



The  
Las Palmian  
of



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

April 1993

**From the East**

Dear Brethren,

As our Masonic Year progresses our Lodge continues to be a very busy place. I am continuing to work closely with the Masters of the other Lodges in our district and it looks like there will be many more joint functions as the year progresses. The goal of all of the Masters this year is to put Masonry back in front of the public where it belongs. For too long most of our good deeds went unnoticed, and because of this we became known as a "secrete organization." Unfortunately, people have always been fearful of things which they do not understand and our Fraternity has frequently come under attack. It is hoped that by letting the public know who we are and what we stand for, and by being active and visible in our Community, Masonry will continue to attract men of high moral values and our numbers will increase.



April is Public Schools Month and Brother George Cary has been doing an outstanding job with his Committee. We are continuing to support John Muir School with bicycles for their attendance program and could use more donations of new and used bicycles, as well as additional help in restoring the used bicycles. I want to thank Roger Miller and Dean Phillips for the outstanding job they have done repairing bicycles. I hope you will all come to our April Stated Meeting Program and see how YOUR Lodge has been supporting our Public Schools.

Each month in my article I ask for some of our members to come forward and volunteer to help on our committees and other projects. Needless to say I have not been overwhelmed with offers of help. The Officers of your Lodge are the finest, most dedicated group of men I have ever work with, but we get tired. If you have just a few hours to spare each month, please call me at 221-6191 or the Lodge Secretary at 268-2303 and offer your help. There is no greater satisfaction than that you receive when you are active, making a difference and sharing fellowship with your brothers. With your help, Masonry and your Lodge will continue to thrive.

Fraternally from the East  
Randy Forrester, Master

checked out by the coach of that degree. This is a very simple thing to do. Come to the practices and learn the part or call the coach and he will coach you at his house or yours.

We hope to see you in Columbia for our third degree to be put on by all lodges of Fresno and Clovis. Remember this will be a dinner and show evening and an open house in the Marble Quarry. The lodge has many R.V. spaces available and they are filling fast. If you don't have a R.V., the motels and hotels are at your fingertips. Call and make your reservation. This should be a fun weekend for all.

Fraternally  
Tip Banks  
Senior Warden

**From the South**

As the year unfolds the pace of the lodge continues. Our new Entered Apprentice Brothers are advancing ready to fill the calendar with second and third degrees. As this letter goes to print we will have just returned from Columbia Lodge with another third degree on the first of April.

The candidates reception was a great success. We had a very good turn out with many new as well as seasoned brothers with good food and fellowship.

Many of our brothers are so active in other Masonic organizations or the demands of work and family it's easy to drift away from Blue Lodge, but Blue Lodge is the foundation of the whole Masonic Family. Set aside one Thursday night to come to Lodge. Every Brother should try to attend Lodge at least once a year. You will see and meet the officers who are running the Lodge this year, and you may get something new from those time tested degrees if it has been a while since you've been at Lodge and feel a little rusty in the work. Give me a call and I will be very happy to help. My number is 453-0426.

If everybody would attend just once a year the Lodge would be nearly full every meeting and every degree would make that deep and lasting impression in every candidates Masonic journey. Check the Las Palmian calendar for Lodge events.

At the end of this month April 25th and 26th we will be going on our train trip to Reno. Time has already past to make guaranteed arrangements but if you still want to go call Baird's Travel some slots may still be available.

Fraternally  
Bill Yelkin, J.W.

**From the West**

Brethren;

I would like to commend all the candidate coaches on an outstanding job well done. They have kept the officers busy putting on the various degrees by getting the brothers ready to do their proficiencies. The work by the candidates has been outstanding and to the credit of our lodge.



This brings up the matter of the third degrees to come. At the present there are 4 candidates ready to receive the Master Mason degree and more to follow. This year we would like to have several degree teams of different members to perform the degrees. If you are interested in taking part in these degrees please call me at 275-3658 or 227-4840. Remember, before you can do any work on the floor of the lodge, you must be

**NOTICE**

The lodge is in dire need of an editor for the news letter. Brother Ampless Moore who so graciously accepted the position from our past editor Brother Bill Wharton, will no longer be able to edit the newsletter. However he will continue to edit the news letter until a replacement editor can be found. He will instruct the new editor in the procedures of handling and preparing bulk mail for the post office. Ladies it will be a good way to get your husbands out for a while.

**LAS PALMAS-PONDEROSA #366  
CALENDAR FOR APRIL**

- Thursday, April 1, 7:30 Third Degree,  
Brother Steven Clifton
- Thursday, April 8, 7:30 Dark, Maundy Thursday
- Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 Officers planning meeting,  
Cardroom
- Thursday, April 15, 7:30 Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:30  
Public Schools Program
- Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 Building Association  
Meeting, Cardroom
- Thursday, April 22, 6:30 Dark, Officers School of  
Instruction, Las Palmas-  
Ponderosa Host, Sanger  
#316 exemplifies 1st section  
of 2nd Degree and full  
form closing.
- Saturday, April 24 Trans Sierra Train Trip to  
Reno
- Thursday, April 29, 7:30 Second Degrees,  
Robert Crossland,  
Richard Campbell
- Thursday, May 6, 7:30 Third Degree, Candidate to  
be announced.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE**

It was announced in the last Las Palmian, that a program had been set up to present bicycles to out standing students. This program is funded by donations. If you have a bicycle to donate, please call the lodge 268-2303 and it will be picked up. If you are able to repair bicycles please call. The bicycles that are being presented to the students, reflect on Masonry and the lodge. Today's youths are tomorrow's Masons and Eastern Star members. We are all aware that in order to progress in the fraternal organizations, we must first join the Masons or Eastern Star. If you know where to purchase bicycles at discount or reduced rate call the lodge. The Public Schools committee needs donations, bicycles, time and money. If you once witness the happiness and the expressions on these children's faces when the bicycle is presented, you will know that your donation was well received. The success of this program rests on you and your generosity. Thanking you in advance for your help. You are welcome to attend the presentations.

Fraternally  
George Cary

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

I would like to thank the brothers who have paid their dues. However we have brothers who have not paid. If it is an oversight, please pay. If the expiration date on your dues card is other than December 31, 1993, your dues are delinquent. I know the economy is rough and times are bad, and we find ourselves unable to pay. This is a situation we have all been in at one time or another. If you have not paid because, of health or financial reasons, let the secretary know. Write him a letter stating I am unable to pay because of \_\_\_\_\_. The letters received are kept in strict confidence. You are asking what will this accomplish? The dues can be remitted. You will not be SUSPENDED. Once you are suspended for non-payment of dues, you are suspended from all Masonic fraternities. All lodges of which you may be a member will be notified. By having the dues remitted, you remain in good standing. It will save the lodge \$14.32. The amount paid every year to Grand Lodge for each member of the lodge. May you and your loved ones enjoy the best of health, wealth and happiness.

Fraternally;  
Marvin E. Wallace  
Secretary

**SCHEDULE OF YOUTH ORDERS MEETING DATES / TIMES**

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS**

Bethel No. 49 — Fresno Masonic Temple — 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
Bethel No. 147 — Clovis Masonic Temple — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

**RAINBOW**

Golden Realm Assembly — Fresno Masonic Temple — 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00  
Clovis Assembly — Clovis Masonic Temple — 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

**DeMolay**

State Center Chapter — Fresno Masonic Temple — 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Rainbow**

March 17 — Clovis Assembly, Grand Cross Announcement. Grand Officer Farewell  
Night  
March 24 — Golden Realm Assembly, Grand Cross Announcement

**Job's Daughters**

March 1 — Bethel No. 49, Deputy Grand Guardian's Official Visit/Initiation  
March 22 — Bethel No. 147, Mason/Eastern Star Night

**Contact Persons for Youth Orders**

State Center Chapter - Bob Young, Advisor 436-0107  
Bethel No. 49 — Mrs. Ann Beery, Bethel Guardian 233-1555 Bethel No. 147 -  
Mrs. Charlotte Horder, Bethel Guardian 291-0890  
Golden Realm Assembly - Donna Herring, Mother Advisor 834-2256  
Clovis Assembly - Marcia Wilkins, Mother Advisor 298-1319



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