



The Las Palmian

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of

*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
F. & A. M.*



December 1979



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From the East



Brethren,

This will be my last message to you as Master of Las Palmas Lodge. It has been a great privilege and honor for me to serve you as Master during this

year.

I wish to thank all the officers, committeemen, and members of the Lodge for the outstanding support you have given me throughout this Masonic year. Your cooperation and help has made 1979 a memorable year for me.

To my successor, Richard Frey, and his corps of officers, I wish the same success and support that I have enjoyed.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Bobby C. Bingham
Master

Calendar

December

- 6 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree —
Jack Good
- 13 Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Second Degree
- 20 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our
Dates. Reservations a must.
Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or
Bob Paden 268-2303. Also, a
visit from Santa Claus.
- 7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.
Golden Veterans Awards.
Necrology Service.
Election of Officers.
- 27 Thurs. Dark. Merry Christmas and
Happy New year.

From the West



At our annual meeting, the December stated meeting, we will have our election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Should you elect me to serve as your Master, I will

be very pleased to accept.

In this regard I have made plans for our installation which will be held on Saturday, January 12, 1980. The Most Worshipful Vernon Gordon, Grand Master of Masons, has accepted my request to be the installing officer. Because of this and the fact that Las Palmas will be 75 years old in 1980, I have planned an installation dinner.

Rather than have the dinner before the installation, I have set the installation for 7:00 p.m. with the dinner in our banquet room at 8:00 p.m. All introductions and presentations will be done in the banquet room. The cost of the dinner will be only \$4.00 with the Lodge paying for all costs in excess of that.

Because there will be a limit of less than 300 dinners that can be served it is important that you call Bro. Bob Paden and make reservations. Reservations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. Anyone on the dinner with our Dates standing reservation list must make new reservations.

Fraternally,

Richard Frey,
Sr. Warden

Secretary's Notes



It may be interesting to some of our members to learn what has been happening to our membership this past year. We started 1979 with 943 members and as of November 1 we have 939. Here is how it all happened:

Members raised:

Jack "G" Seymour
E. Willard Tompkins
Ennis N. Findley
Douglas M. Walker
Robert I. Winter
Alexander Georgian
Blake Hamilton
Thomas G. Nelson
Jack N. Brooks
Raymond P. Robert
Andranik Melikian

Affiliated from other lodges:

Carl L. Wolter
Robert T. Patterson
Jack Dickey
Joe D. Sallee
David Cravy
Wayne K. Walker
Edwin C. Strickler
Melvin A. Weber

Restored to membership:

Alvin L. Hopkins
Fred A. Holliday

Losses outnumbered gains by a large percentage. This year we have lost eighteen members by death, four by withdrawal and three were suspended for non-payment of dues.

Lost by death:

Fred W. Otto
Durrell H. LeBreton
John Dillon
Richard H. Thomas
Harold T. Castle
Douglas A. May
Melville J. Talbot
Clyde C. Baum
Louis F. Warner
Lee Roy Sheets
Vivian Earl Jones
Robert E. Zumwalt
Jack C. Pleyte
Wayne H. Treleaven
Daniel A. Diel
Ralph W. Gregg
Wilbur Purdin
Dale T. White

Lost by demit:

Raymond E. Halfaker
Roy E. Renfro
James A. Russell
Cecil H. MacFarlane

There seems to be a trend in California for most lodges to lose members. During and immediately after World War II there was a surge of membership gains, but these members are now advancing in age and for various reasons are dropping out of lodges. It was reported at Grand Lodge last October that more than 3,000 members were stricken from the rolls.

A large number of masons have migrated to the West in the past thirty years, and it may be, with a little persuasion, we can get them to affiliate with one of the Fresno lodges. In this way we can build up our membership without having to confer degrees and coach new members. Many of them are waiting for someone to encourage them to start lodge activity again.

Members of distant lodges are at a dis-

advantage should they require the help of a lodge. Local lodges do not feel a necessity to interfere unless the Brother is one of their members. The home lodge is so far away it is almost impossible to be of any value to the member. The Masonic Service Bureau renders a valuable assistance at these times, but it is not the same as a member's own lodge.

Perhaps we should make an effort to learn of members outside our area and encourage them to affiliate with us. In this way we will be rendering a service to them as well as to ourselves.

Robert Paden, Secretary

Officers of Las Palmas Lodge 1979

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

Las Palmas Widows Club No. 1

The Las Palmas Widow Club No. 1 met for lunch and a meeting at Howard Johnson's on Monday, November 5, 1979 at 1:00 p.m. There were 45 members in attendance. Past President Mattie Ivy, read another version of the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer was repeated by all present.

President Doris Lewis complimented the telephone committee on the splendid work they do.

Past president Leona Comstock submitted the article to the Fresno Bee for our November meeting and was complimented for her excellent work.

Doris Lewis asked the members to share transportation with those members who do not have a way.

The December third meeting will be held at Howard Johnson's and either ham or turkey will be served.

Bob Paden announced that if any of the members know of a child who needs treatment for burns or is crippled, to notify a Shriner for the child's admittance to the Shriner's Hospital.

The proposition for the widow's pin was on the ballot for vote at Grand Lodge this year but did not pass. It will be held over another year.

The club voted to donate \$200.00 to the Ensign Mayo Hi-Twelve Loan and Scholarship Fund.

The report on the nominating committee was made by Mattie Ivy. Nominations will be voted on at the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Hart