



The Las Palmian

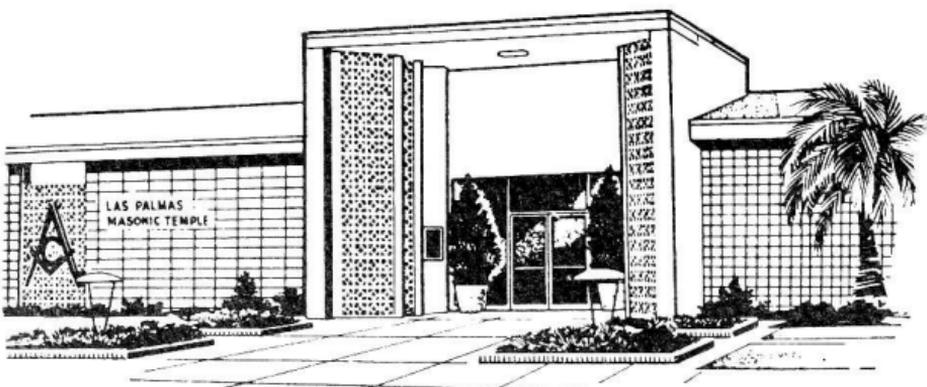
FRATERNAL ORGAN
of

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



75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Aug.-Sept. 1980



LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE
2992 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93703
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From the East

Brethren:

By now, most of us have had our summer vacations and are eager and willing to come back to Las Palmas. We will start off the fall term with an exciting calendar.

On Thursday, September 4, 1980 we will host a reception honoring Worshipful Sam Pavlovich for being our inspector for 10 years and for currently being Assistant Grand Treasurer. More about this important event is to be found in the Junior Warden's message.

On Saturday, September 27, 1980 at 8 p.m. we will have a dinner party and program to celebrate the 75th year of Las Palmas Lodge. The dinner will be Shish Kabob and the program will be a historical review of Las Palmas and some of its members. The cost will be \$7 and reservations are a must. Call the Lodge Secretary. Most Worshipful Vernon L. Gordon, Grand Master, along with many of his Grand Lodge Officers, will be present.

Fraternally,
RICHARD W. FREY, Master



From the South

A reception honoring our Assistant Grand Treasurer, Sam M. Pavlovich, who has just completed ten years as Inspector of the 416th Masonic District, a past master of Las Palmas Lodge, will be held at Crossland's Barn, 698 South DeWolf, on Thursday, September 4. There will be a barbecue New York steak with all the trimmings for just \$9.00 a person. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at or about 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from me, phone 431-2709, or from the lodge office, phone 268-2303.

Fraternally,

JIM KLEINKNIGHT
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Lodge members who are out of work because of cut-backs in their work force should notify the lodge office if they are unable to pay their dues because of the crisis. They should not allow themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

This same situation happened back in the early 1930's and the time lost during suspension must be subtracted from time as a member in good standing when Grand Lodge calculates the date when fifty-year pins will be presented. There is no need for this to happen if the lodge is aware of the hardship.

Twelve months is allowed for payment of dues in these cases, and if the out-of-work situation lasts more than a year the Grand Secretary feels this is just cause for the lodge to remit a brother's dues for that year. Please help us keep you in good standing if you have a financial hardship.

We would like to urge all members of Las Palmas Lodge to check their friends, relatives and neighbors and other acquaintances and see if they are members of a lodge in the Fresno area. Some of them have lost interest in masonry because they live too far away from their home lodge.

It may be they have never thought of affiliating with a lodge in Fresno. If they plan to remain in this part of California, they should seriously consider a move to join with us. Occasionally we find a mason who believes he should remain with his original lodge for sentimental reasons. This is not very good logic,

*You are cordially invited to celebrate
the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of
Las Palmas Lodge*

Saturday, September 27, 1980

8 p.m.

Las Palmas Masonic Temple

2993 E. Clinton

Fresno, California

Shish Kabob Dinner — \$7.00

For Reservations Call Lodge Secretary

(209) 268-2303

because in later years he may need assistance and his home lodge is too far away to help him. Local lodges try to help, but the same quality of aid may not be given because the feeling toward him is not the same as with one of our own members.

The affiliation fee is only \$5.00. If the person is a member outside California there is also a \$25.00 contribution to the Masonic Homes. Most states allow dual membership, but five do not. A member in Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Pennsylvania or West Virginia will need to resign from their lodge in order to become a member in California; all others may be a member in both states.

Any questions concerning multiple membership should be referred to the secretary of this lodge. A person should not get a demit from his home lodge until after election in a local lodge. By doing so, continuous membership is not interrupted. All that should be done now is to fill out an application for affiliation and we will do the necessary transferring after election.

BOB PADEN, Secretary

Calendar

Aug. 21, 1980—6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Chinese Food. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Mary Perch 486-2923, or Bob Paden 268-2303.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.

Sept. 4, Thurs.—Reception honoring Worshipful Sam M. Pavlovich; social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m.; Crossland's Barn, 698 S. DeWolf.

Sept. 11—7:30 p.m. First Degrees and Proficiencies ~~at the~~ **PASCUA**

Sept. 18—6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Mary Perch 486-2923, or Bob Paden 268-2303.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.

Sept. 24—7:30 p.m. Third Degree Officers' Practice **BUCK + PASCUA**

Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. Second Degree and Proficiencies **PASCUA**

Sept. 27, Sat. 8:00 p.m. 75th Anniversary Celebration - Shish Kabob Dinner

Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Third Degree **MIRAFLORES**

Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. STATED MEETING
(Note: Not held during Grand Lodge Week)

Oct. 16 — Dark (Grand Lodge Week)

PROCLAMATION CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH SEPTEMBER, 1980

To: All Masonic Lodges in California and Hawaii

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it."

—Daniel Webster

This great Nation in which we live was born in the very eye of the hurricane of liberty. Our founding fathers, many of whom were Masons, were men who believed that men should be free.

My Brethren, we must be willing, in our day, to be the champions of liberty for all men if we are to give true worth and meaning to all that has been done in the past, to make the present possible. We must rededicate ourselves to the principles of justice and freedom for all mankind, if we are to bring to the changing times the changeless truths of the ages. Those great truths that will build and enoble the life of our nation.

We as Freemasons, must preserve and protect the existence of this, the greatest document of all times. We must honor it as the assurance of human rights for all the citizens of the United States of America.

I THEREFORE PROCLAIM, in the spirit of the preservation of human liberty and human rights, that the month of September, 1980, be designated as CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH, and that this proclamation be read at the August and September Stated Meetings. I further urge that each Lodge hold or join in appropriate programs of a patriotic nature, and that the flag of our country be formally presented at the September Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,
VERNON L. GORDON
Grand Master

Dated: July 15, 1980

DeMolay Honors

Friday, August 1, the Center Division, Order of DeMolay held Investiture Ceremonies at Fresno Temple with our own P.M. John R. Reynolds being recipient of the "Cross of Honor", and our Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay's P.M.C. Richard A. Stinecipher, a recipient of "Chevalier".

Know Your Officers

ROBERT E. PADEN, Secretary

Bro. Paden was born on October 14, 1908, Sanger, Calif. and graduated from Sanger High School, 1928.

He started immediately in printing business with the Sanger Herald. Moved to Fresno in 1934 where he had a printing shop on Blackstone Avenue until 1943.

He enlisted in Navy Reserve in 1943 and served 3½ years until 1945 on active duty, then worked for the Fresno Bee as printer 3½ years, then Fresno Guide until 1971 when he retired.

Member of Las Palmas Lodge since April 1947; Member Fresno Scottish Rite, chairman of Kitchen Committee. 32° KCCh; Member Tehran Temple A.O.N.M.S.; Member Sanger Shrine Club; Member Tehran Temple Guard, past captain, 1975; Member Fresno High Twelve club, past president; Member Royal Order of Jesters. Secretary Las Palmas Lodge since 1973; Secretary Fresno KCCh Club; Secretary Scottish Rite Library Board; Secretary Sanger Shrine Club.

W.H. WHARTON, Treasurer

Bro. Wharton was born in 1912 in Oakland, Calif. He attended High School and College in Oakland and at Univ. of Calif., Berkeley. He served as superintendant of ships for U.S. Bureau of Shipping during WW2. His last employer was Sears Roebuck & Co., 18 years, retiring in 1972.

Bro. Wharton was raised March 31, 1948 in Berkeley Lodge, #363. He affiliated with Las Palmas #366 March 19, 1959. Elected treasurer in 1975. Chairman, Masonic Education and Responsibility since 1967.

Received 32° A.A.S.R.-S.J., April 2, 1960, Valley of Fresno. Primate of the Consistory. Chairman, Degree Communication, Scottish Rite. Past member of Advisory Board Fresno and Las Palmas DeMolay. Past member Guardian Council Bethel 243, Jobs Daughters; Received "Member of Honor" certificate in 1970. Member Fresno Chapter 69 Royal Arch Masons. Member Fresno Council 18 Cryptic Masons. Member Fresno Commandry 29 Knights Templar. Member La Sierra Chapter O.E.S.#555, 25 yr. member. Assoc. member "United Masters" Lodge #167 New Zealand. Member of Cor-

respondence Circle "Quatuor Coronati" #2076 England.

Married Carol Brown 1935, one son and one daughter.

W. FRANK WRIGHT, Tiler

Brother Wright is in his first year of retirement from 22 years with Sears Roebuck and Co. Raised in Las Palmas Lodge in 1968, he has tiled the Lodge efficiently for four years.

Frank was born in Oklahoma in 1921, went to college in Kansas, married Marjorie Quisenberry in 1945, and they have raised one son and one daughter. Their daughter, Atkol is a Past Honor Queen of Bethel #343.

Frank is a retired Major, U.S. Air Force having served from 1940 to 1947.

He is now self-employed, involved with construction and sale of roof gutters and swimming pools. Hobbies: Golf, fishing, photography.

NECROLOGY

JAMES MADISON THUESEN, age 76, died June 15, 1980. He was a former attorney in Fresno and a member of one of the county's pioneer families. For a few years he served as district attorney of Fresno County. He was a life member of Las Palmas Lodge. Funeral services were conducted by his friends at the Lisle Funeral Chapel Wednesday, June 18, which was attended by many of the lodge members.

HARRISON LESLIE CHAMPION, age 74, passed away Tuesday, June 17. He was a resident of Hope Manor for more than six months. He was raised November 22, 1928, and was awarded a Golden Veterans Award April 19, 1980. During his working career Bro. Champion was a clerk with PG&E. His wife, Willie Anne preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted at Northwest Church Friday, June 20 by a group of his friends.

FREDERICK SEE DEUTSCH, age 87, passed to the Eternal Lodge Above on July 10, 1980. He would have been 88 on July 18. Brother Deutsch was raised on October 31, 1929, in Las Palmas Lodge, and received his 50-year Veterans Award on December 20 last year. During his productive years, Brother Deutsch was an automobile dealer in Fresno and had made many friends in the community. Funeral services were held at the Lisle Chapel Monday, July 14, with W.M. Richard Frey presiding as master. Brother Deutsch was well known at Las Palmas for he signed many petitions for the degrees of masonry.

WILLIAM ELVIN DAVIS, age 82, passed away July 5, 1980 following a long illness with heart problems. He had been under treatment for about fifteen years. During his productive years Brother Davis was well-known for his ability to install linoleum in a very workman-like manner. He started out in 1933 with the Slater Furniture store and Fink Furniture Company. About 1940 Bill took out a business license of his own and established a reputation for coving the sides of his projects and was very much in demand. He did not have a masonic funeral.

JACOB VERNON RENNER, age 86, born at West Plains, Missouri on Jan. 30, 1894, passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on July 30, 1980, after more than fifty years a member of masonic lodges. Jack was raised in El Paso lodge #30, El Paso, Texas, on Feb. 20, 1928, and affiliated with Las Palmas Lodge in 1942 when he moved to Fresno as an employee of one of the firms constructing the dam in the San Joaquin River at Friant. He spent 19 years with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, during which time he received awards for designing improvements on various equipment. Brother Renner attended every lodge meeting at Las Palmas unless his employment took him out of town, and with his wife, Dorothy, was active in Eastern Star chapter work for about 50 years.

ROBERT CYRIL TURNEY, age 51, died on July 18, 1980, due to a blood cancer condition. He was born in Lindsay, California on October 17, 1928, the son of Brother Cyril T. Turney. During his lifetime Brother Turney was a clerk-office manager for various manufacturing firms. He eventually became a hydro clerk for PG&E and was transferred to Burney, California after receiving his first degree in Las Palmas Lodge. He completed the work up there, and after ten years returned to this lodge and lived in Balch Camp, where he was also a hydro clerk.

DANIEL DAVID WAY, age 77, passed away in Oakland on July 14, 1980. He was born on Sept. 2, 1902 in Burrell, California. Was employed with utility firms in San Francisco and Stockton before coming to Fresno as a salesman for an automobile agency. Later, Brother Way accepted a position with the AAA auto insurance firm in Fresno and was later transferred to Oakland by the company. He was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on October 14, 1943 and remained a member of this lodge until his death.

Builders of the Temple

Another Brother is worthy of being among the "Builders of the Temple." Bro. Shiro Menabe's ardent interest in the Lodge and Temple is indicated by his searching for and repairing the "short" in the lighting for the parking lot gate, and is presently arranging for emergency lighting in the Lodge Room and Banquet Room, in the event of power failure. He says the costs for both tasks are being donated to Las Palmas by Bro. and Mrs. Menabe. Thank you Shiro, glad you are among us.

Widows Club News

The Las Palmas Widows Club No. 1 has been meeting during the summer. In spite of the hot weather, vacations and other commitments, the attendance has been excellent.

Three new members have joined the ranks and were received with a warm welcome. They are Evelyn Ellis, Mary Boucher and Nellie Edmonson.

Because of Labor day, the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 1980 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tea House.