



# The Las Palmian

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



My Brethren:

Tentative arrangements have been made to present 50 year pins to four Brethren at the Grand Masters Breakfast on Sunday, September 26; one of those receiving this coveted award will be Harry A. Jensen (Las Palmas Lodge No. 366).

Brother Harry received his degrees in Angola, Indiana from Angola Lodge No. 236. Harry affiliated with Las Palmas in December 1975. Congratulation Brother Harry.

I have asked Brother John Manoogian, the current Potentate of the Tehran Shrine Temple to assist me in the Third Degree for his son-in-law, Victor Sark Sahatdjian on September 30. Brother John has assured me that there will be at least 50 shrine members present. Brother John also informed me that he will furnish the refreshments after the Degree; so plan to attend this night of good fellowship.

The week of October 10-14 the Lodge will be dark as your officers will be in San Francisco attending Grand Lodge.

At our Stated Meeting in October Brother Wayne Hern, P.M. will be presenting 25 year pins to the Class of 1951.

Fraternally  
DAN ECKLAND, W.M.

## From the West

Brethren:

It has come to my attention that some of our newly initiated brethren are not aware of the limit on the amount of time that a candidate can take to receive his degrees. The California Masonic Code, Section 2670 (Forfeiture of Fees and Contributions), "a candidate must present himself qualified for the second and third degrees within a period of three years from the date of his initiation." This statute went into effect October 1973. Candidates after October 1973 have three years; candidates before this time have five years. Will all coaches please bring this to the attention of the candidates and for further information please contact the Lodge.

Fraternally,  
JOHN REYNOLDS, S.W.

## From the South

I wish to thank the following for our fine refreshments: Brother Mike Reynolds and Bro. Robert McNamara.

Try This For Sighs:

Are you sometimes pretty discouraged because your best is not as good as you wish it was? All men, except little, smug men, experience deep feelings of inadequacy at times. Authors, artists, public speakers, musicians, Masons — famous people who seem to us lesser lights to have made it big — have their psychological sags. Ignace Paderewski, perhaps the world's greatest pianist, once told a friend, "There have been a few moments when I have known complete satisfaction — but only a few. I have merely been free from the disturbing realization that my playing might have been better." So, when you are feeling low about your work, buck up! You're in good company; tomorrow's another day. But we as Freemasons must try to improve ourselves in Masonic knowledge and fellowship so we can be prepared each day to fulfill our responsibilities.

Fraternally,  
PAUL FORD

## Secretary's Corner

During Grand Lodge Week, October 11, 12 and 13, the lodge office will be closed. The master and two wardens, with the secretary and several past masters will attend the 127th annual communication in the beautiful Masonic Memorial Temple atop Nob Hill in San Francisco.

This year Las Palmas Lodge will announce its program for masonic widows, which we believe is the first of its kind in California. The ladies are paying their own way on a chartered bus to visit the Home for the elderly at Union City on Monday afternoon. That night they will have dinner together at Mama's, on the ground floor of the apartment complex next to Grand Lodge. They will attend the entertainment show at Grand Lodge that night, where they will be introduced as a group and a short resume of our

# Calendar

## September

- 25 (Sat.) 1:30 p.m.—Assistant Grand Lecturer's Seminar at the Livingston Masonic Temple in Livingston.
- 26 (Sun.) 8:30 a.m.—Grand Masters Breakfast — Las Palmas Temple
- 30 (Thurs.) 7:30 p.m.—Third Degree — Victor Sark Sahatdjian (Shrine Nite)

## October

- 3 (Sun.) 8:15 a.m.—Master & Warden Breakfast (Las Palmas Temple) (Discussion of Grand Lodge Resolutions)
- 7 (Thurs.) 7:30 p.m.—First Degree Proficiency. Second Degree Bruce Douglas Moore
- 14 (Thurs.)—Dark; Grand Lodge Week
- 21 (Thurs.) 6:30 p.m.—Dinner with our Dates. Reservations please. Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.  
7:30 p.m.—Stated Meeting—25 year Pin Presentations, Class of 1951
- 28 (Thurs.) 7:30 p.m.—First Degree

### IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence Broilette Myers

50 year member

program will be told. The ladies will return home Tuesday.

Past Master Green L. Young is helping the ladies with their organizational problems. Mrs. Leona Comstock is president and Doris Lewis is secretary of the group. They have held several luncheon meetings and are trying to iron out details such as dues, place of meetings and date. Currently they are meeting at various homes of members.

Mrs. Leta Puckett, a widow of one of our members, Elijah Jarrett Puckett, who passed away on July 24, 1960, joined her husband in the celestial lodge above on September 15.

BOB PADEN, Secretary

## MASONRY IN THE VANGUARD

In every major conflict, where survival of our country has been at stake, Masonry has been in the forefront. In the Revolutionary War, America's first struggle for freedom, practically all of its officers were members of the Craft. Since military service necessitated long absences from home, these leaders immediately set about organizing army traveling lodges in order to preserve the fellowship they had come to enjoy and to maintain the ideals and principle they held so dear.

Before the conflict was ended, ten or more such lodges came into existence, the first being the American Union Lodge whose warrant was issued and signed by the Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts on February 15, 1776.

As members, they freely intermingled, exchanged views and reconciled conflicting opinions. As Freemasons, they learned to know, to trust and to love one another. Unquestionably, the common teachings and principles of Freemasonry fostered the spirit of harmony and brotherly love among them, and enabled them to meet and work together with mutual confidence to a comon end.

The prestige of these lodges was such that the work of Masonry was sustained and dignified throughout the entire Revolutionary period. Together they imparted a cohesiveness to the Continental Army that, to some degree at least, was responsible for its ultimate success.

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Sources: **Freemasonry in the American Revolution** by Sidney Morse

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