



The Las Palmian

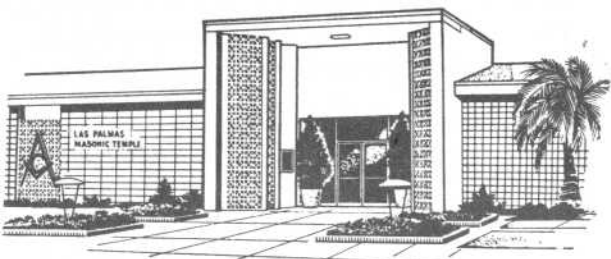
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From the East:

Brethren and Ladies:

It has been nice seeing the Brethren who have been attending meetings and renewing our Fraternal communications, after a warm Summer. September was a very active month, since it included the Temple Association's Summer Social, Grand Master's Reception, Annual Picnic and a bus trip to Columbia. On behalf of you, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of our Entertainment Committee, Brother Mike Daugherty and his committeemen for the outstanding work on the Summer Social and future events. Thanks also go to Junior Warden Jim Hall and his team for a successful picnic at Woodward Park. My hat goes off to Brother Tip Banks for raising once again, a delectable pig, and to our Junior Past Master Chef who supervised the deep pit cooking. Those of you who missed any of the above activities should take care not to do so next year.

I am happy to announce that official notification has been received from Grand Lodge that our Lodge has qualified for the Grand Master's Achievement Award for 1984-1985. This is a remarkable accomplishment, since less than 15% of the lodges in our jurisdiction qualified for the award this year. We earned 931 points which represents a well rounded program in major areas of Lodge Officer Development, Programs, Masonic Responsibility and Social Involvement. I am proud to be associated with P.M. Hopper in obtaining this achievement for you and our outstanding Lodge.

Hope to see you at the First Las Palmas Masonic Invitational at Sunnyside Golf Course — Four!

Fraternally
Larry L. Duba
Master



From the West

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the West.

By now the raisin crop is pretty well on its way to being received and stored away. The weather sure had a lot of farmers worried; the month of October may continue to give us a few surprises.

During the month of September the Lodge had a lot of activities and each one was great. We had a lot of fun at Crossland's Barn, and the lodge picnic was on a beautiful day with a lot of great fellowship — Brothers gathered together, worked hard, and everyone had a great time.

During the month of October we are going to have our 1st Annual Golf Tournament. Brother Whitney Owen is the chairman and has planned a great time for all. To give you an idea of Whitey's qualifications he is an avid golfer who can shot with the best. Brother Craig Shaw gave me an article I would like to share with you. Seems like this good Mason was playing golf for the first time. He addressed the first shot with the putter on the tee and the caddy politely explained that he should be using his driver, but the first timer knew his own mind and told the caddy he would play the game his way. The caddy said OK with him. He hit the ball 255 yards with the putter, second shot was 220 yards with the sand wedge and putted it in with the driver. He turned to the caddy who was amazed and impressed. The first timer just stood there looking down into the hole, the caddy asked him what was wrong. The first timer replied that those were the only three shots he needed his advice. The caddy said sure, anything. The first timer asked, which club do I use to get it out of the hole?

This tournament will be on October 25th at Sunnyside Golf Course. The price per person will be \$55.00 and will include everything in-



cluding a top sirloin dinner after the game. We will start at 12:30 p.m. with a shot gun start. Please get your reservations in early because it will fill up fast. You can either call the Lodge or Bro. Owens direct at 453-1649. I really believe this will be great time for everyone. But of course I'm a little partial to golf.

Good luck on the 25th.

See you in Lodge and on the course.

Fraternally,
John L. Denton
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren:

Each month we arrive at the Lodge on Stated Meeting Night, purchase our ticket and sit down to a fantastic dinner. After spending a pleasant hour we stand up, loosen our belts a notch and walk out of the dining room satisfied and happy. Few of us realize how much effort this meal requires. This month your Junior Warden would like to dedicate his article to the following men and women who have worked so very hard over the years to make our dinners the finest in town. *Morning Crew:* George and Marian Posson, Jake and Rose Seaton, John Warfel, George Howe, George Borgart, Delmer Moore, Bob Reynolds, Rose Hoover, Carol Wharton, Opal Cole, Leona Comstock, Alan Purves, Helen Saroyan; *Evening Crew:* Archie and Charlotte Nahigian, Evelyn Miksch, Eleanor Reynolds, Marge Anderson, Carol Wharton, George and Marian Posson, Opal Cole, Bob Reynolds, Melene Ouzounian, Darlene Ouzounian, Jackie Ouzounian, MaryLyn Ouzounian. A special thanks to Archie Nahigian, Ralph Saroyan and Jack Ouzounian who work over the hot barbecue during our special dinners.

Mary Perch, you and your wonderful crew



add so much to our Lodge. On behalf of myself and the Brethren of Las Palmas Lodge, I would like to offer to each of you our love, respect and a big THANK YOU for a job well done.

Fraternally
Jim Hall
Junior Warden

Calendar — October 1985

- 1 Las Palmas DeMolay Advisory Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 3 2nd Degree — Ellis L. Perry 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Widows Club Luncheon - YWCA 1:00 p.m.
- 10 2nd Degree - George R. Forrester . . . 7:30 p.m.
- 14-16 — Grand Lodge Annual Communications
- 16 Las Palmas DeMolay Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Stated Meeting Dinner with Our Dates.
Menu: Barbecued Steak, \$7,00 per person.
Reservation deadline: 5 p.m. Oct. 15th.
Ladies Program: Mrs. Jean Denton,
Cosmetic Demonstration by Linda Miller,
Mary Kay Cosmetics.
Stated Meeting Program: Bible Presentation
by W. Jim Kleinknight 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Las Palmas Temple Assoc. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 24 3rd Degree - Lawrence R. Owen . . . 7:30 p.m.
(Officers wear black jackets)
- 25 Las Palmas Masonic Invitational . 12:30 p.m.
Sunnyside Golf Course
- 31 Dark — Happy Halloween!

MASONIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Trees of Bible Times

The Bible and our Masonic Ritualistic History mention many trees instrumental in furnishing the Tabernacle and used in building King Solomon's Temple, or had significance in other ways. Among those were the Cedars of Lebanon, the Acacia, Camphor, Cypress, Oak, and these for their fruits as the Olive, Almond, Fig, and Palm.

Recently it was publicized that the Acacia, in the desert land type of the Holy Land is but a thorny shrub. How then could it have produced lumber for the Tabernacle or cabinet work for the Arc of the Covenant, or suitable for planting as a reference point by the ruffians?

We should realize that trees may appear stunted and shrubby on poor growing sites, and tall and stately on good sites. Also that there are often different species or varieties of the same plant with different appearance, adaptable to different growing conditions best suited for their survival to maturity. The growing sites there range from about 1,300 feet below sea level at the Dead Sea, with practically no vegetation, to the once thrifty stands of Cedars at 8,000 feet on Mount Lebanon. Jerusalem is at 2,000 feet above sea level. Here in California our sites range from 282 feet below sea level at Death Valley to timberline of about 9,000 feet in the Sierras. Our trees here differ in growth habits too - like the Lodgepole Pine on sites over 5,000 feet grow straight, slim, and tall, suitable for Indian Teepee poles (thus, "Lodgepole Pine") whereas at sea level near Crescent City it is a sprawling, many branched shrubby tree (thus the species name "contorta"). The Oaks have different species and varieties too — If a scrubby shrub was correctly pointed out to you as an Oak — You might say "How can they get Oak timbers or clear Oak flooring out of that?" It is a different species of Oak.

We acknowledge the Divine Plan which established the different forms of life on earth as a miraculous achievement, creating each in its kind, compatible with its environment. It is beyond our comprehension to realize the magnitude of this arrangement, perpetuating the species over the centuries and breeding true. Take, for instance, the chemistry, shapes and forms of pollens among the thousands of plants - yet each will naturally accept only pollen from a like species to reproduce seed and perpetuate itself in its kind. So we may reasonably suppose that the plants in the Holy land now were there then — except where the environment has change, or the acts of man have endangered the species or caused its extinction — not changed its characteristics.

But — back to the Acacia. One reference book states "The Acacias include more than 500 species of trees and some thorny shrubs widely distributed in the tropics and warmer climates. About 75 are of economic value and 50 are cultivates. Some Acacias rank among the most beautiful of flowering trees whereas valuable for other purposes. Collectively they yield lumber, face veneer, furniture wood, fuel wood, tannin, gum arabic, resins, fibers, perfumes, dyes, and suitable for soil stabilization and forage for animals." There were four species of Acacias native to the Holy land. The wood from mature trees was used extensively in construction of furnishings for the Tabernacle (Ex. 25, 26 and 36-38) and later King Solomon's Temple. the Bible calls it "Shittimwood". Mature trees can be three to four feet in diameter, close grained wood with a fine orange brown color and well adapted to cabinet work. Dimensions given for boards of the Tabernacle were 1.5x10 cubits. As a cubit is 1.924 feet, those boards had to be 2'-8" x 18'-4". Quite a piece of lumber.

So — all this from a scrubby thorny shrub? Don't you believe it! Different species of same plant — OK? - OK.

ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, P.M.
Co-Chairman, I&E Committee