



The Las Palmian

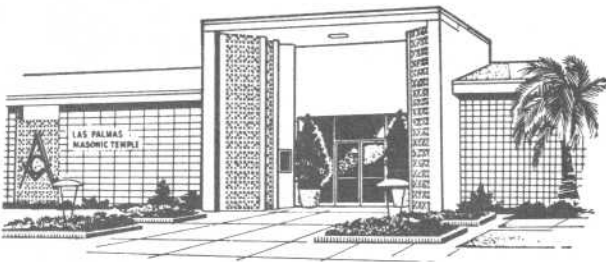
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From the East

Grand Master E. Arthur Haglund has proclaimed the month of April as the time we celebrate Public Schools Week, with the slogan, "Quality and Excellence in Public Education: The Key to America's Future". Besides the opportunity for each one of us to visit our public schools during this time period, we at Las Palmas will observe this celebration with a short program at our April Stated Meeting. In addition, the 416th and 418th Masonic Districts Officer's Association will present awards to the area's top students at their 4th Annual Public Schools Awards Banquet to be held on Friday, April 27th. This year's location will be Bullard High School, and the festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be \$8.50 per person for Tri-tip. See your Lodge officers for tickets. More importantly, if you buy tickets and cannot attend yourself, please give them to someone who can go. We would like to see an above average turnout this year, as we are videotaping the ceremonies, for presentation to Grand Lodge.

Be sure to mark your calendars and reserve May 12th and June 10th. The first date is our annual Lodge picnic, while the second is the Grand Master's Festival in the southern San Joaquin Valley. More information will follow on each of these events; but for now, reserve those dates!

Please take special note of the change in our stated meeting date to the second Thursday (April 12th) this month. We will be dark on the third Thursday (April 19th) so that our Scottish Rite brethren can attend Maundy Thursday services.

That's all for this month. Hope to see each of you in Lodge soon!

Fraternally,
LAWRENCE D. HOPPER
Worshipful Master

For Ladies Only

This month's ladies program, after our Stated Meeting dinner, will feature Jean Denton who will demonstrate "Antique porcelain doll reproductions in Ceramics". Jean was employed by Duncan Ceramics for several years, and is well-versed on this topic.

It was good to see so many of you (about 50) stay for our program in February. Keep up the attendance! We enjoy entertaining you while your husband attends our Stated Meeting.



From the West

Brethren,

See Spot Run! A B C D E F
G. $2 + 2 = 4$. Reading,
Writing, and Arithmetic. If
you can read this, then thank
a teacher! April is Public
Schools Month as you are
already aware, but sometimes
it is necessary to be reminded
that we owe a great deal of credit to the
educators of our land for our success.



Masonry is well known for our support of Public Schools, and each of us is important in this effort. We have opportunities to show our interest by either attending PTA meetings, open houses that schools have or other meetings where school affairs are discussed. If none of these activities fits into your busy schedule, then you should make a special effort to support the one great Masonic event which we have in our community. This event happens to be the Public Schools Awards Dinner which is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 1984. The dinner will be held in the Bullard High School Cafeteria, which is at the Northeast corner of Palm and Bullard Aves. at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 per person. If you do buy tickets, but can not attend, it is requested that you will give the tickets to someone who can attend, because it is extremely important that we have a full house for this event.

The Public Schools Awards Dinner is sponsored by the majority of the Masonic Lodges in the 416th and the 418th Masonic Districts. Awards will be given to the outstanding student in the high schools located in the Fresno and Sanger School Districts. U.S. Government Bonds and Plaques will be presented by the Master of the Masonic Lodges.

You may buy your tickets from any officer of the Lodge. Remember that this event is an excellent opportunity for you to show your visible support for the outstanding youth and future adults of our community. See you there!

Fraternally,
LARRY L. DUBA
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,
Fraternal greetings from the South!

Brother Tip Banks, Chapter Dad for our Las Palmas Demolay Chapter has informed me that the Chapter is steadily growing and wishes to thank all the brethren of the Las Palmas Lodge for their support of all the Chapter activities.

And thanks to you Brother Tip Banks for the many hours you spend with our youth. The hours may be long but the result of your labor is fantastic! Keep up the good work!

I am pleased to welcome Brothers Ronald Hirschler to our Lodge. Thank you for choosing our Lodge; you picked a winner!

During this month Brothers Felix Vecchiarelli and Douglas Boudakian passed their proficiency in the Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree and were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Also, Brothers Jack Cannon and Preston Bush were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Congratulations to all!

A little food for thought:

If you were brought before a judge and accused of being a Mason would there be enough evidence presented to convict you or would you be found...

Not Guilty!

Fraternally,
John L. Denton,
Junior Warden



From the Secretary

It might be well to discuss procedures of receiving members in a lodge. Not all members have access to the California Masonic Code and are not aware of what must take place when an applicant submits an application for degrees.

An application is received when it is read by the secretary at a stated meeting, unless by a majority vote the lodge declines to receive it.

The Master then appoints a committee of three members, whose duty it is to make strict examination into the moral, mental, physical



and other proper qualifications of the applicant, and report thereon to the Master at the next stated meeting, unless further time be granted.

The report of the investigating committee shall be made in detail, giving the fact ascertained respecting the applicant and the conclusion of the committee, which shall be read to the lodge.

If the report of the committee, or any member thereof, be unfavorable, or if said report shows that an applicant is in any way not qualified to be made a mason, no ballot shall be had, but the Master shall declare the applicant rejected.

If the investigating committee finds the applicant disqualified because of insufficient residence or physical or mental disability, or if his application was received within twelve months after his rejection by a lodge, the Master may direct withdrawal of the application. If the applicant moves from this Grand jurisdiction after filing his application it may be withdrawn if the applicant so desires and the lodge consents.

Every member of the lodge, when present, must vote upon a ballot for the degrees or affiliation. No one is permitted to enter or retire from the lodge room during a ballot except for sickness or other imperative reason.

Before a ballot is taken there may be discussion of the qualifications of the applicant as may seem proper. If the ballot box is not properly prepared, the Master must rectify the error and have a proper ballot taken.

If one cube appears, the Master without declaring the result, shall order another ballot to correct a possible mistake. No discussion shall be had before the second ballot is taken.

WIDOWS CLUB PLANS TRIP TO MASONIC HOME

The Las Palmas Widows Club is making plans to go to Union City on Wednesday, May 16, to visit the Masonic Home and some of our guests there. The bus will leave the Las Palmas parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return to Fresno before dark.

The price of the trip will be \$13.50 a person. Lunch will probably be at the Holiday Inn at Hayward on the way home.

Prospective travelers should contact Leona Comstock at 237-1451 or Ed M. Allred at 229-1610. Payment should be made when you make your reservation.

The trip is not restricted to widows. Anyone wishing to go may do so.

Calendar

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| April | |
| 5 Thur. 7:30 pm | 3rd Degree |
| 6-8 | Tahoe Trip |
| 12 Thur. 6:30 pm | Dinner with Our Dates "Public Schools Program" |
| 7:30 pm | Stated Meeting |
| 7:30 pm | Ladies Program "Antique Doll Reproductions in Ceramics" Jean Denton |
| 19 Thur. | Dark Maundy Thursday |
| 26 Thur. 7:30 pm | 2nd Degree |
| 27 Fri. | 416th & 418th Masonic District Public Schools Program Bullard High School 7:00 p.m. |

OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR MASONIC FAMILY MEETING IN LAS PALMAS TEMPLE

- Order of The Eastern Star
La Sierra-Venus #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 — 1st and 3rd Sat.
- Amaranth Court #27 — 2nd Sat.

The finance committee of Las Palmas Dates has informed us that starting in April the Charge for stated meeting dinners will be \$6.00. They have been losing money lately because of increased food prices and clean up labor, as well as the two cooks.

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We all look forward to Spring as a time of rebirth. As we view the awakening of the world around us, let us — EACH ONE OF US — renew our own pledge to participate in one of our greatest charities — THE MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT FUND.

Take the time NOW to begin thinking about answering the Grand Master's call to fulfill your Masonic duty and obligation. If each one of us gives our share, we can attain our goal of 2+ million for our Homes.

There is not better time of year to pay a visit to either the Home for the elderly in Union City or the Home for children in Covina. No one can come away from such a visit without an enormous sense of accomplishment for having assisted in so fine an endeavor. The beauty of the grounds and buildings and the atmosphere of hope and contentment so apparent at our Homes leaves no doubt in the visitor's mind as to the value of his contribution.

So start planning NOW for your participation in this most worthwhile endeavor. An envelope for your contribution was included in your March Freemason. Please use it for that small sacrifice on each of your part that will make such a great difference to those less fortunate.