



# The Las Palmian



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

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### From the East

Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

I was going to start out by saying that "summer is over", but I just heard the weatherman say "it's back to triple digits"....WOW!! I hope all of you have survived the heat of summer and are ready for the Fall months. It is that time of the year when we return to our scheduled activities of the Lodge. Having passed the halfway point of the Masonic year, we can look back with some satisfaction, but now look forward with great anticipation to the future. With the spirit and dedication of the officers and members of our Lodge I know that we will complete this year filled with enthusiasm. Remember the axiom of Mathematics; "the whole is the sum of all its parts." Each officer and member plays a part, no matter how large or small. The officers of our Lodge have spent the summer working on their memory work for advanced stations. I invite you to come out to a meeting and support them as they take their next step in Masonry. Over the next few weeks we should stay very busy. We have several brothers ready for advancement. One for his 3rd Degree, four for their 2nd Degree and at least one candidate for initiation. Please check your calendar and plan on attending these important lodge activities. September 5th, will be Past Master's Night and Brother Michael Ratley will be the candidate for that evening. We will again be treated to an outstanding 3rd Degree presentation by our Past Masters. Don't forget the dinner preceding the Degree and please make reservations with the Secretary (268-2303). At our stated meeting on August 15th, Past Master "Tip" Banks and his wife Kathy, made a presentation of a Masonic Flag to be displayed in the Lodge room. It is the first one in the State, issued through the Grand Lodge of Calif. It is 3' x 5' with a white "Square and Compass" on a field of Royal Blue. Thank you, Tip and Kathy, for this outstanding gift. It will have a prominent place in the East.

Thought for the Day: *Opportunities are never lost; some-one will take the one you miss.* (unknown)

Remember:

**T**-ogether  
**E**-veryone  
**A**-ccomplishes  
**M**-ore

Join the **TEAM!**

Cline "Cub" Jack  
Master



### From The West

Brethren,

Summer is still upon us, sometimes it seems with a cruel vengeance of triple digit temperatures. For some of us who are not heat tolerant, we look forward towards the more tolerant fall, winter and spring seasons.

The Lodge will be out of the "Dark Period" with the coming of September. On the 5th of September we will start with Past Master's Night. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m and we are looking forward to a good turn out. Attend this annual event, support and honor our Past Masters who have without question devoted much of their time and effort going through various chairs and finally serving as the Worshipful Master of our Lodge. We also honor the Past Masters of Ponderosa Lodge who have merged with Las Palmas Lodge. We are now one.

Also during this month the officers will be at their advanced stations for degree work. We need your support, attend if you can, it will be greatly appreciated. Just a friendly and brotherly advice, officers, please contact your respective coaches to be checked out with your work. Be there during practice sessions. I will also avail myself to help any brother in his work, call me, my number is 251-9073. I believe that the presentation of the ritual is of paramount importance. This is serious business. We have to make the effort to do it correctly. Whatever first impressions we make upon the candidates during degree work, whether it is good or bad will be imprinted upon his memory throughout his Masonic Life. With this closing thought, I will sign off by saying, see you at the Lodge Brothers.

Aloha Nui

Ralph Medeiros, Senior Warden



### From The South

Brethren,

As my year as Junior Warden draws to a close, I look forward with great anticipation to my coming year as Senior Warden. I'd like to thank each and every one of you who helped make my year so successful. Words cannot

express my deep appreciation for all of the dedicated volunteers who gave so willingly of their time during the preparation of our Stated Dinners month after month. If anyone



has any concerns about the way the Stated Dinners were handled this past year, please feel free to contact me.

As senior warden, my duties will change and I will assume different responsibilities. My main obligation will always be to help the lodge by helping the Master.

For our September dinner, Mary is serving her roasted chicken, marinated salad, Zucchini casserole, rice pilaf, and apple pie for dessert. I hope giving you these menus monthly has enabled you to decide if you plan to attend so you can make an early reservation, and Mary can shop and buy accordingly.

Past Masters Night will be Thursday, September 5th. Please mark your calendar and get your reservations in quickly. The main entree will be fillet mignon.

Yours Fraternally,  
John S. Bjorge, Junior Warden

### IN MEMORIAM

*Raised to the Celestial Lodge above:*

BIRTHDAY RAISED DECEASED

ANDREW WALLACE LYONS

4-2-1923 9-23-1953 5-27-1996

### NOTICE

Did you know that if your dues are not current (paid to 12-31-1996) and you pass away, you are not entitled to a Masonic Funeral Service, your wife is not eligible to live in the Masonic Home, you will be suspended from any other Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine etc. of which you may be a member?? Several of our brothers have not paid their 1996 dues. If your dues card expires on any date other than Dec. 31, 1996, Your dues are not current. If there is some reason you cannot pay your dues what ever the reason may be, please contact the Lodge, or some member of the Lodge. There is no reason any member of the Lodge should ever be suspended for NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. If you should be suspended for non-payment of dues it is your own fault. The Lodge is here to help.

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 5th Past Master's Night  
Dinner 6:30 (Masons ONLY)  
3rd Degree 7:30 p.m.
- 12th Officers' Practice  
(Advanced Stations)
- 19th Stated Meeting 7:30 pm  
Dinner 6:30 pm
- 26th DARK School of Instruction  
3rd Degree  
Clovis Lodge, Host 7:00 pm

### NOTICE TO ALL BROTHERS

Past Masters Night is Sept. 5 1996. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. The dinner is \$10.00. Past Masters are guest of the Lodge. Letters and Phone calls to all Past Masters will be sent and made by PM Tip Banks. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Lawrence T. Banks II  
Past Master

### SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

September 26, 1996 7 p.m.  
3rd Degree (all sections)  
Host Lodge: Clovis No. 417  
5th and DeWitt Sts., Clovis

### TAILGATE PARTY / FOOTBALL GAME

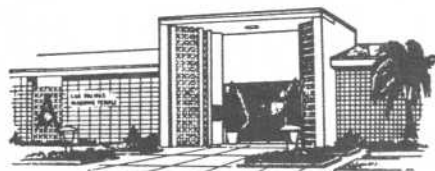
October 12, 1996

Fresno State vs. San Jose State  
\$20.00 (includes: Ticket, food and beverages)  
Joint activity with Fresno Lodge  
Contact Tip Banks for Information/Tickets

### OFFICERS FOR 1996

Worshipful Master	CLINE (CUB) C. JACK JR. ....	432-8262	Junior Deacon	VERNON SCOTT ULLSTROM	456-8461
Senior Warden	RALPH P. MEDEIROS .....	251-4187	Marshal		
Junior Warden	JOHN BJORGE .....	431-3820	Senior Steward	BILL FREEMAN .....	297-4968
Treasurer	MICHAEL DAUGHERTY .....	226-3297	Junior Steward	THOMAS BEKHOUD .....	322-9838
Secretary	MARVIN WALLACE .....	439-9111	Tiler	SAM LINARES .....	224-5164
		268-2303 Office	Organist	CHRIS MORRIS .....	221-7336
Asst. Secretary	EDD DODD .....	222-1763			
		268-2303 Office			
Chaplain	BILL ENNIS SR., P.M. ....	439-0746			
Senior Deacon	TED SORGE .....	275-5817			

Stated Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:30 PM Preceded by a dinner at 6:30 PM **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**



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