



The Las Palmian

FRATERNAL ORGAN

of

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



SEPTEMBER 1969



LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE
2992 East CLINTON AVE. — FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93703
268-2303

OFFICERS

William Henry Ahlenslager	Worshipful Master
Edward Clare Carpenter	Senior Warden
George William Pope	Junior Warden
Dale Franklin Orr	Treasurer
Norman S. Foley, P.M.	Secretary
Earl Wayne Vanderburgh	Chaplain
James Joslin Kalstrom	Senior Deacon
Ralph Saroyan	Junior Deacon
Green LeRoy Young	Marshal
Philip Lawrence Lewis	Senior Steward
John Craig Shaw	Junior Steward
Paul Chandler Shelly	Organist
James Irwin Tucker	Tiler
James Avenell Hopper, P.M.	Trustee
Charles Darrell Dart, P.M.	Trustee
Hambleton Frederick Leas, P.M.	Trustee

BUILDING DIRECTORS

Wayne Wilbur Hearn, P.M.	Douglas Arthur May, P.M.
Thurman Devine Moyers, P.M.	Harold E. Paul
William Henry Ahlenslager	Edward Clare Carpenter
Robert Walker Reynolds, P.M.	

BUILDING MANAGER

Frederic Stock

SECRETARY

Norman S. Foley, P.M.

Home Phone 227-9643 Office Phone 268-0761

COACHING STAFF

Don L. Eckland, *Chairman* - C. H. McFarland, *Co-chairman*
T. H. Mott, *Secretary*

INSPECTOR, 416th MASONIC DISTRICT

Sam Marko Pavlovich, P.M., *Las Palmas Lodge No. 366*



EDITORS — "LAS PALMIAN"

Philip L. Lewis, *Chairman* - John Craig Shaw, *Co-chairman*
1763 Van Ness Ave., Fresno 93721 — Phone 237-2151

MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

Summer vacation should be over and our normal routine re-established. It is my hope that all of you took that long dreamed of vacation and are now ready for our fall season.

As you know, we have been dark for the month of July and August. However, we managed to keep busy. Bro. Richard Kinder received his First Degree at Union City; Bros. John Carpenter, Richard Kinder and Bobby Bingham received their second degree; Bros. William Weigandt, Stanley James, John Stoval, Junior Lund and James Fletcher received their Third Degrees.

Bros. Joe Ogden, Loyd Earls, Melton Plunk, Paul Ford, Denver Benson, Stanley James and Kenneth Hallmark gave their third degree proficiencies. They were found proficient. Bro. Eubon, a sojourning Brother, also gave his third degree proficiency.

Our coaching staff is to be complimented for the fine work they are doing. **THANK YOU.**

Our July stated meeting dinner was a wonderful Pot Luck affair. It was well attended with plenty of delicious food.

Our August stated meeting dinner was a real Chinese dinner arranged for by our own Bro. Stanley Wong, M.D., assisted by his brother and ours, Bro. Frank Wong, D.D.S., from Argonaut-Argon Lodge. Over 100 persons attended. Mr. Frank Maul and Bill Tunnel were elected to receive their First Degree of Masonry.

Brethren, our annual Grand Masters breakfast, hosted by the 416th and 418th Masonic District, will be held on September 28th. Sunday morning, at 8 o'clock. I wish we could fill our banquet room for this occasion. Won't you plan to be here? Tickets are available at the Temple, \$2.50. Make your reservations now, phone 268-2303, for a delicious catered breakfast, and an address by the Most Worshipful Robert A. Crigler, Grand Master of Masons in California.

The month of September has been proclaimed "Constitutional Observance" Month by the Grand Master. This correspondence is reproduced on a following page. Please read it.

Sincerely and fraternally, Bill Ahlenslager, Master

In Memoriam

RALPH DUNHAM VIANELLO, P. M.

Died in Fresno, August 28, 1969

Born in Maine, November 15, 1882

Came to California in early 1900

Married Helen Miller a native Fresnan on
November 11, 1914

Sang in the Fresno Male Chorus for many years

Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1920

Served as Scribe of Fresno Sciots No. 10

He owned Swifts Cafeteria on Van Ness in downtown
Fresno for many years

He was a bookkeeper for Slavich Bros. prior to owning
Swifts Cafeteria

He is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons.



TRESTLEBOARD

Thurs. Sept. 4 - First Degree, 7:30 p.m., Frank Maul and
Bill Tunnel.

Sat. Sept. 6 - Research Lodge (Pot Luck) Contact Earl
Wallace.

Thurs. Sept. 11 - Second Degree, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 18 - Stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. Dinner With
Our Dates, 6:30 p.m. \$2.00 Donation.
"Constitution Observance Program."

Thurs. Sept. 25 - Third Degree, 7:30, Bro. Richard Kinder

Sun. Sept. 28 - Grand Masters Breakfast 8:00 a.m., \$2.50
Las Palmas Temple. Reservations 268-2303

Thurs. Oct. 2 - First Degree, 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 3 - Third Degree, 7:30, Bro. Paul D. Hoffman

Sun. Oct. 5 - 416th Masonic District Breakfast Meeting,
9:00 a.m. Ponderosa Temple. Officers expected. Members invited.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. WILLIAM WALLACE WEIGANDT is a native
Fresnan, born June 14, 1921. He is graduate of Edison Technical
High School and attended City College.

Bro. Bill has the Boat House and Concession in Roeding
Park. His wife is Bonnie, and they have a son Robert, 22,
and a daughter Rebecca, 20 years old. Golf is his hobby.

Grand Lodge
Free And Accepted Masons Of California

ROBERT A. CRIGLER, *Grand Master*
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH

One of the truly magnificent moments in recorded history took place on September 17, 1787, when thirty-nine delegates from thirteen struggling states signed the Constitution of the United States of America.

My Brethren, we must never forget that it is this document which delivers into the hands of the citizens . . . all of the citizens . . . the right of democratic self-determination and guarantees to each citizen basic rights desired by all, and at the same time, reserves to the people the power and responsibility for government.

At this moment in America's history, it is essential that all of us, including the "silent majority" be reminded of what has thus far been accomplished and that the future depends upon our continued dedication to those principles set forth in the Constitution.

For nearly three decades the Masons of California and Hawaii have sponsored patriotic programs to stimulate thought and endeavor on the part of all citizens to maintain and preserve the blessing of liberty. This year we join with our fellow citizens in celebrating the one hundred eighty-second anniversary. Let us do so with an equal measure of reverence and enthusiasm.

I, therefore, proclaim September to be Constitution Observance Month, and direct every Lodge in this jurisdiction to commemorate our Constitution with a public observance held on a date as close as possible to the anniversary date of September 17th.

This proclamation shall be read at the September stated meetings of every constituent Lodge, and wherever possible, it shall be reprinted in the Lodge bulletin.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Robert A. Crigler, *Grand Master*

Dated: August 11, 1969



Bethel 197
Order Of Job's Daughters

Pat Chatfield, *Honored Queen*

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

What do we know about Josephus, the Jewish historian? From his own writings which have survived nineteen centuries, we have learned quite a bit about the man and his character. He took a prominent and individual part in the Jewish War with the Romans, and enjoyed talking about himself. He wrote an autobiography.

Born a slave as Joseph ben Matthias, he later took his master's name, Flavius Josephus, upon the occasion of receiving his freedom. He was born in A.D. 37, the year of Caligula's accession, and lived to be 63 years of age. He was by birthright a priest, and on his mother's side the descendant of kings. He was a precocious child and his education was continued until he was nineteen. He was destined to become a politician, soldier, orator, and historian. His earlier years were spent in his own country but at the age of 27 he visited Rome on a mission to the Imperial Government. This was in the year 64 A.D., the year in which Nero watched the burning of Rome. He gained a good reputation and two years later he was made Governor of Galilee. He served the Romans with unswerving devotion and at the end of the Jewish War he became a Roman citizen and Imperial pensioner. He accepted from Vespasian, the revenues of land confiscated from his unfortunate countrymen. He settled down in an apartment set aside for him in the Emperor's house, divorced the mother of his sons, and wed an heiress. The rest of his life was spent writing successful works which were primarily intended to show that the Romans were right in their actions, and that he, in going over to their side, was still a loyal Jew.

Four of his works have come down to us, and generally it is agreed that they were published in the following order: THE JEWISH WAR, ANTIQUITIES OF THE JEWS, LIFE, and AGAINST APION. THE JEWISH WAR is reported by the most interesting of his writings. He writes in a "blood and thunder" style, and is not above exaggerating somewhat to make a good story. Historians generally agree his accounts of events in which he played no personal part, are generally accurate, as the facts for these events were largely obtained from Roman military records and other official documents. Accounts from his own experiences, however, must be read critically, as he has contradicted himself in writing of the same event in different volumes of his writings. He moralizes over the tragedy of his nation, proclaiming that, "it is just what those abominable Jews deserved." He expressed no disapproval of the atrocities committed by the Romans on the Jews, such as the throwing of living, fettered men into the Dead Sea by way of scientific experiment, or the butchering of thousands of Jews who were infirm, and selling into slavery those who were physically sound.

However, his writings were aimed primarily at the Romans for their consumption, and because many of his contemporaries were also eye witnesses to some of the events recorded, he was obliged to be accurate in anything that could be proven. His works are important to us as sources of information in addition to the Gospels. Read with a critical eye they can tell us much of the life and times of the period.

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. LADISLAUS KLOHS is at home, 3936 E. Platt Ave and would appreciate visitors.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. JUNIOR MAGNUS LUND, an equipment mechanic for the City of Fresno, was born June 8, 1926 in Wright, Minnesota. He attended schools in Minong and Superior, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois.

Through his military service he joined the V.F.W. and the D.A.V. Hunting, fishing, golf and bowling are his hobbies. His wife is named Vivian.

CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. WES TOSTRUP would be happy to receive visitors at his home, 4361 North First St.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. STANLEY FRANCIS JAMES is retired after 30 years with the Greyhound. He is native Californian, having seen the light of day in Los Angeles on March 12, 1914. He also received all of his schooling in Los Angeles.

He and Ruby, his wife, have a son Bert, 26 years old, and a married daughter, Sandra, 23. He enjoys woodworking and his travel trailer.



Bethel 49
Order Of Job's Daughters

Janice Larsen, Honored Queen

Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Las Palmas Temple, 7:30 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 6 - Rummage Sale, Cherry Auction Yard, 6 am-2 pm
Tues. Sept. 9 - Stated Meeting - Dinner
Home Baked Goods Sale for Scholarship Fund

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

"1969 DUES ARE OVERDUE!"

To those who have not as yet submitted their dues payment for the year, I urge you to do so now.

Approximately 10% of our membership have not done so and it is very important, not only to yourself, but also to your Lodge that you do so.

You must have a current years dues receipt to be in good standing, plus the fact your Lodge is principally dependent on dues monies to meet its operating expenses.

Get your "arm out of the sling" now and forward your check so that I may record you in good standing by returning your 1969 dues receipt.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and to see you in "My Lodge and Yours" - Las Palmas.

Norm Foley, P.M., Secretary



CHEER-UP CORNER

BRO. WES TOSTRUP would be happy to receive visitors at his home, 4361 North First St.

Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay Meetings

Gregory Barisich, Master Councilor

Susan Patterson, Chapter Sweetheart

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

Sun. Sept. 7 - Councilors Meeting

Tues. Sept. 9 - Board Meeting

Wed. Sept. 10 - Stated Meeting - Election of Officers
Sweetheart Nominations

Sat. Sept. 13 - Chabetas Dance

Tues. Sept. 24 - DeMolay Degree - Education Day
Mothers' Club - Sweetheart Dinner



NEW STRENGTH

BRO. JAMES PAUL FLETCHER is another native Californian - from Glendale - born March 16, 1945. He is a graduate of McLane High and Fresno State College and attended Creighton School of Dentistry.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, is active in Youth Activities, and skiing and works on road construction. He is a former DeMolay.

SPACE AGE FREE MASONS

Brethren, so you may know that Masons are engaged in our Space program, the following material was supplied by Roy Crawford, P.M., W.M. of Central California Research Lodge. Even on the Moon - - - -

GORDON L. COOPER, JR.

Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Carbondale, Colo.

Clear Lake Lodge No. 1270, Clear Lake, Texas (dual)

Indian River Chapter No. 27 R.A.M.

Hiram Council No. 13

Orlando Valley Scottish Rite

Arabia Temple, Houston, Texas

National Sojourner Chapter No. 366, Patrick AFB, Fla.

Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay

Life Sponsor, Knight Templar Eye Foundation

VIRGIL GRISSOM (deceased)

Mitchell Lodge No. 228, Mitchell, Ind.

Indian River Chapter A.A.R.O.N.

Brevard Commandery

Orlando Valley Scottish Rite

Arabia Temple, Houston, Texas

National Sojourner Chapter No. 366, Patrick AFB, Fla.

Life Sponsor, Knight Templar Eye Foundation

EDWIN E. ALDRIN - Moon

Ruthven Commandery No. 2, Houston, Texas

Scottish Rite

Shrine

Elder of the Webster Presbyterian Church, Texas

DONN F. EISLE

Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Columbus, Ohio

Brevard Commandery No. 24 (accepted)

National Sojourner Chapter No. 366, Patrick AFB, Fla.

WALTER M. SCHIRRA, JR.

Made Mason at sight by M.W.G.M. John J. Rause, Jr., Fla.

Canaveral Lodge No. 339, Orlando, Fla.

Scottish Rite

Governor General's College, York Rite

Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay

Honorary Member of Arabian Temple

National Sojourner Chapter No. 366, Patrick AFB, Fla.

York Rite (accepted)

THOMAS P. STAFFORD

Western Lodge No. 138, Weatherford, Okla.

EDGAR D. MITCHELL

Artesia Lodge No. 28, Artesia, New Mexico

PAUL J. WEITZ

Laurence Lodge No. 708, Erie, Pennsylvania

In Memoriam

The summer months has taken its toll on our members. We extend deepest sympathies to the bereaved families of the following who were called to the Celestial Lodge above:

L. N. PATTERSON
June 25
H. W. HARRINGTON
June 28
WILLIAM LIGHT
July 7
E. D. KELLY
July 9
J. C. FORKNER
August 4
W. E. LOCKWOOD
August 6
WALTER CONKEY
August 11
W. B. FLINT
August 26

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. HERBERT HARRY AGEY joined Las Palmas by affiliation. He was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania on Jan. 18, 1912, and attended Bakersfield High School and Junior College.

Gladys his wife, and he have a son Donald Lee, age 22. He sells for Hallowell Chevrolet Co. and enjoys golf and fishing.

NEW STRENGTH

BRO. JOHN HOWARD STOVALL, a Star Route mail carrier, was born June 27, 1945 in Overton, Texas. He attended Fresno schools, graduating from Roosevelt High.

He and Marilyn, his wife, have two daughters, Leslie, 2 years, and Laurie, 6 months. Fishing and hunting are his hobbies and he belongs to the Star Rt. Mail Carriers Ass'n.



Bethel 243
Order Of Job's Daughters

Johnae Steinhilber, Honored Queen

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

1969 LAS PALMAS LODGE COMMITTEES

Officers Coaches

A. D. Dadmun, P.M., First Degree
R. W. Reynolds, P.M., Second Degree
H. L. Buckalew, P.M., Third Degree

Audit and Finance

E. C. Carpenter G. W. Pope J. J. Kalstrom
Relief

W. H. Ahlenslager E. C. Carpenter G. W. Pope

W. D. Randall, P.M. Rev. C. A. Snyder J. A. Hopper, P.M.

Sickness and Funeral Attendance

C. A. Carlson H. M. Moreland, Chairman R. M. Jones, P.M.
A. R. Addington, P.M.

P. L. Lewis, Chairman Las Palmas M. W. Reynolds J. C. Shaw, Co-chairman

Delinquent Dues

N. S. Foley, P.M. G. W. Pope J. J. Kalstrom Ralph Saroyan

Public Schools Committee

P. C. Shelly, Chairman J. C. Deaton E. W. Vanderburgh
J. R. Madden P. Easterbrook C. W. Burchnell E. H. Daves

Blood Bank

O. F. Lingerfelt, P.M., Chairman P. O. Humbert, Jr.

Candidate Education

W. E. Wharton, Chairman R. V. Seaton

Masonic Homes Endowment

T. B. Ronlake, Chairman N. S. Foley, P.M.
M. E. Johnson M. E. Allred, P.M. E. C. Stumpf

Las Palmas Horticulturist

O. L. Cook

Candidates Reception

J. J. Kalstrom, Chairman R. W. Hopper V. E. Litze R. W. Frey
Albert Lung R. E. Day C. W. Burchnell D. C. Price C. L. Fox
Steve Zetz E. H. Daves J. R. Reynolds C. W. Ramsey

Applicant Screening

G. B. Posson, P.M., Chairman F. E. Jacobsen N. S. Foley, Sr. P.M.
R. H. Gerard, P.M. R. P. Larsen, P.M. K. Potter
E. J. Jackson John Elia H. E. Bailey M. R. Ginsburg

Refreshment Committee

W. L. Scott, Chairman Fred Stock R. F. Karabian
J. M. Stevens D. Shelburne R. C. Rood F. M. Dake

Sojourner Reception

K. O. Steinnes, Chairman H. Sudjian T. H. Mott
L. D. Wagoner D. E. Peaslee C. B. Hines, Jr. H. A. Jouroyan
R. D. Torres Albert Lung Hratch Tcherkoyan

Constitution Observance

K. Potter, Chairman G. C. Holstein, P.M. E. C. Bell

Candidates Coaching

D. L. Eckland, Chairman R. E. Day C. H. McFarland, Co-chairman
T. H. Mott, Secretary J. I. Tucker K. O. Steinnes E. H. Daves
R. W. Hopper T. S. Trumbley W. L. Scott G. J. Lang A. Lung
R. M. Ross F. M. Dake D. R. Perry J. C. Yoakum T. E. Cole
M. J. Talbot, P.M. M. E. Johnson C. A. Melikian V. V. Fourey
E. C. Bell P. N. McPherson T. B. Ronlake C. W. Burchnell
J. M. Stevens E. J. Wilde R. W. Frey

Youth Order Committee

Richard Moody, Lodge Representative
Bethel 4, Job's Daughters - Francis Dake, Odell Lingerfelt
Bethel 7, Job's Daughters - Don Peaslee and Charles Hines
Bethel 243, Job's Daughters - Ed Allred, P.M., Frank Wright
Assembly 51, Rainbow for Girls - H. M. Dyck, Sr., R. H. Lewis
Las Palmas DeMolay - Roy H. Gerard, P.M., Al Dadmun, P.M.