



The Las Palmian

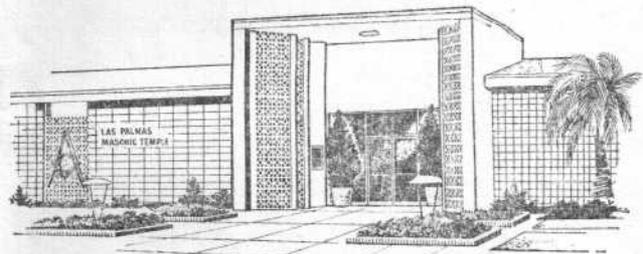
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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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JUNE - JULY - AUGUST 1968



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MASTER'S MESSAGE



When I was raised to the Degree of Master Mason, some 18 years ago, the secretary of the Lodge presented me with a small booklet entitled, "Masonic Law and Custom." This booklet was designed to help the new Mason understand Freemasonry and become a useful member of the Craft. Recently, while re-reading this booklet, the following sentence seemed to take on added significance:

"The work of the Lodge cannot all be done by its officers, and if you and other members of the Lodge leave all the work to be done by them, you will not have much of a Lodge to belong to." The writer might also have added, . . . "and you will get very little out of Masonry."

Through the years, in several cities, I have heard individual brothers state that they did not attend Lodge because a certain clique ran the Lodge. Sure enough, when I joined Las Palmas I found a clique hard at work. It was composed of the officers and the other brethren who were willing to attend and take part in the Lodge activities. This clique is still open to membership and you are hereby cordially invited to join. When the members of our clique increase in number to the point where all the soft seats are filled on Thursday nights, I know that the Building Committee will be easily persuaded to install more seats.

On May 2 Past Master Bob Reynolds had the pleasure of raising his two sons, John and Mike, to the Degree of Master Mason. Bro. Bob was assisted by several of the Past Masters and it was an evening that will be long remembered. The same evening, a fifty year emblem was presented to Bro. Jean Vincenz by Bro. Sam Dollar, our Inspector. Many of Bro. Jean's long time friends were in attendance. Later in the month we learned that this presentation was the last official visit to Las Palmas by Bro. Sam Dollar before retiring as our Inspector.

Bro. Ron Karabian received his Third Degree on May 9. Bro. Ron recently had his picture in the Fresno Bee while serving on a committee for his church. We hope you will help out on our committees too, Bro. Ron; we too need good workers!

The "Dates" under the chairmanship of Ruth Brian, served us a wonderful Swiss Steak dinner at our May stated meeting. The brethren were so well nourished that they really livened up the stated meeting with zealous discussion of the problems at hand.

Our "Third Degree Discussion Group" on May 23 provided an interesting and an informative evening. The bre-

thren, attired in sport clothes, met in the Recreation Room. Bro. Bill Wharton was the moderator and the discussion ranged far and wide on things Masonic. Refreshments were served during and after the meeting. Watch the Trestleboard for the next meeting later in the year — you won't want to miss it.

As mentioned earlier, Bro. Sam Dollar has retired as Inspector after serving in that capacity for 33 years. Our Grand Master however did not leave us without a "Bro. Sam" as our Inspector. We are proud that he appointed our own Bro. Sam Pavlovich as the new Inspector of the 416th Masonic District. He couldn't have chosen a more conscientious and hard working Mason for the job. Congratulations, Bro. Sam!

A number of the officers and members visited Penderosa Lodge on May 15 and participated, with the Clovis and Penderosa officers, in a 416th District First Degree night. This evening was brought about through the efforts of Bro. Guy Carmichael, Master of Clovis Lodge and Bro. Everett Williams, Master of Penderosa Lodge. Everyone agreed that we should "do it again."

Bro. Chuck Ramsey has asked to be relieved as Head Coach because his work takes him out of town so often. Bro. Chuck has been doing a fine job and we certainly appreciate all he has done. Bro. Cal Fox has accepted the appointment as Head Coach. It is one of the most important jobs in the Lodge and I know that all of the brethren will give Bro. Cal their support and cooperation.

Please note brethren, that the Lodge and the Las Palmian will be "Dark" in July and August . . . with the exception of the stated meetings. Our "Dates" will be serving their usual fine dinners, so be sure to attend.

Lets be sure brethren, that in the brief time allotted to us here on earth, we "wisely and usefully employ our time and in the mutual exchange of kind and friendly acts, promote the welfare and happiness of each other.

Fraternally, Len Gottner, W. M.

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

411 Las Palmas members, 38% of the total membership, have contributed \$2935.70 to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund for 1968. This amounts to an average of \$7.14 per donor, or \$2.75 per member.

June 30th is the deadline for us to receive credit for 1968 giving and 62% of the members have neglected to date to stand by their obligation to aid and assist distressed worthy brother Masons.

Do you belong to the 38% or 62% group?

STOP THE PRESSES . . . PAVLOVICH HONORED



Sam Pavlovich

After serving as Inspector for one of the longest terms in the records of the Grand Lodge of California, Worshipful Samuel E. Dollar has resigned as Inspector of the 416th District. We say, "Well done and thank you Sam for your devoted service to Masonry."

Appointed to succeed him is our own Past Master, Sam Marko Pavlovich. This is an excellent appointment and an honor to Las Palmas Lodge. We pledge you our support, Sam, and anticipate that you will be a credit to the office.

FRATERNAL BONDS

JOE T. IVY was installed as Watchman of the Shepherds of the Amaranth Chapter on Saturday, April 20. This is his second term in the office.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Thurs. June 6 - First Degree - Robert Turney and Thomas Marsella
- Thurs. June 13 - Third Degree - Francis Dake
- Thurs. June 20 - Stated Meeting - Dinner With Our Dates 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. June 27 - Second Degree
- Thurs. July 18 - Stated Meeting - Dinner With Our Dates
- Sunday July 21 - 416th District Officer Ass'n. Breakfast Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Clovis Lodge. Officers and members invited.
- Thurs. Aug. 15 - Stated Meeting - Dinner With Our Dates
- Thurs. Sept. 5 - Third Degree - James Buckles
- OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**
- Sat. June 15 - Las Palmas DeMolay Car Wash - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Chevron Station, Blackstone and Barstow Avenues
- Wed. June 26 - Las Palmas DeMolay - DeMolay Degree at Past Master Roy Gerard's home, 4533 E. Gettysburg - 7:30 p.m.

Support our DeMolays by attending their meetings and participating in their activities!

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS YOUR SENIOR DEACON



GEORGE WILLIAM POPE - Born May 19, 1930 in Fresno, Calif. to Mr. and Mrs. George W. H. Pope, I received my schooling in Fresno at the Heaton Grammar School, Hamilton Junior High and Fresno High and finally graduated from Fresno State College in 1952 with a Business Administration Degree.

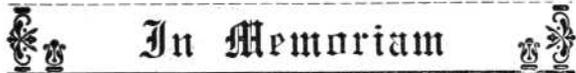
I joined the Boy Scouts at the age of 12 and became an Eagle Scout two years later in 1944. I worked as a counselor at the Boy Scout Camp for four summers and I also joined the DeMolay at the age of 14.

The Army drafted me October 17, 1952 and after my discharge two years later I went into business with my father at Pope Tire Co. I am still in the tire business where I started dusting tires on Saturdays and holidays for spend-money at the age of 9 years.

I met my wife Grace on a blind date when I was in college. I don't know what happened, but I didn't take her out again until 6 months later when we met on the ski slopes. There love blossomed and on March 23, 1956 we were married in the First Presbyterian Church. Our honeymoon was spent on the ski slopes at Sun Valley, Idaho. On January 27, 1960 our household was blessed with a 10½ lb. boy named Gregory George Pope and again two years later on April 17, 1962 with an 8½ lb. girl named Susan LaVerne Pope.

I am a member of the Greater Optimist Club, a life member of the Fresno State College Alumni, a life member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and am in the Y-Indian Guide program with my boy.

For sports, our family enjoys the outdoors, so we go skiing during the winter, swimming during the summer, and clamming at the coast all year when there is a low tide. I have also been known to do a little dove and pheasant hunting.



In Memoriam

LAWRENCE CHRISTENSEN

Son of our Brother Alan D. Christensen, died at the age of 20 years. Lawrence was a graduate of Bullard H.S. and a student at F.S.C. He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church.

EDITORIAL ATTENDANCE II

There are two statements which, in our contacts, are being bruited about with increasing frequency. They are: "I can be just as good a Christian without attending church and I can be just as good a Mason without attending lodge." Poppycock and horse feathers! These statements are what are termed in psychology, rationalization. A person decides on a course of action, but then feeling a little guilty about it, tries to justify himself by giving a reason, preferably not the real one.

If you are as strong-willed, single-purposed an individual as Mahatma Ghandi, maybe you could make it stand up. But for the majority of us it just isn't so. Most men are motivated intermittently by noble principles and high resolve but in the confused maelstrom of daily life they get battered down and many men become confused, common or even defeated. It takes uncommon guts to attain nobility. Men are social animals, not hermits. They need the frequent reinforcement of other men of high principle and strong purpose to enable them to achieve their latent potential.

These men whom you need for support are in your lodge. What a marvellous assemblage of decent, intelligent, moral men we have in Las Palmas. You'll never attend a meeting of this lodge, without your going away a better man; reassured, comforted, uplifted, enthused, reinforced - ready to face the next day's struggle with that little plus which will enable you to deport yourself as a worthy individual.

No, my misguided brother, you can't be as good a Mason without attending lodge. The old fable of the bundle of reeds is as true today as it was in the mists of antiquity. The single reed breaks with ease, the united bundle stands firm and strong.

The Editor

FRATERNAL BONDS

50 YEAR BUTTON

JEAN L. VINCENZ, who was raised in 1917, was present at our meeting of May 2 to receive his 50 year recognition from the hands of Worshipful Inspector Samuel Dollar.

Jean, former City Commissioner of Public Works, came from San Diego especially for the ceremony. He is a consulting engineer and has assignments literally all over the world.

FLORA FLINT, wife of Bud, has made a splendid recovery from her broken hip and to our agreeable surprise was out to the Dinner With Our Dates.

LAS PALMAS CHAPTER OF DeMOLAY

In Masonic circles it is keenly recognized that the future of the Order depends upon our youth. Grand Lodge, which had previously forbidden Blue Lodges to sponsor DeMolay Chapters, did an about face and made it legal.

A group of Las Palmians discussing the situation in early 1966 noted that Jobs Daughters and Rainbow Girls cut number DeMolays 44,000 to 17,000. They also observed that smaller Bakersfield was maintaining 4 chapters enrolling 500 boys. They decided that Las Palmas Lodge could well sponsor a chapter. Wm. Odell Lingerfelt agreed, appointed Harold Paul chairman, and signed a resolution to the Supreme Council requesting Letters Temporary.

Active recruiting by many members resulted in the signing of the required 25 charter members who were initiated by State Center Chapter in Las Palmas Temple in June 1966. Regular meetings began in September 1966.

The problem of providing paraphernalia proved difficult but was accomplished by means of contributions from Bethels 49, 197 and 243 Jobs Daughters, Sciots Pyramid, Tehran Temple, Las Palmas Dates, Clovis and State Center Chapters DeMolay, La Sierra Chapter O.E.S. and D. Moyers.

The chapter was instituted Feb. 11, 1967 with Marshall Doris, first Master Councilor and a full complement of officers. Degree teams learned the ritual and initiated enough candidates to bring the roll to 45 members. This qualified them for a charter which was presented by Mr. Richardson for the Supreme Council on October 21, 1967.

ACTIVITIES — Took part in All Masonic picnic and won the round robin softball play.

Entered two teams in the city basketball league and won runner-up trophy in the Malibu league.

Entered a team in the state basketball play-off (DeMolay) in Stockton.

Established a chapter publication and emitted 4 issues of "El Palmito."

Instituted an annual pancake breakfast.

SERVICES — Ushered for various installations. Served at Dates dinner during DeMolay Week '67. Presented Flower Degree for Dates.

Formed escort for Worthy Grand Matron's visit. Past Master Roy H. Gerard has recently succeeded Harold E. Paul as chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Las Palmas members can assist their own DeMolay Chapter in two vital ways. 1. Attend their meetings. DeMolays are encouraged by this visible support by Master Masons. 2. Encourage young men 14 to 20 to join the chapter. Get them the necessary petition and sponsor them in this significant step toward worthy manhood.

NEW STRENGTH

Las Palmas specializes in unusual occasions. Seldom does a Past Master have the opportunity to raise two of his sons on one evening, but Robert W. Reynolds did just that on May 2.

JOHN R. REYNOLDS was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1939. After moving to Fresno, he was graduated from Roosevelt H.S. in 1957 and followed up with work at F.C.C. and F.S.C. His single blessedness will not last long as he is to be married to Barbara Hock this June. John served in the Army (1961-63) at Fort Ord, Hunter Liggett and Camp Roberts. He is now employed by the Department of the Army in connection with the 729th Transport Co. He is a majority member of the DeMolay and has abundant hobbies in hunting, fishing, photography and competitive shooting.

MICHAEL W. REYNOLDS, a native Fresnan (1944) was graduated from Roosevelt H.S. in 1962, followed by work at F.C.C. Mike is a commercial photographer. He is a great organization man. A majority DeMolay, he also commanded the Fresno County DeMolay Chevaliers. He is president of Fresno City Young Republicans, was vice president of Fresno City College Men Students and a member of the 20-30 Club.

Skiing, judo and cooking give sparkle to his spare time.

JOHNNIE W. HENDERSON - We almost lost this brother before we got him. A business change took him to San Bernardino after his first degree, so Phoenix Lodge No. 178 in that city raised him in April. Johnnie was born in Amarillo, Texas in 1927. His education was high school in Geary, Okla. and advanced sales course in Columbus, Ga. His occupation is salesman for Tom's Candies and Nuts.

The Marine Corps took his entire time for 2 years between 1952 and 1954. He and his wife, Theresa, share the joy of two children; Charisse, 13, and Robbin, 11. Johnnie is a shooting man at trap, skeet and pistol, and when clay pigeons are scarce, takes up a fishing rod.

RONALD F. KARABIAN - How we delight in these young candidates. Ron is not yet 33, born in Fresno. He was graduated from Roosevelt H.S. and F.S.C. and further holds the Chartered Life Underwriter designation. Married to Carol Ann, they have two young children; Sara, 2 and James, 10 months. He is employed by New York Life Insurance Co.

Busy! busy! busy! Ron coaches Spartan League football, plays softball in the City League, is an elder in the Armenian Presbyterian Church, a member of the Triple X Fraternity, the Fresno Ass'n. of Life Underwriters and the Charter Life Underwriters. No draft dodger, Ron. He has served in both the Army and the Air Force.



GALLEY NEWS

Wes Tostrup

On Feb. 22nd we had George Flynn, Leonard Mossmeier and Bill McCaslin handling the refreshments. On May 2nd Wm. R. (Bob) Hughes, Wallace Scott, Vern Fouty and Chuck Burchnell took care of the dining room. On May 9th, Wally Scott was chief cook with Russ Day as a very capable assistant. Also assisting was Chas. Hines, Jr. and Al Dickenson. Orville Cook picked up the groceries and helped in the kitchen too. The original recipe called for 3 dozen eggs, but it didn't look like enough so Orville dashed out and bought another 3 dozen. It was tough and go for a while but the boys managed to get everything ready in time. Thank you brothers.

FRATERNAL BONDS

ROY H. GERARD, P.M. has been elected Chairman of the Advisory Board of Las Palmas DeMolay Chapter.

ED WILDE has popped the vital question, been accepted, presented the traditional ring, and is all set to embark on the blissful voyage of matrimony.

ROBERT A. WARNER, our Entered Apprentice, has removed from this community. He has taken a demit and will probably complete his degrees in the state of Washington.

GEORGE ALBERT COLLINS - We received greetings from Al from Inyokern. He is an old S. J. Light and Power man and was a Deacon in Las Palmas. He thinks our new Las Palmian is just great.

In Memoriam

JOSEPH T. IVY

Born October 15, 1898 in Oklahoma

Called to rest May 16, 1968

Raised Third Degree Las Palmas Dec. 9, 1944

Member High Twelve Club

Watchman of the Shepherds, Amaranth

Past Patron Fresno Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.

Retired P. G. and E. employee

WORDS OF WISDOM

A wise old owl sat in an oak.
The more he heard, the less he spoke.
The less he spoke, the more he heard.
Now wasn't he a wise old bird?

PRONUNCIATION

The average man entering Masonry meets many elements of a vocabulary strange to him. Errors in pronunciation get started and then get passed on from one man to another. We append here a list of a few of the words most commonly mispronounced. Check yourself and practice the correct forms.

Perform - the "e" comes first. Do not say preform.

Fidelity - both "i"s are short as in tin.

Naphtali - "ph" is the Greek ϕ and is pronounced like the "ph" in phone. Say Naf-ta-li. If you hear a "p" or "h" sound you're wrong.

Succoth - The "s" has a hissing sound. Do not say Zuc-coth.

Zeredathah - There is no "i" in this word. The accent is on the syllable "da."

Fiat - The "i" is long as in fight.

Illustrated - Put the accent on the second syllable.

Inquiry - The first "i" is short and the second "i" long. Accent on the second syllable. Say in-kwi-ri.

The Three Deserters - (whom we cannot spell out here). In order to differentiate among three such similar names many Masons place a very strong emphasis on the final syllable of each. This is incorrect. The accent is on the first syllable "Ju."

Apprise means notify or inform. Appraise means to evaluate. We use apprise in our ritual.

Benevolent - Do not say benificent. Bene is Latin for good or well, facio is "to do."

Defect - The accent is on the last syllable. Match it with defective.

Route - pronounce root not like ouch.

Divest - short "i" Don't say die-vest, but rather di-vest with the accent on the second syllable.

Study the above and improve your English.