



The Las Palmian

of

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM



December 1993

From the East

Dear Brethren,

As our year ends and I am writing my last article for the Trestelboard, I want to thank the members of the Lodge for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Master. The year has not been easy, but I have learned a lot about myself and other people, some good and some not so good. Through it all one thing has consistently stood out, that if you understand and live by the teachings of Masonry you cannot go wrong. As Masons, we will face many challenges as we progress into the 21st century and it appears inevitable that the fraternity will continue to become smaller over the next decade. But I do not know if that is such a bad thing because the men that are joining are of exceptional moral character and tend to actively promote the principles of Masonry. A few men who passionately believe in something can do more to change the course of our nations history than many men who are just along for the ride.

I want to thank all of the people who have come forth to help this year because they are the ones which embody the spirit of our Lodge. I want to especially thank Mary Perch and the crew who each month toiled with love to make our Stated Meeting dinner a very special event. I hope they never change a thing. One person who does more than anyone realizes without fanfare or applause is our Secretary, Marvin Wallace. Marvin is a man who truly cares about our Lodge and constantly works to make sure that it is cared for and protected. At times he can be gruff and cantankerous and we seldom agree on anything, but he has earned my utmost respect and I hope he will continue as Secretary for a long time. I also want to thank all of my line officers for you are the heart and soul of our Lodge. This group of men are the most talented, dedicated group it has ever been my pleasure to work with and in their hands our future will be secure. I wish I could thank Past Master Jim Hall who passed away, for giving me the opportunity to join the line but unfortunately we were deprived of his help and support. Last but not least I want to thank Larry Bennet. Larry has been our head candidates coach for many years and embodies what Masonry stands for. He is a man who takes a personal interest in all of the new candidates of our Lodge and helps them



From the West

Brethren:

Another year is ending and the time for installation is upon us. I would like to thank all the Brethren for their support in the election by electing me as the next Master. This installation will be the Lodge's 90th and I am proud to be the Master for that special year.

The installation will be on January 8, 1994 at 3:00 in the afternoon. Following there will be a roast beef Dinner and a live band playing 40's music by "The Sophisticated Swing." During the installation we will have the honor of the presence of that fine choral group "The Rite Brothers Chorus." I hope that everyone will attend and have an enjoyable evening.

Thank you,
Tip Banks
Master-Elect



Brethren, do not forget the Super Bowl Potluck Party at Fresno Lodge on Super Bowl Sunday.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Since my time as Master has come to an end and there is not time to thank all of those dedicated people who have made things happen this year, I want to take this opportunity to highlight two people who have volunteered tirelessly. The first is the treasurer of our Building Association, John Bjorge. John started his Masonic career in 1984, but then was unable to finish the degrees until 1991. Due to knee problems he was forced to take some time off of work as a car salesman which has allowed him to use his many talents for our Lodge. When he heard there was an unexpected opening on the Building Association he rushed to volunteer (well maybe I twisted his arm just a little). He

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learn the feeling of friendship which comes from being a Mason. He continues to work without recognition but never loses sight of the brotherly love which makes up a Lodge of Masons.

I hope you will all come to our 90th Installation of Officers on January 8th and show your support for your Lodge and its Officers.

Fraternally from the East
Randy Forrester, Master

has been the driving force in allowing the Building Association to scrutinize all of our expenditures and decide which should be eliminated. He is also a master negotiator and has helped us save thousands of dollars on our purchases. Besides all of his work on the Building association he is Senior Steward of our Lodge and even though he will suffer for days afterwards because of the pain in his knees, he always comes forward to help with our dinners and anything else ask of him.

Another brother who can always be counted on and always prefers to remain in the background is Brother Sam Linares. Sam and his wife Barbara are very special people with a very limited vocabulary. Fortunately they have never learned the word no, and I know if I need help setting up tables or any thing else Sam will be upset if he is not called and will always be willing to come forward and help. For the last several years Sam has made sure that we have something good to eat on our degree nights. We can always count on a special treat and he makes sure that we stay within budget. He and Barbara have also been very active with Scouting and the Masonic Youth as well as other Masonic organizations. He is currently the Captain of the Patrol in the Shrine and you will always see he and Barb at Scottish Rite meetings and helping with our Stated Meeting Dinners.

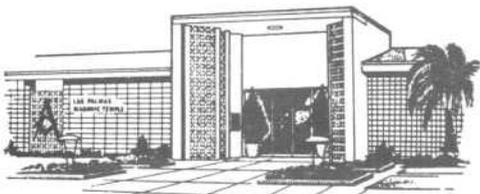
These and all the other special volunteers who are constantly putting in time for their Lodge, not expecting praise but enjoying the brotherhood, are the ones who make Masons very special people and our fraternity and our Lodge the most impressive organization on earth. Thank you all for your friendship and your support.

Randy Forrester, *Master*

FROM THE SECRETARY

By now you have received your dues notices. When paying the dues, please remember the Masonic Homes. Your donations help. It would be nice if every brother donated at least \$10.00. Several members will be brought up for suspension for non-payment of dues on January 21, 1994. If you know one of the brothers, please visit or call him. Try to encourage this brother to bring his dues current. It is a sad situation to lose a brother for non-payment of dues.

Marvin E. Wallace



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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 2	7:30	First Degree Mr. Randall Mcphearson
Sunday, Dec. 5	5:00 6:00	Meeting of Bicycle Committee Christmas tree Decoration and Caroling
Thurs., Dec. 9	7:30	Second Degrees
Tues., Dec. 14	7:00	Building Association Meeting, Card Room
Wed., Dec. 15	6:30 7:30	Awards Dinner 50 year presentations 25 year presentations Necrology Service Awards
Thurs., Dec. 16	7:30	Stated Meeting No Dinner, Dessert Following
Thurs., Dec. 23		Dark
Thurs., Dec. 30		Dark
Thurs., Jan. 6	7:30	Installation Practice
Saturday, Jan. 8	3:00	Installation

THANK YOU

To all of you wonderful people who helped Mary Perch in the kitchen with the preparation of the stated dinner in November. Mary just can't say enough about you. The response for HELP has been overwhelming. Please continue to call Mary and find out when the next dinner is and what would be the best time for you to help. As previously stated, a mere thank you is not enough. Mary loves each and every one of you for all the help you have given. Without your help these dinners would not be possible.

THANK YOU
Love Mary

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