



The Las Palmian

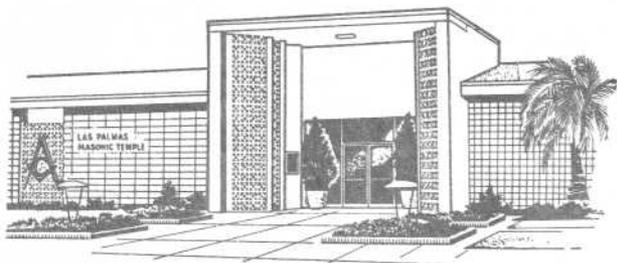
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From the East

My Brothers:

The Masonic year of 1982 is just about over and it has been one of the most rewarding years of my life. Not just because I was Master this year, but mainly because you, my Brothers, chose me to be Master of your Lodge, Las Palmas No. 366, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California. I feel that no higher honor can be bestowed upon a Brother than to have his Brother Masons select him to serve them as Master; my sincere thanks to each of you.



Las Palmas is indeed fortunate this next year to have Brother Eldon Cole serve as Master. When you elected Brother Cole at our last stated meeting you elected one of the most dedicated masons that it has been my privilege to be associated with. Brother Cole has demonstrated time and again his devotion to Masonry and I'm sure that his year as Master of Las Palmas will be an outstanding event in the history of this great Masonic Lodge.

My special thanks to the officers that accepted the appointments that I was privileged to make this year. Each of you, in due time, will be outstanding Masters and a credit to Las Palmas.

To the Brothers that accepted committee appointments, you have my eternal thanks. Without the help of each of you our Masonic Year would have been somewhat less than the success that I believe it was.

Fraternally,

JIM KLEINKNIGHT
W.M. 1982

From the West

Brethren:

This month we say welcome to Bro. Kenneth Wayne Hanson, who was made an Entered Apprentice Mason December 2, 1982. Welcome, my brother, to the oldest, largest, and most honorable Fraternity in the world as we know it. You can be justly proud of having been accepted into this Order.



The following is a short explanation of one of the Tenets of Masonry explained in the First Degree.

It is the duty of every Mason to conduct himself so that his word shall be above suspicion. He should always be governed by the Divine attribute, the Law of Truth.

To those who are working on a degree proficiency; let's bring the New Year in with a job well done. Your officers and brethren look forward to your advancement.

May your Holiday Season have been wonderful, but now it is time to resume our labors.

See you in your Lodge and mine — Las Palmas.

Fraternally,
Eldon W. Cole, SW

Let's Hear from You!

Your officers are now making plans for Public Schools Week this coming April. In order for it to be an outstanding event, we want everyone to participate. We want your input.

If it was **your** responsibility to plan for this Observance what would you do? Would you repeat what we've done in the past? Or would you make any changes? How would you improve attendance? If you haven't attended these affairs in the past, what kept you away? What would induce you to come?

Let's hear it from you!

Calendar

Jan. 1983

- 1 Sat.** HAPPY NEW YEAR
6 Thurs. 7:30 pm Second Degree
13 Thurs. 7:30 pm Installation practice for officers
15 Sat. 8:00 pm Installation of Officers. You'all Come.
20 Thurs. 6:30 pm Dinner with Our Dates. Celebration of 22nd Birthday of the Dates. Menu, Baked Chicken. Reservations Required.
7:30 pm Stated Meeting
27 Thurs. 7:30 pm Degree to be announced

Elections and Appointments

At the Stated meeting December 16, the following were elected and appointed to serve Las Palmas Lodge for the 1983 Masonic year. Elected were:

Eldon Cole, Master; Larry Hopper, Senior Warden; Larry Duba, Junior Warden; George Posson, Treasurer; Robert Paden, Secretary; Ralph Saroyan, Trustee 3 year term; Wilton Sims and Victor Muzni, Directors Las Palmas Temple Board for 3 years.

Eldon Cole, Worshipful Master-Elect appointed Paul Shelley, Organist; Wallace Scott, Chaplain; John Hopper, Senior Steward; Joe Yoakum, Junior Steward; John Denton, Senior Deacon; Walter Wright, Tiler; James Hall, Marshal. Larry Hopper, Senior Warden-Elect appointed Lee French, Junior Deacon.

December 16 Ceremonies

The Ladies were invited into the Lodge room to share in the presentations and Necrology Service.

Wallace Scott presented Bibles to Lawrence Bennett, Tony Marash, and Ronnie Rogers to commemorate their passing their third degree proficiencies.

Wayne Hearn P.M. chaired the Necrology Services with Ed Carpenter P.M. in the West, and Sam Pavlovich P.M. in the South, and Bob Reynolds, P.M. at the Altar. Hearn said in part:

"There are no words which we can utter and no honors that we can bestow upon their memories that would enrich their lives beyond that which they achieved for themselves by their desires to be Masons — their activities, their masonic experience as they lived it, each in their personal way.

"There is no better time than the present in which to remind ourselves of the privileges of fraternal friendship; to rededicate ourselves to the masonic principles of brotherly love, to charity in its true sense of 'love' and 'concern for our fellow man', and, to remember to enjoy the happy friendship of our brothers, wherever we may meet them, lest the time shall come when we can recall them only in our memories, — and, ... a rose... upon the altar... becomes a final, silent tribute to their masonic 'life'."

Those who passed onto the Celestial Lodge above during 1982 were:

David Ellis Leslie, John Savoy, Paul Burns Wilson, Harvey Elmore Burnett, Floyd James Harkness, Jacob Norman Rheingans, Raburn Wallace Ferguson, Eli Sivley Gregory, Victor Ralphemus Peterson, John Robert Telesco, Harold Yates Schueler, Vernon Earl Maddox, William Harold McCaslin, James "H" Bort, Fred Gottfried Borgardt, Vernard Charles Redman, Ira Elmer Farley, P.M., Odell Floyd

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Lingerfelt, P.M., Toivo August Panttaja, Walter Edison Wagner, Zach Lamar Felder, Richard Olaf Olson, Vahan Rudolph Tashjian, James Diran Karian, Allard Derby Dadmun, P.M., Clarence Everett Larson.

FRED GOTTFRIED BORGARDT, Age 77, passed away September 1 following long illness with a stroke. He was born in Russia and came to Fresno in 1920, where he entered the grocery business. He sold out and retired in 1972. Fred was made a master mason on March 4, 1943, in Las Palmas lodge, where he was a life member. He also was a member of the Scottish Rite in Fresno. Masonic services were held Sept. 7 with Eldon Cole as chaplain and J. Craig Shaw P.M. officiating. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Christine Borgardt.

VERNARD CHARLES REDMAN, Age 78, died September 3 following a massive heart attack. He was born Nov. 6, 1903 at Columbus, Ohio, and had been a Fresno resident for 65 years. Before he retired in 1969, Verne was a senior vice president of PG&E, with offices in San Francisco. He also was very active in Fresno civic affairs. Brother Redman was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on June 10, 1948. He leaves a widow, Mary E. Redman.

IRA ELMER FARLEY, Age 88, a past master of Las Palmas Lodge, passed away September 16. He served as Fresno County Clerk for thirty four years and often helped out in that office with pay when needed. Brother Farley was an expert clock maker. He donated one to his lodge, which is hanging in the club room. He also had a basement full of them in his home. Ira was born in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, on April 21, 1893, and enjoyed good health until just recently. He was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on October 1, 1925, and served as master in 1943. Services were conducted by the First Presbyterian Church of Fresno. He leaves no widow.

ODELL FLOYD LINGERFELT, Age 54, Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1966, succumbed to a heart attack while fishing in northern California on September 24, 1982. He previously had suffered much with a spinal disc problem, but was not bothered with his heart. Odell was born in Sallisaw, Oklahoma on August 29, 1928, and came to Fresno in 1950. He was a licensed embalmer, was executive director of the Fresno-Madera Medical Society and the Central California Blood Bank and the Fresno Foundation for Medical Care. He retired five years ago. Odell was made a master mason in Las Palmas Lodge on May 11, 1960, and was appointed to the officer line in January, 1961. He was real active in the lodge when its building was completed and dedicated. He leaves his wife, Connie, three daughters and one son. Funeral services were conducted by the lodge and about twenty past masters were honorary pallbearers.

TOIVO AUGUST PANTTAJA, Age 80, passed away October 9 following a long illness. He had undergone an operation several months ago and never fully recovered from his problem. Toivo was born in Astoria, Oregon on June 13, 1902, and moved to Fresno in his younger years, where he worked for the Peerless Pump Co. as an installer. He went to work for PG&E in 1937 as an apprentice electrician and retired from that company after a long career there. Brother Panttaja was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on Feb. 26, 1944, and was a very frequent attender until his illness prevented him driving a car.

WALTER EDISON WAGNER, Age 74, died October 17. He had been stricken with several small heart attacks over the past several years, and the last one was fatal. Walter will be remembered as one of the architects responsible for the construction of Las Palmas Temple in 1960 and 1961. He was active in the Shrine Band and Scottish Rite Band. His masonic career began in 1951 when he was raised in Las Palmas Lodge. Brother Wagner was born in Oakland, California on September 1, 1908 and spent most of his life in the San Joaquin Valley designing numerous business building and residences.

ALLARD DERBY DADMUN, age 67, passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on December 9, 1982, following several years of trouble with emphysema. Al was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on June 30, 1949, after received his initiation and passing in St. John the Baptist Lodge No. 12 at San Juan, Porto Rico. He was stationed there during World War 2. After coming to Fresno Al was employed by the U.S. Dept. of Internal Revenue, Alcohol and Firearms Bureau. In his early years as a member of the lodge he coached many candidates. He was Master of the lodge in 1963. Al will be remembered by old-timers as a member of several masonic plays performed in lodges of central California. He was very active on committees during construction of our Las Palmas Temple. He was a telephone company employee for more than 20 years and retired to move to Meadow Lakes, where his health was improved by the altitude. Al was born at Bascawen, New Hampshire March 28, 1915. His wife, Cecile, survives him. No funeral service was held for our brother. Cremation was immediate and his ashes were spread over the Sierras, which Al had requested, and which he loved so much.

CLARENCE EVERETT LARSON, age 82, died December 12, 1982, following a long illness. He was an electrician for PG&E in Fresno, having come here in 1943 from Honolulu, where he installed automatic telephone systems for 2½ years. He started his trade in Los Angeles as an electrician for that city. He worked in Taft four years before going to Hawaii. Brother Larson was made a master mason in Las Palmas Lodge on May 22, 1944. Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church on December 15. He leaves his wife, Edith R. Larson.