



The Las Palmian

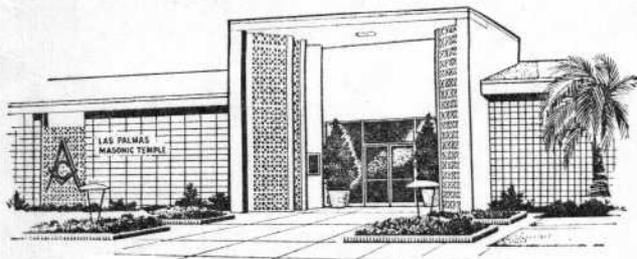
FRATERNAL ORGAN

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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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OCTOBER 1969



LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE

2992 East CLINTON AVE. — FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93703

268-2303

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

The activities of your Lodge continue to go forward as testified by Bros. Paul Hoffman and David Dubel receiving their Third Degrees. Bro. Paul Dodgson received his Second Degree.

Eugene M. Blender and Daniel R. Russell were elected to membership.

Masonic funeral services were held for Bros. Edward Gammel and Clement V. Isbell. Bro. Wes Tostrup was called to the Celestial Lodge above.

Our stated meeting dinner for September was well attended. Mrs. Gottner and her corps of ladies prepared a fine Swiss steak dinner.

Brethren, it has been sometime since Las Palmas has held a Dinner Dance. To start our fall season on the "up beat," to get in the "swing of things," we are planning to have a Roast Beef Dinner With Our Dates on October 9, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. with live music until 10:30 p.m. We will have our Stated Meeting business at 7:30 sharp, so we may begin dinner at 8 o'clock. Please phone your reservations early. Call Mrs. Gottner (222-1310), Mrs. Pavlovich (229-1022) or the Lodge (268-2303).

Our Constitution Observance program consisted of Judge Thompson from Fresno's Criminal Court speaking on our Constitution and how we are effected by Court decisions.

IMPORTANT EVENTS:

October 9th — Stated Meeting Dinner Dance - One week early due to Grand Lodge.

November 4th — Past Masters Nite Free Membership Dinner - Twenty five year pin presentations.

FLASH!

Membership dues increase, because of increased fixed costs of your Lodge, we can no longer operate our Lodge on the revenues received from the renters of our Temple, nor can we continue to dip into our treasury to offset these losses.

It was voted and passed in Lodge to increase our dues to \$25.00 per year and to increase rental fees 25%. In accordance with our By-Law provisions this notice constitutes your 30 day notice. The final vote on this motion will take place at our Stated Meeting on November 20, 1969. Plan to attend and cast your vote.

The thirtieth annual Grand Masters breakfast was held on September 28th in your Lodge. It was well attended,

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I have chosen for my subject an object which in my opinion is one of the most important in all Freemasonry — the Black Cube . Its power and its sorrow. My brethren what do we see here? A small black object, made of hard rubber or plastic material which we often refer to as the "black cube." I would like to remind you this little object can be called by another name — the Atomic Bomb of Freemasonry. Just as our Federal Government has a stock pile of atom bombs, not intended for use in a destructive manner,, but as a reminder to all nations of the world that our government will not tolerate interference with our American way of life, we in the Masonic Fraternity have our own stock pile of atom bombs in our ballot boxes, not intended to destroy our Masonic Lodges, but to protect them aaginst undesirable citizens who would or could destroy them from within. I quote from the Masonic Inspiration:

"In 1740, King Philip V of Spain ordered all Masons put to death by torture or life punishment chained as galley slaves. Peter Torruaba, the Inquisitor, secured special permission from the Church to join the Masonic Order as a spy. Later acting as accuser, witness and judge, he figured (sic) members of ninety-seven lodges."

This seems incredible, but with affairs as they are in the world it could happen here. Today it could happen here.

As we approach the ballot box and observe the little black cube sleeping like an innocent lamb within, lets remember it can become a raging lion when aroused — as powerful as an atomic bomb. It will destroy, for the time being at least, and sometimes forever, the chance of a profane whose character or unethical dealing with his fellowmen are not desirable.

Every Mason is a member of some Masonic Lodge, but all members of Masonic Lodges are not Masons. Some do not have Masonry in their heart and have forgotten the true principles Masonry teaches; Brotherly Love, Relief and truth. This type member uses the black cube for prejudiced and petty purposes. Sometimes he attends his lodge and hears the Master read the name of a petitioner who may be well liked by Mason and non-Mason alike in the community, then approaches the ballot box in which rests the stock pile of little black cubes or Masonic bombs. There is no Masonry in his heart. There is acrimony instead of Brotherly love. Realizing the power this little black object has, with malice in his heart he fingers this atomic bomb both to blast the hopes of the petitioner and to humiliate the brethren who placed their confidence and brotherly love in him when he was admitted a member in our great

fraternity. He thinks he has not hurt himself outwardly because he is safe-guarded by our secret ballot and I sincerely hope that this method of voting will never change, but he has hurt the fraternity when someone has to notify the good petitioner he has been rejected. And even though this type of member wears the emblem of our order he is no more a Mason than I would be a paratrooper just by putting on the uniform and hanging a parachute on my back.

Now my Brethren I don't want you to get the idea that I think every profane who petitions our lodges should be elected to membership, because I do not. I can not emphasize too strongly the poer of this little black cube. Not only does it keep out the undesirable, but unfortunately by the same token it also keeps out some of the desirables.

My Brethren, white balls or black cubes will not make or break a lodge. The success of a Masonic Lodge is not gauged by the number of members on its rolls, but by the quality of work done by the members. In that category we are all too complacent. The time has arrived for Masters to start being Masters of their lodges. Their chief concern should be the welfare, the happiness, and the Masonic development of the members rather than making Freemasons. I tell you, my brethren, it is the duty of every Master to put into action a plan for the education of the members of his lodge in Masonic history, symbolism, philosophy and the Code which governs our lodges. He shoud devote more meetings to this much needed function. Then the beauty of our ritual, the good fellowship among the members of the lodges will be better preserved. The Master then can say with a warm feeling, "Remember, Brethren, white balls elect and black cubes reject; vote for the good of Masonry." Then and then only, my brethren will we have the satisfaction of knowing that should a black cube appear in our ballot box it will be from the love of Masonry instead of malice and hatred in the heart of the member who put it there.

FRATERNAL BONDS

Secretary NORM FOLEY, P.M., is now associated with Thane Realty, 1415 W. Shaw at Fruit. His office phone is 229-3521.



Bethel 243
Order Of Job's Daughters

Johnae Steinhilber, Honored Queen

Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Las Palmas Temple, 7:30 p.m.

MASTER'S MESSAGE

over 240 brethren were present. Grand Master Crigler spoke on the Dynamics of California Masonry and how it was looked up to by Masons around the world. You, my brethren, can be proud of the accomplishments of California Masonry.

William H. Ahlenslager, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Thurs. Oct. 2 - First Degree

Thurs. Oct. 9 - Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. DINNER AND DANCING WITH OUR DATES, 8:00 p.m.
Phone for Reservations NOW - 222-1310, 268-2303, or 229-1328

Thurs. Oct. 16 - DARK (Grand Lodge)

Thurs. Oct. 23 - Third Degree, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Oct. 30 - Third Degree 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Nov. 6 - Third Degree 7:30 p.m. - Past Masters Nite - Membership Dinner 6:30 p.m. - Twenty five year pin presentation.

In Memoriam

BRO. EDWARD GAMMEL passed away September 13, 1969 at the age of 52 years.

BRO. CLEMENT V. ISBELL, a life member, passed away in Reno, Nevada on September 24, 1969 at the age of 79.

BRO. WES TOSTRUP entered into rest Sept. 20, 1969. Bro. Tostrup was one of Las Palmas' two double amputees. Last year he served as Refreshment chairman and will be remembered by those who knew him. "Soft and safe to thee my brother."

FRATERNAL BONDS

BRO. RICHARD FREY, the assistant secretary, will be missed here. He is in San Francisco attending law school for the next three years.

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. JACK HAMMEL was in the St. Agnes Hospital and is recuperating at home now.



Bethel 197
Order Of Job's Daughters

Pat Chatfield, Honored Queen

Meet 2nd and 4th Saturday in Las Palmas Temple, 10 a.m.

FRATERNAL BONDS

O. J. ROBERTS, MASTER IN 1927, will receive his 50 year veteran button in a presentation on October 9, 1969. Plan to attend.

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. WERNER VAN GOLDEN is in the hospital in Martinez recuperating following a car accident.



Las Palmas Chapter of
DeMolay Meetings

Gregory Barisich, Master Councilor
Susan Patterson, Chapter Sweetheart

Meet at 7:30 p.m. in Las Palmas Temple

Sat. Oct. 4 - Center Division Conclave

Sun. Oct. 5 - Councilors' Meeting

Tues. Oct. 7 - Board Meeting

Wed. Oct. 8 - Advancement Night

Wed. Oct. 22 - Initiatory Degree
Mothers' Club

Sat. Nov. 8 - Installation



Fresno Assembly 51
International Order of the
Rainbow for Girls

Kathy Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Myers, was installed as the new Worthy Advisor of Fresno Assembly 51, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She succeeds Marcia Morelli.

Other officers installed were: Donna Samelson, worthy associate advisor; Lynn Muirhead, charity; Denise Vulich, hope; Marilyn Prosser, faith; Sue Korsinen, recorder; Karen Helmuth, treasurer; Cindy Woods, chaplain; Janice Stafford, drill leader; Kjersti Cousins, love; Nancy Bailey, religion; Mary Laws, nature; Jenny Bailey, immortality; Lisa Scariano, fidelity; Becky Allen, patriotism; Sue Funk, service; Patti Leeds, confidential observer; Carol Watkins, musician, and Julie Glassey, choir director.



Bethel 49
Order Of Job's Daughters

Janice Larsen, Honored Queen

Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Las Palmas Temple, 7:30 p.m.