



# The Las Palmian

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## *From the East:*

Brethren and Ladies, Fraternal greetings.

I promised Jeannie that I would make my article a little shorter this month, but that's pretty hard for a transplanted Texan, but I promised to try.

Just a short update on 1986. First, I have gained 20 pounds eating Mary Perch's delicious meals. Secondly, my hair line has receded another 2 inches and it's 30% grayer. Lastly, my dog don't know me when I come home and Jeannie cooks only instant potatoes. I have to confess, that I have enjoyed every minute of this year, especially the wonderful friendships we have found and the fantastic support everyone has given to the Lodge. A lot of folks make your Lodge function and it is by their labors of love that the Lodge prospers.

We had a good time at Hornitos Lodge, it is a fantastic lodge to visit and the fellowship was Texas size. Just Visitin'.

That's all folks! 157 words, not counting punctuations and spaces, not bad but it sure is difficult. Fore!

God Bless each one of you, see you in Lodge.

Fraternally  
John Denton  
Master



## *From the West*

Brethren:

On April 19th, twenty-two members of Las Palmas traveled to the Hornitos Lodge for a Third Degree Ceremony. The Lodge itself is a nondescript, white building with massive iron doors in the front. Were it not for the Masonic Emblen on the exterior, one would probably pass by without giving it a second glance. Once inside, however, the eye is assailed by the sheer beauty of the Lodge. Furniture, pictures,



lights and Masonic Paraphernalia, all well over one hundred years old stand out in proud relief. It truly is a feast for the mind.

As your Senior Warden sat in Lodge it struck him as to the similarity between the Hornitos Lodge and Masonry in general. Unless we ask and gain admission into the Fraternity, we never see the "inside" of Masonry. We go about our good deeds with such quiet dignity that I fear we present a "plain white building" image to the world. Brethren, each of you will have an opportunity on May 8th to help change this image. That meeting will be Layman's Night. Bring a potential candidate to the dinner and give him a glance inside the Lodge doors. Let him see some of the beauty of Masonry. It might be the best gift you have ever given another man.

Fraternally,  
Jim Hall, S.W.

## *From the South*

Brethren:

You who did not go with us to the Third Degree at the Hornitos Lodge in Hornitos missed a fine outing. We were privileged to have their Historian on hand Brother Elmer Stroming, who gave us much information and history about the lodge. Brother John Schmidt was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Jim Kleinknight P.M., Larry Hopper P.M. (and chef), Cecil Denton and Bill Ennis for bringing their cars. Also, Candidate Schmidt brought his own car for escape if necessary.

On April 10th Charles Einar Erickson was initiated and entered Apprentice Mason with Brother Lee French doing a good job on the 1st section. All entered Apprentice Masons should be working hard with their coaches to get ready for their proficiencies. Remember you're the one that determines how long it will take. Your coaches are ready. At our stated meeting on



April 17th we were privileged to have Dr. Stremple the Superintendent of Fresno City Schools speak. He gave a very interesting talk. Brother Tip Banks examined Brother Vivian Swick Van Dyne as to his proficiency in the lecture of the Master Masons Degree. Congratulations to both for a job well done.

Don't forget Thursday May 1st. Worshipful Phil Lewis's son Frank will get his First Degree. Let's have a good turn out for these Brothers.

Fraternally  
Charles Alstrom  
Junior Warden

## Secretary's Corner

Have you noticed how bad some of the tables look when you go into the dining room to enjoy our delicious stated meeting dinners? You can't help but notice how nice it was before the placemats were disfigured by those trying to reserve certain spots at the tables.



Our Dates spend most of the day trying to make it an enjoyable meal. Upon entering the banquet room you are greeted with what was a clean and colorful place setting. Suddenly you are confronted with large names scrawled over the what-was-once a pretty set-up.

It reminds us of the Polak and Mexican who fell from a tall building. The Polak hit the ground first because the Mex had to stop on the way down to scratch his name on the side of the building.

Bob Paden, Secretary

## CALENDAR — MAY 1986

- 1 1° Mr. Frank Lewis. Brother Phil Lewis, P.M. will confer the Degree.
- 5 Widow's Club Luncheon at the YWCA Tea House, 1:00 p.m. Afterwards we will tour the Sun-Giant Raisin Plant.
- 8 Layman's Night. All prospective members will be the guest of the Lodge. We have a great evening planned, so make reservations early. Once a year we take this opportunity to acquaint our non-masonic friends with Masonry. If you have a prospect in mind, please make arrangements to bring him and his Lady to dinner. The menu will be B.B.Q. Steaks with all the trimmings. Cost will be \$6.00 per person. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sign up early.
- 10 Cribbage Tournament at the Lodge. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. We need reservations so we know how much gravy to make. Come on over for breakfast even if you don't play cards. We have a lot of fun so don't miss it.
- 15 Stated Meeting. This years Hiram Award will be presented to a deserving Brother. This is also the month I have dedicated to our Hawaiian Brothers. The Fresno Dance Company will show us how to Hula. Dinner and Show will cost \$7.00 per person. Oil up your knees and come ready to eat and dance as only the Hawaiians know how. Mary Perch really appreciates early reservations, Thanks. Dr. Nada Nenadovic will present Ladies Program.
- 22 3°. Brother Markos Garabetyan will be raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.
- 29 2°. Brother James DeAmaral will be passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft Mason.

## Masonic Information and Education

### “Expectations of Master Masons”

Sometimes in this busy whirl of our daily lives it pays to take five, sit back and reflect on why we are here — what were your expectations on becoming a Master Mason — or — why did you wish to be a Master Mason? — Then ask yourself, “Am I meeting those objectives?”

Some of the reasons most frequently given for applying in the first place, are:

1. I have admired pleasant acquaintances who are Master Masons, and I would like to associate with them. Hopefully, I may better do so through this common bond.
2. Businessmen I have known to be Master Masons have always dealt with me fairly. I would like to be governed by the same moral code to assure that I will deal fairly with others.
3. My friends, neighbors, or those I meet socially who I know to be Master Masons have high moral standards, and I would like to assure myself and family that we can have them too by becoming a Master Mason.
4. I come from a “Masonic Family” where I have seen them enjoy Masonry so much, that I would like to become a Master Mason and enjoy Masonry too.

So — probably one or more of these were your expectations too. Have they become reality? Are you satisfied in full measure?

It would be something else, that upon being accepted and paying our fees, we could just stand there and say, “Hey! I paid my fees — now make me a good Mason so I can enjoy it!”

We all know — “that ain’t how it works!”

We have to believe the precepts taught us and apply them in our activities and associations with others. Remember — this incorporates the reasons given: pleasant acquaintances — now it is your turn to be pleasant to others; or deal fairly with others — or display the high moral standards — or create a loving Masonic family your kids will want to emulate, and continue the tradition. This is the enjoyment. Please dig out your “Monitor”, and read the “Charges”

given you at the end of the three degrees, and think it through as you read. It will help you meet your expectations if you have not already done so,—

AND ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM

Co-Chairman

Las Palmas I & E Committee

*P.S. We appologize for the typographical error in last month's item on "Making A Mason At Sight". The last sentence about Eisenhower should have read, "—and as his petition had not been received and voted upon, he was NOT Made A Mason At Sight in the hospital." Although many of us believed him to be worthy of becoming a Mason, it never happened.*

### Poems on the Trestleboard

Walter K. Belt, P.M.

#### “ARE YOU A MASON?”

Am I a Mason, Sonny? Well,  
There's only one Judge who can tell,  
And that's the Judge we all must meet,  
Who sits in Heaven's judgement seat.

Am I a Mason? This I know.  
I joined a small Lodge long ago,  
With mostly humble Brothers, true,  
And yet the best I ever knew.

When I was “going through the chairs.”  
We did not put on many airs.  
The highest hat we ever saw  
Was apt to be a farmer's straw.

But, if a Brother needed aid,  
Be sure it was not long delayed.  
Widows and orphans had good care  
I only hope I did my share.

When there was something to be done,  
They were true Brothers, every one.  
Am I a Mason? Don't ask me.  
But I will say, “I try to be.”

Contributed By  
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