



The Las Palmian

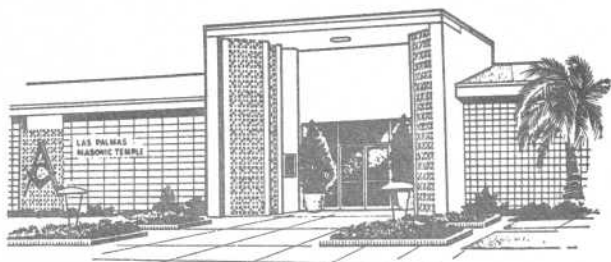
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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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From the East

'Tis the month of September, and once again we think about returning to our duties as Officers of Las Palmas. The summer has been good to us, with many of our Candidates having studied and learned their proficiencies in the various degrees. The 30th of August we had an all degree proficiency night and I am pleased to say that once again have plenty of work to do! To give you an update on this year's statistics, we have to date initiated 15 new Brethren, Passed 8 Brethren to the degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised 7 Master Masons. The up coming 4 months should see a tremendous increase in Fellowcrafts and Master Masons. I thank the Brethren for their support in helping Las Palmas grow, and for making this year one to remember in terms of New Members.



September is United States Constitution Observance Month, as decreed by the Grand Lodge of California. With that in mind, we will have our annual observance at the Stated Meeting on September 20th. The program is not yet finalized, but you can look forward to a fitting tribute to Government as we know it in these United States.

As I'm sure most of you know, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California will be held during the month of October. This year's delegates will need your input as to how they should vote on the various pieces of Legislation brought before them at this Communication. Copies of the resolutions are in the Lodge Secretary's office and are available for you to read at your convenience. Bob Paden is in his office Monday through Friday from about 8:15 AM to 12:00 Noon. He will be happy to show you this year's resolutions and to listen to and record your com-

ments. The voting system at Grand Lodge is truly democratic in nature, with each Lodge receiving the same number of votes. Please take the time to read this year's resolutions and give us your comments. Unless we hear from you, we can only vote as we see fit. Believe me, we would much rather vote **according to the wishes of our membership!**

I hope that the lack of a trestleboard during the months of July and August has not been too much hardship on you. There is typically so little going on these months, that I felt that this was a place where we could save a little money. You will again be receiving them monthly from now until the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Lodge this fall. Keep those petitions coming in. We are busy, but the only way that we can stay that way is for new blood to continually knock at the door of Freemasonry and to become a part of this wonderful organization through the assistance of Las Palmas Lodge.

Fraternally,
Lawrence D. Hopper, W.M.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

6th:	First Degree	7:30 PM
13th:	Second Degree	7:30 PM
20th:	Dinner with our Dates	6:30 PM
	Constitution Observance	
	Ladies Program	7:30 PM
	"Art Appreciation"	
	Fresno Art Center	
	Stated Meeting	7:30 PM
27th:	Third Degree	7:30 PM

From the West

Brethren:

Because it has been some time since we have had the opportunity to communicate with you, I would like to convey my greetings to you and your families. I trust that you have had a splendid summer and several opportunities to exhibit and express the wonderful precepts of Masonry - Brotherly Love and Affection.



Alice, Kim and I were fortunate to be able to travel to Germany and tour several countries with our son Doug. Doug is stationed in Friedberg while in the Army. As we traveled through Germany, Austria, Italy, Monaco, France, Belgium and the Netherlands, we saw sharp contrasts and the variety of terrain, housing, people and living conditions. It was truly an experience that made us appreciate the benefits of being a United States citizen and living in America.

On our trip I met a Brother from Mitchell, South Dakota. He was a joy to be around as are most Masons I have met. It is nice to be able to travel and meet our Brethren. For those of you who have not been able to travel or get out of the house, I hope that you had the opportunity to watch the 1984 Olympics and experience some of the Brotherhood of man which is so essentially necessary for Peace to exist around the world. We had a lot to be proud of, not only in the number of medals which were won by our athletes, but also in how the Games were conducted.

Now that our Ritual work is about to begin again, I am looking forward to seeing you in Lodge Thursday evenings. We offer you a rewarding experience in witnessing the Initiation, Passing and Raising of your new Brethren. Your presence will make the can-

didates progressing through the three degrees of Masonry more meaningful and important to him. See you Thursday!

Fraternally,
LARRY L. DUBA
Senior Warden
SENIOR

From the South

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the South!

Vacation time has come and gone and it's back to our Labor of Love! I hope you caught the biggest fish, visited the best campgrounds, and enjoyed being with your loved ones during these hot summer months. It sure was wonderful to live in a country this beautiful and be able to enjoy it so freely!



Now that our labors have resumed, I see a busy fall with lots of lodge activities. Please attend and enjoy the fellowship.

Congratulations to brother Ronald Hirschler on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Also to brothers Fred Lindeman and Segundo Gai on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

I am pleased to welcome into our lodge brothers Michael Jason, Arthur Hoff, John Moore, Dennis Carter, and my dad, Cecil Denton. It was a night to remember!

To all of you, congratulations and I sincerely hope you enjoy all your years in Masonry. You know, its like fried okra; once you taste it, you find it pretty good!

See you in lodge.

Fraternally,
JOHN L. DENTON,
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Along about this time every year the lodge must start worrying about how expenses will be paid until January 1. A number of members have not paid their dues for 1984 and we feel this may be one of the reasons for the shortage. If your dues receipt is not paid to December 31, 1984, you are one of the members this paragraph is directed to.



There are rumors going around that one of the ways to insure enough to cover our bills for the next four months will be to raise the amount of dues. This means the members who promptly pay will cover the shortage created by delinquents.

Some who are in arrears will probably neglect to pay until February or March next year, when the Delinquent Dues Committee reports to the lodge and recommends suspension. The Masonic Code requires this action so as to clear the books of members who are inactive.

Please check your due cards. If you are not paid, we will appreciate payment immediately. If you are unable to pay because of illness or because of unemployment, we must know this. Drop a note to the lodge and tell us about it. The lodge may be able to assist you through a period of distress so you will not be unnecessarily suspended through no fault of your own.

We know some don't read the mail we send reminding of default in payment and also informing of other important matters. A lot of work goes into the preparation of all mail we send out. We are offended by neglect of some who don't bother to read it.

You may be one of the persons who will

cause an increase in dues. This is unfair to loyal members. It also requires extra expense for sending out further due reminders. Please help us pay our just bills.

Bob Paden, Secretary

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