



# The Las Palmian

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of

*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366  
F. & A. M.*



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LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE

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## MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

Your attendance and support at our meetings during March was appreciated by the Officers and it certainly helped us to do our work better.

Las Palmas suffered a great loss by the passing of three of our members within the past month - Bro. Rhine Meyering, P.M., Bro. Charles Kerney and Bro. Charles Barnard. These men served their lodge faithfully for many years and we will truly miss them.

Bros. Verne Fouty and Ed Wilde received their Third Degrees in March and we welcome them as Master Masons. We also extend a hearty welcome to Bro. John Wimer who affiliated with us last month. Bro. John was formerly a member of Libertas Lodge No. 466, Bakersfield and is a brother of James Wimer of Las Palmas.

A number of Las Palmas members journeyed to Sanger on March 15 to join in the celebration of Sanger's 75th anniversary. Our Grand Master, Eugene Hopp, spoke to us concerning the need for us to support our Youth Groups and assist our young people in finding worthwhile things to do.

Our Junior Warden, Ed Carpenter, has made the refreshment periods at our First and Second meetings much more interesting by arranging to have certain of our brothers tell about their occupations and hobbies. Bro. Tom Mott brought many of his beautiful water color paintings and told us about them, and how he began painting. At another meeting, Bro. Orville Cook recounted his duties in maintaining Roeding Park and the Zoo; Bro. Verne Fouty told of his experiences on the Roeding Park police patrol.

The highlight of our March "Dinner With Our Dates" was the presentation of a Fifty Year pin to Bro. Charles Benedict, who journeyed from San Francisco for the presentation. Bro. Sam Dollar, our Worshipful Inspector, presented the pin to Bro. Benedict on behalf of the Grand Master. There was a large turnout of Fifty Year members and their wives in honor of the occasion. Bro. Gray Newark came all the way from the Masonic residence at Union City to join with us in celebrating this auspicious event.

At the Stated meeting following the dinner, Bro. Al Dadmun presented Bibles to Bros. Charles Burchnell and Knut Steinnes, in recognition of their having passed their Third Degree proficiencies.

Connie Lingerfelt tells me that she is planning a Ham dinner for our April 18th "Dinner With Our Dates." Bro. Paul Shelly is making arrangements to have a program by

pupils from Fresno's Public Schools. These are talented young people and you should plan to attend.

Don't forget to visit our Public Schools during the week April 18 to 26. Every citizen should be aware of what is happening in our schools, and "Public Schools Week" is your opportunity to do so.

Bro. Dick Hopper has submitted his resignation as Junior Steward because he is moving to Visalia where he is already working for the Mineral Kings Savings and Loan. We will really miss Bro. Dick and his lovely wife Judy.

A special installation was held at our March Stated meeting as Bro. Ralph Saroyan was installed Junior Steward and Bro. Phil Lewis as Marshal. Congratulations to both of them!

Thought for the month: "All that we send into the lives of others, whether it be good or evil, will come back into our own."

Fraternally, Len Gottner, W. M.

## TRESTLEBOARD

Thurs. April 4 - Third Degree - William Hughes

Thurs. April 11 - Third Degree - Richard Frey

Thurs. April 18 - Stated Meeting  
Dinner With Our Dates, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. April 21 - 416th District Officers' Ass'n. Breakfast Meeting, \$1.00 at Ponderosa Temple. Officers and members invited. Phone reservations to Price Robinson by April 15.

Thurs. April 25 - Dark - Public Schools Week - Visit our Public Schools.

Tues. April 30 - First Degree

Thurs. May 2 - Third Degree - John Reynolds

### MASONIC BLOOD BANK DRAWING

10 LODGES PARTICIPATING

Friday, April 12 — 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

FRESNO MASONIC TEMPLE

3444 E. Shields Ave., Fresno

Dinner will be served after donation - No Charge

Anyone from 18 to 60 years, in good health, may donate. All Masons, their families and friends are invited to participate.

Do not eat anything four (4) hours before donating.

## KNOW YOUR OFFICERS YOUR TREASURER



DALE F. ORR - A name listed as an officer in Las Palmas almost as long as he has been a member. He was raised December 30, 1943 and installed as Chaplain in January 1948 under P.M. Edgar C. Smith. Since then he has served for 19 years with faithfulness and dignity. He was elected Treasurer when Conrad Klein resigned.

Dale first saw the light of day in St. Francisville, Illinois in 1905. He was hardly dry behind the ears when his parents moved to Bicknell, Indiana where he completed elementary and high school. After two years at DePauw University he transferred to the Indiana School of Mortuary Science in Indianapolis where he was graduated in 1930.

Arriving in Fresno in 1931 he worked for a local mortuary, moved to San Francisco for four years and on his return established Orr's Colonial Chapel.

Dale and Irene Senior were married in 1936. She was a primary teacher and served with your editor in the John Muir School for five years.

Dale is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Tehran Shrine Temple and a Past Patron of Raisina Chapter O.E.S. He is a great lover of Choral music. A member of his Congregational Church Choir and has sung with male groups since the old Fresno Male Chorus.

## FRATERNAL BONDS

FARIS HUMPHREYS is beaming too, as the announcement of the engagement of his daughter Teri and Douglas Coon was made public.

### YOUR YOUTH ON PARADE

The Masters and Wardens Association of the 416th and 418th Masonic Districts present their Second Annual Talent program, outstanding performers from the local high schools.

Scottish Rite Temple

Thursday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m.

Masons, families and friends are all invited.

No charge, of course

This is a part of Public Schools Week

**Grand Lodge  
Free And Accepted Masons Of California**

**EUGENE S. HOPP, Grand Master  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**Proclamation**

**Public Schools Week — April 22nd through 26th, 1968**

Freemasons have supported public education from its very inception in the American colonies. We recognize that the **PUBLIC SCHOOL IS THE CORNERSTONE OF LIBERTY**. It is a proper foundation stone upon which today's youth will erect an edifice of good government, human understanding and individual dignity.

The problems of the public schools today are far different from those of 1920 when Grand Master Charles Albert Adams founded Public Schools Week. They cannot be understood or resolved by only one week of study but we can in one week, arrange for an exchange of ideas with some of the dedicated teachers and school officials, for the purpose of sharing those fundamental values of our free enterprise system which made America so strong.

I request every Mason and every Masonic Lodge in California and Hawaii to participate actively in a Public Schools Program during the observance of Public Schools Week, April 22 through 26, 1968, which I hereby proclaim.

I direct that no Lodge meetings or programs be held during this period except for Public Schools Observance with the exception of Stated Meetings.

This proclamation shall be communicated in each Lodge by one or more of the following:

1. Read at the March and April Stated Meetings.
2. Mailed to every member of the Lodge.
3. Published in the Lodge Trestleboard.

Dated: February 9, 1968

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Eugene S. Hopp, Grand Master

**CHEER-UP CORNER**

**RALPH VIANELLO**, P.M. 1920, is at the Manning Convalescent Home on Manning Ave. near Bowles. He, too, welcomes visitors.

**FLORA FLINT**, wife of our faithful Bud Flint, suffered a fracture of her pelvic bone. A speedy recovery to you, Flora.

**LADISLAUS KLOHS** has been in the Veterans Hospital for a long time with an infected foot and probably will be confined for some time yet. Visitors make the time pass more swiftly.

**HAZEL PALM**, wife of C. Harry Palm, broke a leg in the snow at Tahoe in February and has been in a cast since. By the time you read this, she should be walking.

**EDITORIAL (DINNER WITH OUR DATES)**

In order to offset the comment that the lodge is a degree mill, P.M. Hambleton F. Leas, shortly after our moving into our new temple, instituted a dinner to precede our monthly stated meetings. To this dinner our members were urged to bring their wives, children, grandchildren, parents or friends. For a congenial title, the name of Dinner With Our Dates was chosen. The good ladies responded by organizing themselves into a rather informal organization with a couple of officers and took over the setting and decoration of the tables. In six years they have put in hundreds of devoted hours for our pleasure. The dinners are a delight of informal fellowship, featuring birthdays, anniversaries and chatter by the barrelfull. Frequently we are treated to some better than average entertainment.

Attendance has run from 120 to 150 but it is estimated that between 600 and 750 of our members have never attended a single dinner in the seven year history of this event. A few have scarcely ever missed. We suspect, without proof, that the ones who haven't attended are the same ones who hurl the charge of degree mill.

The food (and variety) has been excellent and constitutes a tremendous bargain not equalled anywhere in Fresno. It is not intended, at \$1.75 a plate, that they shall make a profit, but they have.

The good ladies have plowed back every penny for the benefit of the lodge. Some of the valuable additions have been; organ chimes, sliding partitions for the game room, a large capacity freezer, a kitchen mixer (hotel size), stage curtains and artificial plants for the lobby.

If you are one who has not taken part in this activity, give it a try and enter more fully into the activities of your lodge. You'll find the fellowship is very rewarding.

— Editor

**In Memoriam**

**CHARLES H. KERNEY**

Born September 11, 1877

Died February 27, 1968

Raised July 1901 in Jasper Lodge No. 398, Missouri

Demitted 1906 to Fresno Lodge No. 247

Demitted 1909 to Las Palmas Lodge No. 366

A Master Mason almost 67 years, Charlie attended more meetings than any other man that ever belonged to Las Palmas. He was equally faithful to his church.

Farewell, Mr. Las Palmas. We are sure He was waiting at the gate to greet you. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

## VISIT YOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public Schools Week Observance — April 22nd through 26th

Under the direction of the Grand Master, the Masons of California salute their school administrators and teachers in their annual visit during the last full week of April. Masons throughout the state are urged constantly to display their interest in the public schools - not as critics or in controversy - but in intelligent study of the needs of the schools and in promoting constructive support among their friends and neighbors. We want to help create - where necessary - and maintain a feeling of pride in what we consider the finest system for public education today.

However, there are many who would destroy or cripple our schools by their unfair criticism, by voting down necessary school bond issues, and by promoting non-public parochial systems. Our young people should have the best educational system available to meet the problems of a complicated society and the highly competitive business world.

Our public schools recently have become the center of many financial, social, religious and political problems. Local property taxes are increasing rapidly, making it difficult for the schools to keep pace with growth and changing city patterns. Civil rights movements and the de-segregation of schools has upset the traditional ideals of the neighborhood school in many areas. The doctrine of church and state separation has been challenged. Some would wish to introduce limited religious education in the schools while other people are trying to obtain financial support for private religious schools.

In some high schools and in our state colleges and universities, students and teachers are debating the issues of our selective service system and the ethics of war and peace. Many feel that they should not be compelled to obey laws which violate their conscience. In California, as in many parts of the world, our accepted standards are being severely tested by the young people.

The Masons of California have carried on the task of supporting the public schools by an annual observance which was started by Charles Albert Adams, who served as Grand Master in 1920. Your visit to one or more schools at this time will be the least you can do. Masons do believe in education. LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Paul C. Shelly,  
Chairman of Public Schools Week Committee

## FRATERNAL BONDS

DAVID LOBO is very pleased that his wife, Hazel, is the new associate conductress of Ft. Millerton Chapter, O.E.S.

BILL AHLENSLAGER, S.W. - Daughter Kathleen became a member of Bethel 243 Job's Daughters in February.



## THE KITCHEN DETAIL

It never fails. When something special is planned, some one falls down on the job. On Jan. 25th, I planned on serving Chili and Beans and asked three brothers to help out. Only ONE showed up, but thankfully, he was equal to the situation Perry Fouts (Entered Apprentice, and I hope he has been passed to the degree of Fellowcraft by the time you read this) and I had to do all the work. Fortunately we made it as those of you who attended know and everyone seemed to enjoy the food. (My wife prepared the Chili Sauce.) PLEASE, brothers, when you have agreed to help out and something comes up to prevent you, make an effort to advise us so that a replacement can be found in time.

Thank you, brothers Ed Daves and Wallace Scott for helping out Feb. 1st, and Knut Steinnes, Don Shelburne and Wallace Scott (again) for helping on Feb. 8th.

Fred Stock is always on hand to make the chocolate and supervise the operation of the kitchen, and Thursday afternoon is probably his busiest day of the week. Thank you Fred.

Orville Cook, co-chairman, manages to pick up the groceries most of the time and help out in the kitchen in spite of his heavy work schedule.

Wes Tostrup

## FRATERNAL BONDS

LEON S. PETERS has been elected for another term as president of the board of trustees of the Fresno Community Hospital. He is heading the multi-million dollar expansion campaign.



## In Memoriam



RHINE G. MEYERING, P.M.

Born January 17, 1886

Died February 26, 1968

Petition signed by Speed B. Leas and Ralph D. Vianello, P.M.s.

Raised in Las Palmas April 21, 1921

Worshipful Master 1928

Las Palmas has lost one of its noblemen. Gentle, soft-spoken, devotedly loyal, warmly friendly and ritualistically a perfectionist, Rhine will never be replaced.

VIRGINIA BUTTON - Wife of Brother Robert C. Button. Deceased Feb. 21, 1968. Our deep sympathy, Bob.



## NEW STRENGTH

Las Palmas does some unusual things. A new record was set when we elected three blood relatives by affiliation on the same night. Read about the Garabedians.

WALLY GARABEDIAN comes to us from El Centro Lodge No. 384. A native Fresnan (1913) he was graduated from Reedley H. S. and then went on to Reedley and Visalia Jr. Colleges. Hollywood Sound Institute gave him some specialized advancement. He now operates his own business, General Appliance Co., specializing in heating and cooling. His wife is Nancy and jointly they enjoy two grown children, Gloria and Michael. Wally is a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Men's Forum and the Libyan Guard. Automobile racing really sends him.

CHARLES EDWARD GARABEDIAN, son of Ed. - Silver Gate Lodge No. 296 lost this member to us. He was raised in 1951. A native of Dinuba, he finished high school at Roosevelt and then an AB in Business Administration at F. S. C. He also studied at U. S. Maritime Academy at San Mateo and U. S. N. R. Officers School in San Diego. This was in connection with his service in the U. S. N. R. on active duty as an Ensign.

He owns and operates the Mobilhome Park. Charles and Eleanor have a whopping big family of five children: Elaine 12; Susan, 10; Linda, 8; Charles, Jr., 5 and John, 4.

An ex-Boy Scout and Y. M. C. A. boy, he now relaxes at fishing.

ED GARABEDIAN - Father of Charles and brother of Wally was born in Boston (1905) and educated in Fresno through high school and then Heald's Business College. His wife is Zee, and their children, Charles, Edna Mae and Jane, are all adults. For a living he manufactures farm machinery.

Ed comes to us from El Centro Lodge No. 384. He is a member of Sciots, Tehran Band, Scottish Rite, Raisina Chapter O. E. S. and St. Paul's Men's Forum. For 32 years he has played Santa Claus for many thousands of children in dozens of organizations and prepared tens of shish-kebab for numerous groups.

## FRATERNAL BONDS

MASONIC EDUCATION NIGHT at the Scottish Rite Temple, Thursday evening, April 18 with Gene Lung as chairman. There will be selected entertainment from many schools in Fresno. Erwin Dann has been invited to address the audience (briefly) before the entertainment starts. At this time, his appearance has not been confirmed.

## CHEER-UP CORNER

FRED L. SWARTZ, P.M. 1917, is at San Joaquin Gardens. He'd enjoy having the brethren call on him.

## NEW STRENGTH

BEN F. PASCHALL has come back home to Las Palmas. Raised here in 1922, he demitted to Sanger. At age 76, he says his moving days are over. Born in Breckenridge, Texas, he finished high school there and then moved to California where he completed the course in the Calif. College of Mortuary Science. Ben then spent all his mature life in the funeral business including long service in the coroner's office. His wife is Lona and children, Benton and Constance, are married middle aged people. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine.

He still likes to putter in his shop, fish where the grades are not too steep and pull his trailer over the highways.

PHILLIP E. PATTON is one of those "show me" escapees from Nevada, Missouri where he was born in 1941, but moved to the Golden State where he was graduated from Fresno's Roosevelt H. S.

For 11 years now he has been associated with Christensen's Food Stores. His wife Jessica is Conductress of Fresno Chapter 295, O. E. S. Their three sons are still young: Phillip II, 8 years; Bill, 7 years; and Timothy, 3 years. Phil likes to fish and hunt but has a heck of a time getting away from job and family.

## To Don — Our Sincere Apologies

Somehow Donald E. Peasley came out as Douglas E. Peasley in our March issue. He still prefers Donald E. Peasley so herewith this correct copy, with our apologies,

DONALD E. PEASLEY comes to us from Libertas Lodge in Bakersfield where he was raised in 1947. He raised the population of Caruthers by one in 1921. After completing his elementary and high school in Fresno and Bakersfield, he took professional education in Bakersfield, Jr. C. His vocation is design engineer with the California Division of Highways.

Don and Barbara have four children: John 16; Ken 13; Cheryl, 12 and Sandra, 10. He was a pilot-lieutenant in the U.S. navy from 1942-1946. His activities include chairman T-62 Committee B.S.A.; Board of Deacons, College Community Congregational Church; member Bakersfield Chapter No. 125, O.E.S. His hobbies are golf and fishing.

## FRATERNAL BONDS

CLIFFORD RUBY - This brother is one of the top leaders and hardest workers in the drive to build an \$800,000 complex of buildings for the First Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH DEATON is a newly installed member of the Board of Deacons of the above named church.

GEORGE S. ANDREEN - No race suicide in Las Palmas. George's daughter, Ellen announces her engagement to Mr. Alan Toole. To be married around Easter.