



# The Las Palmian

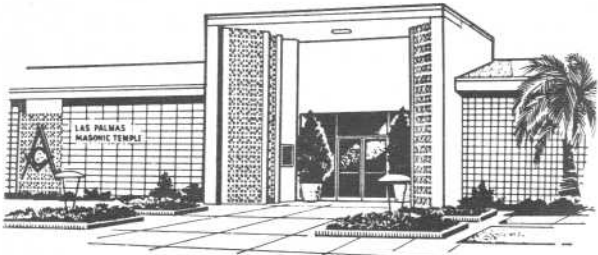
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of

*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366*  
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## From the East:

Brethren:

At our Stated Meeting in June, Las Palmas Lodge will honor our Masonic Widows. It is our way of saying thank you to those wives who willingly gave up time with their husbands so that they



could partake of that wonderful institution we call the "Masonic Brotherhood". If you are a widow of a Las Palmas Mason and would like to attend, please call Bro. Bob Paden at 268-2303 and make your reservation. We will have a complimentary dinner ticket waiting for you.

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Bro. Mike Schawang from the Officers Line. Bro. Mike has recently started his own carpet business and finds that he simply does not have time to honor both commitments. Bro. Mike was a fine Line Officer and will be sorely missed. We wish him the best of luck in his new business adventure.

I am very pleased to inform the brethren that Bro. John Schmidt has accepted an appointment as Marshall of our Lodge. Bro. John will master the Marshall's work this summer and will be installed in his new office in September. More information on Bro. John and his family will be forthcoming in the September Trestleboard.

Las Palmas Lodge will go dark in mid-July and the Officers will take a well deserved rest before advancing to their new stations in September. This will be the last issue of the Trestleboard until then. I hope each of you have a happy and fun filled summer.

Fraternally,  
Jim Hall  
Master

## From the West

Brethren:

With summer fast approaching I hope that many of you are making interesting vacation plans. As the next newsletter will not be printed until the fall, let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a relaxing and eventful summer.



Our annual picnic was held on Sunday May 17. In addition to bar-be-qued hamburgers, the famous chef John Denton once again prepared his delicious beans. After lunch we were privileged to be entertained by the French Family Singers, and then an organ concert in the lodge room. Several enjoyed cribbage, card games and videos, and there were prizes for every player. Any suggestions for changes and improvements would be greatly appreciated. Please contact myself or Bill Ennis with your comments.

On April 23rd Brother Gary Hernandez was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. His father, a Past Master from Southern California, officiated in the east. Those brothers that did not attend missed an especially meaningful evening. Congratulations Gary.

Congratulations to Brother Dean Walker who was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, I know his father was pleased.

Congratulations also to our newest Entered Apprentice Charles Oliver.

I know Brother Larry Bennett, our head candidate coach, is anxious to get the brothers going on their proficiencies. Please work hard and make every effort to get your proficiency done as soon as possible.

Fraternally,  
Charles Alstrom  
Sr. Warden

# From the South

Brethren:

June, The month for marriages, graduations, and vacations always seems to be here before anyone is fully aware of it.

Your Lodge will be getting ready to present several degrees before going dark for the summer.

Come and join us at the lodge for these important ceremonies, and renew acquaintances with old friends and meet the new brothers.

Fraternally  
Lee French  
Junior Warden



## OUR MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE

Our Masonic Funeral Service is a heartfelt sincere tribute of our affection for a deceased brother. It is also a great comfort to his bereaved family and friends not only to realize that his presence and membership in the Lodge was appreciated, but the expressions of faith, in the service of a transition to a pleasant future existence is reassuring. Public opinion regards our Masonic fraternity as a benevolent society taking care of its own — and is influenced by this display of brotherly love at our reverent funeral service, open to all who wish to attend, by the number of concerned Brethren attending in white aprons.

By Masonic law, every Master Mason who dies in good standing, is entitled to burial with Masonic Honors, regardless of the disposition which is to be made of the remains. This is the right and privilege of the deceased and his family. The period when a loved one passes away is a trying

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## CALENDAR

JUNE 1987

- 1 Las Palmas Widows Club Luncheon — 1:00 p.m.
- 4 Third Degree — Bro. Samuel Barron Jr.
- 11 Officers 3rd. Degree practice at advance stations
- 18 Stated Meeting dinner with our dates — 6:30 p.m.  
Masonic Widows night  
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST  
Stated Meeting — 7:30 p.m.
- 25 First Degree

## JULY 1987

- 2 First Degree
- 6 Las Palmas Widows Club Luncheon — 1:00 p.m.
- 16 Stated Meeting dinner with Our Dates — 6:30 p.m.  
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST  
Stated Meeting — 7:30 p.m.

## AUGUST 1987

- 3 Las Palmas Widows Club Luncheon — 1:00 p.m.
- 20 Stated Meeting dinner with Our Dates — 6:30 p.m.  
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST  
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

## OUR MASONIC FUNERAL

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one for his family. When this Service is requested by a Brother or his family, it is the duty of the Master to perform the service, and of the officers and brethren to attend. Let us hope that it will never be necessary for the Master to invoke the California Masonic Code (2908a) which states "It is the duty of a Lodge to attend the funeral of a deceased member or Master Mason within its jurisdiction, and the Lodge conducting the funeral should see that attendance is creditable. Should the members fail to perform their duty, it is in the power of the Master to compel them to do it, since he has the power to issue a summons whenever the business of the Lodge requires it, and the brother receiving it has no right to question its legality and refuse to obey it."

Not long ago it was the practice to open Lodge before the service and close it afterward. Also the brethren acting as pallbearers carried the casket on their shoulders following the Master and Chaplain who lead the procession.

So, comes the question of how does a brother know that there will be a Masonic Service. Much of the time, the newspaper obituary column will state if it is a Masonic Service, but when you hear of a brother's demise, phone the Lodge secretary or master who will advise you. It is encouraged that we attend a brother's funeral even if no Masonic Service has been requested. It shows our brotherly love is sincere.

It would be interesting to know how many brethren expect to have a Masonic Service at their funeral — and what they expect in attendance by their brethren - and then are they offering the same respect to other brethren who precede them in death. Remember, "the world is but a mirror, reflecting all we do." - and we cannot expect to receive more than we give.

Most every Mason is carefully preserving his lambskin apron so that it may adorn him at his funeral, indicating that this service is desired. Be sure to let your family know your desires now. It may be later than you think! Remember also, the saying, "the young may die, the old must die, and even the wisest knowest not how soon."

Our Worshipful Master, Jim Hall, intends to expand the funeral attendance committee both for notifying us of a Masonic Service which we should attend, those who would be pallbearers, and to assure a respectable number of brethren to be present. If you wish to be on the committee or be advised, please phone him or the Lodge secretary, or Brother Ray Esheim, who needs assistance in this regard. Let us do our best to show to the world that Las Palmas Lodge members really respect each other and show brotherly love and respect by attending the funeral.

Ed Carpenter  
Co-Chairman  
I&E Committee  
Las Palmas Lodge #366

I am grateful for the opportunity to resume submitting I&E Articles for the Las Palmian. The calls, cards, and prayers received during my recovery helped hasten the healing process and I think you all for them. I am happy to respond to your many requests for a continuation. May they meet your expectations.

Thank you.  
Ed C.