



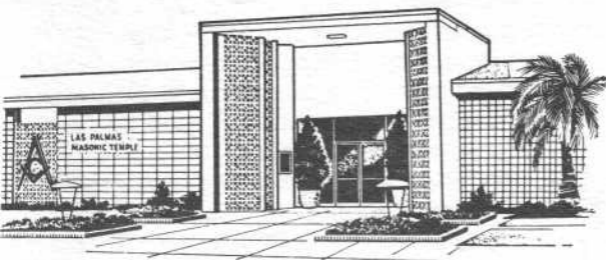
The Las Palmian

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Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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Sept. 1977



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A Message from the Master



Brethren:

As we were dark during the months of July and August, I would like to welcome everyone back from summer vacation.

We have passed the halfway point in our masonic year during the summer and only a little over four months remain. I would like to thank our Masonic Responsibility Committee for the outstanding job they did in presenting our information program; Brother Bill Wharton, chairman, Brother Ed Spengler, Entered Apprentices, Brother Al Dadmun, Fellowcrafts, and Brother Ed Carpenter Master Masons.

I would like to thank Brother Gene Mitchell for taking over as temporary chairman of the Sickness and Funeral Attendance Committee.

I would also like to thank Brother Ben Schaeffer, Chairman, Brother Jimmy Jones, co-chairman and our Senior Warden, Paul Ford for the excellent job being done by our candidate coaches and the candidates.

The third of September 1977, the Right Worshipful Vernon Gordon, Grand Junior Warden, will receive the DeMolay "Legion of Honor" at Las Palmas Lodge, 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend and join in honoring Brother Gordon with this investiture.

There will be two cornerstone laying ceremonies the 17th of September, 1977 in Clovis, Grand Lodge will open at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon to follow (Reservations are required, call Clovis Lodge) with one ceremony at 1:00 p.m. and the other at 3:00 p.m. (for the location contact Clovis Lodge).

The Grand Master's Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. on the 18th of Sept. 1977. Tickets sales will end the 6th of Sept., 1977, so see any of the Lodge officers or the Lodge secretary. A limited amount of

tickets will be on sale at the door on a first come first served basis at \$4.50, so buy your tickets early and save .50.

Also on the 17th of September, 1977 there will be an all youth dance at the Scottish Rite Temple at 8:00 p.m. (Masonic affiliated youth groups only).

Fraternally
JOHN REYNOLDS,
W.M.

Calendar

- Sept. 1 Thurs. 7:30—1st Degree
- Sept. 3 Saturday 7:30—Presentation of DeMolay "Legion of Honor" Degree to R. W. Vernon Gordon, Jr. Grand Warden of State of Calif.
- Sept. 8 Thurs. 7:30—2nd Degree
- Sept. 15 Thurs. 6:30—Dinner with our Dates. Reservations please. Phone Mary Perch at 486-2923 or Bob Paden at 268-2303; cost \$3.50.
7:30—Stated Meeting
- Sept. 17 Sat. 10:30 a.m. Grand Lodge open at Clovis, followed by luncheon and two corner stone layings at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reservations for lunch, contact Clovis Lodge.
- Sept. 17 Sat. 8:00 p.m. Masonic affiliated youth groups dance at Scottish Rite Temple.
- Sept. 18 Sun. 8:30 a.m. Las Palmas Temple, Grand Masters Breakfast.
- Sept. 22 Thurs. 7:30—2nd Degree
- Sept. 29 Thurs. 7:30—First Degree

From the Secretary

Members are moving to other addresses and are not notifying the lodge of their new mailing addresses. We have seven such names of members who we cannot find. Mail comes back so there is no point in continuing to send correspondence to these persons. They will not receive the trestleboard or the California Freemason.

We have a list of forty-two members who have not yet paid their 1977 dues. In a short time they will be suspended for non-payment of dues unless they repond. Dues reminders are sent out every three months and postage is wasted. Our By-Laws are very explicit about dues. They are payable on the first on January every year. If a member so desires he can pay quarterly on the first day of January, April, July and October if for any reason he cannot pay annually. It is hard to understand why some members pay dues when the year is almost over. They probably don't remember what they promised when they were at the altar in the third degree.

The brethren are reminded that dues bills for 1978 will be in an envelope with the November Trestleboard. We get all kinds of excuses about not getting a bill, or the bill has been lost. Evidently some are not opening their mail from the lodge. The bill will be an envelope furnished by the Masonic Homes Endowment Committee free of charge to the lodge. It is printed with blue ink and we have stamped the amount of dues for 1978 on the face of it. The outside of the envelope is addressed back to the lodge to minimize the workload in mailing. Wives of members, and sometimes their office secretaries, should be alerted to watch for these bills and immediately make out a check, including a donatin to the Masonic Homes, and see that it gets into the mail before the first of January.

Bob Paden, Secretary

From the Editor

Vacation is over and back to work. Regular meetings will begin September 1st; check the calendar in this issue. We have a full months activities ahead all very worthwhile. It will behoove each one of us to get back in the habit of attending our masonic functions. Degree nights and stated meetings need our presence not only for our own edification but for the good of our new brothers. Impressions are usually formed early and usually stick. Show yourself and be counted.

Speaking of impressions, it's time we got something off our chest. It has seemed to the writer that this ambient temperature in our foyer and banquet room has cooled a bit. The warmth, friendship, hand shaking and small talk has been lacking from what it used to be. Take issue with the writer if you disagree, but be prepared. Better yet, take a look, you will see for yourself and then exuberate. It pays off Brothers, it really does. Sermon over, now to lighter things.

Our Jr. and Sr. Wardens have been working this summer for Las Palmas as they always do. Brother Paul Ford aside from working hard with Brother Ben Schaeffer has been doing a lot of planning (for you know what, hope he makes it). He's all set, sounds real good.

Brother Bobby Bingham aside from his usual duties has been occupied quite a bit with the Grand Master's Breakfast and plans for the palate pleasing preparations after our meetings. Two good men these we are expecting great things from them as they move more up. They have been so busy in fact that, I am sure you've noticed by now, there are no articles from them in the Trestle Board. They wish you all well and are anxious to greet you back Sept. 1st. You will be so happy to know that our practice sessions held while Lodge was dark have been very good. You can expect to see some excellent degree work. So much from this corner. See you in Lodge.

Your Editor

NEWS FROM OUR LADIES

The Las Palmas Widows Club met at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 15th at the Ramada Inn. A delicious breakfast was served after which a business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Leon Comstock, president of the group. The guests were Mr. Acres of Sanger Lodge and Mr. Ford of Las Palmas Lodge, both senior wardens. The club was sorry the senior wardens of the other lodges could not attend.

There is \$204.44 in the treasury. Part of this amount is donations which have been received for the club's project which is the training of a Seeing Eye Dog.

The trip to Grand Lodge and Tahoe was discussed. All those planning to go must have their payment in by September 10th. A dinner show at Tahoe is being planned for those who would like to attend.

Mr. Green Young gave a brief history of the club. He also read a letter from the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge which extended an invitation to the ladies to attend in a body.

The next meeting will be at Bellante's, 706 W. Shaw on Monday, Sept. 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Hart
Associate Member

Las Palmas Widows Club

Pres. Leona Comstock Ph. 237-1451
Sect. Mattie Ivy Ph. 264-2719
Tres. Evelyn Mistch Ph. 255-2361

New officers will be elected at December meeting.

Meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month; usually a luncheon.

1977 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master	John R. Reynolds
Senior Warden	Paul W. Ford
Junior Warden	Bobby C. Bingham
Treasurer	William E. Wharton
Secretary	Robert E. Paden
Chaplain	Wallace R. Scott
Senior Deacon	Richard W. Frey
Junior Deacon	Gary A. Starr
Marshal	Eldon W. Cole
Senior Steward	James F. Kleinknight
Junior Steward	John H. Herring
Organist	Paul C. Shelly
Tiler	W. F. Wright

Youth Group Meetings

Las Palmas DeMolay—1st and 3rd Wednesday—7:30 p.m.

Bethel 197 Jobs Daughters—2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m.

Bethel 243 Jobs Daughters—1st & 3rd tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Support our youth groups. Attend their meetings. They are our future.