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**Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM**

**February 1995**

**From the East**

Brethren,

As Master I would like to congratulate all the officers on their installation for the term of 1995. As everyone knows by now, Brother Bill Yelkin has decided not to advance to the office of Master. In talking to Brother Bill he has stated that this is a family decision, and that his wishes will be honored. The line of officers and lodge will miss his guidance as Master and we are saddened by his decision.

Under the Masonic Code there will be a special election held in the Month of February during the stated meeting, the installation will also be held that night, which will be closed to the public. This election must be held due to the decision of the officers below master not to advance.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.

Tip Banks  
Master



**From the South**

Brethren,

Thank you, my brothers for you supporting vote of confidence in electing me to serve the Lodge and you as your Junior Warden. I will endeavor to diligently discharge my duties to the best of my abilities.

As I reflect back over the years as a Mason and sat in Lodges, attended Masonic functions and ceremonies, it always amazed me how the officers of the Lodges served their Brethren, their families and the community.

The Lodge is like a great ship, with its skipper or Master, his staff of Senior and Junior officers and the compliment of its crew who supports the Master and officers.

Every member is crucial, for it is for them that the officers serve and for them endeavor to guide this ship over smooth water and at times, rocks and rough seas to accomplish its various missions.

Now once again this great ship departs on its 1995 voyage, proudly waving her banners over the seas. I am privileged to be a member of this ship and looking forward to smooth sailing, fair winds and a safe return to port.

Fraternally,  
Aloha Nui,  
Ralph Medeiros, Junior Warden

**LAS PALMAS-PONDEROSA  
LODGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Last year the Lodge established an ongoing scholarship fund which will again this year offer two, \$500.00 scholarships to students who are related to members of our Lodge. These scholarships will be awarded at our Public Schools program in April. Applications will be available from the Lodge Secretary starting February 1, and must be returned by April 1. Unfortunately at this time we can only offer two scholarships and based on last years response I know there are many more deserving students who we could not select. For those who have previously applied there will be an abbreviated application available, and I hope you will apply again this year.

I am pleased the Lodge established this program and I hope each of our members will support it and donate to make it grow. We only use the interest off of the funds which are invested so this can be an ongoing program. Remember, Masonry is about family and education, so what better way to support Masonry and

**From the West**

Brethren:

The joy of the holidays is now a fond memory and the closing days of football season are at hand. I hope your team (Raiders) was a winner. My team, the Raiders was a "no show" again this year!

It is, however, the time to think about the beginning of a new Masonic year. May our Lodge go forward as we continue to confer degrees, but more important as we enjoy many other activities for the members, families and friends.

I encourage everyone to participate in these activities and to support the principles, goals, objectives and programs of our lodge and of the fraternity. Each one of us must be committed to the service of the Lodge and its members.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

Fraternally  
Cline "Cub" Jack, Sr. Warden



## Calendar for February

Jan. 19	Stated Meeting 7:30; Dinner 6:30
Jan. 26	Degree/Practice 7:30
Feb. 2	Degree/Practice 7:30
Feb. 9	Degree/Practice 7:30
Feb. 16	Stated Meeting 7:30; Election of Master Dinner 6:30
Feb. 23	Degree/Practice 7:30
Mar. 2	Degree/Practice 7:30

insure the future of our children than helping provide for their education.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Another successful year of presentations is now complete. The last one was held at the John Muir Elementary School on December 15, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. Thanks to the brothers who have donated bicycles, and those who have purchased them new or from garage sales and to those who have refurbished bicycles and supported the program in general. All of you are making a Public School a better place for young persons to obtain an education. A special thanks to Past Master Randy Forrester and his lady Pam for their continued support of the program. Without them it would not

succeed. Also thanks to brothers Cub Jack, Junior Warden, John Bjorge, Dick Campbell, Chris Morris, and, of course, our Master, Tip Banks, II for the continued efforts they make in support of the Public Schools Committee. Of significant mention is Brother Dick Campbell who aided me in obtaining the bicycles and assembling them for the School Carnival which our Master Tipton Banks II generously okayed as an addition to our traditional six week presentations. Also, we were honored with the assistance of Rick Campbell (Dicks son) who added a touch of class to our presentation. This additional help from family members of Masonic Lodge #366 is very commendable and is greatly appreciated.

I would be amiss if I did not send a special thanks to Brother Ken Whitehill who continues to support Las

Palmas/Ponderosa public school program even though he has moved back to his home in Turlock. He continues to give us an example of what a Mason should do for his fellow man. In this case young boys and girls getting their education. Come often our Master Elect for 1995 is continuing this program. Because of the many brothers who donated bicycles and helped get them up to par for the students, we have the opportunity to add a second school to our program. And a special mention to Brother Bob Halsey and his lady Janet who donated a new bicycle this year and have encouraged other businesses to do the same. That's an effort we all need to undertake.

I will be calling on all of you to support next year's program so it can be even better than last year. I will be asking you to join me and other members to plan our strategy for 1995. The planning meeting will be an January, 1995.

Fraternally, George H. Cary

### NOTICES

- Due to the resignation of the Senior Warden William D. Yelkin, an election will be held on Feb. 16, 1995 to elect a Master for the ensuing Masonic year. The Senior Warden resigned for personal reasons. The newly elected Master will be installed immediately following the election.

- If you plan on RVing to Columbia on April-21 and or the 22 of April 1995, please call Marble Quarry RV Park and reserve a site in Section F. Ph. 209-532-9539. The sites in section F, not reserved by Feb. 1, 1995 will be released back to the RV park for their use.

- Those members who have been informed by certified mail that their 1994 dues have not been paid, will be suspended for non-payment of dues in accordance with the letter dated Sept. 9, 1994. If you are suspended from the Lodge for non-payment of dues you are subject to suspension from all other Lodges and Masonic Organizations.

- The 2nd notice for the 1995 dues will be mailed in February. If your Lodge dues card expires on any date other than December 31, 1995, your dues are not current. Please check the expiration date on your dues card.



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