



The Las Palmian

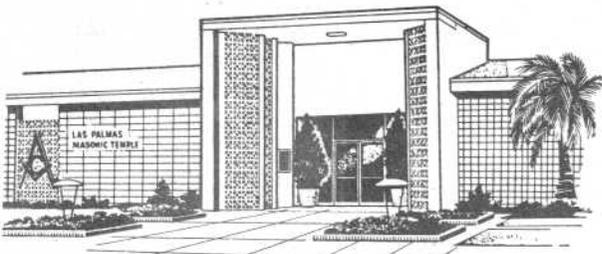
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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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From the East

My Brothers:

Here's hoping each one of you had an enjoyable and happy Thanksgiving Holiday and weekend. We, as Masons in this great land, have many, many things to be thankful for. I believe the greatest is the privilege to assemble as Masons wherever and whenever we please, so long as we don't tread on the rights of our fellow Americans.



Throughout the history of this great land, Masons and their wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, and widows have fought for and defended America. Not only from physical invasion from without, but more importantly, from the many attempts to subject our freedom from with-in. The many Masons in the U.S.A. and other Free Nations in the world have much to be proud of in keeping this old world a fine place to live. If there's any doubt in anyone's mind, just ask someone who has had the misfortune to live in one of the several "non free" countries in this old world.

Let us as Masons and as individuals, at all times, be proud to be Americans and thankful that we're able to be Freemasons, in the truest sense of the word.

And now my Brothers, let's each one of us exercise the right to assemble as Masons, and do so on Thursday night, each week.

Fraternally,

JIM KLEINKNIGHT
W.M.

From the West

Brethern:

Congratulations to Bros. Ream, Banks and Stewart on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. These brethren have worked hard to reach this honored goal, and we are proud of them.



We are also proud of Bro. Ronnie Rogers, who gave his third degree proficiency on November 18th, 1982. He also worked long and hard to accomplish this. Congratulations Ronnie.

A very special thank you goes to the Brethren behind the scene who coach these candidates; they are the greatest. Thank you Brethren.

Brethren, your Lodge and officers have been busy with degree work, and a glance at the calendar will show that they have been eating a lot this month. Bro. Banks put on a dinner on the evening his son Tip was raised. I must say it was very good, and thank you Bro. Banks. The next week was Past Masters Night, and another good dinner. The week following was our Stated Meeting, and all of you know what that means; another delicious dinner. Should we survive this, we have the Holiday Season before us; good luck brethren.

From your humble SW and his Lady Opal comes a very special Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

See you in your Lodge and mine — Las Palmas.

Fraternally,
Eldon W. Cole, SW

From the South

As we enter the Holiday Season, allow me to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Several new petitions were voted on and approved at the November Stated Meeting meaning more degree work for the officers. This year has been good to Las Palmas, as we have already raised nine new Master Masons, and the number of Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts currently working through the degrees exceeds that number. We appreciate your interest in these new Brothers, and, as always, we encourage your attendance at all degrees. As an officer, I sometimes am discouraged by the relatively low attendance at our meetings. Brethren, we are a Lodge of almost 900 members. I we could get but 10% of you to our meetings every Thursday, the Lodge-room would be very full indeed. How could any candidate fail to be impressed by a nearly full Lodge-room; or put another way, unimpressed by a nearly empty one? Think about that the next time you settle down in front of the TV on a Thursday night. I hope to see you in Lodge **this** week!

Fraternally,
Lawrence D. Hopper
Junior Warden

Calendar

Dec. 1982

- 2 Thurs. 7:30 pm** First Degree
9 Thurs. 7:30 pm Third Degree
16 Thurs. 6:30 pm Dinner with Our Dates
7:30 pm Stated Meeting
23 Thurs. 7:30 pm Degree to be announced
Sat. MERRY CHRISTMAS
30 Thurs. 7:30 pm Degree to be announced

December 16 Activities

Santa Claus will make his annual appearance at the dinner and you are encouraged to bring your children to share the festivities. The menu will be Roast Pork and reservations should be made no later than the 13th to Bob Paden 268-2303 or Mary Perch 486-2923.

Presentations of Bibles will be made to those who have passed their third degree proficiencies during the past year at the stated meeting. There will be an election of officers for the 1983 year. A memorial ceremony will be held for those brothers who have passed to the Celestial Lodge during the year. The ladies are invited to attend the memorial ceremony and the presentation of Bibles in the Lodge Room.

California Masonic Foundation

SAN FRANCISCO. The trustees of the California Masonic Foundation announced that \$106,035.00 was awarded to scholarship recipients and leadership programs. This past year, 136 individuals have benefited from its Amaranth Fund and General Fund. Up to \$750/student/year is made available to worthy and qualified applicants. Income obtained from past contributions into an endowment program provides funds for the scholarship program. The recipients are from all areas of California and Hawaii and attend schools covering a wide spectrum. Your tax free contribution to the foundation will enable these activities to continue aiding these worthy and needy young people.

Fraternally,
Robert L. Dreyfus, Pres.
Board of Trustees
Californian Masonic Foundation

Las Palmas Widows

The Las Palmas Widows Club Number One has enjoyed a very nice year with Mrs. Gladys Bailey as President. Thanks to Mrs. Leona Comstock, there were two bus trips. One to

Columbia State Park and one to San Juan Bautista.

The December 6th meeting will be an election of officers and a Christmas Party. All Masonic Widows of Las Palmas members or other Masonic Lodges. Please call Doris Lewis 227-0621 or Gladys Bailey 233-1325 for reservations and further information.

Membership Rosters

The 416th and 418th District Inspectors, Ted Lindsey and Bill Murphy, asked our Secretary, Bob Paden, to head a committee to investigate the possibility of a joint membership roster for 1983. Brother Bob says the program is progressing very well and it is expected to have a roster ready to go out about Jan. 15, 1983.

It will include eight Lodges namely Fresno #247, Sanger #316, Las Palmas #366, Clovis #417, Center #465, Sun Garden #530, Ponderosa #700 and the Central California Research Lodge. There will be several improvements over the 1980 roster which will make it more useable. One improvement will be the addition of addresses and phone numbers for all members.

Masonic Homes

The following are some excerpts from a letter written by Richard C, Matthews, a member of the Masonic Homes Endowment Board, to the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of Masonic Districts 414, 416, 418, 422, 424, 426 and 427.

Brethren: The residents of the Masonic Homes of California thank you and the members of your Lodge for your generosity during the 1981-82 Masonic year which ended June 30. Your contributions are vital to the continued support of the children and the aged.

Many members like to take care of their Lodge obligations all at once and a reminder from the Lodge is helpful. A personal appeal for support of our Masonic "family" would cer-

tainly be in order. This is our one financial obligation that all Master masons should willingly support. Your assistance will be appreciated by the residents of our homes. End of excerpt.

The Homes would also welcome donations of refrigerators, radios, and TVs. If you have such items that are in workable condition please contact Bob Paden or Jim Kleinknight.

VAHAN RUDOLPH TASHJIAN, age 93, passed away August 23. He was discovered early Saturday morning murdered by a beating, supposedly by burglars. He lived by himself, his wife having preceded him in death several years previously. Vahan was raised in Standard Lodge No. 873 in Illinois, which later consolidated under the name of Cornerstone Lodge No. 875, on March 31, 1921. He affiliated from the latter lodge March 21, 1974 and received a Golden Veterans Award the following year.

RICHARD OLAF OLSON, age 71, died October 25, a suicide, following a few years' battle with bone marrow cancer. It seems the pain became unbearable. Before he retired Dick was advertising manager for the Fresno Guide. He later sold real estate. For about ten years he was in hospitals for treatment of his affliction, which was never completely controlled and became progressively worse. He was born in Beloit, Wisconsin on July 23, 1911, and came to Fresno in his early thirties. Las Palmas Lodge conducted the funeral service October 28, with J. Craig Shaw and Eldon W. Cole officiating.