



# The Las Palmian

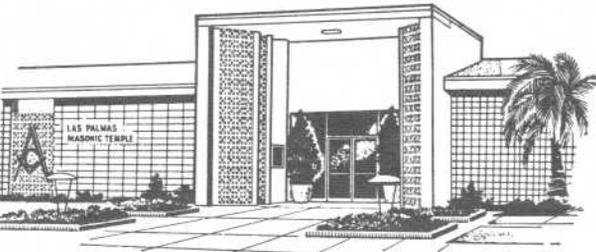
FRATERNAL ORGAN

of

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



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## *From the East:*

Brethren:

After a two month vacation your Lodge again resumes its activities. Bro. Jim Kleinknight, PM has agreed to assume the Secretary's position until Bro. Bob Paden recovers from his illness. We all look forward to having Bob back with us and wish him a speedy recovery.



Our Stated Meeting this month will be one of the most important that we have had in years. We will be discussing and voting on the annual resolutions presented to Grand Lodge this year. There are 10 or 12 resolutions that, if passed, will fundamentally change Masonry as we now know it. Your Master and Wardens will vote as the membership wishes. Your input will be vital in determining how we are to vote.

The Temple Association's plan for the dinner and dance to be held at Crossland's Barn on September 26th are moving ahead with great enthusiasm. Each member of Las Palmas should have received their pre-registration form in the mail. Please return them as soon as possible. It promises to be a wonderful evening with great food and lovely dancing music. See you there!

Las Palmas will hold its annual Layman's night on October 8th under the leadership of Bro. Jim Kleinknight, PM. Each member will be receiving a notice in the mail. Please ask one or more of your non-masonic friends to attend the dinner and speech. You will be doing them and your Lodge a great favor.

Fraternally,  
Jim Hall  
Master

## *From the West*

Brethren:

Greetings from the West. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and recovering from the wonderful summer. Linda and I had the good fortune to travel to Greece this summer. While there, braving the elements of temperatures of up to 118 degrees, we were able to observe many Greek and Roman ruins. The historical sites of Athens, Delphi, and Corinth had many fine examples of Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite Columns. These sites also offered vivid examples of the "Lapse of Time, The Ruthless Hand of Ignorance, and the Devastations of War that have laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity."

But summer has drawn to a close and it is time to return to work. Please do not forget the Third Annual Country Cook Out and Dance, sponsored by the Las Palmas Masonic Building Association on Saturday, September 26, at Crosslands Barn.

Your officers have all been working hard learning their degree work for their advanced stations, and the candidates have been learning their lectures, so now we need the members to turn out to see the work.

See you soon in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Charles Alstrom  
Sr. Warden





for Catholics, and the others were much more tolerant, however even in these colonies, Catholics were at times disenfranchised. After the War for Independence, there were thirteen States, each with its own religious groups and many with their own established State churches. Each was afraid of the other's making theirs the national religion of the United States. So, you can see the reasons for the "foot-dragging", and hesitation until these deliberations were defined and overcome with the First Amendment, and even this disappointed some staunch believers that their religion should be imposed on others. All this boiled down to the enactment and acceptance, finally of the First Amendment, "that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof". Being the first "right" safeguarded in the "Bill of Rights", it is apparent how important it was.

But this was not the end of it. Some states proclaimed that the "Bill of Rights" was Federal Law regarding the United States Government, and that it didn't apply to States' operations, and it soon got out of hand again. So, it was necessary in 1866 to enact the 14th Amendment which provided that (in part) "no State may deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law" which was designed to protect rights so basis or fundamental as to inhere our concept of ordered liberty to citizens of the United States. It was not until 1963, that the Supreme Court ruled that the Supreme court ruled that the First Amendment's mandate — has been made wholly applicable to the States by the Fourteenth Amendment.

Let us hope that refreshing our thoughts with a review of the frustrations and problems of our forebears can make us better appreciate the reasons for our Constitution and the "Bill of Rights", and implement them as intended — be glad we've got them -  
AND ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter  
Co-Chairman  
I&E Committee

Bro. Dale Orr says that during our October Dinner with our Dates, prior to the Stated Meeting, Jack Sachs, President of Tehran Temple Masonic Shrine Band will put on a concert. The Band will be in full dress uniforms playing everything from Marches to some of the old time Dixieland Rhythms. A number of the musicians are members of the Las Palmas Lodge. Don Brooks, the Director, is a member of Sanger Lodge and is a retired instructor of Music at Sanger High School.

## Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of California

**FRATERNAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 7, 100, 106 and 300 of the California Masonic Code, that commencing forthwith and so long as any Temple of the Ancient and Accepted Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine ("Shrine") in California or Hawaii requires Masonic membership, either directly or indirectly, as a prerequisite to its membership:

1. No Shrine Temple in California or Hawaii may permit any man expelled or suspended as a Mason in this or any other jurisdiction to retain membership in, or attend tiled meeting of, any Shrine Temple.

2. All Shrine Temples in California and Hawaii shall strictly comply with the California Masonic Code, which is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority in the States of California and Hawaii. The provisions of our Code, in order to maintain inviolate the privacy of our business, our Masonic emblems, and our ritual, forbid members of Constituent Lodges from holding Masonic intercourse with an expelled or suspended Mason. It is further provided that all members of organizations within its territorial jurisdiction<sup>1</sup>, the prerequisite of membership wherein is that a person be a Master Mason, shall be subject to the same standards of Conduct and propriety as are or may be imposed upon Master Masons in this Jurisdiction.

3. No Mason under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California shall sit in a tiled Shrine meeting when there is present and in attendance a Mason who has been expelled or suspended by a Masonic Craft Lodge of any Grand Jurisdiction, nor shall he engage in any Masonic relationship or Masonic Fraternal business or Masonic Fraternal interchange or discourse, or Masonic communication of any kind of connection with any Shrine Temple, or any of its Units, Clubs or other subordinate organizations, which permits any man expelled or suspended as a Master Mason in this or any other jurisdiction to retain membership in such Shrine Temple.

This Fraternal directive has been caused by the Shrine having adopted at its June, 1987 Imperial Session, legislation which will permit a Shrine member who has been suspended or expelled from either of its prerequisite Masonic organizations, to appeal to the Imperial Council for its determination as to whether the suspended or expelled Mason should be suspended or expelled by the Shrine. As a consequence, should the Imperial Council permit a suspended or expelled Mason to remain as a member of the Shrine, a non-Mason will therefore be entitled to Fraternal intercourse with Masons, in violation of our California Masonic Code.

In an effort to insure that the intent of this directive is carried out, **FRATERNAL NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that effective immediately, no Master Mason shall permit a member of the Shrine to be admitted into or remain in a tiled meeting of the Shrine without his first having proven to him or to another Master Mason by satisfactory written evidence that he has neither been suspended or expelled from his Masonic Craft Lodge.

This is solely a Fraternal directive which is neither intended nor does it interfere with or supercede any constitutional or statutory right, including employment rights of any Mason. All Masons subject to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California are obligated by their oath and honor to obey it and to be responsible for its implementation. Although it is my intent that no Brother be penalized in his employment or civil rights, any intentional violation of this directive shall subject any erring Brother to the condemnation and penalties provided by Masonic law.

Fraternally yours,  
Jack R. Levitt,  
Grand Master

<sup>1</sup>California Masonic Code Section 7 provides that the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within California and Hawaii and members of such Lodges wherever residing.