry. Mote, is an old English word (Chaucerian) meaning, may. Masons have used this phrase since the beginning of written history of the Craft. It brings the sanctity of age to the ritual from ancient days to modern times.

PROCLAMATION U.S. CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH September 1991

THE ORIGINAL COLONIES met at Jamestown in 1619 to form our first representative assembly. In the decades following, those colonies grew in commerce, population and law to become independent sovereign states. Although they bonded together to declare and win their independence from England, the states began fighting each other economically and politically after the Revolutionary War. Struggling for their future, each state sent delegates to Philadelphia in May 1787 to resolve the conflict. Over that hot, tiresome summer the United States Constitution was drafted. It was signed September 17, 1787, by thirty-nine delegates, of which twenty-three were Freemasons.

The basis for our constitutional form of government came from the colonial experience and the years of trial and error that followed. It involved the concept of a limited government with balanced executive, legislative and judicial powers. For more than 200 years, this balance of power has been held together by the United States Constitution.

It is more than a document. The United States Constitution represents a will of the people that has continued to develop in response to the demands of an ever growing society. Yet with all of the actions surrounding it, the Constitution has never been fundamentally revised. It remains the supreme law of our land. It is the shield of democracy under which we as Americans govern ourselves as a free people.

In this spirit, I proclaim the month of September 1991 as CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California and direct every Lodge to commemorate the anniversary of the United Stated Constitution with a patriotic program. I also urge that these programs be held for the public and be given the widest publicity possible.

I further direct that this Proclamation be read at the August and September Stated Meetings of each Lodge and urge that the Flag of our Country be formally presented at the September Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,
Ronald A. Sherod
Grand Master