



The Las Palmian

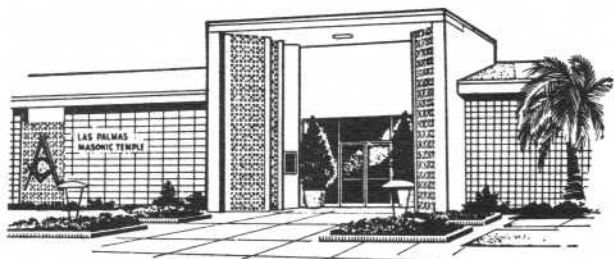
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F. & A. M.*



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From the East

Brethren:

The long hot is coming to an end and it is again time to return to our labors.

We already have a waiting list for degrees, and it looks as if we will be busy each night that is available to us.

To the Officers who have been working toward their advanced stations; thank you, and keep up the good work, it will pay dividends in September.

To all our wonderful Candidates who have worked so hard to complete their proficiency in each degree, keep up the good work. You will receive your next degree as quickly as possible.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends who have lost a loved one during the time the Lodge has been dark. They will be missed terribly by those who were left behind.

The ravages of time and illness spare none, so, if you notice that I have a few more grey hairs in September, you will know the reason why.

My sincere thanks to Bro. Paul W. Ford, P.M. for assuming the responsibility of Master during the time I was away. Also to Bros. Paden and Brown for their full co-operation during this time.

To those Bros. who put on the Shis-ka-bob Dinner in July and August we thank you very much, and look forward to these events each summer. They are typical examples of members of Las Palmas, and one of the reasons we are so proud of each and every one of them.

Las Palmas Chapter order of DeMolay will perform for us on October 13th, 1983. Mark your calendar for this date, they need our full support.

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

Fraternally,
ELDON W. COLE, W.M.



From the West

Brethren,

Welcome back! Hope all of you had a productive but relaxing July and August. Much of my time was spent learning the ritual necessary for advancement this September, but I still found time to enjoy the long evenings and summer weather.

September finds us once again "in the thick of it". As has been the case these past couple of years, there is plenty to do. Traditionally, September is the month when the officers advance and become familiar with the work they will be required to know in the new positions they will assume the following year. Many of us have spent the summer preparing for advancement in accordance with this tradition. Through the years, Las Palmas has become well-known for its proficient ritual work, and it is through policies such as "September Advancement" that we have gained this reputation.

Brethren, your officers come from all walks of life, but they have one thing in common: a love of masonry. They give freely of their time with no intrinsic incentives. Their only reward is the privilege of facilitating a man's progress through the degrees and the joy that building the fraternity brings. It is through their efforts that Las Palmas continues to maintain the reputation of being one of the fine ritualistic lodges in our area. Why not thank them by visiting your lodge soon? Your presence in lodge makes it all worthwhile, for it shows your support of their efforts. Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
Lawrence D. Hopper, S.W.



From the South

Brethren,

I hope that you have had a good summer and that you are ready to witness the degree work which we will be having per the schedule of events. Prior to the lodge going dark, we had some degrees which deserve mentioning at this time.



It is with great pleasure that I convey congratulations to the following Brethren for being initiated, passed and raised to the Masonic Degrees: Brother Felix Vecchiare was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason; Brothers Bill Marcus Ennis and Dee Taylor Lewis were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft; and Brother Allen John Bull was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It should be noted that both Brothers Ennis and Lewis took only one month to advance from Entered Apprentice Masons to Fellowcraft Masons. This is a tribute to them and to their coaches.

I encourage all Brethren to take advantage of the opportunity to meet and listen to Most Worshipful Harry L. Maynard, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California and Hawaii, at the Grand Master's Breakfast which is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 1983. This important event will be held at Fresno Masonic Temple and it will begin at 8 a.m. Please join your Brethren at this momentous occasion. All Lodge Officers have tickets for sale. The cost is only \$5.00. See you there!

Fraternally,

Larry L. Duba
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Business matter at the lodge office have been running quite smoothly this summer. As a matter of fact they have been downright boring. With no lodge meetings being held, it gets a little lonesome occasionally.

It might be interesting to note that we have conferred nine third degrees since January 1. We also had two affiliations. We started the year

with 872 members and this helped some. We lost 19 members during the same period. Fourteen were by death, three by withdrawal and two suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The deaths were...

Beverly R. Cockrell	Eilef Rue
Calvin H. Morgan	George H. Galliher
Carl H. Pratt	Delbert A. Moit
William E. Taylor	Robert K. Winzler
Charles Hertle, Jr.	Green L. Young, P.M.
Clyde L. Smith	John B. Sylva
Guy R. Kenny	Howard A. Anderson
John P. Stanton	Harry E. Colhouer

Our Master has really been busy. Besides the third degrees conferred and funerals conducted we managed to work in ten first degrees and ten second degrees.

We ended the six-month period with no deaths or transfers, we might build up our membership a little. This loss trend is about the same throughout all of California, so we don't feel so bad about it. If you have any inquiries about how to join the lodge, don't wait but about a minute before you get an application into the hands of the person asking.

If you think a certain person will make a good member, talk to his wife and have her encourage him. You can't do it, but she can. You might even ask him if he ever thought about joining. This may lead to his asking for a petition.

A SPECIAL HAPPENING

W. Bob Jackson Master of Center Lodge informs us of a special happening at his Lodge Wednesday September 28th, at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a "tri-tip" dinner at 6:30. The dinner will cost \$5.00 and will be prepared by the Sciots of Pyramid #10. reservations are a must and close September 24th.

The meeting is a first as far as we know. It is a Third Degree put on by the "Heroes of 76", a team composed of officers of the armed forces, from the Lodges in this area. They will be in uniform, I hope they fit. It should be a great evening.

Also the Sciots will be making an official visitation. For dinner reservations call Carl Schneider at 233-8734 or Bob Jackson at 229-6339. There will be a crowd so call early, seating is limited. See you there.

Calendar

Sept.	
1 Thur. 7:30 pm	3rd Degree
8 Thur. 7:30 pm	3rd Degree
15 Thur. 6:30 pm	Dinner with Our Dates Bar-B-Q Steak
7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
22 Thur. 7:30 pm	1st Degree
29 Thur. 7:30 pm	2nd Degree
Oct.	
6 Thur. 7:30 pm	3rd Degree
13 Thur. 7:30 pm	Order of DeMolay will Exemplify
20 Thur. 6:30	Dinner with Our Dates
7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
27 Thur. 7:30 pm	2nd Degree
Nov.	
3 Thur. 7:30 pm	Rainbow For Girls will Exemplify
10 Thur.	Past Masters' Night More Later on this
17 Thur. 6:30 pm	Dinner with Our Dates
7:30 pm	Stated Meeting

Reservations are required for all dinners

PLEASE CONFORM!

It seems that on the nights we have our dinners, quite a few people are coming into the banquet room early. Please do not come in until the doors are open to all.

At our last dinner, there were thirty five people sitting or standing around talking. This is confusing to those who are working setting up, and is very unfair to the rest who wait outside until all is ready.

There are a few who are ill or for any reason can not stand in line. They have always been allowed in early and that's ok.

So we must ask that only those who are incapacitated enter the room ahead of time. Let's be fair. Stay out in the foyer with the rest, make it easy for all.

Brethren, ask your ladies and guests to remain in the foyer. We do not want to be forced to ask them to leave and join the others, but we will if we have to. THANKS.

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH SEPTEMBER 1983

Each year it becomes the privilege of the current Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California F. & A. M. to recognize the great political document which sets forth the laws of our beloved land. Many of us review with regularity our California Masonic Code but we all take for granted the great words and provisions of our Constitution unless reminded occasionally.

Signed and accepted by our forefathers as the law of our great nation, 23 of whom were Freemasons, on September 16, 1787, it is recognized as one of the great documents of freedom and establishes the rights of free people to the view of the entire world.

The torch of the Olympics, with nations from all over the world, will be lighted in our Masonic Jurisdiction in Los Angeles in 1984, permitting us to demonstrate to all people those rights of freedom granted by our Constitution. Let us now prepare for the recognition of the 196th anniversary of our great Constitution by establishing an appropriate program near September 17, 1983.

Therefore to that end, I PROCLAIM the month of September 1983, as **CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH** in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California including our brethren in the great Aloha State of Hawaii, our newest addition to our great Constitution. I urge that where practical, this proclamation be printed in all communications to the brethren of all the Lodges of this Jurisdiction and that it be read at the Stated Meetings for August and September 1983. The flag of our country will be formally presented at the September Stated Meeting in special tribute to the Constitution of the United States.

Continue to help me "Hold high the Torch of Freemasonry" in support of our great Constitution.

Fraternally,
Harry L. Maynard
Grand Master