



The Las Palmian

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of

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



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From the East:

Brethren:

Fraternal greetings from the East

The month of February is traditionally set aside to honor our favorite Sweetheart. A time to express our love and appreciation for all the wonderful things they do for us without complaint. To maintain that loving tradition, I propose that we treat our Sweethearts to a month they won't soon forget. My Sweetheart wants a cruise on the Love Boat, but I think she will have to settle for more kindness, patience, caring and most of all my love. Happy Valentine's Day to all the lovely Sweethearts of the world.

Installation is over and we are settling down to work. Major events have been scheduled for the year and are on file with our Brother Bob Paden. All the Officers say they want to work, so we need about 300 petitions. I know there are that many good men in Fresno who could benefit from our fine organization. Put'em to work. I have only one bus trip planned for this year and I hope it will be enjoyed by all who go. April 19th & 20th will be the trip to our Children's Home at Covina. We will have a lot of fun so start saving your money and sign up early. Another date to start thinking about is Grand Lodge in San Francisco, October 13th, 14th, & 15th. The ladies are planning to attend this year and go to the Grand Master's Ball. If you want to attend, it might not be a bad idea to make your room reservations early. Looks like a lot of fun.

I sincerely hope that by your help and support that all the Brethren and Ladies of Las Palmas Lodge will have a great year.

Fraternal Friendship
John Denton
Master

My Favorite Poems

By
George Howe

Visitin'

*My Lodge is full of Brothers True,
But still one thing I like to do
Is visitin'.*



*I know I'll meet new Brothers there,
And they will all be on the square.
You can make friends,
everywhere,
By visitin'.*

*The Lodge has lessons to impart,
But one way that I like to start
Is visitin'.*

*Masonic Truths will make you bright,
They help you climb up to the height,
But you can also gain new light
Just visitin'.*

*It's fun to just sit back and shirk
And watch how other Lodges work
You're visitin'.*

*And when the Lodge is over, then,
They fill the coffee cups again,
Good fellowship with your fellow men,
Just visitin'.*

From the West

Brethren:

During October, 1985, your Lodge sent its Master, Senior and Junior Wardens to attend the annual Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco. It was a marvelous and exciting 3 days filled with speeches, debates, entertainment and fellowship all cumulated by a day of voting on purposed laws. As one sat in Grand Lodge he could not help but be moved by the sheer beauty of the building, the excellent ritual work performed and persuasive oration by Masons. Your Senior Warden was, however, most impressed by two events that occurred on the last day. A decision by the Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii and a decision by the Grand Lecturer of Masons in California and Hawaii were overriden by a vote of the membership. Think of it Brethren! decisions by the two most powerful men in our organization were nullified by a vote of the lay membership. It reaffirmed the fact that Freemasonry is not a fraternity governed by the rich and powerful but rather by its membership. Each of us guided by the ancient and honorable laws and customs of the Masonic Fraternity and our faith in God and his rules on Brotherly Love,



are the strength and support of Freemasonry. Every Master Mason in good standing has the right and privilege of expressing his convictions in our Lodge to effect change. To paraphrase a popular saying, "The Force is with each of us."

Fraternally,
Jim Hall, S.W.

From the South

Brethren:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the confidence that you placed in me by electing me to the office of Junior Warden for 1986. I owe a special thanks to Worshipful Phil Lewis for all the time he has spent in coaching me. Without the help of all our fine slate of officers coaches we would certainly have problems getting those "Certificates which vouch for our proficiency".

Congratulations to Brother Lawrence Owen for a fine proficiency in the lecture of the Master Masons degree, I know his father "Whitney" was proud.

Please remember Brothers that your presence at our Degrees help your officers do a better job. The following have been elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in our lodge, Samuel Linares, Warren Sonnenburg and William Dunlap, let's have the sidelines full.

Fraternally
Charles Alstrom
Junior Warden

P.S. It is not too early to the weekend of April 19 and 20 on your calendars for a bus trip to the Children's Home in Covina and a Third Degree in the Old Masonic Hall (est. 1858) in Los Angeles.

From the Secretary

Several members have asked about those little round stickers that Grand Lodge issued last year with dues cards. We now have a supply on hand and can fill all orders and requests for additional Masonic emblems for the rear window of your cars.

Grand Lodge charged us 25c each for them and



you can get them for that price by sending your money to the lodge office or pick them up any morning before noon.

It has come to our knowledge that several members wish to drop out of the lodge and are trying to do so by not paying dues. This is not the correct way of terminating membership.

Members should request a demit while their dues are still current and withdraw in good standing. Non-payment of dues will require that a member be suspended after being in arrears for more than a year.

Perhaps the cause of dropping out is financial hardship. This should not happen. When the lodge learns a Brother is in difficulty with finances not of his own making, it has been a custom to remit dues until he is again able to pay.

This method keeps the member in good standing until he is again able to take care of his dues himself. The only other way a member can quit a lodge is by death. This latter one we do not recommend. Just call the lodge office before noon any working day and give us your problem. We'll probably be able to help you.

If you should happen to change your address, don't forget to notify the lodge office. Don't tell the Grand Lodge or California Freemason. It only delays the change. They get the notes and send them back to the lodge which takes several months before we find out you have moved.

Bob Paden, Secretary

Calendar — February 1986

- 6 First Degree, Warren Sonnenburg
- 13 All Proficiency Examination Night
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees.
- 20 Stated Meeting. Menu for the evening will be baked chicken with all the trimmings. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and following dinner we will have an on stage melodrama by the Oakhurst Down and Out players, directed by Dr. Baxter and starring Richard Warnock P.M. of Oakhurst Lodge as the nasty villain. Reservations are a must. Cost is \$7.00 per person for the dinner and show. See you there, Hiss-boo the bad guy, and cheer the good guys.
- 27 First Degree, Lyle Evans

March

- 6 3° School of Instruction at CLouis Lodge,



7:30 p.m. All Lodge Officers are required to attend, all Master Masons are invited. 416th Masonic District, Worshipful Charles E. Bersani, Inspector.

**GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF CALIFORNIA**

TO: All Lodges in the Jurisdiction
FROM: Grand Master
Brethren:

On July 4, 1986 various ceremonies and events will occur with the completions of the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. These ceremonies and events will culminate in the unveiling of the Statue by President Ronald Reagan.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has asked that all organizations which have been engaged in fund-raising activities for the restoration project make a final concerted effort to realize their respective goals set at the outset of the campaign to raise funds.

The Grand Lodge of California originally set a goal of \$1,000,000.00 and as of this writing, has achieved contributions of \$800,000.00. We are thus 80% of the way to reaching our goal. To those of you who have made your individual contributions, my sincere thanks.

I am certain we all agree that the world should recognize our Fraternity as a leader in American patriotism and human liberties. Therefore, I urge you to help realize our goal, that the Masons of this Jurisdiction will have fulfilled their commitment to Liberty. If not us, who?

Sincerely & Fraternally,
John W. Duckell
Grand Master

**MASONIC INFORMATION AND
EDUCATION
IN LOVING APPRECIATION**

At our January Stated Meeting, we recognized our Las Palmas Dates for 25 years of excellence in furnishing us the mighty fine dinners prior to our

Stated Meetings under the expert leadership and guidance of Mary Perch. We also wish to recognize and praise the Dates' President, and the "regular" helpers, our brethren and their ladies who devote their time, efforts, and culinary skills in preparing, serving, and setting up the banquet room. These meals are the finest you'll ever find — and relates to the statement by John Ruskin: "When Love and Skill work together, expect a masterpiece". How true!

This reminds me of one of the times I took 10 year old son John on one of my field trips. We stopped at a restaurant for supper. He saw a meal on the menu he liked, that Mother often made, and ordered it. He said, "This looks the same as Mother makes, but this isn't very good — I can hardly eat it — Why?" I told him the difference is the tender loving care Mothers use in cooking for us at home. And what a difference it does make!

A familiar precept advocating the benefits of Love is in our Chaplain's prayer from 1st Corinthians, substituting the word LOVE for CHARITY, as done in recent versions of the Bible: (in part) — "and have not LOVE, I am nothing; — and have not LOVE, it profiteth me nothing; LOVE suffereth long, and is kind; LOVE envieth not; LOVE vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things. And now abideth faith, hope, LOVE, these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE."

In addition to these fine dinners, our Dates have assisted us as "Builders of the Temple" since 1961 by contributing necessary furnishings of our fine Temple as kitchen utensils and appliances, a food freezer, stage and dressing room curtains, the projector screen. The folding door, drapes, and cabinets in the Club Room; the flag pole, chimes for the organ, additions to the loud speaker systems, chairs and chair bump rails in the dining room, painting of walls and ceilings, and robes for our DeMolay Chapter. We trust that you will agree that the Dates have the appreciation from all the brethren for a job well done, and by their loving care, spirit, and materials, are worthy to be called "Builders of the Temple".
ENJOY!

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