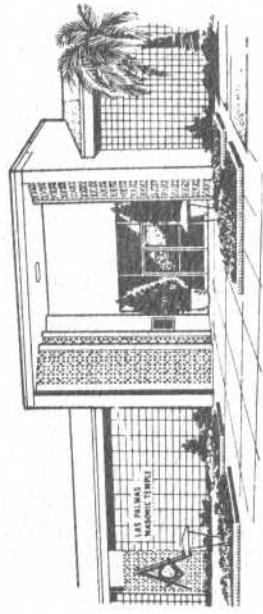




*The*  
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FRATERNAL ORGAN  
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## FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Group discussions are now being held in the Club Room for all three degrees. On September 13, a discussion was conducted concerning the First Degree. On October 4, a discussion group will be held on the Second Degree and on November 29, the Third Degree. All new Fellowcrafts and Master Masons should plan to attend.

At the September Stated Meeting, Brother Vern Walker, Chairman of the Constitution Observance Committee, presented an interesting and enlightening film on the Constitution. Many thanks to Brother Vern for this fine presentation. Also at our September Stated Meeting, Brother Dave Leslie, Neil Camin and Bob Winter were presented bibles in recognition of their having passed their Third Degree proficiencies. Brother Jim Klienknight did his usual outstanding job in making the presentations.

The Lodge will be dark on October 11 while the officers attend Grand Lodge. I hope as many members as possible will attend the presentation of the first Hiram Award by Las Palmas Lodge. This will be on October 18.

Fraternally

BOBBY C. BINGHAM  
Master

## WHITE HOUSE FLAG NOW AT LAS PALMAS

As a result of negotiations between Jake Cannon and Congressman "Chip" Pashayan, Las Palmas Lodge has a new flag which flew over the White House in Washington, D.C. We wish to thank both these men for their kindness. Jake paid the postage bill and the Honorable "Chip" secured the prized flag from the White House staff.

## FROM THE WEST



Every October, your officers travel to San Francisco to attend the annual communication of Grand Lodge. During the three and one-half days which the communication lasts, many things occur. One of the most important function of your officers who attend is to cast their votes for various proposals which have been submitted.

These proposals may have a very important and lasting impact upon you and your Masonic life while in California. This year there are approximately thirty proposals to be voted upon. Some of these propositions concern such matters as: Masonic Funerals for Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts; use of cipher rituals for officers; and the conferring of degrees upon applicants who are amputees.

As a member of Las Palmas you have an important interest in the way your officers vote. You should immediately contact the Master or Wardens and let them know your feelings so we, as your representatives, can follow your wishes.

Fraternally

RICHARD W. FREY  
Sr. Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH

I hope all of you enjoyed your summer and are ready to return to lodge. The officers are all in their advanced stations and have already gone back to work.

This year when you come to lodge call a brother and bring him with you. Let's see if this year we can fill the north side of the

lodge room as well as we do the south.

Once again I would like to thank the brothers who have helped me by taking care of the refreshments this year. If there are any brothers who would like to help on the refreshment committee please contact myself or Brother Jim Kleinknigt.

Fraternally

GARY STARR  
Jr. Warden

## ANOTHER FIRST FOR LAS PALMAS



At the Stated Meeting, October 18, 1979 Las Palmas Lodge will present the coveted Hiram Award to one of its very deserving brothers, Paul C. Shelly. This award was instituted by the Grand Master of Masons for California and Hawaii the Most Worshipful Donald Ingles during his present term. It is given to a brother for his outstanding contributions to masonry by leading an exemplary life according to the tenets of Freemasonry, to his family, his lodge and his community.

This is another first for Las Palmas and we are proud to so honor this brother. We urge all Brethren who can do so to be present and share this occasion. Attend another excellent dinner prepared by our Dates and witness this presentation of the Hiram Award. Meet an outstanding Mason and join your fellow masons for an enjoyable evening.

## CALENDAR

### October

4 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree —  
Jack Brooks

11 Thurs. Dark — Grand Lodge

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

HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION.

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

25 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Second Degree —  
Jack Good.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED OUR SUPPORT

Perhaps some of our members are not aware of how certain factions are working to undermine our public schools system. The Grand Lodge of California is very concerned about this activity.

A petition is now circulating to get enough signatures of registered voters to place on the ballot next spring a referendum measure which will set in motion a system whereby the State will issue vouchers directly to parents of students in the first twelve grades. There is no restriction on where these vouchers can be spent.

The Voucher System will undoubtedly funnel a tremendous amount of money away from public schools. Parents of private schools now must pay for their children's education from their own funds, and if the law is changed they will naturally use the taxpayers' money instead of their own.

There is presently a tendency for parents to send their children to private schools to circumvent the busing law which was

mandated by higher courts to achieve racial balance in public schools. We can understand why these parents are objecting to the bussing their children out of their neighborhood, but also feel the voucher system is not the answer to the problem.

Not enough signatures were obtained to place the matter on the November ballot this year, but it may be possible to achieve this by next spring. We ask you to carefully consider what you are doing before signing any petition to transfer tax money to private schools.

About five southern states have practically destroyed their public school system by enacting of similar laws. We should not allow this to happen in California. We must do everything we can to stop the distribution of our tax money to private schools. If the proposition happens to get enough signatures to gain a position on the ballot, it will cost immense amounts of money to prevent it being successful in passing. Now is the time to stop it if we can.

Robert Paden  
Secretary

## LAS PALMAS WIDOWS CLUB

The Las Palmas Widows Club enjoyed a luncheon and business meeting on Monday, September 3, 1979 at Howard Johnsons.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Martha Clausen and followed by self-introductions.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Padgett of Madera. He is Zone Supervisor for Grand Lodge Widows Club.

Guide Dogs for the Blind thanked this club for the monetary donation made last year. They also sent an invitation for "Guide Dogs on the Bluffs" for September 13th.

The reading of the proposed changes in the by-laws was tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Green Young announced those who are going to Grand Lodge should have their money paid by September 15th. There has been an increase of \$2.00 in the price.

Mr. Padgett, the guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on the proposed masonic pin for widows. There is a resolution before Grand Lodge this year to adopt this pin. He asked the ladies for their reactions and thoughts. It was unanimously agreed that each widow would like to have and wear the pin with pride. They also prefer to buy the pin. There is also another resolution up for vote which concerns the wearing of the pin by wives and ladies of families of Master Masons.

A discussion will be held at the next meeting regarding the donations of this club as to whether they should be masonic oriented or otherwise.

Mr. Paul Ford thanked the group for the cards, flowers, prayers and good wishes while he was in the hospital.

The next meeting will be held at Howard Johnson's on Monday, Oct. 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Pauline hart