



# The Las Palmian

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of

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



November 1987



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

Brethren:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you that one of our members, Bro. William H. Bliss, will receive his 50 year pin at our Stated Meeting in November. Bro. Bliss and his wife will be guests of the Lodge for dinner and then he will be presented with his Golden Veterans Award by our District Inspector, Worshipful Charles Bersani, P.M.



November 12th will also be an important date for the Lodge as it will be the evening of our annual Past Masters Night. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please call the Lodge and make a reservation if you plan to attend.

Fraternally,  
Jim Hall  
Master

### **CALENDAR**

#### **NOVEMBER 1987**

- 2 Las Palmas Widows Club Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.
- 5 First Degree — James A. Sowers, M.D.
- 12 Past Masters Night — Bro. Thomas Teckel II  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call for reservations.
- 19 Stated Meeting Dinner with our Dates — 6:30 p.m.  
Golden Veteran Award — Bro. William H. Bliss  
Bible Presentation  
Stated Meeting — 7:30 p.m.
- 26 DARK

### **NOTICE**

Due to an unfortunate conflict in scheduling, Las Palmas Lodge is forced to change Layman's Night to December 3rd. Dinner for members and their families will be \$6.50. Prospective members and their wives or girlfriends will be guests of the Lodge. Please plan to attend and bring a non-Mason. Call 268-2303 for reservations.

## *From the West*

Brethren:

Your officers have just returned from the 138th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F and AM of California. You were well represented by Jim Hall, Master; Charles Alstrom, Sr. Warden; Lee French, Jr. Warden; Jim Kleinknight, P.M. and Secretary; and Larry Hopper, P.M. We were also very fortunate to have brother James Hopper P.M. on one of the special committees, and brother Hambleton Leas P.M. on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Homes. Your Lodge is to be particularly proud of Brothers Sam Pavlovich P.M. on being elected Senior Grand Warden of Masons of California. As you can see, Brethren, Las Palmas Lodge is very active in the affairs of Grand Lodge. Check with the Secretary or any of those attending for specific actions taken at the meetings.

Congratulations to Brother William Henry on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. A special thanks to our candidates coach, Larry Bennett, for getting our brother going again on his Proficiency. If any brothers know of one of our



candidates that is not advancing, give them a call and encourage them, remember brothers "We have all gone this way before."

Please keep a petition handy so if you are asked a question from a non Mason that you can present him one. Remember brothers any question could be a knock at our door.

Your officers have all been working at their advanced stations so come out and see or participate in the degrees, sideliners are very important and greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,  
Charles Alstrom  
Sr. Warden

## *From the South*

Brethren:

Greetings from the South.

November brings the start of the Holiday season.

Your lodge will be busy with past Masters night and degrees.

Be sure and join us for these fun nights and also for stated meeting. Get your reservations early.

See you in Lodge. Bring a friend and potential new Mason.

Fraternally  
Lee I. French  
Junior Warden



### **The Secretaries' Corner:**

My Brothers:

As your new secretary, it becomes my duty to inform you that your 1988 dues in Las Palmas Lodge No. 366, will again be \$48.00 (Forty Eight). Your dues are due on or before December thirty first, nineteen hundred and eighty seven. If you choose to pay your dues quarterly, the first payment

of \$12.00 is due on or before December 31, 1987, the second March 31, 1988, the third June 30, 1988 and the fourth September 30, 1988. Naturally, it is a whole lot easier on your Lodge financially, if you pay all at once on or before Dec. 31, 1987. The additional expense of postage and paper plus wear and tear on your secretary is considerable.

If each of the eight hundred plus members of your Lodge paid quarterly, instead of the 2 or 3 that do now, it would be an almost unsurmountable burden. To those brothers that feel they must hold up on paying their dues until the end of the year, or in some cases, into the next year, you have the brothers that pay their dues on time to thank for the fact that you are a member of the greatest Lodge in the area and the finest fraternal organization this world has ever known.

Please, my Brothers, pay your dues and pay them on time.

Jim F. Kleinknight, P.M.  
Secretary

### **VISITATION**

One of the pleasures of being a Master Mason is visiting other Lodges either locally or when away on vacation or business trips, bringing greetings from the Worshipful Master of your home Lodge. It is good to be among brethren who also adhere to the same rules and customs of Masonry that we do.

It is important that we assure ourselves that the Lodge we wish to visit is a regular Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of California. Our Tiler or Secretary has a copy of "list of Regular Lodges, Masonic" that we want to see before taking a trip. It is a Masonic Offense to visit a "Clandestine" or "Irregular" lodge" not in that list.

A "Clandestine" Lodge is one not recognized by California Grand Lodge. These are Lodges that have not been recognized because either assembling as a Masonic Lodge without authority from a recognized Grand Lodge, or in some other way deviates from established customs.

An "Irregular" Lodge is one formerly recognized by our Grand Lodge, which for good cause, has had its Charter taken away because of a violation of the California Masonic Code, by the Grand Master, subject to restoration upon correcting or rectifying the departure, or as they say, "Healing" the grievance.

Our California Masonic Code (CMC) (2412 & 2414) specifies that, "before visiting a Lodge, a Master Mason shall satisfy himself of its lawful authority — visitation is not a right, but a favor which a Master Mason in good standing has a right to request and the Master of the Lodge may in his discretion, at any time, may ask visitors to retire, and should do so when controversial or sensitive matters are under discussion---, or if there is a valid objection made by a member of the Lodge." Also in 2416, A Lodge shall make due inquiry or individual examination before admitting a visitor, and the visitor shall produce written evidence under the seal of his Lodge showing that he is in good standing with his Lodge and shall prove himself to be a Master Mason either by private examination under the test oath or by avouchment." 2418 states that to vouch for a visiting brother Master Mason must have sat with him in open Lodge. Section 2422 states that Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts have only the right to sit in the Lodge in which they received the degree or degrees when open in a degree taken by them after passing satisfactorily a strict examination in open Lodge. They

may, with the consent of the Master, visit another Lodge working in a degree taken by then if accompanied by a Master Mason who witnessed the initiation or advancement of said visitor — they are not entitled to vote or speak in the Lodge—."

The pamphlet, "Masonic Law and Custom", available from our Lodge Secretary, covers visitation on pages 7 to 11, specifying procedures to assure a pleasant visit. Among other things, it admonishes a visitor to have his signed dues card with him and is prepared to answer questions proving his status as a Master Mason, and to have a response ready when the Master calls on him as a visitor, like telling why you wanted to visit, and express your pleasure at being there and meeting the brethren; If you can, approve of something that has taken place during the evening, and be sure to invite the brethren to visit your lodge when in the vicinity.

If you are called to assist in examining a visiting brother to your Lodge, remember that it is only to satisfy that he is a Master Mason, and not to find out how much he knows. A few courteous questions should suffice. If you do not know the "Tilers Test Oath", have a copy of it with you which is found in the Monitor. To assure that a cordial greeting is made to the visitor, sit with the visitor and introduce him to several members of the Lodge. The quality of a Lodge is reflected in the friendliness exhibited toward visitors.

So, take advantage of the privilege of visiting another Lodge — and ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter PM  
Co-Chairman I&E Committee