



The Las Palmian

FRATERNAL ORGAN

of

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



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From the East:

Brethren,
Greetings from the East.

On Saturday, May 7 you and your wife have an opportunity for an excursion to the Gold Country of Columbia where we will put on a third degree in the Historic Old Masonic Temple. While the men are involved at the Lodge the women will be free to shop and sightsee. After the degree all are invited for a late afternoon bar-be-que at the nearby Kinsey-Forrester cabin. There will be coffee and pastries for those who wish to meet at Las Palmas before leaving Fresno at 8 a.m.

A special thank you to Wally Scott for arranging our Public Schools Observance Program at the last Stated Meeting. Although we observe Public Schools week with a one week observance in April, we, as Masons, must continue to support our system of free Public Education on a year around basis. We must be actively concerned with the day to day education of our children, who the teachers are and what they are teaching.

Brethren, please make plans and reservations for our next stated meeting, when we will enjoy a roast beef dinner. However, when you have made reservations for a dinner please either keep them or call the office to cancel. Last month almost 30 people made reservations but failed to come, and did not cancel which resulted in an unnecessary expense for the extra food. Please be considerate.

I hope the Brothers have noticed the beautiful organ donated to our lodge by Mrs. Paul Shelly which belonged to her late husband Paul, our faithful organist for many years. We have humbly accepted this gift and will continue to remember Paul and his talents as we cherish and use this gift. Jim Hall, President of the Temple Association has ordered a commemorative plaque and a cover for the organ. When all the details are in order we hope to have a ceremony to formally accept this donation.



Brethren, when a person petitions our Lodge for membership he appears before a screening committee composed of Senior Lodge members and then his application is signed to three member of our lodge to make strict examinations of his qualifications to become a member. This requires at least a month to complete during which time it is entirely proper for any mason to come forward and present objections either directly to the Master, or through any officer, to this application for membership. This is a serious responsibility of all members and not to be taken lightly. Any concern or objection will be kept in the strictest of confidence. Black balling a potential member at the ballot box should be used only in an emergency or as a last resort.

Make plans to attend the Annual Picnic on June 5 at Roeding Park in cooperation with State Center De Molay and Sun Garden Lodge.

Remember Brethren to attend your Lodge one more time this year than you did last.

Fraternally
Charles Alstrom
Master

From the West

Fraternal greetings from the West!

May is the month of Promises and Hope of fulfillment. Not empty promises but those actively being developed.

The showers of April have delivered the flowers of May leading to the promised fruits of August and September.

Your lodge has also been busy bringing those promises to fruition with many new 2nd and 3rd degrees.

We hope that you will join us at lodge and help bringing Las Palmas Lodge to even greater fruition in Masonry.

Yours in the West
Lee I. French
Senior Warden



From the South

Fraternal greetings from the South!!

I think this article should just about catch up with my picture...allow me to introduce myself. My name is Bill Ennis, Sr., I am your Junior Warden for the ensuing masonic year.



It is said, by those who know us well, that Masons are traveling men. The third weekend of April, I had occasion to attend my son's wedding in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (two down and four to go). GASP!! During the course of the reception, I noticed a number of men who were wearing Masonic rings. What a pleasure it is to travel over 3,000 miles, meet people for the first time and have something in common with them. One particular individual, was I would think in his late 70's, and was very surprised to learn how alive Masonry is in California. It was by the wearing of this particular brother's ring that I noticed him to be a Mason. Of all fraternities, it is the only one that I'm aware of who is forbidden to solicit members. What visible proof could you give of your Masonic affiliation? Might I humbly suggest, that is you are not currently wearing a Masonic emblem (ring, lapel pin) to get them out and wear them proudly. This is but a small token of our esteem for our great fraternity and the only visible way that we have the possibility of attracting new members and keeping our fraternity strong.

Just a reminder on our annual picnic, it will be at Roeding Park on June 5th starting at 2.00 in the afternoon and this will be a combined venture with Sun Garden Lodge. I understand that one of the DeMolay chapters has challenged us to a baseball game. Please attend...we will need a lot of people cheering for us on the sidelines.

Fraternally
Bill M. Ennis, Sr.
Junior Warden

CALENDAR

- 2 Widows Club Luncheon - Garden Tea Room
- 5 3rd Degree - Robbie R. Williams
- 7 Saturday Trip To Columbia Lodge
3rd Degree - James A. Sowers
- 12 3rd Degree - William Horg
- 19 Dinner with our Dates
Roast Beef
7:30 Meeting
7:30 Ladies Program by Bruce Baird
"All you want to know about travel but were afraid to ask"
- 26 3rd Degree
Roger A. Miller

June

- 2 Degree
- 5 Picnic — Roeding Park, Umbrella Grove
(near the zoo) 2-7 p.m.

The Secretary's Corner:

My Brothers, your Lodge and mine is coming along just fine.

I'm pleased to report that the dues are still coming in and we are financially sound at the present time.

Now then: Why don't some of you good brothers drop by some Thursday evening and see a part of what your dues are paying for each year?

Contrary to popular belief, Masonry is still as sound as it ever was. Some of us have kinda slipped by the wayside in our travels, but Masonry is the same today as it has always been, the greatest fraternal organization the world has ever known.

Get involved my brothers. Participation is the name of the game and the road to continued success in YOUR LODGE.

Fraternally,
Jim F. Kleinknight, P.M.
Secretary

Masonic Information and Education

The following is quoted from "The Northern Light", February, 1988 Issue. It is the official Publication of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It was written by Francis C. Paul, Sovereign Grand Commander.

"Masonry In This Country Is The Bedrock"

Last February President Reagan nominated Judge B. Sentelle, a Mason from North Carolina, to become U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

When the Jusiary Committee of the U.S. Senate was considering the nomination in early April, questions concerning Judge Sentelle's membership in the Masons delayed the matter for several weeks.

Then on April 29, the committee voted unanimously to forward Judge Sentelle's name to the full Senate for confirmation with the recommendation that he be confirmed.

But before a vote could be taken, one Senator placed a hold on the nomination and indicated that he was sending a letter to the American Bar Association requesting that organization's opinion as to whether or not it was appropriate for a judge to be a member of the Masons!

The American Bar Association's response pointed out

Bold, Strong, Forceful. That was how the Masonic members of the United States Senate expressed themselves when the chips were down. They did not give an inch, because there was a lot more than the confirmation of a federal judge involved that day on the floor of the Senate. They demonstrated a quality of leadership that stood firm for integrity, justice, honor — and Freemasonry.

Because of our Masonic Brothers in the United States Senate, every Mason can stand a little taller."

So be glad we have Brethren like this in our government — AND ENJOY!

Ed Carpenter
I & E Committee

IN MEMORY OF

WORSHIPFUL WAYNE W. HEARN, P.M.

The assailant who murdered our Worshipful Past Master Wayne W. Hearn has pleaded guilty to murder and robbery. The guilty person, Murua, is scheduled to be sentenced May 27, 9:00 AM, Department 10, Judge Gomes Court.

We are told that the maximum sentence for this crime is 10 years to life imprisonment.