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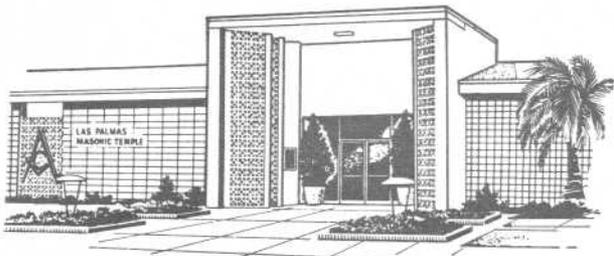
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*Las Palmas Lodge, No. 366
F. & A. M.*



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From the East:

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

We often hear the statement made: "What do we have to do to insure the survival of the lodges?" There is no pat answer, but the most often quoted one is, "increase membership."



However, the underlying reason for the drop in membership cannot be corrected by one pat answer. Sure we need members, and we should be as aggressive as is allowed, to get them. Along with that we have to correct what seems to be an almost universal problem. That problem is attitude. That is to say, apathy and the lack of desire on the part of members to restore the warmth, fellowship, brotherly respect and the use of common courtesies in the Lodge room, foyer, banquet room, wherever we are. Call it social graces if you like, whatever. Let's be thinking, rational, cordial brothers in and out of the Temple. Let us create examples of what masons should be. Let us create in the minds of sons, grandsons, friends and acquaintances the desire to become a part of a friendly, happy group of sincere men who meet as Masons. Men who respect one another and welcome their companionship. Let's sell Masonry wherever we go. Let's talk Masonry and maybe once in a while ask, why aren't you a Mason. Carry an application with you. You might need it some time.

Fraternally,
Stephen M. Harrelson
Worshipful Master

Ladies Program For After Dinner Meeting of March 21st.

Please come, join us and learn some water conservation tips. Mr. Dave Todd from the Department of Water Conservation will present a program entitled "Drought, Freeze and other Disasters."

From the West:

Right outside the window — daffodils and plum tree blossoms. Can it be that time of year already? Growing trees and plants make me think of the water required to make them grow; and water makes me think of facing another sparse water year



here in the Fresno area. But there is at least one good thought that goes along with water and that is that at least we did receive a small amount of rain in early February. That storm interfered with the lodge fishing trip at Monterey as the storm prohibited any fishing that day, and that storm probably saved me from some unpleasant moments among 5 to 8 foot swells which were projected for that date.

Brothers Brent Allen Ball and Dick Moody have volunteered to take care of refreshments during degree nights. This is the kind of service that has become the hallmark of the members of Las Palmas. Thank you! On Sunday the 17th of February several members and their ladies attended a Valentine Brunch at the Feed and Fuel Restaurant. Arrangements were made too late to be included in the last Trestleboard, but hopefully a Valentine's Brunch will become an annual event for those lodge members and their wives who wish to participate. Your lodge officers have had several meetings under the direction of Worshipful Steve and we now have a team that can best work and best agree — as well as a list of projects to put that challenge to the test, move on those projects and their results in future issues of the Trestleboard.

Respectfully,
Don Scott
Sr. Warden

From the South:

February has been a busy month starting with our outing to Monterey on February 2. Unfortunately, or fortunately for those of us with weak stomachs, it rained so we did not go fishing, but one and all had a great time sight-seeing (and shopping) in beautiful Monterey. On February 16, Cub Jack our Junior Deacon arranged a delightful Sunday brunch at the Fresno Feed and Fuel to celebrate Valentine's Day. Unfortunately this was arranged on short notice so we could not announce it in the Trestleboard, but it was advertised at Lodge for those who attend. We have many more upcoming events planned including a night a Roger Rocka's and we will try to keep you informed.

Brothers Dick Moody and Brent Ball have been doing a great job with refreshments on degree nights, and we really appreciate their help. We are still in need of additional help on many committees, so if you would like to be involved come to lodge any Thursday night and let me know. Many of the joys derived from being a member of the Fraternity is to be found in helping and sharing the fellowship with your brothers and being an active part of the Masonic family. I hope each of you will make a commitment to become more involved and share with us the joy of Masonry.

For those of you who are unaware, our Past Master Jim Hall has been very ill and has been in Saint Agnes Hospital for the last month. Hopefully by the time you read this he will be doing much better and will be able to have visitors, but please check with the lodge first. In the meantime Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Fraternally yours,
Randy Forrester
Jr. Warden



CALENDAR

March 1991

- 7 Thurs. Degree 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Thurs. Degree or Practice
- 21 Thurs. Dinner with the ladies 6:30 p.m.
Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or the
Secretary 268-2303 for reservations.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Wed. 7:30 Officers Assn. meeting, School
of Inst. Ponderosa #700, at Las Palmas
Lodge.
- 28 Thurs. Degree or Practice

April

- 4 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. School of Inst. Clovis
#417.
- 11 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. School of Inst. 2nd
Degree. Las Palmas Lodge #366.
- 18 Thurs. Dinner with the Ladies 6:30 p.m.
Phone Mary Perch 486-2923 or the
Secretary 268-2303 for reservations.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Thurs. Degree or Practice 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: March 27, Apr. 4, 11, Schools of Instruction. All officers required to attend unless excused by the Inspector. All Master Masons are invited.

From the Secretary DUES! DUES!

It's Time, Past Time, Almost Too Late

Membership, with its regular payment of dues and wise investments by the trustees, make a Lodge devoid of deficit.

The members are the most important contributors to this healthy condition. It enables the Lodge to take an active part in offering the members many benefits, as well as our families.

At the present time we have 206 who have yet to come forth with their 1991 dues. There are 15 members who are three (3) in arrears, 21 who owe two years, and 180 who have not paid their 1990 dues.

Brethren, look in your wallets and check to see if you are carrying a current dues card. If you

are not, now is the time. The book says, "dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of January." Let's be active in keeping our dues current, let's be active in the affairs of our Logde. We must all do our fair share.

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The sun must fade and give way to night,
The wisest of men are oft lost in their flight.
The ugly have beauty, though often quite deep.
The bravest of warriors may break down and weep.

The man who gives goodness needs a pat on the head,
Don't always be taking, start giving instead.
When Judgment day arrives and God checks on your worth
Don't let him find you lacking, having served no purpose on earth.

W.I. Owen

So, my Brethren, it is not so much the time you spend in Lodge, it is how much you can give the Lodge during that time.

Your attendance is important for you are the Lodge. Give a little extra, strengthen yourself and the Lodge.

W.I. Owen

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*Open to All Masons***

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Golf Carts, Cap, Prize, Fund
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The Whole Is No Better Than Its Parts

Installation is now over and done with for another year. The officers are settled in their stations and abiding by their duties. Las Palmas Lodge is started on its way to what we expect will be a successful year. Not just for the Lodge itself, but for the new members in their search for light.

There is an important segment that we must have in addition to filling the stations. That segment consists of the side-liners and the committees. The Master, with the help of his officers, has set up and appointed committees. Most of these working bodies are vital to the overall success of the masonic year; they are all necessary parts of smoothly operating machine.

Administratively, the audit, finance, delinquent dues, and the Masters advisory, are very important and should be constantly active and seeking answers and ways to improve the overall operations. Relief, sickness, funeral, necrology and widows club committees are humanitarian. They are of utmost importance, for here we are dealing with emotions, grief, distress, physical as well as mental considerations. In the case of funeral services we should not forget that we are concerned with two obligations. First is our duty and honor to the departed Brother. Secondly, we must be tactful, courteous, proficient and considerate to all parties concerned. Relief and sickness committees must function as demanded. To aid and assist a worthy brother, his widow and orphans is a mandate, and must be observed whenever the occasion arises. Our widows, bless them, are entitled to our loving support and we must not fail them.

Applicant screening, candidate coaching and masonic education are each vital in their individual way. The screening is important in two ways. It eliminates the embarrassment of a possible dissenting vote, and it can implant a favorable impression in the mind of the applicant. It can identify the every day application of the science of Freemasonry, and help to remove some of the cob-webs in the mind of the applicant. His coaching is an important and obviously vital part in his advancement. Proper coaching involves more than memorizing.

It is a special opportunity for the coach to impart masonic knowledge he might not otherwise receive. The candidates' understanding of Masonry as a needed and worthwhile institution can more easily be gained by the time spent with knowledgeable and dedicated coach. He can help to remove and lift the veils of allegory and symbolism contained in the lectures.

Masonic information, history and degree education should be a regular part of the lodge's planned programs for the year. These programs are not only beneficial to the new mason but can be interesting to the masons of long standing. There are no limits or boundaries to the practical application of the philosophical and ritualistic aspects of the science of Freemasonry.

Side-liners can play a large part of Lodge work by substituting in many parts of the work. The officers of the lodge are ready and willing to assist a brother who wishes to become active on degree nights. It's a great way to become a worker in the quarries of masonry and help build the temple and be among the other workmen.

Finally, Brethren, become a contributing part of Las Palmas Lodge; accept responsibility. If you are not on a committee or a working side-liner, let an officer know that you want to help. You will not only be helping the lodge but you will be helping yourself by being a practicing mason and a cog in the drive wheels of a successful lodge.

The Editor