

The Las Palmian



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Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

July 1995

From the East

Brethren,

Brothers I hope you did not miss the three 1st degrees on June 29. Bros. Robert George Marshall, Ara Moses Karkazian and Sean Wade Ford were initi-



ated on the same night. This my brothers is the first of many to come (WE HOPE). As you know the Lodge will be dark for the summer. DO NOT FORGET THE STATED MEETING DINNERS AT 6:30 on July 20 and August 17. The Stated meetings will follow. Enjoy the summer and return safely. Looking forward to a busy schedule in the fall.

Fraternally, Lawrence T. Banks II Master

From The West

Brethren:

By the calendar it should be Siummer, by the weather... who knows??

The Lodge will be dark (for Degrees) during July and Au-

gust. The Stated meetings will be on July 20th and August 17th.

The month of June ended with a flurry of 1st Degrees. (3 of them on the 29th) A total of 5 new Entered Apprentices.

With this in mind, I thought it would be a time to pause and contemplate some of our first lessons.

Where are we first prepared to become a Mason?

"As a man thinketh, so is he; but as he purposes

in his heart, so will his life be." We are concerned with the building of character. Working toward this goal must begin within the heart...for, "if your heart is not ready, we cannot expect to make an impression upon your mind." Each candidate, who comes "seeking Light", must be prepared in his heart.

Why do we receive instruction in the Northeast Corner of the Lodge?

Traditionally, it is the place where the cornerstone of a building is laid. The Entered Apprentice is so placed to receive his first instruction "on which to build his moral and Masonic edifice." As such, we become the "cornerstone on which Freemasonry is erected." The Entered Apprentice at once becomes the foundation and future of Masonry. (Excerpted from the Masonic Education Manual, Grand Lodge F.& A. M. of California)

I urge every officer and member to assist in encouraging each new Entered Apprentice to apply himself with freedom, fervency and zeal in learning and understanding those most important and lasting tenants of Freemasonry.

> Fraternally Cline "Cub" Jack Sr. Warden

From the South

Brethren,

I again would like to thank the Lodge for providing the funds to enable me to attend the J.W.'s retreat at San Ramon. It was a valuable and positive experience for me.



The Lodge will be hosting a Hawaiian Aloha shirt and dress contest during the July's stated dinner. A prize of \$25.00 for the best Kane (men's) and \$25.00 for the best Wahine (women's) Hawaiian attire will be awarded, so "Brud-das" wear your best aloha shirt; and ladies put on your best

Calendar 10 July 6 July 13 Dark July 20 Stated Meeting 7:30 Dinner 6:30 School of Instruction Schools of Instruction at Las Palmas July 22 Aug. 26 3° at Clovis 8 A.M. Grand Lecture Sept. 26 Madera Lodge Sept. 28 Grand Master's Dinner - Las Palmas Oct. 24 Sanger Lodge

holomu or mumu and see if you can walk away with the prize. It will be fun!! If you want to take part in this contest but do not have any Hawaiian wear, check with a place called Kalolas in Clovis, 1629 Pollasky, Ste. 108, phone 298-3740. Kalolas is located just north of Shaw.

Aloha Nui, Ralph Medeiros Junior Warden

Fresno Lodge

Nov. 15

NOTICE

Brothers, there are some of you who have yet to pay their 1994 dues. Are you one? If you are unable to pay your dues, please see the Worshipful Master Lawrence (Tip) Banks II Ph 227-4840, Senior Warden Cline (Cub) C. Jack Jr. Ph 432-8262 or the Secretary Marvin Wallace 268-2303. Suspension letters will be forth coming.

NOTICE

Please do not enter the dining room before the doors are opened. It only hinders the people who are gracious enough to donate their time in helping Mary with the kitchen. Thank you for your cooperation. Lawrence T. Banks II Master

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This year it was our pleasure to award two \$500 scholarships to Charles Miksch and Gabriella Bonino. Interest and need has remained high again this year and the committee had the difficult task of choosing between eight, all exceptional, candidates. Our scholarship fund continues to grow and we look forward to the day when we can increase the number we are able to present. Questions have arisen about how the funds are invested so there will be a meeting of the Scholarship Committee in the card room at the Lodge on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 pm. We will discuss this and all matters of interest pertaining to this program and the meeting is open to all Lodge members who wish to attend. Our scholarships are primarily open to the children and grandchildren of our present and deceased Lodge members as well as our members themselves, but other relatives may apply and be considered. Any donations directed toward this fund are always welcome.

Randy Forrester, PM



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