



The Las Palmian

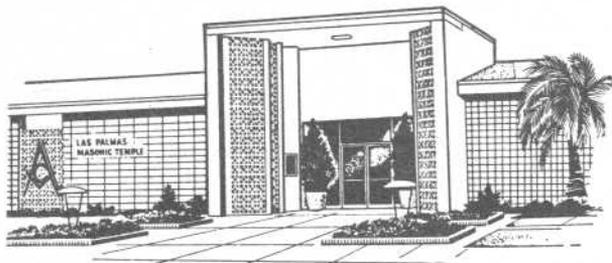
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From the East:

The Holiday season is once again upon us. It is a time to look back upon the labors of the year and reflect upon the activities of the past 12 months. Hopefully, what you'll see is a year filled with happiness and joy; a year where the good times far outweighed the bad; a year in which your commitment to the ideals of Freemasonry grew and prospered.



This year has been one of great joy and happiness for me. The privilege of serving my Lodge as its Master has been a great challenge. There have been ups and downs, but the overall experience has been one that can never be surpassed. I sincerely believe that this organization of friends and Brothers can make an impact on the lives of men. The ideals taught in our degree work are the foundation needed to live an upright, purposeful life. Perhaps the greatest joy I have experienced these past 8 years as an officer has been the opportunity to assist in imparting these ideals to those 100 or so individuals who have knocked at Masonry's door.

When I began planning my term as Master some 18 months ago, I made an assessment of the Lodge operations and activities as I saw them, and formulated my year accordingly. It was brought to my attention that there were few social activities of interest for the new, younger members that were joining our Order. Realizing that need, the April trip to Lake Tahoe was planned, as was the Deep Sea Fishing Trip in August. Another thing that bothered me was the fact that many of our members were coming to our Stated Meeting dinners, but few were walking across the lobby into the meeting after eating. Input from the members indicated that their wives did not enjoy "sitting and doing nothing" while their husbands were in Lodge. Thus the ladies' programs were begun, and we saw an immediate and significant increase in attendance at our business meetings. These items are just a couple of illustrations of how minor changes can bring major results. If you see a need for change in your Lodge, I urge you to contact the incoming Master, and bring ideas to his attention. As your leader, he has a desire to plan the activities that you would like to

see in the next year. Speak Up! He'll listen.

One of my goals this year was to realize a net gain in membership for our Lodge. First the Good News. Relative to our Membership status as of November 15, I am pleased to say that we have Initiated 20, Passed 13 and Raised 13. In addition, we have gained 8 members through affiliation. And now the Bad News. We have lost 21 members by death, 4 by demit and 7 by suspension. This means that at the present time, we are showing a net loss in membership for the year. However, comparing this year with years past, the new loss is substantially reduced. Brethren, your efforts at obtaining new members have paid off. Maybe by the end of next year we will indeed be able to show a net gain in membership.

Three special events will occur at the stated meeting this month. First and foremost will be the annual election of officers. At this meeting we will choose those who are to lead Las Palmas in the ensuing year. Remember, you must have a current dues receipt in order to vote. Secondly, our annual Necrology service will be held on this evening. This is a time when we stop and remember those Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge during 1984. Third, we will have our annual Christmas dinner where we as a Lodge can share the joys of the Season. And don't forget, Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Las Palmas and will have goodies for those children in attendance.

Serving as Master of Las Palmas Lodge has been a rare privilege. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Reynolds, PM for giving me the chance to serve as an officer when a vacancy occurred during his term as Master. In a Lodge of 850 members, and with only one appointment to the "line" made each year, I realize that, at age 32, I am indeed "lucky" to have had this opportunity. I thank all of you for your support this past year, and look forward to many years of fellowship with Las Palmas. Thanks again!!

Fraternally,
Lawrence D. Hopper
Master

Steamroller Briefs

For many years, a little talk with the above title was given to the Brethren of Las Palmas Lodge on the night of the Annual Election of Officers. This inspiring little speech was written by Bro. Roy L. Winters, and was, for many years, given by Bro.

Roy, and later by Bro. Dan Winters, PM. The last time this talk was given was during Richard Frey's term as master in 1980. At our Stated Meeting on December 20th, we will again have the pleasure of hearing "a bit of Las Palmas history" as Bro. Jim Kleinknight, PM, once again presents "Steamroller Briefs" to the Brethren of Las Palmas.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

6th	Third Degree	7:30 p.m.
13th	Third Degree	7:30 p.m.
20th	Dinner with Our Dates Santa Claus for the Kids!	6:30 p.m.
	Stated Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Necrology Service	
	Steamroller Briefs	
	Annual Election of Officers	
	No Ladies Program this Month!	
27th	Dark	

January Notes: We will have degree work as usual on January 3rd. The installation practice and pictures will occur January 10th. Annual Installation of Officers on January 12th.

From the West:

Brethren

As we approach Christmas and the Holiday Season, Alice and I wish you and your families the best of everything — now and in the coming New Year of 1985!

Our Lodge has had an outstanding year under the leadership of our W.M. Larry Hopper. His dedication and effort has not gone unnoticed. Masonry as a result, has benefited not only within our Lodge but also in our community.

I would like to thank those Brothers who have coached and examined our candidates during the year. You have done a tremendous job in an outstanding manner. You can be proud of yourselves. The candidates not only learned their work but also gained new friends — You!

I am looking forward to next year with optimism. I would like to thank our Brothers who have volunteered to work for the Lodge as an officer or committeeman. It will take a concerted ef-



fort and team work to "Help Keep Masonry Alive Beyond 85".

Fraternally,

Larry L. Duba,
Senior Warden

From the South:

Fraternal greetings from the South! Thanksgiving is again here and it's a day to give thanks to God for all the blessings you enjoy in this great United States. A time to look around and see how fortunate you really are to be alive and free.



On Veterans Day, I had the occasion to visit the Clovis Convalescent Home and talk to the Veterans of two war periods, WW I and WWII. One of the veterans I visited with was a member of Fresno Lodge #247. We not only talked about his part in keeping this nation free but also about Masonry. He was very glad to have a visitor to just sit and talk. He is a very interesting Mason with many wonderful stories. The visit made me realize how important it is for shut-ins to have visitors and how we often forget them in our own day to day activities. Many of our Brethren can not get out and about and our visits are their only outlet to talk about Masonry. If you know a brother who is limited in his activities, please make the time to visit him, who knows some day you may need some one just to sit around and talk.

I was thinking the other day how many fine brothers I've met since I have been a member of Las Palmas and how many I have never met. It occurred to me that if I went out every night and visited one member of our Lodge, it would take me approximately 2½ years to meet everyone. How about a compromise, I will meet you half way, at Lodge on Thursday nights. If you cannot come to Lodge then give me a call at 255-4213 and I will visit you. Hope to meet all of you soon.

Congratulations to Brothers Michael Daugherty and Arthur Hoff on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to Brother Paul Locker on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. A warm welcome to Brothers Vivian Swick Van Dyne, and John Montgomery who received their First Degree Nov. 1, 1984 in our Lodge.

From the Secretary:

A tract holder, furnished by the Grand Lodge of California, has been installed above the drinking fountain in the foyyer. The purpose of the various pamphlets is to help members inform prospective members what the lodge is and what it does.



If you get an inquiry about the lodge and can not answer the questions of a prospect, help yourself to whatever booklet conveys the answer. Please do not take more than you need. We must replace them with lodge funds.

When you get your dues receipt for 1985 you will find enclosed a round decal which should be attached to the rear window of your car. This will be visible sign that you have paid your dues for 1985, and also may be a signal to persons who have been thinking about masonry to stop you to ask about becoming a member. Help him if you can.

We have a supply of these decals for 850 members. ½ some have asked for extra ones. We cannot pass out extra ones until we are sure everyone who is eligible gets one. If there are not enough to satisfy everyone, we are able to secure more at 25c each. If you are desperate we can order more for you.

Bob Pader, Secretary

Since our last Memorial Service at the stated meeting in December Las Palmas has lost the following members by death. We will miss them at our future meetings.

Raymond Clair Harmon
Edgar Houghtby
Clifford Hyrum Reeves
Melvin Earl Lumsden
Junior Magnus Lund
Taliesen Jennings Gwillim
Andrew Heitzenrader
C.F. Jean Arrasmith
Warren Demming Vreeland
Ronnie Rogers
Willis Raymond Cottingham
George Monroe Bowman
Claude Hutchison
Frank DeVault Smith
Crayton George Boyer
Floyd Leslie Otter
Eugene Virgil Landucci
Robert Lee Garvin
John Edward Alstrom
Julius Whitaker Hammel
Lee Roy Ludwig Schultz
Frederick Alexander Holliday
Chester Evan Hansen