



The Las Palmian

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of

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



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A Message from the Master



My Brethren:

The 4th of July Celebration held in Fresno was truly a great tribute to our country and one that will be long remembered. I would like to give special recognition and thanks to the following brethren: Wally Scott, Ted Kitamura, Shira Minabe, Jim Williams and our Inspector

Sam Pavlovich who helped make the 416th and 418th Masonic float a work of art and one of the best in the parade. Also special thanks to Esther Young who did some last minute sewing for us.

Our Las Palmas Chapter of DeMolay is in dire need of some help in the adult leadership of the chapter and any of you that would like to devote some of your free time to our youth are urged to attend the meetings. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and the advisory board meets on Tuesday prior to the first Wednesday; remember our future lies in the hands of our young.

Those of you who are planning to go on our "Tahoe Fun Trip" are urged to send your checks to Bob Paden in order that we may get accurate count. Remember the date, Sept. 11th and 12th and \$34 per person.

Our stated meeting dinner in August will consist of Chinese Cuisine under the able guidance of Dr. and Mrs. Stan Wong. Reservations are a must so contact Bob Paden at 268-2303 or Mary Perch at 486-2923.

The Thursday nights in the month of August will be devoted to officers practice and all officers are required to attend.

Fraternally,
DAN ECKLAND, W.M.

From the South

I wish to thank the following Brethern for the fine refreshments and their assistance in preparing them and also my many Brethren who worked so hard to make our picnic a success. Since I was unable to attend, I do not know all the Brethren who worked, so thanks a million to those who did.

Our regular refreshment crews were:

Chairman Mike Reynolds, assisting him George Chisolm, Lee Mirigian, Dean Lowe and Perry Alexander.

Chairman Robert Garvin, assisting him George Blake, Steve Collins and Kenneth Schram, Sr.

I wish all a safe and pleasant vacation.

The flag of our country as Woodrow Wilson said:

"This flag which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war, and yet, though silent, it speaks to us."

Fraternally,
PAUL FORD

Secretary's Corner

We have noticed recently that we have had to order more and more booklets entitled "Investigation of Applicants." One of these little fact-filled books is enclosed with each summons to investigate an applicant for degrees or affiliation with our lodge. They are not all being returned with the investigation reports to the master.

Perhaps some of the members have them around their homes and feel they are not important enough to return. They are. Last year the master appointed eighty-one investigators. Each one was sent one of these booklets. They cost the lodge 5c each, or \$4.05.

This amount is not great, but if we can save a few cents lost carelessly in some of our endeavors, it will add up to a large sum of money each year.

If you are one of those persons with lodge property in your possession, please see that it gets back to the lodge office. We will appreciate it very much. W

BOB PADEN, Secretary

From the Editor

I am sure the Brothers are very much aware of the fine work the officers and members of the degree teams do in presenting the work and conducting Lodge. This is, in a manner of speak-

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Calendar

July

29 Thurs. Dark

August

5 Thurs. 7:30 pm 2nd Degree Officers Practice

12 Thurs. 7:30 pm 1st Degree Officers Practice

19 Thurs. 6:15 p.m. Dinner with Our Dates.
Annual Chinese Dinner.

Reservations please. Phone Mary Perch
486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

26 Thurs. 7:30 pm 3rd Degree Officers Practice



Brother Jim Hopper, P.M. was in the East at the raising of son Larry. This is the second son to be raised. Dick was the first some years passed.



Joe Johnson and Wally Scott on the 416th and 418th Masonic District Float in the Bicentennial Parade.

FROM THE EDITOR (cont.)

ing, the finished product, the portions of our work that are seen and heard in Lodge. But how many of you are aware of the machinery and man power that works behind the scenes to assure that all goes smoothly?

Each term the Master appoints committees to conduct the necessary work that must be done continually lest the foundations weaken. That which you see and hear in the Lodge room is the end result, it is the temple built upon strong foundations which are maintained and added to from year to year. It is difficult if not impossible to say which of the committees is the busiest or most important. Each is essential in its own way and each in its own way equally busy. They are all a part of the whole structure; if one fails, the whole is weakened and the structure begins to deteriorate.

There are a total of twenty committees composed of a hundred and three members. Two, the Temple Association and the Trustees are elected to staggering terms. Some are made up solely of officers. Most are composed of faithful brothers who donate their time and effort. They want to help Masonry and be closer to the Lodge and achieve that good feeling of knowing that they are doing something for our great fraternity by helping someone else and thereby helping themselves under the tenets of Masonry. After all that's what it is all about. Answer the call if you hear it. Better yet let the Master know you are ready.

THE DATES NEED HELP

In any organization there is a degree of attrition that is natural and cannot be avoided. The Dates are now in that position. They need reinforcement. The unsung heroes and heroines who help to make our dinners the success they have been are fewer in number and need help. Please call Mary Perch at 486-2923 or Eleanor Reynolds at 222-31126 and offer your help. Better yet just show up at the temple at 9:30 a.m. the day of our dinner. Age and gender not important. You are!