



# 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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268-2303

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## MASTER'S MESSAGE



Brethren:

Summer is all but gone. Folks are returning from their vacation, kids are looking forward to seeing their friends at school and mothers are looking for a few moments of peace and quiet.

The lodge is looking forward with anticipation to a busy second half. We are backlogged with candidates in all degrees. With the officers in advanced stations and after a long summer rest, they are ready to show you some outstanding work.

We do need your support, for the officers and the candidates put in many long hours of work and the reward is in your attendance. We are like a Tree. We need nourishment to feed on, the Sun to make us grow tall and strong, and The Bark to protect us. You are the nourishment that feeds us with ideas, support and candidates, for without any of this the tree would dry up and die. The Lodge is the trunk for we take the ideas and candidates and turn them into strong tall timber to build tall buildings of Masonry. The bark or protection is the Masonic Code and Grand Lodge for without them we could go astray. The Sun is God, for as the tree needs the sun's light to grow, we also need God's light to guide us. Come and nourish your tree. We need you as you need us.

Fraternally  
George W. Pope, Master



Constitution Observance Month, September, 1971  
by Grand Lodge Proclamation

## THE SECRETARY'S CORNER



Our Masonic Homes Endowment contributions for the year 1970-71 closed on June 30th; and I am pleased to report to you that receipts exceeded those of the previous year. Our total contributions for the year amounted to \$2,809.65 for this most worthy cause. We are now embarking on another year and in your future annual dues payment, add a

little for our Homes which you have always done so well in the past.

Our degree work will again resume in September. Resolve now to attend periodically and enjoy the good fellowship that always prevails. It really gives your officers a big boost to see a good attendance as well as the candidate for your interest shown.

To the tardy members who have not as yet paid their 1971 dues; and there are 63 of you; do so now in order that I may return your receipt showing you in good standing.

My best wishes to you and I will look forward to hearing from you and to see you in "My Lodge and Yours" - Las Palmas

Norm Foley, P.M., Secretary



### "VISIT THE ILL"

Twere better to carry a single flower  
To a living friend at any hour,  
Than pile hosts of roses, white and red,  
Upon his coffin when he is dead.

-Anon-

## FROM THE GRAND MASTER

In recent months consideration has been given, and is currently being given, by the State Legislature to a variety of voucher programs. These would require directly or indirectly state or local tax funds to provide payment to private, parochial or public schools.

As individuals each of us should become fully informed about the various provisions of the voucher proposals. I urge every Mason to do so, and thereafter make his views known to the members of the Legislature of his district. One bill has passed the Assembly, and is now before the Senate Committee on Education.

Because of our great concern for the great free public school system and for its continuance you are urged by this Grand Master to make your personal positions known to your legislators, both Assemblymen and Senators whether affirmative or negative.

Remember the instructions in the First Degree "you are enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties". Nothing, my Brethren, results more in the triumph of evil over good than for good men to do nothing.

(From an article by Grand Master:  
Herbert A. Huebner)

### What Can I Do?

The opportunity for service to the lodge will present itself to you. If you grasp it, you will then begin to feel what Free Masonry means to its adherents. If you fail to carry your share of responsibility, you, in the ultimate, will become the loser. Masonry lives through the ages because of the strength imparted endlessly by its members. They in turn, reap as they sow, each gathering sustenance in manifold returns. The man who gives nothing, however, receives his return in kind.

(Grand Lodge Committee on Ritual)

## TRESTLE BOARD

- Sept. 2 - 1st Degree, Jay E. Marsella & James F. Schaal
- Sept. 9 - 3rd Degree, Neale Durgarian Jr.
- Sept. 14 - Building Association Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Sept. 16 - Stated Meeting Dinner with our dates, Phone reservations to lodge or Mary Pearch
- Sept. 23 - 1st Degree: Lloyd M. Myers, Julius H. Bolt, Charles E. Peeler.
- Sept. 30 - 2nd Degree: Leon Louis Legier
- Oct. 3 - 416th Officers Association Breakfast, Clovis Lodge at 8:30 am
- Oct. 7 - 1st Degree
- Oct. 11-15 - Grand Lodge. We will be DARK
- Oct. 19 - Building Association Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 21 - Stated Meeting Dinner with our Dates Phone in reservations to lodge or Mary Pearch
- Oct. 28 - 2nd Degree

When we climb to heaven 'tis on the rounds of love to men.

John Greenleaf Whittier

The following list contains a few significant Masonic allusions to the numeral three. There are more - can you think of them?

Three Degrees; Three principal officers, W.S.B.; Three Grand Masters; Three exits from the temple; The builder was brought up the third time; Three principle tenets, B.R.T.; Three principle rounds to Jacobs ladder, F.H.C.; Three villains, O.A.V.; Three great lights; Three lesser lights; Three times three; Three divisions of the temple; There are three steps; Three is the triad, significantly represented by the equilateral triangle or right triangle; The Trinity of the Diety, in one mode or another an article of faith in all creeds; The power the capacity and the result; Father, Mother and Son.

(Note - If you find this of interest, let us know. The numbers one to ten, and multiples thereof all have Masonic significance.)

### Very Interesting?



The writer has in his library a copy of a book, "Secret Societies", edited by Norman MacKenzie, published by Collier Books, 1971.

One entire chapter is devoted to "Free Masonry" and a full segment of the appendix is entitled "Masonic Ceremony of Raising to the Third Degree".

Both parts present interesting reading. Although not a literary masterpiece we believe the student of Masonry as well as the curious will find food for thought. It provides a chance to put your knowledge to the test.

## *It Is Time ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~*

Politics and Blue Lodge Masonry do not mix, in lodge, that is. But individual masons acting as individuals can do a great deal. The truths of Masonry are solid; they are of this age, that age and the ages to come. The proof is in their everlasting life. They have been with us since the beginning. They have stood the test of time. Why? Why must so many good Masons stand by and watch the machinery of government and society and yes even the family stride into the abyss of apathy, degeneracy, and "it can't happen here" attitudes?

No it cannot be! Those of you among us who are of the Scottish Rite must, I am sure, have read the Grand Commanders message in the August, 1971, issue of the New Age. I feel for him. He had so much to say, but was limited in the extent to which he could state his thoughts. We are glad to see the trend. I firmly believe there is one. The foundation stones must be dusted off. The ashlers must be true. The building of many temples in the hearts and minds of men must start again. There is no substitute for the tenets that all good Masons believe in.

Our country, our families, and ourselves are of vital importance. All good Masons are good Americans, good Christians, good family men, why then, why is nothing done? Oh, there are some, bless them. But a few even with the mighty fulcrum of our beliefs cannot move the multitude.

Love is love. It cannot be changed. Truth is truth and has not changed through the ages. Brotherly love is supreme but is dependent on all the other truths. A great many Masons possess these attributes and must use them. We cannot be convinced that all thinking people are unable to distinguish between right and wrong. Why then, why must there be so much turmoil, so much

hypocrisy?

It is time! The individual Mason acting as an individual must do those things he knows must be done. Support those actively who are doing something.



## MASONIC RODS

There is no evidence of the use of Masonic rods by the Operative Masons. Neither is there any mention of rods used in the early table lodges, and it is doubtful if space would have permitted their use there.

The Heraldic offices utilized the rod as a symbol of delegated authority, and in Britain the Grand High Steward of the Royal Household carried a rod as a symbol of his office. It is from this source that the rod may have come into our Masonic Lodges, although it seems more probable that it was adopted from the House of Parliament in London. There the ushers carry black rods and white rods, respectively, and a person wishing the services of an usher would address him as "black rod" or "white rod" as the case might be.

The first mention of Masonic rods is in a procession of Grand Lodge in 1724 in which the Grand Stewards carried white rods, symbolizing purity and innocence. As late as 1812, in Pennsylvania, the Deacons in procession carried columns - the same columns which now rest on the Warden's Pedestals. Deacons first carried blue rods tipped with gold, symbolizing friendship and benevolence; later these were tipped with a pine cone in imitation of the Caduceus of Mercury the messenger of the gods.

(From: "Masonic Rods" by  
A. L. Woody, P.G.L. Illinois)

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES \*



*Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay*

ANDY KETNER, Master Councilor  
Henry W. Schneider, Chapter Dad

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



*Fresno Assembly 51,  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls*

KERSTY COUSINS, Worthy Advisor  
Mrs. Evelyn Selkirk, Mother Advisor  
Ron Batten, Rainbow Dad

Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday in Las Palmas Temple, 7:30 pm



*Bethel 243, International Order of Job's Daughters*

DONNA MOXEY, Honored Queen  
Mrs. Barbara Contreras, Guardian

Mr. Ed. Allred, P.M., Associate Guardian

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



*Bethel 197, International Order of Job's Daughters*

LAURA CLINGER, Honored Queen  
Mrs. Eileen Stith, Guardian

Leonard Moller, P.M., Associate Guardian

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



*Bethel 49, International Order of Job's Daughters*

MARY JO ABSHERE, Honored Queen

Mrs. Ann Beery, Guardian

James Beery, Associate Guardian

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

**ATTEND — COMMUNICATE\***

It is important that adults make just a little more effort and attend a meeting of these youth groups. We need them — they need us. Read the papers, listen to the news, doesn't it tell you something?

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