



# The Las Palmian

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of

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



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## From the East

It is with the greatest of pride and the deepest humility that I express my appreciation for the honor of having been elected to serve as your master for 1981.



I foresee a busy year for Las Palmas Lodge, and with the guidance of God, and the support of you, my brethren, I am looking forward to a successful year.

My main objective this year will be to continue the peace and harmony which prevails, and to give more recognition to you as individuals. I hope that you will each make an effort to come to lodge this year, renew old acquaintances and enjoy the fellowship of your lodge.

I would like to congratulate our Junior Past Master for a good year, also I would like to thank everyone who helped make our installation of officers a success.

Fraternally

GARY A. STARR  
Master

## From the West:

On December 30, 1980, Mr. Merritt T. Howard was made an Entered Apprentice Mason in Las Palmas Lodge. My fraternal congratulations to Brother Howard and to the fine Masons who recommended him.



This, my brothers, is the way Masonry perpetuates itself and has survived and will survive so long as good men are available to fill its ranks.

I'm sure many of us know Masons that

we work with, or enjoy a good game of golf or some other activity with, that have not yet received the degrees of Masonry. My Brothers, this may very well be our own fault. We sometimes regard ourselves as a secret fraternal organization and restrict our talk of Masonry to when we are in the company of Masons only.

Let's not be afraid to ask the Mason who has not yet received the degrees if there is a reason why! Perhaps he has not been informed about Masonry or is just waiting for someone to bring the subject up. In most cases I'm sure we can satisfy the "Uninitiated Mason" as to our goals and what we stand for. Then he can make up his own mind of his "own freewill and accord".

Let's talk it up, and let the whole world know we're proud to be Masons and what we stand for. And then, just maybe, a large part of this whole world will want to join us.

Fraternally,

JIM KLEINKNIGHT, SW

## From the South

Brethren:

The view from the south is not yet in focus: however, from what can be seen, it looks like a very good year for Las Palmas Lodge.

Your officers will be striving for perfection in the Ritual and floor work of their new stations, and they are always inspired by a large number of sideliners.

Speaking of sideliners; it is you, the membership, who are Las Palmas Lodge. your officers are elected and appointed to do a job for you. Come out and satisfy yourself that they are doing a good job for



you. A full house always seems to make the work easier, if not better, so come on out and support your Lodge.

Our new Marshal will be working with us in the next degree which we confer, and I am looking forward to working with him. Welcome Bro. Gene.

Last but not least: thank you Brethren for your confidence in electing me to the office of Junior Warden. With your help we can keep Las Palmas at the top in Ritual work.

Fraternally,

ELDON W. COLE  
Junior Warden

### Calendar

**Jan. 17 8:00 p.m.**, Installation of Officers

**Jan. 22 7:30 p.m.**, Third Degree

**Jan. 29 7:30 p.m.**, First Degree

**Jan. 31 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Wardens  
Work Shop, Scottish Rite Temple.  
Masters, Wardens, Deacons

**Feb. 5 7:30 p.m.** 1<sup>o</sup> Proficiency - 2<sup>o</sup>

**Feb. 12 7:30 p.m.** 1<sup>o</sup> Proficiency - 2<sup>o</sup>

**Feb. 19 6:30 p.m.** Dinner with Our Dates.  
Reservations Required. Phone  
Mary Perch 485-2923, or Bob  
Paden 268-2303.

**7:30 p.m.** Stated Meeting. Inspec-  
tor's Visit.

**Feb. 26 7:30 p.m.** First Degree

**Mar. 5 7:30 p.m.** 1<sup>o</sup> Proficiency 2<sup>o</sup>

**Mar. 12 7:30 p.m.** 2<sup>o</sup> Proficiency 3<sup>o</sup>

**Mar. 19 6:30 p.m.** Dinner with Our Dates.  
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**7:30 p.m.** Stated Meeting. Bible  
Presentation. Home Endowment  
Program.

## From the Secretary

We have started a new year and dues for 1981 should have all been paid by now. However, there are some members who do not consider our by-laws seriously, and have not responded to the notices sent out the first of last November. The by-laws are explicit on the matter of dues. They are due and payable on or **before** the first day of January in advance.



We understand there are some members who have difficulty making their funds stretch, but there should be no problem if we are notified. The lodge has ways of assisting those who need help. Each about fifteen members who are financially unable to pay dues are helped.

Those who do not pay and fail to get in touch with us must be suspended after a year has elapsed and we have not heard from them. The Dues Committee tries to personally contact a member in arrears during January before suspension occurs, but occasionally unable to get in touch. We usually find a member has changed his address and failed to let the office know, and we have lost contact with him.

The Masonic Code governs the action that must follow. If the member is not getting mail from the lodge he should then check with the secretary and find out why. Some members have been saved by this little act of letting us know.

Should suspension occur because of non-payment of dues, a member may restore his membership before the expiration of two years by merely paying his dues to date and he automatically becomes a member in good standing again. The only thing lost is the time of

suspension, which is subtracted from his membership in good standing when Grand Lodge figures the date for presentation of a fifty-year pin.

This year a list of ten members will be submitted to the lodge for suspension unless they pay dues for 1980 and 1981 before the stated meeting on February 19. These members know who they are because the dues committee has contacted them and warned them of possible action. We hope you are not one of them.

Robert E. Paden, Secretary

### The New Kid On The Block

Yes, these is a new kid on the block. Most of you know him. For those who don't here is a part of his record, we left out the bad parts, from the blotter down town.



Name, Gene R. Page; no known aliases. Age, 45.

Sex, we presume so. Height, 5 feet, 10 inches. Eyes, blue. Hair, some, graying, maybe touched up. No known characteristics other than a perpetual smile, a firm handshake and a desire to be helpful and learn.

Suspect is married' wife's name is Violet. They have 4 children and 5 grand children. Are known to attend church. Suspect seen driving fancy black and white automobile. If apprehended, caution is advised, usually armed and considered by some to be dangerous. Was recently appointed Marshal in our area. He has served 21 years as an enforcer. Would like to be considered dangerous but he is really a pussycat. He is said to be well liked by his associates. watch him, he is determined to serve out his 8 year probation. His record indicates he was found 9-27-79; pushed along 2-7-80 and finally received his full sentence 3-27-80.

### The Word of the Month Is "Participate"

The dictionary says, "to take part, join or share with others". That's the theme for the New Year. The man who sits up there in the east wants to share in the pleasures and rewards of masonry, by tkaing part in the activities of our Lodge. He has big plans for his term. It will take the support of all of us to make this year one of the best ever.

Would you like to take part in the floor work of opening and closing, be a part of the degree teams? How about being a member of a discussion group at stated or special meetings? There are many committees. Want to be a part of them? Speak up, let your thoughts be known. Tell the head man, he wants to share. Be sure you get your part of the pleasures, companionship and rewards of being active; after all you are a aprt of Las Palmas Lodge, and we need you.

"Participate."

#### OFFICERS FOR 1981

Worshipful Master	..... Gary A. Starr
Senior Warden	..... Jim F. Kleinknight
Junior Warden	..... Eldon W. Cole
Treasurer	..... William E. Wharton
Secretary	..... Robert E. Paden
Chaplain	..... Wallace R. Scott
Senior Deacon	..... Lawrence D. Hopper
Junior Deacon	..... Larry L. Duba
Marshal	..... Gene R. Page
Senior Steward	..... Robert D. Wendel
Junior Steward	..... David E. Leslie
Organist	..... Paul C. Shelly
Tiler	..... Walter F. Wright