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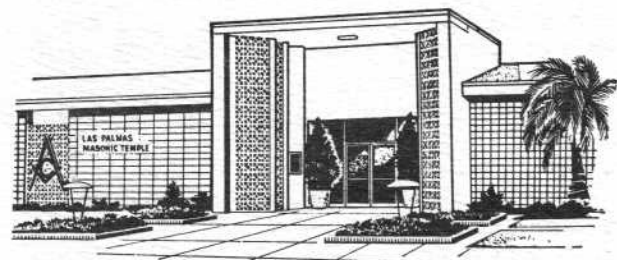
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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
F. & A. M.*



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From the East

Brethren:

We have been forced to make a few changes in our plans in the past few days. First we had to cancel our trip to Hornitos. Hopefully this can be re-scheduled at a later date.

We were also compelled to change our date for our trip to Columbia. This trip is now scheduled for June 18th, 1983. This is also on Saturday. Cost per person will be \$13.50 and of course Ladies are invited. There will be no breakfast stop on the way up; but we will have breakfast rolls and coffee on board the bus.

Departure time from Las Palmas Lodge will be at six (6:00 a.m.) o'clock. This means be there, and on the bus at six a.m.

We will confer a third degree upon Bro. Don Scott. We can begin the degree at ten a.m. if we can be there by that time.

This will give us more time to spend with our Ladies and enjoy this quaint place, and have a leisurely lunch before heading for home. Lunch will be on your own.

Our departure time on the return portion of our trip will be three thirty (3:30 p.m.) and we should arrive at Las Palmas about seven (7:00) p.m.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Tilers desk at each meeting. You can call the Lodge Office week days before noon, 268-2303. There will be only one bus; make your reservation soon.

Our picnic at Woodward Park was a smashing success this year. We were not only well represented by our older members, but also by our younger ones as well. We were also very pleased to have so many of our DeMolays present. They seemed to enjoy the entire day, especially the baseball game with the so called old-timers, this one was so close it was enough to make one nervous.

What this Master observed at this Picnic was a mirror of our past, and a pleasant peek into the future of Las Palmas Lodge; its growth, and the direction in which it is going. Believe me brethren, Las Palmas is going in the proper direction, and I am very proud to be a small part



of it. I went away from that picnic with a warm feeling, and the belief that I had seen a part of Masonry in action. We seldom achieve the success of this activity.

To our Jr. Warden Larry Duba, thank you for doing such an outstanding job of organizing and conducting this event. You have earned another star in your crown. (Another example of why Las Palmas is the greatest.)

See you in your Lodge — and mine — Las Palmas.

Fraternally,

ELDON W. COLE, W.M.

From the South

Brethren,

The Brethren who have been attending Lodge the past month, have witnessed the first and third degrees. The ritual work has been accompanied by music, which is outstanding, played by Brother Paul Shelley. Con-



gratulations are given to Brother Bill Markus Ennis, Bro. Dee Taylor Lewis, and Bro. James Victor Schultz for being initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons. We welcome you and your families to Las Palmas Lodge. Congratulations are also in order for Bro. Nelson Everett Ferry who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Nelson was pleasantly surprised to find out that the ritual was exemplified by a number of active and retired Pacific Gas and Electric employees.

All Master Masons who have given their Third Degree Proficiency this year will be receiving their Masonic Bibles at the Stated Meeting to be held on June 23, 1983.

Those members who attended the Annual Las Palmas Picnic which was held at Woodward Park on May 15, 1983, know what a great success it was. Thank you for attending and participating in the various activities we had planned for you and your families. A special thank you is given to the members of the Scottish Rite Band who provided that special flair that a picnic needs. People enjoyed it whether they were conversing with their friends, playing volleyball

or playing softball. Approximately 260 people attended. It was good to see so many De Molay members and guests present. We enjoyed their company and competition in the sports activities. The winners of the Water Balloon Toss were as follows: 1st place, Janice Irwin and Teresa Holcomb; 2nd place, Steve Chase and Frank Rutliff; and 3rd place, Greg Balch and Allen Balch. The winners of the Three Legged Race were: 1st place, Audra Irwin and Michelle Wimberly; and 2nd place, Greg Balch and Allen Balch.

I would like to thank our Worshipful Master for providing this activity and thank the Brethren who assisted in the preparations and clean up of the picnic grounds.

Fraternally,

Larry L. Duba

Junior Warden

Brethren:

The ranks of Masonry have been thinning out over the past few years. In most cases the attrition rate has exceeded the new members. Many reasons can be given for this, social, economical, and bad press; none are acceptable to us. We need to do our utmost to bring to the public a true picture of our order. We need to make the many good men and true who are not Masons, aware of the benefits, values, and brotherly ties available to them, by joining with us in our Great Fraternity.

Of course we cannot directly ask a man to apply. We can however, live, practice, and exemplify the tenets we teach and thus stand out in the crowd. Should our friends, acquaintances, or business associates, show the slightest interest, we can talk to them and perhaps light the light. We know of course, only those things which are esoteric may not be discussed. Anything which is printed may be repeated. The secretaries of all lodges have or can get many pamphlets clearly stating what can be told to a non-mason.

We here at Las Palmas have been very fortunate. We do not AT PRESENT lack for candidates. Let us hope this condition continues. We are only a small part of our Great Fraternity, so we must all go to work. We must all live, act, practice and talk Freemasonry. The more that good men join with us, the stronger we become, and the better this world will be.

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Calendar

June

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| 2 Thur. 7:30 pm | 2nd Degree |
| 9 Thur. 7:30 pm | 1st Degree |
| 16 Thurs. 6:30 pm
7:30 pm | Dinner with Our Dates
Stated Meeting; Bible
presentation |
| 18 Sat. 6:00 am | Bus leaves for Columbia
— 3rd Degree |
| 23 Thur. 7:30 pm | 3rd Degree |
| 30 Thur. 7:30 pm | 1st Degree |

July (Dark except for -)

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| 21 Thur. 6:30 pm
7:30 pm | Dinner with Our Dates
Stated Meeting |
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August (Dark except for -)

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| 18 Thur. 6:30 pm
7:30 pm | Dinner with Our Dates
Stated Meeting |
| 21 Sun. 7:30 pm | Proficiency Meeting - all
degrees |

Reservations are required for all dinners

DeMOLAY EVENTS

July 10 -Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. till noon.
Awards Program, Scottish Rite Temple, 4:30 p.m.

Aug. 21 - Spaghetti Dinner, noon till 4:00 p.m.

OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR MASONIC FAMILY MEETING IN LAS PALMAS TEMPLE

- Order of The Eastern Star
 - La Sierra #555 — 1st and 3rd Friday
 - Fresno #295 — 2nd and 4th Monday
 - Raisina #89 — 1st and 3rd Monday
- White Shrine — 4th Friday
- Daughters of the Nile #92 — 2nd Wednesday
- Youth Groups
 - Las Palmas DeMolay — 1st and 3rd Wed.
 - Jobs Daughters #243 — 1st and 3rd Tues.
 - Jobs Daughters #49 — 2nd and 4th Tues.
 - Jobs Daughters #197 — 2nd and 4th Sat.
- Amaranth Court #27 — 2nd Sat.

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Lodge members in the Fresno area now have a chance to put their masonry into action. Two buildings in California have recently been damaged and our brothers are in need of help.

Coastside Lodge No. 762, which is in Pacifica, a small town on the coast just west of San Bruno, has lost almost all its real estate facing the Pacific Ocean. Only a few feet of dirt were left between the edge of the building and the ocean. It has been moved to a safe place near the front of the property and is standing on blocks. Here is where Coastside Lodge funds ran out.

The Master of the Lodge, Roger S. Murray, is appealing for financial aid to purchase property several blocks away, and also to move the building to the new location and make it habitable so lodge meetings can resume. It has been estimated that \$150,000 will be required for this project.

Lodges cannot contribute funds for this purpose. Any contributions to another lodge must come from individual members, and must be on a voluntary basis.

If you can spare a few dollars for this worthy cause, we will receive them at the lodge office and forward them to the Coastline Lodge. If you use a check, please make it out to Coastside Temple Association. We have the assurance from the Master that these funds will be used only for the project as outlined above.

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On Monday evening, May 2, Coalinga Lodge No. 387 lost most of its building as the result of an earthquake. As near as we can tell the back portion of the building is on the ground and the roof has caved in.

The Coalinga Lodge members have not yet appealed for help, but we are sure such a request will be forthcoming soon. Probably they are waiting for an opportunity to survey the damage and get an estimate of the cost to repair their temple.

Several Las Palmas members have expressed a desire to contribute funds to our unfortunate neighbors to assist them in rebuilding. We are almost sure the present temple cannot be repaired to make it safe enough to use. We also are quite sure the lodge membership of approximately 300 will not be able to finance the project.

If you would like to display your masonic charity and also contribute to the Coalinga project, you

may send your donation to the lodge office and we will have something to send the brethren of Coalinga Lodge when their appeal for help comes. We are sure Coalinga Lodge members would help if we were in a similar plight.

California Masonic Foundation

Do you know someone like Larry Molander? A recent recipient of a California Masonic Foundation Scholarship, Larry is a blind student who supports himself and a younger brother. A Student Body President while at his community college, College of Redwoods, Larry has worked hard for disabled students at his current school, Humboldt State. He has received recognition nationally for his efforts for a Braille Map of the campus which has greatly improved the horizons for disabled students. Larry says, "I would like to thank the Masons for the opportunity to apply for this Scholarship. It is just one more example of the help your fine organization does throughout the community."

Or maybe you know someone like Roberta Lynn Gale? Another recent recipient of a Foundation Scholarship, Roberta is the only female in a class of 400 at the California Maritime Academy. She carries a 3.6 grade point average in Marine Engineering while being the class divisional executive officer. In a letter to all Masons she noted, "I fully realize that my attendance at the Maritime Academy is only possible because of the charity of your organization... It is beautiful that there is an organization such as yours to help students, such as myself, who cannot afford to attend school otherwise."

Your tax free contribution to the Foundation will enable scholarships to continue aiding these worthy and needy young people.