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



Brethren:

On Jan. 20th, Brother Sam Marco Pavlovich, Inspector of the 416th Masonic District, presented to Brothers Lloyd M. Ingle and Carl H. Pratt 50 year buttons in recognition of their service to Masonry.

We will be dark on the 24th of February a First Degree School of Instruction, 7:30 p.m. There will be a Second Degree School of Instruction on the 28th of February at Clovis, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday the 15th of March will be the Third Degree School of Instruction at Ponderosa Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

"It is too much to expect of any man that without guidance he shall be able to make himself at home in such a society (Free Masonry) or that he shall unaided be able to take his own proper place in his Lodge's work with credit to himself and honor to the Brotherhood; he has every moral right to expect that the Lodge itself shall give him much of the information he needs."

"Masonic Education and Lodge Service Committee"
Grand Lodge of New York

It is to this goal that the "Masonic Information and Responsibility Committee" is working. Brother Bill Wharton is serving as chairman. Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and newly raised Master Masons will attend the classes as they are scheduled. Written notice will be sent to each of the candidates. The Lodge will also send out invitations to Master Masons raised in the past few years, as class size allows. If any one who wishes to be notified of the classes and would like to attend please contact the Secretary with your name and address and Degree you wish to attend.

Fraternally,
JOHN R. REYNOLDS, W.M.

From the West



Congratulations to the following Brethren for having completed their proficiencies on December 22, 1976: Jimmie Jones, Lee Mirigian and Kenneth Schram, Jr. in the Third Degree. Larry Duga in his 1st Degree.

I wish to remind the Candidate Coaches and Candidates that our next Proficiency Meeting will be held on March 30, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. and urge all to work hard so they can give their Proficiency on that date.

I wish to personally thank Brother Harvey Wimer for serving our lodge as Tiler for the past several years. Brother Wimer is certainly a devoted and dedicated Master Mason. Thanks Brother Harvey for a job well done.

I also want to wish our new Tiler, Brother Frank Wright a hearty welcome into our ranks as an officer.

Fraternally,
PAUL FORD, S.W.

From the South

I would like to thank the following Brethren who have served on the refreshment committee since the beginning of the New Year. On January 13th Brothers Larry Thull and Robert McNamara served refreshments and on January 27th Brother Robert Neidhamer served.

Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1760, made the following comments about the wages of a Mason. Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another: sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a mason.

Fraternally,
BOB BINGHAM, J.W.

From the Secretary



Along toward the end of November or the first of December we received an envelope containing \$26.00. There was no name on the envelopes or nothing inside to indicate who the sender was. It looks like someone paid their dues and contributed a dollar to the Endowment Fund. Please help us put a name on this money so we can issue a receipt for it.

Mary Perch, who heads up the food committee for our stated meeting dinners is still having problems with her purchases. She orders the food Wednesday afternoon so it will be ready to pick up and bring to the lodge building Thursday morning, where a group of ladies gather to prepare it so we can eat at about 6:30 p.m.

This month thirty seven reservations were called in after the Wednesday noon deadline and the ladies had to rush out and buy more food to take care of the additional number. It is hard to understand why anyone doesn't know a day or two ahead of time whether they will be here or not.

Please call the lodge office now if you know you will be here for the February dinner. It is never too early, and it will save many hours and much gasoline at the last minute. The lodge phone number is 268-2303. The office is open every morning to receive the calls.

For unusual circumstances Mary always buys a little extra to provide for persons who are out of town until the last minute, but for not more than five or six extras. If you forget to call until too late, please forget about it until the next month.

BOB PADEN, Secretary

Calendar

February

17 Thurs. 6:30 p.m.—Dinner with the Dates. Reservations please. Call Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

24 Thurs.—Dark

First Degree School of Instruction
7:30 p.m. Las Palmas Lodge.
416th District.

28 Mon. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree School of Instruction. Clovis Lodge, 416th District.

March

3 Thurs. 7:30 p.m.—Second Degree

10 Thurs. 7:30 p.m.—Third Degree

15 Tue. 7:30 p.m.—Third Degree School of Instruction. Ponderosa Lodge. 416th District.

17 Thurs. 6:30 p.m.—Dinner with our Dates. Widows Night, Program. Reservations please. Call Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.

7:30 Stated Meeting

24 Thurs. 7:30 p.m.—First Degree

28 Mon. Dark—Pre-examination all Degrees. 7:30 Las Palmas.

30 Wed. 7:30 p.m.—Las Palmas. Proficiencies all Degrees.

31 Thurs. 7:30 p.m.—Second Degree

In Memoriam

Jack L. Campbell, Dec. 11, 1976

Frederic Cruzen Armstrong, Jan. 6, 1977

Wilton Dow Goodrich, Jan. 29, 1977

Henry Frederick Jones, Jan. 30, 1977

This term the Masonic Information and Responsibility Committee will be augmented. Regular programs will be presented. Sessions will be held in each of the degrees. It is the direction of the W.M. John Reynolds that all Entered Apprentices attend First Degree Sessions; all Fellowcraft attend Second Degree Sessions and all Master Masons raised since January, 1976 attend Third Degree Sessions. Master Masons may attend any and all meetings. Please direct any questions concerning these sessions to general chairman W. E. Wharton. The assistant chairmen are well qualified and will appreciate your full cooperation. We hope to make these sessions interesting and informative.

Chairman 1st Degree— Al Dadmun, P.M.

Chairman 2nd Degree—Ed Spangler

Chairman 3rd Degree—Ed Carpenter,
P.M.

General Chairman—W. E. Wharton

The Las Palmas Ladies are happy to announce their new officers for the coming year. Leona Comstock has graciously accepted to serve as President again. Mattie Ivy will keep the records in order as secretary and Evelyn Miksch, as treasurer, will deposit the money in the bank.

A very enjoyable time was had at the luncheon on January 17th. John Reynolds, the new Master of Las Palmas and his wife, Barbara, attended this affair as well as Mr. Green Young, who presented the group with some interesting ideas for a trip.

Those wishing to pay their dues, in the amount of \$5.00 can send them to Evelyn Miksch, 4470 East Illinois, Fresno, CA 93702. She, in turn, will provide a receipt.

These nominal dues will be used to help defray the cost of postage, cards, and incidentals. We hope any surplus can be used for charitable purposes we will decide on.

Please reserve March the 17th at 6 :30 p.m. for the Sweet Adelines Widows Dinner at the Las Palmas Temple. This will be a special treat.

“We Don Wanna. But We Gotta”

Our Dates very much regret that the cost of food has finally made it necessary to raise the price of the wonderful dinners they have been serving us. Henceforth the amount will be \$3.50. This small increase will allow them to continue with the best of everything such as we have been enjoying these past years.

“It Happens to Everyone”

Everything is farther than it used to be. It's twice as far to the corner, for instance, and they've added a hill, I've noticed. I've given up running for my bus; it leaves faster than it used to.

Seems to me they are making staircases steeper than they used to make them in the older days. And have you noticed the small print they are using? Newspapers are getting farther and farther away when I hold them, and I have to squint to make out the news. No sense in asking them to read aloud, everyone speaks in such a low voice that I can hardly hear them.

The barber doesn't hold a mirror behind me any more so that I can see the back of my head. The material in my suits is always too skimpy around the waist and seat. Even my shoe laces are so short they are all but impossible to reach.

Even people are changing; they are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old classmate the other night and he had aged so he didn't recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor fellow while I was shaving this morning, and while doing so I glanced at my own reflection in the mirror. CONFOUND IT! They don't even use the same kind of glass in the mirrors any more!

Anonymous