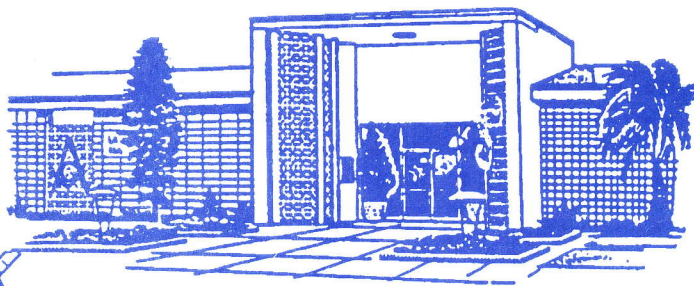


# The Las Palmian

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

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### From the East

March came in like a lion but didn't go out like a lamb. What a productive month for the officers of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge! Our brother Don George received his third degree and is now a Master Mason. Bill Freeman, our Junior Warden, conferred two first degrees, which means we have two new brothers, Armen Keledjian and Rodney A. Spenhoff going through their Masonic Degrees. We also welcome Brother Earl R. Jennings by affiliation.

Our stated meeting for March was especially memorable for me. Not only did we give out two fifty year pins, we also read two new applications, and for the first time in my memory we have a father and two sons applying for affiliation to Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge at the same time. Our stated meeting dinner was attended by over 130 brothers and their wives. I'd like to thank you all for participating. We were able to conclude our business and be home in time to watch one of the most exciting Fresno State basketball games! Go Bulldogs, win the NIT!

A special thanks to our Inspector Douglas Cairns for presenting our two fifty year pins, and to his lovely wife, LeNora, and to C. Ray Whitaker for his inspirational talk on the Grand Master's Friend to Friend Program. I believe this program has already generated five new applications to our Lodge in the first three months of 1998. My Lady Janice and I offer to take out to dinner the brother who is the first line signer on the most applications in 1998.

Please make a note that on April 2nd the Grand Master's reception will be held at Scottish Rite. Tickets are still available for \$12.50, all inclusive. Please contact any of the Lodge officers. On April 18th we will be making our annual pilgrimage to Columbia to bestow upon a brother his third degree. All lodges in the 293rd Masonic district will be participating in this degree, plus officers from other districts plan on attending. We are anticipating a large turn out. Lodge will open promptly at 12 noon. Please come and join us and stay for the picnic immediately following at the Marble Quarry RV Park.

Fraternally Yours, John Steven Bjorge, Master

### NOTICE FROM THE SECRETARY

I have received several inquires for lost items. If you should find a piece of jewelry, scarf etc. please turn these items in to the Secretary's office. In most cases the person misplacing the item calls the office the following day inquiring if the item has been turned in.

### From The West

Hello, Brothers and Friends,

The month of April will be a full one, with candidates here at Las Palmas Ponderosa and also at the Columbia Lodge.

The month starts with the grand master's reception on April 2nd at the Scottish Rite Temple. The 9th we will be dark in observance of Maundy Thursday, but the possibility does exist that changes will be made to accommodate the needs of our candidates if they are prepared for proficiencies and other degree work. Our Stated Meeting is on the 16th here at Las Palmas Ponderosa. On the 23rd the officers have a school of instruction. The 30th is a regular meeting which will probably be a 2nd or 3rd degree, depending on the readiness of our candidates.

As in past years, the candidate's proficiency is given in open lodge, with the shortening of the candidate's work, it is important that we show our candidates the Lodge is behind them when they are doing what is expected of them, so, please come to as many of our regular meetings as you can.

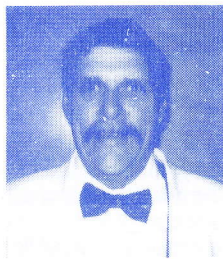
Fraternally, Ted Sorge, Senior Warden

### From The South

This is the last reminder of our trip to Columbia on April 17 & 18. Bring the family, bring the grandkids and enjoy our 3rd degree and the Bar-B-Que picnic afterwards. In years past the dinner has finished about 5:30, so if it is just a day trip you could be back in Fresno by 7 o'clock at the latest. Las Palmas will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, and German sausage and ask if you stay to eat please bring either a dessert, salad, bread or chips to add to the dinner. Columbia is a fun place to bring the family for a day with antique shops, gold panning, even blacksmiths. There is also an ice cream parlor adjacent to the lodge.

Mary says that the menu for the next Stated Meeting will be in celebration of Easter. She's starting with baked ham, potatoes au gratin, green beans, tossed salad and to top it all off white cake with lemon filling and coconut topping. Mary also mentions that she really needs more helping hands to prepare the stated meeting dinners. Any time that you can spare, even if only an hour or two would be a big help. Morning or afternoon, just choose the time that's best for you. The fellowship is great and to pull off a dinner of this size, and to maintain our district reputation, takes many volunteers. So come on down and enjoy the fun.

Bill Freeman, Junior Warden





## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Donald Eaton Peaslee. The Worshipful Inspector Douglas Cairns, assisted by Mrs. Peaslee, presented a 50-year pin to our brother. Mrs. Louise Solomon received a 50-year pin posthumously for her father Harold L. Mylius of Montebello Lodge # 451.

### RECEPTION RECEPTION RECEPTION

**Date:** Thursday, April 2, 1998

**For:** Grand Master of Masons in California  
Most Worshipful Anthony P. "Tony" Wordlow

**Where:** Fresno Scottish Rite Temple, 1455 L Street

**Refreshments:** 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

Dinner & Reception: 7:30 P.M.

**Price:** \$12.50 Per Person (includes bar, snacks, dinner & reception)

**Sponsored by:** All Masonic Family of the Central San Joaquin Valley to name a few 293rd Masonic District, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, High Twelve, and Sciots.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

### *Fresno Masonic Lodge 247 Widows Club*

Our luncheon club have their meetings the last Wednesday of each month (except July & August). We meet in the dining room of the Fresno Masonic Temple. A widow of any mason is invited to join, regardless of which Lodge he belonged to. If you need transportation, please contact one of the officers listed below. Next meeting, April 29th, 12 noon. Menu: Potluck. Dues is \$5.00 a year. April 29th, May 27th, and June 24th are the dates coming up. Menu is voted upon a month in advance: Some pot-luck, salad bar, or we will bring in a Chinese lunch or maybe pizza! Come join us in the friendly fellowship. President, Ruth Dawson, ph. 454-1520, Bobbie Carder, Vice President, ph. 322-6851, Wanda Goodrich, Secretary, ph. 486-5359

## *DID YOU PAY YOUR 1998 DUES????*

### OFFICERS FOR 1998

Worshipful Master	JOHN S. BJORGE .....	431-3820
Senior Warden	TED SORGE .....	275-9734
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Marshal	ROBERT L. MOORE, P.M. ....	485-3543
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## APRIL CALENDAR

- 2 - Grand Master's Reception, 6:30 p.m.,  
Social, 7:30 p.m., Dinner & Reception  
Fresno Scottish Rite
- 9 - DARK, Maundy Thursday
- 12 - Easter
- 16 - Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 18 - Columbia, Third Degree, 12 Noon  
B-B-Q Picnic following Degree
- 23 - School of Instruction, 7:00 pm  
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Host
- 28 - Building Association, 7:00 pm
- 30 - Second or Third Degree, 7:30 pm

### Proclamation of the Most Worshipful Anthony P. Wordlow "Education - the Chance of a Lifetime"

#### April - Public Schools Month

**PROCLAIM:** the month of April to be Public Schools Month in California and I direct each constituent lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction join in assisting the public school or schools of their community bring about continued public awareness and support for our Public Schools by adopting programs which will improve the public understanding and support of our free public schools and emphasize the dire need for adequate funding to maintain facility infrastructure and modernization as well as the health and safety of students and teachers.

I further direct that wherever possible lodges adopt a school and encourage members to volunteer for school improvement projects or mentoring programs.

I direct that this proclamation be read at the March and April Stated Meetings and, if practical, published in the lodge trestle board or newsletter.

In Testimony whereof I have heretofore set my hand and caused the seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of California to be affixed this fifth day of January, 1998.

Attest

John I. Cooper III, Secretary

Anthony P. Wordlow, Grand Master

### IN MEMORIAM

Nathanial Newcomer Leas - 1-26-98  
Antonio Louis Schrillo- 2-19-98  
Michael Vogt - 2-20-98  
Nicholas James Chrest - 3-3-98

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