



# Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

#### April 1995

## From the East

Brethren,

It gives me pleasure to inform you that this year again our Lodge has the honor to be chosen for hosting the Grand Master at the "Grand Master's Dinner." This event

will take place on September 28, 1995. Please put this important event on your calendar so we can have a large turn out for our Grand Master.

I would like to thank Brother A.L. Hopkins for all the outstanding work he is doing on the Temple Board. This is Al's second term as Temple Board President and with Al at the "helm" the Lodge will continue to run in a very smooth manner. It seems that every minute of the day Brother Al is at the Lodge doing something. We appreciate all the hours he is giving — a big thanks.

As Master you notice so many people giving of themselves to help the Lodge run. Another one is Brother Jerry Cory. Jerry is there cooking in the kitchen and performing K.P. I think every potato you have ever eaten at our dinners has been peeled by Jerry.

I hope to see every one in Columbia for our Third Degree, Brother John Bjorge has made all the dinner arrangements. A lot of fun should be had by all who attend.

> See you in Lodge, Tip Banks, Master

### From The West

#### Brethren:

A big thank you to the Lodge for sending me and my wife, Joan to the Senior Wardens' Management Workshop in San Ramon. It is a weekend full of activities, group exercises and



an opportunity to meet with counterparts from Lodges throughout Northern California. There were 111 Senior Wardens and 74 wives in attendance. Joan says that she "learned more about Masonry, a truer meaning of its teachings, moral values.... the concern and care for each other, for wives, children and widows." They have put together an excellent group of speakers and staff. I believe that this is a valuable program for preparing the future leaders of our Lodges.

I would like to congratulate Bro. Charles Anderson on becoming our newest Fellow Craft. He received his 2nd Degree on 2/23/95. Congratulations, also, to the officers for a fine job that evening.

April will again be a quiet month for degrees. However, the officers are continuing to practice each Thursday night in preparation for that special moment to arrive!

At the Stated Meeting on April 20th, Worshipful Ralph T. Enloe, Jr., Inspector, 293rd Masonic District, will make his Official Visit to our Lodge.

On April 22th, we will be conferring a 3rd Degree at Columbia. Lodge will convene at 12 o'clock, noon. Officers and members of the Lodges of the 293rd Masonic District will participate in the Degree work.

Please mark your calendars and join with us in these activities. If you have an interest in participating in any Degree work, come out some Thursday and let us know what you would like to do.

> Fraternally Cline "Cub" Jack, Sr. Warden

### From the South

#### Brethren,

Just a reminder that on Saturday, April 22nd the Lodge at Columbia will be opened at 12 p.m. Your participation will be greatly appreciated, come and join us. Time is getting short for making reservations for lodging and R.V. accommodations. Now is the time to call if you plan to stay the weekend or overnight. Dinner will be at Sonora Joe's in Sonora for \$10.00 about 4 p.m.

I would like to thank the Lodge for voting in



### Calendar for April

Mar. 30	Practice/Degree
Apr. 6	Practice/Degree
Apr. 13	Practice/Degree
Apr. 20	Stated Meeting
Apr. 22	Columbia
Apr. 27	1st Degree
Apr. 22	Columbia

funds to help with the expenses of sending me to the Junior Warden's retreat. I am looking forward to this new learning experience and also meeting and working with the other Junior Warden's from other Lodges.

> Aloha Nui, Ralph Medeiros, Junior Warden

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Another successful presentation was held at the John Muir Elementary School during the month of February 1995. I would like to thank the Brothers who have donated bicycles, refurbished bicycles and supported the program. All of you are making a Public School a better place for young persons to obtain an education. The Committee would like to thank Past Master Jim Kleinknight and his son in helping us in getting bicycles from the Sheriff's department of Fresno County. I would also give a special thanks to Past Master Randy Forrester for his help in the committee and for highlighting our presentation as Popper the clown. Thanks to brothers Cub Jack, Senior Warden and Chris Morris, Organist, John Bjorge, Jr. Deacon for their continued support in the presentation, and for their assistance in the public school committee.

REMEMBER April is Public Schools month. We cannot stop because Public Schools month will pass. We can now increase the number of schools that we support. The influx of bicycles will make this possible. We now have approximately 20 bicycles to be cleaned up and/or refurbished. Help!! Help !!

May 20, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge, #366 we will have a clinic to make them (bicycles) well. We will have coffee and donuts for those that come. If any of you want to get a head start, contact me and you can take one or bikes home and work on them. You can begin anytime before the clinic and continue after.

> Fraternally George H. Cary

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**The American Flag** was made by the widow of John Ross, a Mason, and was placed in the hands of Washington, who was elected Grand Master of Virginia, but did not accept because his duties as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army absorbed all his attention and energies.

