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



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From the East:

Brethren and Ladies:

Fraternal greetings from the East

As you have elected me as Master of Las Palmas Lodge #366, this is indeed an honor for which I will be eternally grateful. I will try my very best to serve you throughout the coming year in a manner that will add enthusiasm, promote friendship, and maintain the dignity of our Lodge and Masonry. No one man can accomplish anything alone, I need all the help and assistance I can muster to make this your year, not mine alone, but OURS. When it comes down to the bottom line, I'm only here to serve you and our Lodge; with your help this can be a year, remembered with fond and pleasant memories.

The 82nd Installation of Officers will be January 11th at 7:30 p.m. You are all cordially invited to attend.

It has been my distinct pleasure to appoint, as your new marshal, Brother Michael D. Schawang. Brother Mike is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and has been the head candidates coach for the past year. Brother Mike is a truly dedicated Mason and works not only in Blue Lodge but also in Scottish Rite and as a Clown in the Tehran Temple Shrine Unit. I'm sure that Brother Mike will add a special light to our Lodge with his presence. Welcome Brother Mike.

The month of January will almost be over before we get back to work in the Lodge. The first Thursday (Jan. 2) will be a 1° school of Instruction conducted by Worshipful Chuck Bersani, Inspector of the 416th District. The second Thursday will be Installation practice and for pictures. (Come dressed in your Tux.) The 3rd Thursday will be a special nite that you should enter on your calendars. It will be the stated meeting that we honor all the Las Palmas Dates for their 25 years of service to the Lodge. This will be a very special evening for us men, because we all realize that without you beautiful ladies supporting us, we sure would be a mess. This is their night so come out in force, a special invitation is extended to the



Past Masters who have had the Dates' support for the past 25 years, it would certainly be a testimonial if each one of you showed up to honor them. The 23rd of January will be 1° degree, and January 30th we will have a 2° degree. Hope to see you at all these Lodge functions.

I will have only one bus trip planned for 1986. It will be a trip to visit our family at the Covina home, we will stay overnite, have a degree in the old Los Angeles Temple and make several stops along the way. It will be in Mid-April so let's all go and make this a delayed Christmas for the rest of our family and have a lot of fun in the process.

Hope to see you at the 82nd Installation of you new officers on January 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Once again, I thank you for allowing me to serve you for 1986, it will be a priviledge and a great honor for me.

Fraternal Friendship
John Denton
Master-Elect

From the West

Brethren:

Once again the clock has ticked off another 365 days and we now stand poised at the threshold of a new Masonic Year. Exams have been passed, new rituals learned and a new marshal has been appointed. The Officers are ready to assume their positions and, happily, several applications have been received from good men and true desiring to be admitted into the ranks of the Masonic Fraternity. All that is now needed is your attendance at the Lodge to insure a truly successful year. There is nothing more exciting to both the candidate and the Officers Line than to work in front of a large group of their brothers. Each of these new candidates know intuitively that by your attendance you are sharing with them your most prized possession, your free time. To each of the brethren who attend Lodge either regularly or occasionally as their time permits, you do honor to the ritual and customs of the Fraternity and and especially to that part of the Second Degree Charge that says,



"and thus, by your example induce others also to hold them in due veneration."

A very special thank-you to Brother Pete Rebensdorf who has worked so hard this past year to furnish the brethern refreshments. He has done a wonderful job. Brother Pete has voluntarily assumed this responsibility for seven years and has been outstanding in both the quality of refreshments and in his attendance during these years. On the rare occasion Pete could not make the meetings he made special arrangements with the Junior Warden to insure that the brothers would not be waiting for dessert. He is an outstanding example of how one can be of service to his Lodge.

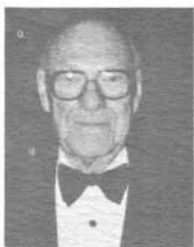
Fraternally,
Jim Hall
Senior Warden elect

From the Secretary

It has been a pleasure working with the members this past year. Dues have been coming in real good. Everyone has been real nice. Many of these who wait until after the first of the year have finally learned that dues are payable BEFORE the first of January each year. Although we haven't checked the books, it seems there are not too many more which need to pay. Thanks for your cooperation.

There are still several members who have not paid for 1985. This will not come as a surprise to them when they are suspended along about the end of March or April. The rules are spelled out in our by-laws, which every member has in their possession.

About twelve members have not paid 1985 dues. They will get a final notice in January, after which the delinquent dues committee will contact them and determine if they are intending to drop out of the lodge. Most of our aged members seem to think this is the way to terminate membership. Not so! If you are unable to pay dues because of lack of funds, there is a way the lodge can assist you in retaining your membership. Just let the lodge office or one of the dues committeemen



know of your problem so we can consider the merits of your delinquency. We don't think you should be denied the privilege of membership because of financial difficulties which were not caused by any fault of your own.

Grand Master John W. Driskell informs us that the Grand Lodge has reached 80% of its goal of \$1,000,000 toward restoration of the Statue of Liberty next year, when it is dedicated in July.

Masons financed and dedicated the base on which the Statue stands. A dedicated French mason donated the statue. Now the masonic fraternity is actively trying to restore the famous lady.

Persons making a donation of \$30.00 to the California Masonic Foundation for this purpose, will receive a bumper sticker and a lapel pin which will tell all the world they are participating in restoring the Famous Lady.

Bob Paden, Secretary

Calendar — January 1986

- 2 Officers School of Instruction 7:30 p.m.
First Degree — All Officers are required to attend.
- 6 Las Palmas Widows Club Luncheon 1:00 p.m.
- 9 1986 Officers Installation Practice . 7:30 p.m.
and Photographs.
- 11 Las Palmas 82nd Installation of . . . 7:30 p.m.
Officers
- 16 Stated Meeting Dinner with 6:30 p.m.
Our Dates. Reservations are a must to plan for the amount of food to prepare. We will honor our dates for 25 years of faithful service to the Lodge members.
Ladies Program for the evening: "Going Down Memory Lane." Past presidents of the Las Palmas Dates and their reflections.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 23 1° Degree - Samuel Stephen Linares,
William Lee Dunlap 7:30 p.m.
- 30 2° Degree John S. Schmidt 7:30 p.m.

February

- 6 1° Degree Warren Dale Sonnenburg 7:30 p.m.

MASONIC INFORMA. EDUCATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the old year 1985 has drawn to a close and the the New Year 1986 looms forth, it is important to remember who we are and why we're here. Much of this reflection and anticipation occurs within our Masonic Family, but one other impact is Public Opinion. Its acceptance and praise gives us some of our cherished "Master Mason's Wages," and any deserved criticism depicts the circumference of our actions beyond which we should not materially err.

Recall the Free-Masonry, as we know it, is derived from the old Lodges of Operatives Craftsmen whose ideals, morals, and conduct were above reproach to the extent that non-craftsmen who greatly admired their integrity, desired to become members of the Lodges. Those who qualified, based on their own conduct and contribution to society were admitted. This gave rise to the "Speculative" phase of Masonry as we know it and enjoy, and which we endeavor to maintain at that high standard of conduct, social status, and public acceptance earned by our ancient brethren.

We are not perfect, and where we deviate from our precepts, others are quick to let us know or respond in critical way — or avoidance. However we do have a hugh breadth and diversity of members whose exemplary actions show them to be well skilled and competent. This resource is the magnet which attracts our admiration, shapes our goals, and reflects public opinion, influencing our strengths, spiritually and numerically.

Frank Lloyd Wright, the renowned architect, was once asked, which, did he think was the best — greatest creation? His answer was, "My next one!" So, now, as we resolve to do better in the New Year, let us strive to make it our Best One Ever! Among Las Palmas Masonic Lodge's strength of over 800 members, we certainly must have brethren who are well skilled in the foundations and fundamentals of our craft, who would like to express their opinions in these "Information and Education" articles. We hereby solicit such contributions, each of which will be carefully considered for publication in this "Trestle-board". Please submit such to your "I & E Committee", in care of our Lodge Secretary, Bob Paden.

HAPPY NEW YEAR — and ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, P.M.

Co-Chairman I&E Committee