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of

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



March 1987



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From the East

Brethren:

At our Stated Meeting in February we honored Bro. Paul Shelly. After 31 years of faithful service as organist of Las Palmas Lodge Bro. Paul made the decision to retire from that position. The entire line of Las Palmas Lodge Officers contributed to a fund and we purchased a beautiful miniature oak Grand Piano for him. Attached to the piano was an engraved plaque expressing our appreciation for his devotion to his duty. We shall always cherish the happy hours we spent with this kind and gentle Brother and will miss his presence in the north-east corner of the Lodge.

At the Stated Meeting in March your Master will have the pleasure of presiding at the presentation of a 50 year pin to Bro. George Holstein P.M. Bro. Charles Bersani P.M., District Inspector, will make the actual presentation. Please join us on March 19th to honor so wonderful a man. He has done so much for our Lodge and Masonry in general.

Several members of our Lodge have expressed interest in serving different positions of the line during specific degrees. Your Line Officers are delighted to honor these requests. If you would like to serve in ANY position of the line for a friend, relative, or just for the enjoyment of doing it, Please contact the appropriate officer. He will not only help, but will encourage you to follow through with your plans. It will require some work on your part, but you will experience a great deal of self-satisfaction. Brethren, each of you have the ability, you merely need the desire.

Fraternally,
Jim Hall
Master



From the West

Greetings Brethren:

It was certainly a pleasure to see Paul Shelly recognized for his more than 30 years of service to our lodge. Paul responded to the well deserved honor by thanking his friends in the lodge and by acknowledging the loyal and constant support of his wife of almost 60 years, Charlotte. We thank Paul for sharing his musical talents over these many years.



We are looking forward to hearing more from our new enthusiastic organist Johnny Sciacqua. For those of us who attended the last stated meeting dinner we were pleased to be serenaded by our organist at the dinner tables with his accordion.

I hope all of the members will make it personal goal to attend at least one first, second, and third degree during this next year. Your officers greatly appreciate your presence on the sidelines.

A special thanks is due Mike Schawang for his efforts as editor of the lodge newsletter board. His constant prodding and encouragement gets the articles written and in print.

Fraternally,
Charles Alstrom
Sr. Warden

From the South

Brethren:

March is the month for new beginnings. Winter is drawing to a close and the cold and foggy days begin to lengthen, and the promise of spring and new life begins to unfold.



Your new officers of Las Palmas have been hard at work, New Candidates have been initiated, others passed to the degree of Fellow Craft and still others have been raised to Master Mason.

As winter changes to spring, we are reminded of the acacia or evergreen tree of life so fondly regarded in Masonic history as a symbol of that continual renewal.

As the cycle of years with the annual revolution of the earth around the sun brings the renewal of spring, so too must the lodge have continual renewal.

Within the constraints of masonic practice concerning solicitation we may and should still talk about masonry and our goals and purposes. Much has been written openly about Masonry. Guidelines and literature are readily available for the dispersal of further information. Each lecture is filled with monitorial as well as esoteric information. Each charge is Monitorial and expressly states our purposes, our responsibilities, and our hopes and expectations. These should certainly receive wider dissemination.

Let us not hide our light under a bushel, but let it shine, and help bring that light by which we work to a world in which darkness always threatens.

Brothers, the challenge is out. Help Las

Palmas to grow by encouraging one new candidate during this season.

Fraternally
Lee French
Senior Deacon

CALENDAR

MARCH 1987

- 2 Las Palmas Widows Club Luncheon
1:00 p.m.
- 5 DARK-First Degree School of
Instruction at Clovis Lodge 7:30 p.m.
All Line Officers are required to
attend. Any Mason may attend.
- 12 First Degree, 7:30 p.m. Gary
Hernandez — 1^o Profficiency.
- 19 Stated Meeting dinner with Our Dates
6:30 p.m. — Reservations are a MUST
Golden Veteran's Presentation —
Bro. George Holstein P.M.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 26 2^o Gary Hernandez 7:30 p.m.

Las Palmas Lodge Members Salute

PAUL CHANDLER SHELLEY

Lodge Organist - 1956 to 1987

Brother Paul Chandler Shelley, Organist for Las Palmas Masonic Temple for the past 31 years, was feted at pre-Stated Meeting Ceremonies, February, 19, 1987, for his zeal, fidelity, and attachment to the Lodge and the Community.

Brother Paul has chosen to retire from his duties as Lodge Organist for a well

deserved rest. His faithful presentation of musical interludes during the rituals of the degrees added appropriate climate and moods to accentuate the importance of the degree activity. One had only to witness degrees without his playing to realize the emptiness, and to wish he were there. His piano playing and Brother Dale Orr's directing songs at the "Dinners with Our Dates" for those with Birthdays or Anniversaries has been a pleasure to all.

His service to the community has been praiseworthy too. He was an Instructor in our Public Schools, having served at Edison and Hoover High Schools, teaching Music, History, and English. He has been choir director and organist at the Lutheran Cross Church, the Woodland St. Lukes Episcopal Church, and the Unity Church. He has also been Organist for Fresno Masonic Lodge No. 247.

This is not the first time his outstanding services to Masonry and the Community have been recognized. He was awarded the coveted "Hiram Award" at Las Palmas Lodge, October 18, 1979, which is only awarded once a year in a Masonic Lodge when there is a Brother worthy of such high esteem. Brother Paul was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge, April 12, 1945.

Brother Shelley was born May 14, 1905, in Keswich, Michigan (making him nearly 82 years old), one of eleven children. He earned an AB degree at USC, and a MA degree at New Mexico State University, majoring in Music and English, with Minor Studies in History and Education as a basis for his teaching credentials. He and his devoted wife Charlotte were married in July, 1930 (57 years ago). It is a pleasure to see her ardent support of his many activities. They have two sons, William and

Robert, who have provided them with four granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters. Son William became Paul Shelley's Lodge Brother by being raised a Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge, December 10, 1959.

The Lodge ceremony was highlighted by the Las Palmas Lodge Officers who presented them with a beautiful miniature grand piano music box, properly inscribed, which plays the tune, "Memories".

Brother Paul and Charlotte live at 221 W. Herndon -29, Pinedale, 93650, phone 439-9175. If you didn't get to congratulate them at the Stated Meeting ceremony, send them a card or give them a phone call. They have earned the privilege and will really appreciate your thoughtfulness. —ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter, PM
Co-Chairman
I & E Committee