



# The Las Palmian

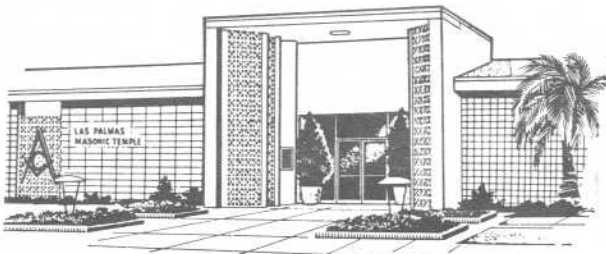
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of

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



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LAS PALMAS MASONIC TEMPLE  
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## *From the East:*

Brethren:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I take this opportunity to introduce our new Marshal, Brother Randy Forrester. Randy was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to Fresno at an early age. He graduated from C.S.U.F. and then attended Chiropractic School, graduating in 1984. Randy and his wife, Pam, have two children, Chad and Shannon. Welcome aboard Randy, we all look forward to a long and happy association.



Brethren, our Sickness and Visitation Committee needs help! Brother Ray Esheim has chaired the committee for three years and would like to have a rest. Although the job does not take a lot of time each month, it is a very important one. Please contact Ray or myself if you would like to serve your Lodge in this most vital work.

We are also in need of men who are willing to serve as pall-bearers at our Masonic Funerals. Many of our deceased members' relatives request Las Palmas Lodge to furnish pall-bearers and it is both our responsibility and honor to do so. If you would like to assist us in this very important capacity please contact Brother Ed. Carpenter, P.M. or myself and we will add your name to the list.

I am looking forward to serving Las Palmas as its Master in 1987. It is a distinct honor to be selected to be the Master of such an outstanding group of Masons. Please plan to attend the Annual Installation of Officers and help us get the new masonic year off to a rousing start.

Ray Esheim .....251-4991  
Ed Carpenter .....224-5244  
Jim Hall .....226-2658

Fraternally  
Jim Hall  
Master-Elect

## *From the West*

Brethren:

It has been a pleasure serving as your Junior Warden this past year. Thank you for the confidence of electing me to the office of Senior Warden. I will try to do my best.



Don't forget our installation on Saturday, January 10th. Come and support your past as well as present officers.

Congratulations to our newest entered apprentice John Bakas. We had quite a turnout for his initiation, with Worshipful Sam Pavlovich, Junior Grand Warden of Masons of California, obligating the candidate.

Congratulations also to Bros. Samuel Barron and Kenneth Hoskins on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. This was my first second degree in the east.

A congratulations to Bros. Samuel Linares, Warren Sonnenberg, James Schultz, and James De Amerel on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; Warren Sonnenberg at the Past Masters Night at Orosi Lodge and James De Amerel at our Past Masters Night. I know the Past Masters greatly appreciated Bro. De Amarel's selection to be their candidate. A great time was had by all.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is having a prosperout New Year.

Fraternally,  
Charles Alstrom  
Senior Warden-Elect

*Associate yourself with men of good quality  
if you esteem your own reputation. For 'tis better  
to be alone than in bad company.*  
George Washington

**LAS PALMAS INSTALLATION  
LAS PALMAS INSTALLATION OF  
OFFICERS WILL BE ON JANUARY  
10, 1987 STARTING AT 7:30 P.M.**

Installation will be followed by a buffet and dancing to music of the 1940's and 50's.

Please join us for an evening of fun, food, good music and brotherly love.

**Calendar**

**JANUARY, 1987**

- 1 New Year's Day — Dark
- 5 Las Palmas Widows Club Luncheon 1:00 p.m.
- 8 Officers Installation practice . . . . 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Las Palmas 83rd Installation  
of Officers . . . . . 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Stated Meeting Dinner with  
Our Dates . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Reservations are a MUST  
Stated Meeting . . . . . 7:30 p.m.
- 22 First Degree,  
Gary Alan Hernandez . . . . . 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Second Degree,  
Ralph Takakjian . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

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- 5 Third Degree,  
Bro. Kenneth Hoskins . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

**Masonic Information and Education**

**Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty**

We learn in the First Degree of Masonry that a Masonic Lodge is metaphorically said to be supported by three great pillars, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. We realize that it takes Wisdom to plan, design, and construct. We recognize that there are many standards, codes, and prior examples of success and failure to govern and guide the architect. Strength has formulas for stress, bearing weights, strength of materials, and placement of members. But, what about Beauty? How is it governed or measured? Are there standards or laws for it to assure success and acceptance?

First, we must agree on what Beauty is. One definition is, "Beauty is that which arouses an admiring pleasure to the senses". The word "Aesthetics" is similar and is derived from the Greek, meaning "perceptible to the senses." And we refer to the five senses of human nature, of course. For the purpose of this discussion, let's concentrate on the sense of seeing. There are adages like, "A thing of Beauty is a joy forever", "Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder", and many others. Beauty is abstract, governed mainly by public acceptance, and strongly influenced by comparison to the symmetry and order found in nature.

Some theories assuring Beauty are:

**Organic Beauty.** A structure has Organic Beauty when it gives the impression that it is suitable to the use intended. An example might be the supports for a porch roof. Whereas two 4" steel pipes could support it, but doesn't look like it would, two or more Ionic or Corinthian pillars in proper proportion look strong enough and are more ornate and pleasing.

**The Gestalt Theory.** This refers to the illusion that the whole must appear to be simpler than the sum of the parts. A car's body, fenders, and hood conceal the intricate working parts, or the walls and roof of a building conceal the structural members, and can be proportioned to be pleasant.

Performed Impressions. These vary with the

individual, but often with people at large. They are based on prior experiences or associations which influenced people's likes and dislikes, as to the form, color, or usefulness. A house built to look like a red barn would probably lack beauty to many, as they associate a red barn with draftiness, cold, and discomfort.

The early Greeks used Geometry, proportion, and colors to advantage. The structures in which they incorporated the "root rectangles", "golden mean proportion", symmetry and order, and purposeful colors, were widely accepted as having Beauty, and have stood the test of time.

So, let us concentrate on Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support, and Beauty to adorn our undertakings — and —

ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM  
Co-Chairman  
I & E Committee

We mourn the loss of our Worshipful Brother Robert W. Reynolds, Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1959, and a strong support of Freemasonry, who departed this mortal life, December 9, 1986. Our sympathies are extended to his family and friends. "May he be received into Thy Everlasting Kingdom, to enjoy the just reward of a virtuous and well spent life. Amen!"

*The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.*

*Thomas B. Macaulay*

*"I must do something" will always solve more problems than "something must be done."*

*Anonymous*