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

The Masters' Theme This Year Is:

"ENTHUSIASM and INVOLVEMENT"



These seven traits, *enthusiasm*, will power, self-confidence, energy, knowledge, responsibility and courage are all Masonic traits of character. We all have them, so let's put them to work by becoming involved.

Become *involved* by doing your duty as a Mason and by helping others. If you are

on a committee function wisely and thoroughly, particularly if you are asked to perform an investigation, either for affiliation or for the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge. If for any reason you cannot perform this duty please let the Master know promptly and return the request to the office to the Master's attention. To perform an investigation is an important duty and privilege of every Mason. If this duty had not been performed for YOU, you might not now be a member of this great Fraternity and the best Lodge ever.

Check your Trestle Board for special dates, trips and degrees, you should plan to be on hand. It is of great importance to the Lodge and to the candidate to have good attendance. It not only encourages the officers in their work, but it impresses the candidate with the importance of the step he has taken. We have been slipping lately, let's make an extra effort to attend meetings. Come on Brethren, mark your calendar for Thursday evenings and join with us in fellowship and brotherly love.

I wish to thank the members of Las Palmas Lodge for electing me to serve you and the Lodge during 1978. I know with the cooperation of the officers and the support of the members this will be a successful year.

A special message to the wives and families of our Brethren. When a brother is ill or otherwise disposed, in the hospital, or passes away and wants or needs help, please notify the Lodge by letter or phone. This will help us to help you. We do care and want to assist in any way we can.

The following are some special dates to remember. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Thursday March 9, 7:30 p.m. — Our Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay will confer the DeMolay degree. M.M. only.

Saturday, April 15 — Bus trip to Columbia, lunch at Twain Harte and conferring a Third Degree on Brother Jim Hall. The ladies are invited, they can tour and shop in Sonora, while we confer the degree.

Sunday, June 11 — Annual Las Palmas picnic, Woodward Park, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30 — Overnight trip to Los Angeles. We will visit and have lunch at the Masonic Home for our children at Covina and confer a degree at the Old Masonic Temple in Los Angeles Saturday evening. Ladies are invited of course. They can visit and shop at Olvera Street while we confer the degree.

Fraternally,
PAUL FORD, Master

From the West



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren for their confidence in electing me Senior Warden for the ensuing year. I'm looking forward to a great year in Masonry.

Congratulations to the following Brethren on receiving their degrees and giving their proficiencies. On Dec. 8, 1977 Brother Edwin Ridenauer passed his First Degree proficiency. On Jan. 5, 1978 Brother Raymond Miksch was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

I would also like to express my thanks to the Chairmen of the Coaching Committee, Brothers Ben Schaeffer and Jimmy Jones, and to all the candidates coaches for the fine job they are doing.

Fraternally,
BOBBY C. BINGHAM, Sr. Warden

IN MEMORIAM

Robert S. Larsen Sr.

Raised 2-23-50

Died 1-10-78

From the South



Since this is my first opportunity to serve you from the South, I thank you for expressing your hopes and trust by electing me your Jr. Warden. I will strive to keep Las Palmas as great as it is and at the same time try to make it even greater during the coming year.

The first change that I have made is in the lecture of the First Degree. More on that next month.

As Jr. Warden one of my duties is to oversee the victuals. To that end I have appointed a worthy Brother to be chairman over each degree. For the First Degree, Bro. Peter Rebensdorf, a retired baker who will fatten us with his baked delights. Bro. Bill Taylor who will use his culinary skill for our enjoyment during the Second Degree. For the Third Degree, an old and experienced hand at this, Bro. Mike Reynolds will astound us with his delightful "Tid-Bits."

Unfortunately many of you will not enjoy these excellent repasts. The reason is simple. You have to come to Lodge.

**RICHARD FREY
Jr. Warden**

From the Secretary



I would like to thank the members of the Lodge for their vote of confidence in again electing me secretary. I enjoy the work and am trying to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in a professional manner. Our records are in good shape. If you call to request information it takes

only a few seconds to find the answer for you.

The office is open daily (except holidays and weekends) from 8:00 in the morning until noon. If there is very important or unfinished work, it will be open until it is finished. Should you wish information about your records, call 268-2303 and we will help you. In case of serious illness or death and you wish a Masonic funeral, the afternoon phone number is 255-0806.

If you have a change in address or phone

number please let us know, especially members in the Fresno County area. We have four members who are lost; if you know of their whereabouts please let us know. Because we can't get mail to them they may have to be suspended for non-payment of dues. They are: Steve Ballas, James A. Cone, Rufus T. Price, J. R. Telesco.

A member somewhere in Oregon has passed away, we don't know how to help him or his family. Please keep us informed.

BOB PADEN, Secretary

Meet the New Marshal LARRY DUBA



Bro. Duba has been employed by P.G.&E. since 1967. He is communications Supervisor for the San Joaquin Division. He plans, engineers and supervises installation of systems within this area.

Larry is married to Alice Lynn, they have three children, two daughters, Kim and Christina, a son, Doug, who is a member of Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Bro. Duba received a B.S. degree at San Jose State and an M.S. degree at the University of So. California. He was born in Seattle, Washington in 1943 and has lived in Washington, Oregon, and California. He served our country in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1972 as an officer in the Air Force Systems Command, and is presently a captain in the Air Force Reserves at Travis Air Force base. He is also a member of the Pacific Coast Electrical Assoc. I.E.E.E., Etta Kappa Nu E. E. Honor Society, co-chairman of Las Palmas DeMolay Advisory Council, and a member of the Cal. State Republican Assembly.

His hobbies are gardening, wine making, fishing, woodworking, swimming, and tennis.

If you want something done, pick someone who is busy — welcome aboard Bro. Larry.

Calendar

JANUARY

- Sunday, 22—8:15 a.m. 416th Masonic District Officers Association Breakfast at Cedar Lanes, Election of Officers. Officers' attendance is required.
- Monday, 23—7:30 p.m.—Pre Exams in all three Candidate Proficiencies.
- Wednesday, 25—7:30 p.m.—Proficiencies — All Degrees.
- Thursday, 26—7:30 p.m.—Second Degree, Jack Bennett.
- Tuesday, 31—7:30 p.m.—Las Palmas Chapter Chapter Order of DeMolay Advisory Council Meeting. All Master Masons invited.

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday, 1—7:30 p.m. Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay Meeting. All Master Masons invited.
- Thursday, 2—7:30 p.m. Second Degree, Ed Ridenauer.
- Thursday, 9—7:30 p.m. Third Degree, Eugene Landucci.
- Wednesday, 15—7:30 p.m. Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay Meeting. All Master Masons invited.
- Thursday, 16—7:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Reservations a must. Phone Mary Perch at 486-2923 or Bob Paden at 268-2303 no later than Wednesday the 15th by Twelve Noon.
- 7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting. Bible presentations.
- Thursday, 23—7:30 p.m. Third Degree, Neil Camin.

Officers for 1978

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

From the Ladies

The Las Palmas Widows Club had a luncheon meeting on Monday, January 9th at Bellante's.

The retiring president, Leona Comstock, was presented with a gift by Mattie Ivy for the outstanding work and her 21 months of service for the progress and growth Leona has provided for our club.

Mrs. Comstock introduced the new officers for 1978. They are Mattie Ivy, President; Doris Lewis, Vice President; Irma Evans, Secretary and Evelyn Miksch, Treasurer. She asked the members to work with the officers and assist them in any way they can.

Guests were Mr. Green Young, Chairman of the Widows Club and Mr. Paul Ford, incoming Master of Las Palmas Lodge.

The next meeting will be the first Monday in February, the sixth. Mrs. Ivy asked the members to think of and make suggestions for a project for this year. Viola Wegis is the new Sunshine Chairman. Telephone committees for the coming year were appointed.

Mr. Young reminded the Death Valley trip which is scheduled for March second. It will include a stop at the Children's Home in Covina and an over-night stop in Los Angeles. The price of the trip is \$99.00. A down payment of \$25.00 is due on February first. He also announced a ten-day trip to start on May 27th on the Mississippi Queen which will be delightful.

Respectfully Submitted,
PAULINE HART