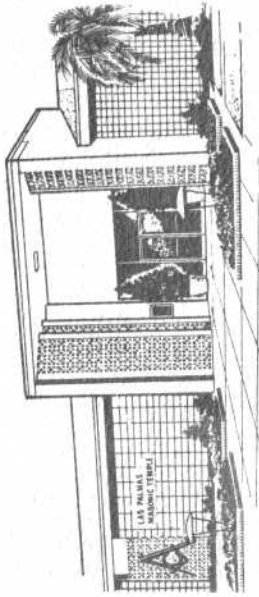




*The*  
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FRATERNAL ORGAN  
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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366*  
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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,



Summer is almost over and so is vacation time. I hope everyone had a happy, safe vacation. It's also back to work for the Lodge Officers. We have a full schedule of degrees planned for the remainder of the year, so I urge all members to come out and enjoy the good

fellowship and bring a visitor.

The end of summer also means the return to school for our children.

As Masons, we are committed to year-round support of our Public Schools. Our Lodge has completed the annual Public Schools Observance during April, but Masons should actively support Public Education all year long. Below are listed some of the ways we can accomplish this objective.

Attend School Board meetings.

Visit classrooms.

Attend Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies for Public Schools.

Be alert for adverse legislation and, as individuals, let your lawmakers know where you stand on issues. Write letters.

Drop a complimentary note to teachers or school administrators who do, or say, something publicly that merits commendation.

See that favorable publicity about students, teachers and administrators gets into the local newspapers.

Retirees or other members who have the time should volunteer their talents and skills to the local schools.

Let's get behind this project and let the Public Schools know that they have the support of the Masons in this community throughout the entire year, not just in April.

Fraternally

BOBBY C. BINGHAM, Master

## FROM THE WEST



The other day I was at the home of one of our newer brothers and we started to discuss Las Palmas. I was very pleased to hear this brother say that he missed attending Las Palmas during the summer. Although he attended the dinner and stated meetings, this was not enough.

When I took my degrees in 1967 and 1968 there were usually 4 or 5 first or second degrees on a given evening. Lodge started at 7 p.m. and closed about 11 p.m. I am advised that during the 1940's and 1950's it was not uncommon to have three third degrees conferred on a particular day.

Masonic lodges are not as active as they used to be. Although this fact is not necessarily good, it does have one big advantage. Because we are not conferring as many degrees, our lodge room activities do not take up as much time. For you, the sideliners that has not attended in years, there is a change. That change will permit you to attend your lodge and still get home at a **reasonable hour**.

Your officers recently opened lodge for proficiencies and we have a good supply of candidates who are ready to receive their degrees. Many of these degrees will be conferred on only one candidate per night. You should make a special effort to come out and visit your lodge. This message is also directed to Las Palmas wives who should urge their husbands to attend and see the officers in their advanced stations.

Fraternally

RICHARD W. FREY  
Senior Warden

## CALENDAR

### September

6 Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Second Degree

13 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Third Degree

16 Sun. 8:30 a.m. Grand Masters Breakfast  
Las Palmas Lodge. Get your tickets  
early from Bob Paden or any officer.

20 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.  
Constitution Observance Program.

27 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. First Degree.

## SECRETARY'S SECTION

There are still a number of members who do not understand making donations to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund. We get check made out to the Masonic Home and the bank gives us trouble when we try to deposit them.

All money sent to the lodge for designated purposes should be made out to Las Palmas Lodge and down in the lower left corner there is a space for writing in the purpose of the money. Please use it and it will get to the place you intend it to go.

Everything we receive is deposited to our checking account and then at the end of the month is forwarded in a lump sum to the place you have told us you want it to go.

If you make donations to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund at the same time you pay your dues, we assume any amount over the \$30.00 is a donation to the Homes fund and is set aside for that purpose.

We are happy to announce that this year you members have averaged a little over \$4.00 each in contributions. This does not mean that every member made a contribution. Some of our more generous members have sent in large amounts which covered those who sent in nothing—or small donations.

In 1978 382 members contributed \$4,035.00, which averaged \$4.28 for each member, based on our membership of 942. This figures out to 41% of the members actually making contributions.

We would like to let the members know that the secretary's office is operating under almost the same conditions as other offices in the world. We often make mistakes. If you get a bill for dues which have already been paid, please let us know so we can straighten it out. Twice this year dues reminders were sent to members who already paid.

The cornerstone laying for the new Charles Sedam Center at the Masonic Home, Union City, will be held on Saturday, October 6, 1979, at 2:30 p.m. All members who will be in San Francisco early for the annual Grand Lodge Communication, and who wish transportation to the Home, should let the lodge secretary know.

Tickets will be issued to those attending, which will be free and will be good for a free lunch in the Exhibit Hall (G floor) at Grand Lodge and also for bus transportation to the Home. They will be sent in advance of the ceremony date to lodge secretaries who will distribute them to those who order them. Deadline for ordering "courtesy tickets" is September 15. Those not having courtesy tickets will not be able to obtain the two free items.

Members driving to the Home must park across Mission Blvd. and a shuttle bus will transport them to the Home and return to their cars. No parking will be allowed on the Home grounds.

Buses will leave from in front of the Memorial

Temple at 1:10 p.m. and will leave the Home on their return trip at 4:00 p.m.

Don't forget to call the lodge office if you wish tickets for this affair.

**GRAND LODGE TO LAY  
CORNERSTONE AT MASONIC HOME  
OCTOBER 6, 1979**

**LAS PALMAS WIDOWS CLUB**

**June, July, August**

The Las Palmas Widows Club met on Monday, June 4, for lunch and a business meeting at Santa Rita Lodge. Self-introductions were made and revealed several new members. Guests were Mr. Bobby Bingham, master of Las Palmas and Past Masters Paul Ford, Green Young and Bob Paden.

Mr. Young reviewed the trip to Grand Lodge which is scheduled for October tenth. He also mentioned that no definite plans have been made for Jamestown and the train ride.

After considerable discussion, this group voted to make a donation of \$10.00 for a deceased widow. The donation would be a memorial to be given to a charity specified by the family of the deceased or preferably to the Masonic Home in Union City.

President Doris Lewis asked the members of the club to give some thought as to their preference for this year's annual charity donation.

Mr. Bingham thanked the club for their gift of the Flag which was given to Las Palmas Lodge.

Mr. Bingham invited the widows to the Las Palmas Picnic which will be at Woodward Park on Sunday, June 10.

It was brought to the attention of those present that the by-laws of the California jurisdiction state a husband has to be a master mason in good standing in order for his widow to become a member of this group.

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The Las Palmas Widows Club met at Howard Johnsons on Monday, July 2 for lunch and a business meeting.

The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer and self-introductions.

Mr. Green Young told those present that volunteer help is badly needed for the Date's Dinners and if any of the members of this group can spare a few hours on the day of the dinners, it will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Young also mentioned that a \$10 deposit is due by July 10th for the trip to Grand Lodge on October 10th. Final payment is due on September 15th.

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The Las Palmas Widows Club met on Monday, August 6th for a luncheon and business meeting.

All present repeated the Lord's prayer and each member was introduced by Doris Lewis, president. She announced a chaplain will be appointed for the next meeting.

Mr. Green Young in his remarks covered the following subjects: one of the members has been accepted as a resident in the Home at Union City. The Masonic Code states that a widow of a deceased master mason is not to wear his masonic emblem. On October sixth Mr. Young will be installed as President of Hi Twelve. He invited the members of this group. A resume was read of the Glamour Girl of the month. It was none other than our own member Mattie Ivy. As for the trip to Grand Lodge in October, the balance for those who have not completed their payment, will be due on September 15th.

The By-Laws were tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at Howard Johnson's on Monday, Sept. 3rd, even though it is Labor Day, the members decided to meet as usual.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAULINE HART