



The Las Palmian

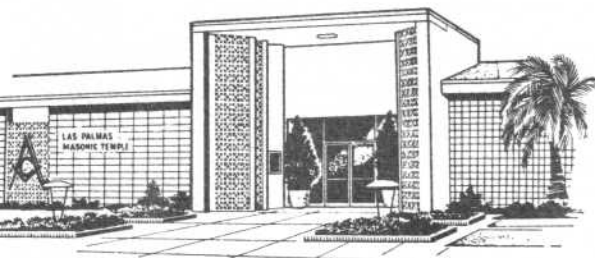
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of

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



November 1979



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From the East



Brethren,

The end of this Masonic year is drawing near, however, we still have a full schedule of activities planned. Plan to come to lodge and enjoy the fellowship. On November 1, the Past Masters of Las Palmas will exemplify the Third Degree. This will be preceded by a free dinner for Las Palmas members.

At the stated meeting on November 15, Past Master Wayne Hearn will present twenty-five year pins to the members of the Class of 1954. Come out and help honor these Brethren.

On November 22, the lodge will be dark to allow the Brethren to give thanks for our many blessings. Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

BOBBY C. BINGHAM

Master

Calendar

November

- 1 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Past Masters Night Dinner.
Las Palmas members only.
7:30 p.m. Third Degree conferred by
our Past Masters. Raymond Robert,
Candidate.
- 8 Thurs. 7:00 p.m. First Degree.
- 15 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates.
Reservations a must. Phone Mary Perch
486-2923 or Bob Paden 268-2303.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.
Twenty-five year pin presentation to
class of 1954.
- 22 Thurs. Dark. Happy Thanksgiving.
- 29 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree.

From the West



Brethren,

Your officers have returned from Grand Lodge and I am pleased to report on two changes which may have an important impact on our Masonic lives.

Up until now, an applicant had to have a "whole" body, that is he could not be an amputee. The reason for this rule went back to the days of Operative Masonry when a workman had to possess all limbs, or he could not work in his profession. This archaic rule continued to exist in only two Masonic jurisdictions in the United States. These were California and West Virginia.

I don't know if West Virginia has changed its rule, but the Grand Lodge of California has. The new rule will permit an amputee who uses a prosthesis to apply for and receive the degrees of Masonry.

The second rule change pertains to Masonic Funerals. We are now permitted, if asked by the family, to conduct a Masonic Funeral for an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft. We at Las Palmas are happy with the change, but also hope that we never have to conduct such a funeral.

If any brother has some questions about the proceedings at this last Grand Lodge session, please contact me.

Fraternally,

RICHARD W. FREY

Senior Warden

From the South



I wish to thank the officers and members for the honor of letting me represent our Lodge at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

My sincere thanks to the Brethren who have so willingly served on the refreshment committee this year. If there are any brethren who would like to help on this committee next year please contact Jim Kleinknight.

Fraternally

GARY STARR
Junior Warden

Secretary's Notes



It is that time of the year again when members will be getting notices that their dues are due and payable. The by-laws state that they should be paid on or before the first of January each year. It really is not necessary that a reminder should be sent, but most members don't seem to remember to pay unless they get a notice.

There are always some members who say they did not receive a notice and use that a reason for not paying promptly. Others evidently feel their dues are not payable until the anniversary of their third degree. Others move to a new address and during the shuffle the notice is lost or forgotten. There must be many other reasons for not paying on time, because twenty-one have not yet paid for 1979.

The California Masonic Code requires that all who have neglected or refused to pay after a period of twelve months be suspended from active participation in the lodge. A special notice is sent to these members after January 1st and at the March or April stated meeting those who still

have not paid are suspended.

Those members who are also members of other lodges in which they are plural members, those who are members of masonic affiliated bodies such as Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, etc., are automatically suspended from membership in those bodies.

We have heard it mentioned that "I couldn't afford to pay sooner because of membership in this other group." It seems the wisest thing to do would be to pay the lodge dues first, then worry about the other group. The basis of membership in "other groups" depends on a person's standing in his lodge. If lodge dues are not paid there will be no need to worry about the "other group."

We hope it is clear to everyone that the most important item before the first of January every year is that lodge dues be paid. All other bodies are secondary to the lodge.

ROBERT E. PADEN,
Secretary

Las Palmas Lodge 1979 Officers

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 Widows Club No. 1 enjoyed a luncheon meeting at Howard Johnsons on Monday, October first at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President, Doris Lewis. Self-introductions were made. The Club is pleased to have Phyllis Miller as a new member. Cora Franklin read an appropriate verse.

Mr. Green Young said it is an extreme pleasure for him to attend the club's meetings. He also mentioned he is especially pleased that this club has accepted the purpose for which it was intended from the time it was formed.

President Doris stressed the importance of inviting new widows to this club. They should be asked at a reasonable time and when our friendship can be of help to them. She thanked the telephone callers for the splendid work they are doing.

Leona Comstock was appointed publicity chairman.

Evelyn Miksch suggested a turkey dinner be served at our next meeting which will be at Howard Johnsons on Monday, November fifth at 1:00 p.m.

The nominating committee, consisting of Marie Randrup, Mattie Ivy and Gladys Baily, will report on nominations made at the November meeting. They will be voted on at the December meeting and installed at the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Hart