



The Las Palmian

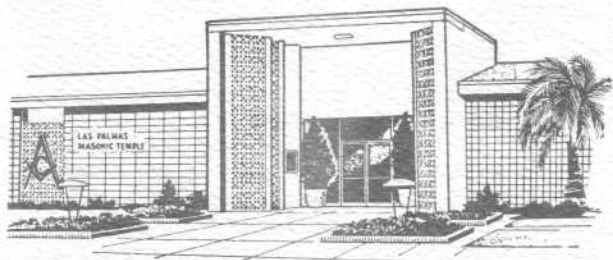
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From the East

Brethren:

As our Masonic year gets close to its half way point, it is time to reflect on what we have accomplished, and the prospects for the future.

The officers have been busy conferring degrees and have done an excellent job.

We of Las Palmas Lodge can be justly proud. The ritual presentations are good and the floor work is done with precision. Many congratulations are in order, particularly when the officers are in advance stations. We have a fine line and the future of our lodge is in good hands. Proclaim Masonry, my brothers, live by it and enforce it, and so doing impress non-masons with the desire to be one of us.

It is a very healthy condition when sideliners assume stations and do so well. Our attendance has improved and we are looking forward to even better. Come to Lodge, Brethren, and refresh yourself with our lessons. We all need the strength of Masonry in these troubled times. Join us in Lodge and be reinforced.

At the May stated meeting we again had the pleasure of honoring a brother with a presentation of the Hiram Award, our third. This time to Bro. "Bill" Wharton. Bro. "Bill" has not only been a great treasurer and a dedicated brother, but his services to Masonry have gone way beyond the call of duty. It is a well deserved honor we are happy to confer. A special thanks to Bro. Sam Pavlovich. P.M., for his part as master of ceremonies.

Many congratulations are in order: To Bro. John Hopper on being raised to master mason during our visit to Columbia. To Bro. Jim Hall for an outstanding job as Master in the first section. He is a good example of what sideliners can do. It was his first time, and he performed like a "pro." To Bro. Green Young for handling the details for the trip to Columbia. A job well done. We know he will do the same for the trip to L.A. for another third degree and a visit to the children's home at Covina. To all the brothers for their participation and cooperation. Las Palmas expects no less; keep it up, it's been a good, friendly year so far. Let's keep the light of Brotherhood burning bright.

Fraternally,

GARY STARR, W.M.



From the West

My Brethren:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very enjoyable summer. This is the time of year most people take their vacations. It's a beautiful season in the great state of California. Have a good one. Relax and count your blessings.

Let's not take a vacation from Masonry, however. Let's, each one of us, remind ourselves each day that we are proud to be members of the finest fraternal organization in the world; then go among our fellow citizens and practice Masonry.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our fine coaching staff for the excellent service they have given to their Lodge so far this year. Your hours have been long and many this past winter and spring and I'm sure this summer will be no exception. Coaching, like rain to the farmers, is the secret to success. It keeps us growing and produces proficient members for future assignments in our Lodge. We are always looking for coaches to help our candidates. If any of you brothers have spare time and a desire to help the cause of Masonry, just let me know and Dave Garvey, the head coach will welcome you with open arms.

Have a happy summer!

Fraternally

JIM KLEINKNIGHT, S.W.

From the South

Brethren:

Where has the time gone? Our summer break is almost upon us and we have only begun this great year.

Our annual family picnic is coming up soon hope to see all of you there. The food will be superb as always and the price is right.

Our bus trip to Columbia was a success, thanks to you brethren and your ladies. Hopefully we can all get together again for the trip to Los Angeles and Covina in September. If you have not seen our Children's Home, this would be a great time to do so. We will have more information on this later, so make your plans now for September 26th, 1981.

Brethren, if you get the feeling that I am pushing for better Lodge attendance, you are correct. Our attendance has improved, but it is

not nearly as good as it should be. "We need you". See you in your lodge and mine - Las Palmas.

Fraternally

ELDON COLE, J.W.

It Needs To Be Said

The writer has attended several third degrees lately and is forced by what he has seen and heard, to put down his reactions. At the very best the meaning and lessons of our Masonic ritual, is, for the new Mason difficult to comprehend. The allegories of the third degree are so densely veiled that I am sure many masons of long standing, not to mention the newly made ones, fail to understand the true meaning of the Hiramic Legend. It would follow therefore that the work should be at its best: that every effort should be made to say and portray as nearly perfect as possible the story of fortitude, honor, trust, and the sacredness of a man's word.

To do this it is necessary that all work together to the same end. This means everyone, the degree team and the sideliners. Especially the sideliners. The floor work can be perfect but the lack of proper decorum can and I am sure does spoil the atmosphere created by the ritual of the death and raising. Giggles, Snickers, and outright laughter are not only unnecessary, but they are downright rude.

Save the levity for the time of refreshment and save the story for the candidate.

—Your Editor

On Wednesday, May 6th, our W.M. Gary Starr, J.W. Eldon Cole, S.S. Bob Wendel, and your editor "Bill" Wharton attend a reception for Most Worshipful H. Douglas Lemons, held at the Home at Union City. During the meeting our Lady at the Home, Rachel Brown was presented with the first California Widows pin by the Grand Master. She was very proud. We had a visit with her and Ivy Wimer. All seems well and our ladies looked lovely all dressed up. If you haven't seen the Home lately you will be amazed. The renovations and additions are excellent, your contributions are being put to good use.

The four of us were very well treated. We had reserved seats in the auditorium and at dinner. Our trip up and back was touch and go, Eldon was our jockey and thought he was

riding a Greyhound. Gary slept most of the way and Bob was navigator. I just went along for the ride, such as it was. Our trouser legs were up to our knees by the time we got back to Fresno, if you know what I mean.

Las Palmas Widows Club

Mattie Ivy, secretary of our Widows Club reports all is well with the ladies. They held their regular business meeting May 4th at a luncheon in the Garden House Tea Room with excellent attendance. There were thirty three members and guests present.

President Mrs. Anita Jones introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Joe Trejo, Deputy Chief of the Fresno Police Dept. He gave an interesting talk about future planning of the department in their fight against crime and civil disturbance.

Our ladies are well organized. We are sure proud of them. We will be honoring them later this year at our annual Widows Nite.

Thank you Mattie for keeping us informed. You "gals" are important to us. Bless you all.

Picnic

Sunday, May 31st is the day; 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. is the time. Park View Shelter, Woodward Park is the place. Cost, nothing but your time. Fun, Frolic, Frivolity. This has always been a good time. The food is excellent. Deep Pit Bar-B-Que with all the trimmings. Bring the family and good appetite. There will be soft drinks for the young ones, no hard stuff. There will be a cribbage game or two and games. Be there and mingle, lots of good people to get to know better.

Los Angeles Pilgrimage

Sept. 26th and 27th we go to Los Angeles again. We will have a third degree at the historical temple, which is always interesting. There will be special programs for the ladies and non-masons. Also a visit to Covina and lunch with the kids. Good lodging, NOT where we were last year. Green Young, our travel agent, is ironing out the details, he will do an excellent job as always. See you on the bus. There may be some room "gatherings" Saturday nite, the "shadow knows."

Columbia

As was expected our annual trip to Columbia was a huge success. Breakfast was a little slow but good. The ride very good, we had a brother at the helm of both busses. The degree at the historical temple was one to remember. The side lines were almost full and the officers and sideliners did exceptionally well on the ritual. We were all very proud of Bro. Jim Hall as master in the first section. I don't think Larry Hopper the candidate will forget his raising. Eldon Cole, J.W. certainly knows how to use a setting maul. Our dinner at Howards was good as expected. All in all a very good, well attended event.

From the Secretary

Grand Lodge now has the Widows' Pins in stock. They are about the size of a nickel and have a red rose surrounded by the words "Masonic Widow of California". The cost is \$3.00 each.

In order to obtain a Widows' pin it will be necessary for the secretary to make an application to Grand Lodge and certify that the member was in good standing at the time of his death.

Las Palmas Lodge voted at its last stated meeting to purchase pins for widows who wish them. It will probably take several weeks to process the order. The first order we send in can be made with a long list of names. After that each one must be ordered separately on a separate order blank.

The Secretary will attend the next luncheon of the Widows Club and get a list of those wishing a pin. Widows whose husbands were members of other lodges may turn in their names at the same time, but we will have to contact the secretary of the other lodges to order the pins for them.

For out-of-state widows we will also order pins. Not all states supply pins for widows. We must have the name of the lodge, its number, and location. Our Grand Lodge will contact the Grand Lodge of the state involved, which in turn will contact the lodge of the member for certification of his membership status at the time of his death.

We ask that the ladies make a decision soon if they wish a pin and let us know either by phone or at the next widows club luncheon on June 1.

Calendar

- May 28, Thurs.** 7:30 p.m. First Degree
- May 31st, Sunday,** 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Annual Picnic, Parkview Shelter,
Woodward Park.
- June 4, Thurs.** 7:30 p.m. Third Degree, courtesy for Clovis.
- June 11, Thurs.** 7:30 p.m. Third Degree, courtesy for Clovis.
- June 18, Thurs.** 6:30 p.m. Dinner with our Dates. Shish Kabob. Reservations a must. Phone Bob Paden 268-2303 or Mary Perch 486-2923. \$7.00/person.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.
- June 25th, 7:30 p.m.** Masonic Information. Master Masons only. Review, discussion, questions.
- Stated Meetings and Dinner during July and August, otherwise dark.*
- July 16, Thurs.** 6:30 Dinner - Chicken Dinner. Reservations a must.
7:30 p.m. Stated meeting.
- Aug. 20, Thurs.** 6:30 p.m. Dinner. Reservations a must. Chinese Dinner.
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 30th,** Birthday of "H.N.W.I.C." A card of condolence is in order.
- June 7,** 8:15 a.m. 416-418 Officers Assoc. Breakfast. Cedar Lanes. All officers must attend or be excused by Inspector.
- Sept. 20,** Grand Masters Reception.
- Sept 26-27,** Annual Pilgrimage to Los Angeles, two days - (see separate notice).
- Oct. 13,** Grand Lodge Week.

ALLIED BODIES

- Scottish Rite - 3rd Mondays, Stated.
- York Rite - 1st, 3rd Tues., Fresno Temple.
- O.E.S. — La Sierra 555
1st and 3rd Fridays - Las Palmas
Raisina 89
1st and 3rd Mondays - Las Palmas
Fresno 295
2nd and 4th Mondays, Las Palmas.
- Mt. Tabor Shrine #28 - 4th Friday
- Daughters of the Nile #92 - 2nd Wednesday
- Amaranth #27 - 2nd Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS

- DeMolay - Las Palmas, 1st, 3rd Wednesday
- Jobs Daughters - Bethel 49, 2nd, 4th Saturday
- Bethel 197 - 2nd, 4th Saturday
- Bethel 243 - 1st, 3rd Tuesday.