



The Las Palmian

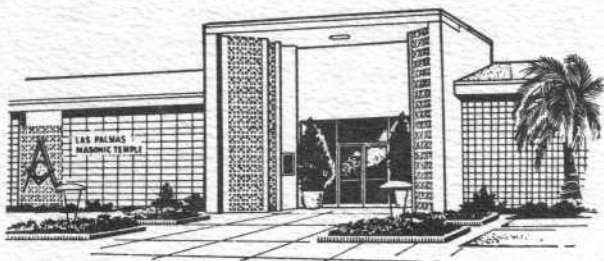
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Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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From the East

Brethren,



This year is almost gone and what a good year it has been. Those of you who did not make the overnight trip to Los Angeles with us certainly missed a very fine, enjoyable trip.

My sincere thanks to Bro. Green Young, P.M. for all the work in making the trip a successful one. Of course the highlight of the trip for me was that I had the honor of raising my son, Phil Ford, to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Brethren, I just returned from our 129th Annual Grand Lodge Communication. Our per Capita Tax per member to Grand Lodge was raised from \$3.75 to \$5.00 per member so you can see it is imperative that we will have to raise our dues at least \$5.00 per member per year in order to continue to exist as a solvent Lodge.

I wish to thank the officers and members of our Las Palmas Dates and all the others who have made the dinners a big success through 1978.

We also wish to thank the Dates for the silverware they purchased for the lodge. Words cannot express my thanks to the many people for their long hours in making our dinners successful. No other lodge in the Valley compares with us!

Fraternally,

PAUL FORD, Master

From the West

Your lodge officers have been busy since the last Stated Meeting. On September 28th William Clark received his First Degree. On the same night, W.M. Paul Ford examined Bro. George Burkhart in the First Degree and he was found proficient.



On September 30th., W.M. Paul Ford had the honor of conferring the Third Degree upon his son, Phillip Craig Ford, in the historical lodge in Old Town in Los Angeles. On October 5th, Brother Shiro Minabe received his Third Degree in Las Palmas.

On October 12th, Brother George Burkhart was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. On the same night, Brother Green Young, P.M., examined Brother James Wolter in his First Degree proficiency and Brother Howard Boardman examined Brothers Lee French and Willard Miler in the Second Degree. All were found proficient.

Congratulations to these Brethren.

Fraternally,

BOBBY C. BINGHAM, Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,



The California Masonic Code provides, that individual lodges may provide for availability of life memberships for their members (S.2804). Not all lodges in Fresno have life memberships, but Las Palmas does. By Masonic Law, a life membership costs 21 times the annual dues. No adjustment is made for a member's age. The current cost therefore, of a life membership of Las Palmas is \$525.

If you were at the October stated meeting, you heard read the resolution to increase our

dues to \$30.00. This increase is necessary in a large part to inflation and to a marked increase in Grand Lodge per capita assessment. The new assessment is \$5.00 which leaves our lodge only \$20.00 per member to operate on.

Las Palmas is fortunate to have many young members. For these young members a life membership is a great investment. If you can now swing a \$525 payment you will become a life member of our lodge, and equally important you will be giving Las Palmas funds which will be kept safe forever in trust with only the interest thereon to be used.

The time to buy your life membership is now, not tomorrow, but today. If you wait until the first of the year it will cost you an extra \$105.00.

Discuss this excellent investment with your family and I'm sure you will be able to find the money. Since you will not have to pay the increase in dues for 1979, the net cost will be only \$495. For any questions you may have, call our Secretary Bro. Bob Paden any weekday morning at the Temple. *Be Wise, Economise!*

Fraternally,

RICHARD FREY, Jr. Warden

From the Secretary



Usually the dues bills for next year are mailed to the members around the first week in November. This year will be an exception. The Lodge is not able to care for all its financial obligations on the dues now being paid, so the Finance Committee has proposed a change in our By-Laws to raise the annual dues to \$30.00.

In order to make the necessary changes the proposal is submitted to the lodge at a stated meeting (in this case October) and voted on at the next stated meeting (November) which

will be November 16.

In order not to make any errors in the reminders we send out we have been advised by the Grand Secretary to wait until after a vote has been taken before we send out the mail. Please look for a special mailing of the dues reminders soon after our November stated meeting. Those who have already paid their 1979 dues will be billed an extra \$5.00 to cover the additional amount if the vote is favorable.

We would like to remind those who come to our stated meeting dinners that reservations for the meals close Wednesday noon. By this time Mary Perch has already ordered the food so it will be here Thursday morning when the ladies show up to prepare it. By time of the deadline everyone should know if they can come or not. We plead with you, don't phone for reservations or cancellations (unless emergency) after Wednesday noon.

This request is not too harsh. Just imagine yourself trying to prepare a meal for around 200 people and receive phone calls while you are preparing it for additional reservations. Quite a few times the ladies have had to order additional food and prepare it separately for our late comers. Usually the late people are ones who have never volunteered to help with the meals and are not aware of what turmoil they are causing.

Please plan ahead a day or so. This is always a good habit to form. It will help our Dates and will give you a sense of satisfaction to know there will be a seat waiting for you when you come to dinner.

Brother Jim Blaine, superintendent of the Masonic Home for Children at Covina, brought some information to Grand Lodge. He says the name of the trees in front of the Home is Silk Floss (pink). There are several other colors to be had also. The trees he refers to are the ones that had those beautiful orchid flowers, that those of us who were there on our last trip wondered about.

BOB PADEN, Secretary

Calendar

October

27 Fri. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree. Wilber E. Miller. This degree will be conferred by Fresno Lodge #247 at 3444 E. Shields at their temple. All Las Palmas members are of course welcome.

November

2 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Past Masters Night Dinner; Roast Beef. Las Palmas members only.

7:30 p.m. Third Degree conferred by our Worshipful Past Members. Lee French candidate. This is always illuminating.

9 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree. Jim Wolter and Jack Seymour.

16 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Turkey Dinner with our Dates. Please, reservations a must. Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.

23 Thurs. Dark. Happy Turkey Day to All. Give thanks for all your blessings.

30 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree; Ermo Tompkins.

December

7 Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Third Degree; George Burkhart.

14 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree; Jim Wolter.

21 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Santa Clause for all. Reservations a must. Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.

7:30 Stated Meeting. Bible presentation and Necrology Service. Wayne Hearn, P.M., chairman. We honor our late brethren who have been raised to the Celestial Lodge above.

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November

1 Wed. 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting. Master Masons only. Be there.

December

5 Tue. 7:30 p.m. Advisory Council. For Master Masons who want to work with our young men.

6 Wed. 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting. Master Masons only. Be there.