



The Las Palmian

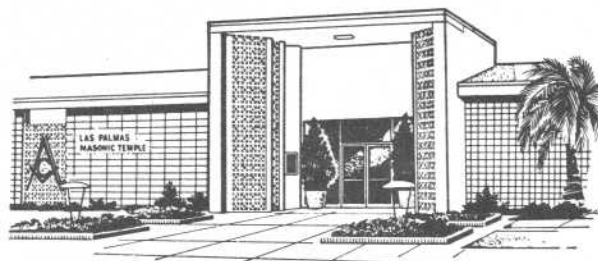
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Best Wishes for A Speedy Recovery

This is a biographical sketch of your Master Larry Leonard Duba.

He was born in Seattle, Washington on July 25, 1943, and he has resided in Fresno for the last 11 years.

Larry and Alice have three children: Kim and Christina, and a son Doug, who is a Senior DeMolay member of Las Palmas Chapter.

Larry obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering at San Jose State College and a Master of Science Degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

He served our country in the United States Air Force from 1968-1972 as an officer in the Air Force intelligence service in the reserves. He was recently selected as outstanding reservist for California and Hawaii.

Larry was initiated January 22, 1976, as an Entered Apprentice Mason and raised to the Subline Degree of Master Mason on February 10, 1977. He was appointed to the Masonic line position of Marshall by Past Master Paul W. Ford in 1978.

Larry works for Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a Telecommunications Engineer. He develops jobs for the upgrading and installation of Telecommunication systems in the San Joaquin Valley.

Larry is a member of the Engineering Honor Society Etta Kappa Nu, California Research Lodge, San Joaquin Valley Court No. 27 Order of the Amaranth, Fresno Chapter No. 269 of the National Sojourners, 2nd Vice President of the National Military Intelligence Association, and is Past Chairman of the Las Palmas DeMolay Advisory Council. He also belongs to the Sierra Chapter Model A Club and the Central Valley T-Bird Club.

His hobbies when time permits include wine making, fishing, swimming, tennis, hiking, gardening, and driving and working on classic cars.



From the West

Brethren:

Fraternal Greetings from the West.

It sure is difficult to sit down and write this article. The last few days have been just beautiful and all I think of is playing golf and fishing.

For the life of me, I can't think of one intelligent, witty, or profound thing to say. The boss is looking for me to complete his project, Jean wants me to hang wall paper, and Don Scott is looking for this overdue article. But all I can think about is seeing myself on the 5th hole making a birdie putt.

Maybe this laziness will pass and next month will be exciting with lots of words of wisdom, for now my deepest apologies. If for any reason you need to contact me, I'll be at Sherwood Forest Golf Course on the 5th hole.

See you in Lodge or on the Course.

Fraternally

John L. Denton, S.W.



From the South

Brethren,

February is the month we celebrate President's Month and during this time our thoughts turn to the past and what these men have done for this great country of ours. I would like to ask each member of Las Palmas to spend a few moments' reflection on what our Presidents, or Masters as we prefer to call them, have done for our Lodge. Each of them have given countless hours of their time and expended immeasurable energy to make Las Palmas the superb Lodge it is today. A special thanks is due to those Past Masters who continue to work so hard serving in the Officers Line, as Coaches, and in the various committees. Your presence at our meetings makes all of us work so much harder. Not only do we desire to do our ritual to the best of our abilities but also we want so much to gain your approval. A "Well done" comment from a Past Master



given to a line Officer, Candidate, Examining Coach, or a member of the Lodge doing ritual work, is the highest praise we can receive. Each of you, by your influence, insures that Las Palmas will continue to be the outstanding Lodge it is today.

Congratulations to Brothers Alan Baird, John Montgomery and Vivian Van Dyne on passing their proficiency in the Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree and on each of them receiving their Second Degree in Masonry. Congratulations to Brother Cecil Denton on passing his examination in the Master Mason Degree. Well done, brother Cecil.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, J.W.

From the Secretary

The ladies and members who prepare our stated meeting dinners on the third Thursday every month need more help to work cleaning vegetables and setting up the tables. They meet at 9:00 a.m. that day and are usually finished by noon. If you can assist in any way, please show up and help.

Mary Perch will find something for you to do.

A Layman's Night will be held at Las Palmas Lodge on Thursday, May 23, and all non-masons are invited to attend with their wives. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and prospective members will be admitted free. The wives will pay for their meal, as will members of the lodge.

Following the dinner a special program has been arranged to explain masonry to those not acquainted with fraternity. Brother Leland T. Peterson, representing the Grand Lodge of California will be in charge of the meeting.

If you have a friend who may be interested in receiving the degrees, you are urged to invite him. It may help him to become interested enough to ask for an application.

DeMolay Pancake Breakfast

March 17th — \$2.50

8:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Las Palmas Temple



CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 5 Officers School of Instruction—Ponderosa Lodge, Temple on Shields
- 7 First Degree, Bruce Simms 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Officers School of Instruction — Clovis Lodge
- 14 First Degree — James Bailey 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Dinner with Our Dates 6:30 p.m.
Roast Beef Dinner \$6.00
Golden Veterans Award, Roland O. Whitby
Masonic Bible Presentations
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Officers School of Instruction - 3rd Degree, Las Palmas
- 30 Masonic Leadership Workshop - Temple on Shields

April

- 4 Dark — Happy Easter

Oklahoma Indian Degree Team Conferral

For the second time in the history of the West Coast, the 13-member Oklahoma Indian Degree Team will portray the Master Mason Degree at a "Historic Outdoor Third Degree" conferral on Saturday, August 24, 1985, in Redding California. Reading Lodge No. 254, F. and A.M. working under Dispensations from the Grand Lodges of California and Oklahoma, has invited the Indian Degree Team to Redding and has planned a barbeque to start the festivities at 3:00 p.m. with the Degree presentation following at 6:30.

The Oklahoma Indian Degree Team, consisting of members of the Creek, Cherokee, Oneida, and Saskatchewan tribes, includes 11 past Masters and one Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons. The teams director is the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Oklahoma. First organized in 1955, the Team has portrayed Degrees in full Indian regalia in Iowa, Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Georgia, New Hampshire, and a host of other jurisdictions.

Brother Mjke Sanders announces advance ticket orders are necessary: "We hope to assemble some 3,000 Master Masons for this historic

Degree. Tickets will not be sold at the event, and only the first 2,000 tickets sold will be guaranteed seats at the alternate rain site in case of rain. All others will have to stand and observe the Degree by closed circuit TV or receive a refund."

Tickets may be ordered for \$21 each from Mike Sanders, Oklahoma Indian Outdoor Degree Committee, P.O. Box 437, Palo Cedro, California 97063. Cut-off date for tickets is March 30, 1985, after which orders will be accepted only if space is available.

Masonic Information and Education

Our W.M. Duba has asked us to have an I&E column in each Las Palmian to help our brethren better understand Masonry, its history, code of living, basic philosophies, participation and enjoyment. That is, as much as can be said in an open printed publication.

So it is fitting that we comment first on a mighty fine Installation of Officers held January 12th. It was well attended and many members were recognized for their participation in Lodge affairs, including the recipients of Hiram Awards: Bros. Brown, Paden, Scott, Shelly, Orr and Wharton. Encouraging involvement in the operations of Las Palmas by recognizing deserving people was evident as about 174 personal names were included in the program of which nearly 100 were officers, committeemen, or other active brethren.

An indication of devotion to the Lodge by brethren is shown in the repeated elections of Secretary Paden—11th year, Treasurer Posson—4th year, and appointments of Organist Shelly—30th year, and Chaplain Scott—16th year. This shows that when you've got a good man on the job, don't change it; but there are plenty of jobs for all.

Another attribute showing the fidelity and togetherness of our Lodge, is family relationships. Did you realize that we have at least 34 father-son combos and 25 instances where brothers are Brothers? That totals about 120, for there are the 3 Bros. Diel, were 4 Bros. Garabedian, now 3. These may or may not be records in a Lodge, but it is impressive.

We hope that if you do not attend Lodge

regularly, that you can arrange to save Thursday evenings for the purpose and make it a habit. Your enjoying your lodge rubs off on others and non-members sense it and ask how they can become Masons. Ask Bro. Paden for a petition to carry so when someone you admire asks, you can help him apply on the spot, no delay, no forgetting.

Being involved in Lodge affairs is enjoyment and earns appreciation of your acts by your brethren - and - it getting your money's worth for the fees and dues have paid. Then, too, watching or taking part in ritual work is not necessarily routine nor repetitious. It's like looking at scenery of the mountains from your favorite view point. No matter how many times you visit it, you always are impressed by something you hadn't noticed before.

ENJOY!

Las Palmas Masonic Information and
Education Committee
Ed Carpenter PM Co-Chairman

LODGE FUNCTIONS FOR 1985

- April 4 Dark — Happy Easter
- April 18 Stated Meeting -Golden Veteran's Award;
Public Schools Program; Brother Arthur L.
Laughlin
- April 26 Public Schools Dinner, Hoover HS
- May 4 Bus Trip to Columbia - 3rd Degree
- May 9 Laymens' Night
- May 16 Stated Meeting; Hiram Award Presentation;
Homes Edowment Program
- June 2 Picnic at Yosemite - Bus Trip
- June 20 Stated Meeting; Golden Veterans Award
Presentation — Brother Dave Bier; Widows
Night
- July 4, 11 Dark
- July 18 Stated Meeting
- July 25 Dark
- Aug. 15 Stated Meeting; Secretary and Treasurer
Reports
- Aug. 22 Officers' Practice - 1st and 2nd Degrees; Of-
ficers in Advance Stations
- Aug. 24 Oklahoma Indian Outdoor Degree, Redding
- Aug. 29 Officers' Practice - 3rd Degree, Officers in Ad-
vance Stations
- Sept. 15 Grand Master's Reception - Sunday
- Sept. 19 Stated Meeting, Constitution Observance Pro-
gram
- Sept. 22 Annual Lodge Picnic - Woodward Park
- Oct.14-16 Grand Lodge