



# The Las Palmian

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of

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



January 1985



LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE  
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## *From the East:*

Happy New Year! My wish for you during the New Year is for good health, prosperity and happiness. Combined with the tenets of Masonry — Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth — How can we lose? Our goal for the New Year will be to “*Help Masonry Survive Beyond 85!*” Together and with the addition of



new members, who are equally dedicated, we will be successful. The year ahead will be filled with optimism and progressive programs. These will be outlined in more detail once your line officers have been installed on January 12, 1985.

I appreciate the opportunity to thank you, Brethren, for your vote of confidence as evidenced by your electing me as your Master-Elect for the year of 1985. I am sure that I can express for the other line officers, both elected and appointed, that we are honored to serve in a Masonic Lodge as great as Las Palmas. The leaders who have sat in the Oriental Chair in the East have been an inspiration to us. We have very excellent examples by which to shape our Masonic Year.

You are all cordially invited to the Installation of Officers planned for January 12th at 8 p.m. It will be open to the public, so please take this opportunity to introduce your friends to Masonry as much can be learned by listening to the Charge given to each of the Officers during the Ceremonies. You will also get to see and meet representatives of our Youth Groups — Jobs Daughters, Rainbow and DeMolay. Our challenge is to be more of an inspiration to them than they are to us. Refreshments will be served in the Banquet Room after the Installation.

I feel fortunate to be approaching the year with an outstanding team of officers and committeemen. Only by participating in the process of developing programs and implementing them will each Brother become more enthusiastic and sense the greatness of this Masonic Fraternity. You generally get out of an organization what you put into it. It is not too late to volunteer to participate

on one of the committees.

Your officers pay tribute to Worshipful Larry Hopper who has served us well as Master during 1984. Please come and see him begin a new tradition at Las Palmas after the Installation of Officers.

Fraternally,  
Larry L. Duba  
Master-elect

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
81st Annual Installation of Officers  
of Las Palmas Lodge, # 366  
Free and Accepted Masons  
on Saturday, January 12, 1985 — 8:00 p.m.*

*Las Palmas Masonic Temple  
2992 East Clinton Avenue  
Fresno, California*

*Larry L. Duba, Master-elect*

### **OFFICERS FOR 1985**

Worshipful Master . . . . . Larry L. Duba  
Senior Warden . . . . . John L. Denton  
Junior Warden . . . . . James O. Hall  
Treasurer . . . . . George B. Posson  
Secretary . . . . . Robert E. Paden  
Chaplain . . . . . Wallace R. Scott  
Senior Deacon . . . . . Charles E. Alstrom  
Junior Deacon . . . . . Lee I. French  
Marshal . . . . . Stephen M. Harrelson  
Senior Steward . . . . . Don W. Scott  
Junior Steward . . . . . Bill M. Ennis  
Organist . . . . . Paul C. Shelly  
Tiler . . . . . Ben W. Schaeffer

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

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| 3rd  | Third Degree Practice -<br>for Officers and Participating Sideliners | 7:30 p.m.              |
| 10th | Installation Practice and<br>Official Photographs                    | 7:15 p.m.              |
| 12th | Open Installation of Officers  | 8:00 p.m.              |
| 17th | Dinner with Our Dates<br>BBQ Steak - \$7.50<br>Stated Meeting        | 6:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. |
|      | Golden Veterans Award<br>Brother Winslow H. Murray                   |                        |
| 24th | Second Degree<br>Brother Bruce Baird                                 | 7:30 p.m.              |
| 31st | Second Degree —<br>Brother Swick Van Dyne                            | 7:30 p.m.              |

## From the West

Fraternal Greetings from the West

It was a very good Masonic Year under the competent guidance of Worshipful Larry Hopper. It was my distinct honor to have served as Junior Warden in his year. Reflecting on 1984, we welcomed many new brethren into Las Palmas and saw the foundation of Masonry strengthen by their presence. I saw fellowship in abundance and friendships grow stronger. I saw the flag of freedom fly over our Lodge and thanked God for its protection. It was a very good year, but with the new year beginning we have a chance to make it better than last year. That is my new year's resolution.

I am looking forward to serving you and the Lodge as Senior Warden in 1985. Thank you for having confidence in me.

I hope to see each of you in Lodge and May God Bless you and yours in 1985.

Fraternally,  
John L. Denton  
Senior Warden-elect



## From the South:

Brethren,

1984 is now past history and 1985 lies ahead, waiting for each of us to make of it what we will. The line officers have become proficient in their new stations and have been examined by the District Inspector. A new master has been installed and many new appointments in the various committees have been made. All is now in readiness for a successful Masonic Year. There is, however, one unknown factor left, YOU, the Lodge member. Numerous men will make the decision to join our Lodge this year. We have told them that masonry stands for Brotherhood, Affection, Concern and Friendship for each other. Your attendance at the different degrees will be a crucial factor in convincing them we believe what we say. The new master and all the line officers have pledged to do their jobs to the best of their abilities. Will each of you as members of Las Palmas do your part?

Congratulations are in order for the following Brethren on passing their proficiency exams: Herbert Johnson, Entered Apprentice; Paul Locker, Cecil Denton, Fellocraft; Segundo Gui, Arthur Hof, Fred Lindeman, Harry Ewing and Ralph Mederios, Master Mason. Congratulations to Brother Herbert Johnson on receiving the Fellowcraft Degree and to Brothers John Moore, Paul Locker and Cecil Denton on becoming Master Masons.

A special thanks to Brother Pete Rebensdorf for his untiring work to supply refreshments at our meetings. He does an outstanding job and we certainly appreciate him. Special thanks also to Masonic Historians Bill Wharton and Worshipful Ed Carpenter, P.M. They have been very active in conducting classes to further Masonic knowledge in our Lodge this past year.

Please remember, Brethren, that each Thursday night Las Palmas Lodge sits there, an empty building. It takes each one of us to give it life and meaning.

Fraternally,  
Jim Hall  
Junior Warden-elect

## *From the Secretary:*

We have word from a masonic widow that she has several items of clothing which may be of interest to members of the lodge. The lady is blind and does not answer calls at her door.

Probably it would be better to call the lodge office and we will get in touch with her — if you are interested. The size appears to be medium, about 44 or 46. They are —

- 1 light blue tuxedo with black trim
- 1 black tuxedo with black velvet trim
- 2 new standard black tuxedos (practically new)
- 2 white dinner jackets (almost new)

If you would like to have any of the above items, now is the time to get them. We are sure the price will be right.

We have had wonderful response from members in answering the dues notices sent out with the November Trestleboard. We estimate about two-thirds of our 844 members have paid before the January 1 deadline. All others are in arrears. California Masonic Code requires payment on or before that date.

However, 11 members have not yet paid for 1984. Those persons are now delinquent and if not paid by the stated meeting in March are in danger of being suspended. We hope they respond soon and avoid this embarrassment.

If you have lost your notice, dues for 1985 are \$36.00. Last year was \$30.00. Please check your dues card. If you are paid to December 31, 1984, you owe \$36.00.,

Those who are having financial difficulties should contact the lodge office some morning before noon and let the secretary know your problem. We probably will be able to help you through the crisis. There is no need for anyone to be suspended.

We have four members who will receive their



50-year Golden Veterans Award early in 1985. They have been members in good standing for fifty years. The Master has set January 17 as the date for Winslow H. Murray to be honored. Ralph A. Bingham on Feb. 24; Roland O. Whitby on March 21 and Arthur L. Laughlin on April 18.

Please remember these dates and set them down on your calendar so you can attend these special stated meetings. Not many of us will achieve this goal. We should try to attend and help these Brothers celebrate.

Bob Paden, Secretary