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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
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LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE
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From the East:

Brethren and Ladies:

As we enter the Summer months, many of you will begin traveling in earnest. Alice and I hope you will all have a safe and enjoyable vacation. Remember to visit the Masonic Lodge in the community you are visiting. I had the opportunity to visit two Masonic Lodges in Kaiserslautern, Germany, while on Active Duty in the Air Force Reserves. I met the Grand Master of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge, and I can report that Masonry is alive and well in Germany. As Brother Denton can attest, visitation is one of the enjoyable aspects of Masonry.

Although we will not have any Ritual work in July or August, we still have many opportunities to support the Youth Groups, Honor our members and go deep sea fishing together. Please contact Brother Paden, 268-2303, for reservations.

As the first half of the year draws to a close, I would like to thank YOU the members and officers of Las Palmas Lodge for all the work you have performed, either on a committee or in some other capacity. The Las Palmas Dates and their volunteers have prepared many excellent dinners, and they have helped us feel like a family with their "home" cooked meals. The Officers' Coaches and our Inspector have provided excellent instruction and guidance. It takes everyone working together in order to achieve success.

The momentum begun during the first half of the year will increase during the last half. Watch for announcements concerning activities including our First Western Charity Dance, Annual Picnic at Woodward Park, Trip to Columbia, Golf Tournament and other fun events.

Fraternally
Larry L. Duba
Master

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

Thomas B. Macaulay

"I must do something" will always solve more problems than "something must be done."

Anonymous



From the West

Brethren:

Fraternal Greetings from the West.

The grapes are getting ripe on the vines and fresh fruit is abundant all over the Valley for you to enjoy.

Fresh tomatoes, ice cold, on a hot summer day, hot corn on the cob dripping with butter, fresh strawberries for short cakes and jam, and my favorite, fried okra. Mother earth has once again blessed us with her bounty. Every year I marvel at the cycle and wonder at the beauty of it, everything in perfect balance.

We are truly God's children, blessed with plenty to eat, freedom and good living.

Summer is here and with it comes vacations with the family, a lot of fun for all. Make this a good summer, but make it a safe one.

Personally, I have this spot all picked out and I'm 100% positive that the largest fish in the lake lives there ready to tax my patience.

July is the month we salute America and her independence from tyranny and oppression. Many of us have never had to experience such a life, we have always been free to enjoy America's abundant bounty. This freedom did not come easy, many men and women have sacrificed to form and maintain it. So, when you are enjoying that ice cold slice of melon, topped with homemade ice cream, tell the good Lord you sure do appreciate what has been given you.

Fraternally
John L. Denton
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren:

Masonic Ritual in the First, Second and Third Degrees must be done by: a. An officer of the lodge; b. He must be of exceptional intelligence; c. He must spent hundreds of hours learning the parts; d. He must be able to execute each part without a mistake. While all of the above statements may see correct, they are, for-



tunately, untrue. One of the more unique aspects of Masonry is that any Master Mason may do virtually any part of the ritual he desires. One only needs to have the aspiration and willing to spend a few hours learning the part. Do you feel that you don't have the ability to memorize the words? Brethren, any Master Mason who has passed all three examinations in the degrees of his Blue Lodge certainly has the talent to memorize any part of the ritual he desires. One may want to start by becoming a part of the ritual team in the Third Degree. As your confidence increases try giving one of the charges in the First, Second, or Third Degree. Next obligate one of your Brothers. By this time you will realize that you have the capability to do anything you set your mind to. Maybe you feel that the Line Officers and Brethren of your Lodge will resent you for this. Nothing could be further from the truth. Few things thrill us as much as when we see a Brother who, because of love for Masonry, has spent the time and effort to learn ritual that is not required of him. Brethren, take the first step! You may find it so enjoyable that it will start you down that long path to the place you will be endowed with that most honored title, "Master of the Lodge".

Congratulations to Brother James Douglas Moran on becoming an Entered Apprentice Mason. A special congratulations to Brother Jerry Larry Bailey on becoming a Fellowcraft Mason, giving his second degree proficiency and on receiving his Master Mason Degree all in the same month.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, J.W.

Sickness and Funeral

Brothers, to those of you who are able to get out and about, do not know how lucky you are to be able to do so until you find yourself in a hospital or at home in bed.

Those of you who have been in Lodge have heard me say how much our brothers appreciate getting cards and phone calls.

We can only visit, send cards, and call on the phone if the families let Bro. Bob Paden, our secretary, know of any illness or distress by calling 268-2303. We are here to help anyway we can. Please let us know of any distress.

So please, let us all call, send a card or better yet visit an ill brother. He, as well as his family

will appreciate it. If you are even there you will know how much just a card is appreciated.

Your sickness and funeral chairman,
Kay Esheim

Calendar for July and August

July

- 16 Temple Assn. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Las Palmas De Molay Degree 7:30 p.m.
All Master Masons are invited and officers are required to attend.
- 18 Stated Meeting Dinner with 6:30 p.m.
Our Dates. Menu - Roast Beef, \$6.00. Reservations Deadline: 5 p.m. July 16th.
Golden Veteran's Award:
Bro. Dave Bier
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Program: "Save Dollars Through Energy Conservation" by Mrs. Diane Blacker, PG&E Conservation Representative.
- 19 Golden Realm Rainbow Girls 6:00 p.m.
Italian Spaghetti Feed at Fresno Masonic Temple, \$4.00.
- 25 Las Palmas DeMolay Fashion . . . 6-7:30 p.m.
Show and Dinner Buffet \$2.50.

August

- 5 Widows Club Luncheon, YWCA . 1:00 p.m.
- 6 Las Palmas DeMolay Advisory . . . 7:30 p.m.
Council Meeting.
- 7 Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Temple Assn. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Stated Meeting Dinner with 6:30 p.m.
Our Dates. Menu: Oriental Dinner, \$6.00.
Reservation Deadline; 5 p.m. August 13th.
Golden Veteran's Award:
Brother Leland Iversen
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Program: To be announced.
- 18 Las Palmas Parents Club 12-5 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday. Donation \$3.50.
- 18 Second Annual Las Palmas 7:00 a.m.
Fishing Trip: Sams Sport Fishing, Monterey, \$32 per person (includes charter, license, pole and jigs). Bring prospective members.
- 21 Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Officers' Practice: 1st & 2nd 7:30 p.m.
Degrees
- 29 Officers' Practice: 3rd Degree 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: Sept. 7th Western Charity Dance 5:30-11:30 p.m., Crossland's Barn, \$18.00 per couple, \$9.00 per person. Sponsored by Temple Assn. Live Western Dance music. Reservation limited to 200 people. Contact Bro. Paden, 268-2303.

MASONIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION TRAVEL

Brethren, what with summer being upon us — the traditional time for traveling vacations — let us appreciate the comfort and ease of modern conveyances, be it plane, bus, car, motor home or whatever, in relative safety — for it was not always so. Cross country travel in times of our ancient Operative Masons in the semi-arid Biblical lands was primitive, time consuming, and infested with bandits. The sandy or muddy country, depending on the season, had only trails, no surfaced roads. Wheels bogged down, so carts and wagons were useless. Even horses couldn't make it — but camels could and were the main overland freight transport or ridden by the affluent.

Foot travel was the common means. From Jerusalem to Joppa was about 40 miles. A person in good condition can travel 17 to 20 miles a day, so a round trip would take about 5 to 6 days, and if searching for something, somewhat longer, so no wonder that he would be weary and worn out and have to sit down and refresh himself. The clay grounds between Succoth and Zeriditha were also about 40 miles from Jerusalem, so quite a task to go there, work, and bring products back. About like Fresno to Oakhurst.

The Bible tells us that there was much travel between Jerusalem and Babylon, home of Nebucadnezzar, like particularly when he besieged the Temple at Jerusalem and took the treasures back to Babylon, including the captive "Children of Israel". It must have been like a Bataan Death March, for it was over 700 miles across the desert. It took a camel caravan 3 to 4 months each way, a hazardous trip needing guards, troops, beasts of burden for freight, tents, water and food. About like Fresno to Salt Lake City or Phoenix, Arizona. Camels are curious creatures and were once native to the Near East and Western China. One camel can carry 800-1000 pounds and travel 30-35 miles a day. "Speed" or messenger camels with rider only, can go 60-90 miles a day. A camel can go 7-8 days after drinking water, and 24 hours after one hour of brows-

ing meadow plants or even briars and thistles.

To use the scattered wells, one had to carry his own bucket and rope. Water was usually carried in goatskins, about 5 gallons each, on donkeys. Som of the wells were over 120 feet deep.

So, in your travels, be thankful you are a present day Speculative Mason, traveling in comfort and ease — and please do it safely.

Enjoy!

Ed Carpenter, P.M., Chmn.
I&E Committee

Hi Sirs:

This is the Master Councilor of the Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay, John Melvin. I wish to thank you for the donation to help our members take the Leadership Correspondence Course (L.C.C.), and they will be taking the class as soon as they arrive.

I also wanted to ask you Gentlemen, if you know of any young men between the ages of 13-21 years of age, who would like to join our Order. If you do know of such a young man, please contact Mr. Bob Paden at the Las Palmas Lodge at 268-2303.

Thank you for your support, and I hope to see more of you at our stated meetings, which are 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 E. Clinton, Fresno, CA 93703

Thanks Again,

*Fraternally,
Mr. John E. Melvin
Master Councilor
Las Palmas DeMolay*

*Associate yourself with men of good quality
if you esteem your own reputation. For 'tis better
to be alone than in bad company.*

George Washington