



The Las Palmian

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of

Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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A Message from the Master



My Brethren:

The 416th and 418th Masonic Districts are hosting a Candidates Coaches' School of Instruction in the Lodge Room of the Scottish Rite Temple at 1455 L St., on Tuesday, March 23, at 8:00 p.m. All Candidates' Coaches and any interested Master Mason are urged to attend.

On Thursday, April 1, Brother Lee Mirigian (our refreshment piano player) who is a past Master Counselor of the DeMolay Chapter in Selma will receive his 3rd Degree. Clovis Lodge will be visiting us and will assist in the degree work with C. D. Irby, P.M. giving the Lecture.

The Philanthropic project of the Jobs Daughters this year is the purchase of a special bus for the residents at Decoto, Union City. To help raise the necessary funds, our Bethels are having a "Spaghetti Feed" to be held on Sunday, May 2, in our Temple from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from any officer in the Lodge. The price is \$1.50 each.

Brother Wally Scott will be hosting the Public School program to be held at our April Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,
DAN ECKLAND, W. Master

From the West

Brethren:

I am happy to report on the degree and proficiency work during the months of February and March. Brother George W. Blake received the First Degree Feb. 26, 1976. Brother Jimmie B. Jones gave his Second Degree proficiency and was raised to the Third Degree February 12. He was coached and examined by Bro. North.

Proficiency night Feb. 25, 1976. Bro. Hopper gave his First Degree proficiency. He was coached by Bro. G. Young, P.M. Bros. Mitchell L. Mirigian, Richard M. Torres and Chleo Richard McCoy gave their Second Degree proficiencies. They were examined by Bro. Ben Schaeffer. Bro. Mirigian was coached by Bro. Littleworth, Bro. Torres was coached by Bro. McPherson and Bro. McCoy was coached by Bro. Ford, J.D. Bros. Jerome Thormann, David Logo and Robert McDaniel gave their proficiencies in the Third Degree. Bro. G. Young, P.M. exam-

From the South

I am happy to see the attendance at our meetings improving. Why not mark your Calendar for a Thursday Evening Meeting and enjoy the fellowship.

I am always pleased to give special recognition to our refreshment committees:

Chairman, Robert Garvin, and assisting him Lee Mirigian and Richard Torres.

Chairman, Mike Reynolds, and assisting him John Mincy, Robert McDonnell, Roger Kite and Jimmie Jones.

Chairman, Ben North, and assisting him Richard McCoy, Stuart Wilkinson and Delmer Moore.

Thanks to Bros. Ted Kitamura, Jim Watson and Harley Phillips for always assisting with the refreshments when help is needed (without having to be asked). If you wish to assist please phone me at 222-1687.

Fraternally, PAUL FORD

Secretary's Corner



We often have queries about how many members are in Las Palmas Lodge. On March 1 there were 972. We had the same number a year ago. This is an increase of ten members over July 1, 1974.

The number of deaths during the past year offset the number of new members raised. We can say the increase is mainly due to affiliations of sojourners from other lodges. These brothers are living in Fresno and are out of touch with the lodge they originally joined and have desired to have a closer relationship with masonry.

Perhaps you may know of a member of another lodge who should be associated with Las Palmas. We should remember not to pressure him into demitting. He may have valid reasons for wanting to retain his membership where it is. We will welcome all masons who wish to hold membership in a local lodge.

BOB PADÉN, Secretary

ined them. Bro. Thormann was coached by Bro. B. Young, P.M. and Bro. McDonnell was coached by Br. Ford, J.D.

Fraternally,
JOHN REYNOLDS, S.D.

SOMETHING HAS BEEN ADDED

Have you noticed the book marks in the altar Bible? They mark the Book Chapter and Verse of the words used during the circumambulation in each degree.

White, the symbol of light, signifies purity, used in the first degree. Red, the symbol of courage, signifies strength of purpose, used in the second degree. Blue, the symbol of heaven, signifies truth, used in the third degree.

We believe this is in keeping with the completeness of the ritualistic work. Why should our "rule and guide" be opened at random, why not at an appropriate page?

These colors are also the colors of our country. Is it a coincidence they are also colors of Masonry? If so, it is a good and happy one.

TAKE AN INTEREST

"The support of the Public Schools has long been a program of Grand Lodge" (Section 331b C.M.C. Supplement). As members of the Craft, we, too, must give them similar support. Neither Grand Lodge nor constituent Lodges may take official positions on matters pertaining to Public Schools, but we, as individual Masons, can, and should, get involved and exert our influence.

Do you know that a sizeable portion of your property taxes (50% in some areas) goes to the Public Schools? You probably do, but do you have any idea as to how that money is spent? If not, shouldn't you find out?

C a l e n d a r

March

- 23 8:00 p.m. (Tuesday) Coaches School of Instruction; Scottish Rite Temple, 1455 L Street.
- 25 7:00 p.m. First Degree - 3 candidates
- 30 7:30 p.m. (Tuesday) Proficiency Nite; All Degrees

April

- 1 7:30 p.m. Third Degree (Lee Mirigian)
- 8 7:30 p.m. Third Degree (Richard Torres)
- 15 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Reservations please. Phone Mary Perch at 485-2923 or Bob Paden at 268-2303.
- 7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting (Public Schools Program).

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH — APRIL 1976

“PUBLIC SCHOOLS - OUR FUTURE”

Fifty-six years have passed into history since the late Charles Albert Adams, during his term as Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii, took a crucial step in halting the deterioration of our Public Schools by proclaiming PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK throughout the jurisdiction, thus enlisting the Masons of California and Hawaii in Education.

The years have smiled on our efforts. The record shows that the downward trend was soon reversed, thereby allowing our Public Schools to reassume their rightful role in the preservation of our liberties by educating our youth to become responsible citizens and by building America's leaders of tomorrow.

The continued effectiveness of our Public Schools depends on our unceasing support of this vital institution. It is appropriate right now — in the patriotic atmosphere of America's Bicentennial — that we rededicate ourselves wholeheartedly to the task of supporting and strengthening our system of Public Education.

Secure in the knowledge that I can count on the cooperation and support of all Masons, I now therefore proclaim the month of April 1976 to be PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH throughout California and Hawaii. I earnestly request that diligent effort be made to contact every school district in this jurisdiction and arrange for a mutually acceptable week in April for an appropriate Public Schools Observance, and that all constituent Lodges actively promote and participate in this annual event.

In furtherance of this objective, I direct that no Lodge programs or meetings be held during the designated week for purposes other than Public Schools Observances, with the exception of Stated Meetings; and

That this Proclamation, where feasible, be published in Lodge bulletins together with other pertinent Public Schools Week publicity; and

That this Proclamation be read at the March and April Stated Meetings of all Lodges.

Sincerely and fraternally,
JOHN F. ROBERTS, JR.
Grand Master

Dated: January 20, 1976