



The Las Palmian

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Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

July 1993

From the East

Dear Brethren,

Although our Lodge will be dark in July and August we will continue to remain very busy (please see calendar of events.) On Saturday, July 10th the Lodges of the Fresno area are sponsoring a Masonic Zoo Day and picnic. On that day all children under 12 years old will be admitted to the zoo as our guests. This project is designed to allow the disadvantaged youth of our area to visit the zoo and to show the community that Masonry is an active member. We will be holding a picnic that day for Masons, their family and friends and hope that you will all plan to attend. The picnic will be held in a special area of the zoo and tickets are \$6.00 each which will include the zoo admission and picnic. This is a great opportunity to show an interested friend what Masonry is all about. Tickets are available through the Secretaries office, and I hope you will all come out and show the community what Masonry is all about!



For those of you who missed our Stated Meeting program for June, Brothers Warren Hill, and Larry Duba, PM, provided an excellent program on Masonic Sojourners. They also presented the Lodge with an American flag in memory of Ed Carpenter, PM. For those of you who knew Ed, he was a tireless worker for Masonry and he is sorely missed. This flag will fly proudly over our Lodge in his memory. Our program for next month will include 50 year presentations for Brothers James Hopper PM, Gottlieb Borgardt, Marvin Potter and Avedes Bogosian. I hope you will all come and celebrate this outstanding accomplishment with these dedicated Brothers.

I want to thank all of the brothers who have helped so much on our various projects. I want to especially thank Brothers Elvin Bell for his help in publicizing our bicycle project and Mike Reynolds who took pictures for us at the last presentation on June 21. Also to our Junior Warden, Bill Yelkin, who fixed our parking lot lights so that we will not have to remain in the dark. Our lodge is made up of men in all lines of work and with talents in a variety of areas. This diversity is what has always made Masonry strong and vital. We often are not aware of our talents or do not place much value on them, but we all have them. 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 we will make use of your talents.

Fraternally
From the East
Randy Forrester, Master

Notice

We need a brother to call on our ill Brothers who are patients in the V.A. Hospital in Fresno. If you are interested please call Bill Murphy at 229-1276

From the West

Brethren,

Summer has finally arrived and we are about to go Dark. During this time we will have degree practices on July 22 (1st degree) and on July 29th (2nd degree practice). During the stated meeting on the 15th, there will be 50 year pin presentations.



On August 12th, there will be a dinner and a talk on estate planning. One August 19th for our stated meeting **there will be no dinner** due to the dinner the week before. On the 26th, there will be a 3rd degree practice. If anyone would like to learn any part of a degree, please feel free to call me (275-3658) as you see even though we are dark, your officers will still be going hard at it. We hope you have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September.

Fraternally,
Tip Banks
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,

Greetings from the hot Summer South. July vacation time is here and we will be dark for July and August. We have some activities for July. We would like to invite you and your family to join with us. On July 10th lodges in our district will be holding "Zoo Day" on this date. Brethren and friends can bring kids to the Zoo Free. \$6.00 per adult who can bring along up to six kids free. We will also have the picnic area for our members. Call Fresno Lodge for more information.

On July 24th we will be putting on a Third Degree at Hornitos Lodge. Call this office (268-2303) for directions or a map to Hornitos and exact time of the degree.

Fraternally
Bill Yelkin, J.W.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

The donations of bicycles continue from Masonic members and friends. In addition, people affiliated with the John Muir Elementary School have donated two bicycles.

On June 21, 1993 at 9:15 a.m. two students received bicycles, Roman Raintree and Rogue Jimenez and thirty-five students received pencil boxes, were they all excited you bet. The next presentation will be August 6, 1993 watch for the time in the August Trestleboard.

Our thanks go out to Brothers Bob Halsey, Walter Lake and Bud Pope who donated bicycles. And if I missed anybody please forgive me and let me know I surely want to recognize all of our donators. Brother Ken Whitehill donates his valuable time refurbishing the bicycles. Brother Elvin Bell graciously donated his time generating a news release for the bicycle program and contacted the local media regarding our June 21st bicycle drawing. Channel 47 News was present at John Muir for the drawing, giving masonry and the John Muir School TV time. Brother Mike

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Reynolds was again in support of a Las Palmas-Ponderosa Masonic Lodge endeavor, on-site with his camera taking pictures donating his time and resources to the bicycle program. A special thanks to Shriner Clown Sweetpea (John Higgins, Master of the Fresno Lodge) who again put a touch of what masonry is all about to the Masonic presentation. Thanks to our District #293 Inspector, worshipful Ralph Enloe for attending the presentation, and let me also thank Brother Milton and Ruth Avakian for their support, it was two fold on their part they are Vice Principal (Brother) Steven Cliftons in-laws. You see the more the merrier, feel free to accompany us to the next one.

The John Muir Elementary School presented our lodge with a plaque that will be presented to the lodge by the Public School Committee at the July stated meeting. We thank the School Staff and Students for allowing us into their school to share this exciting time. A special thanks to Vice Principal Steven Clifton and Ms Linda Fierro for their perseverance.

I must again ask for more assistance, we have a number of bicycles that need refurbishing, the lodge will pay for parts if you can donate your time. Keep the donations of bicycles coming.
Fraternally, George Cary

FROM THE SECRETARY

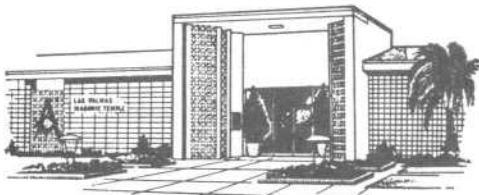
Today I did something that every secretary would avoid if at all possible. I had the unpleasant task of suspending 28 member of the lodge. This could have been avoided! As has been stated in the past If you are unable to pay your dues for one reason or another, let the secretary or Master of the lodge know. To suspend a member of the Masonic Fraternity is a disgrace and a grave injustice. This could have been avoided.

There are members who have yet to pay their 1993 dues. Once again the lodge will be faced with the suspension of members for NON PAYMENT of dues. It is your responsibility to pay your dues and in a timely fashion. The guide lines for suspension is outlined in the California Masonic Code. These are the guide lines the lodge is following.

On a daily basis I hear, what is wrong with our lodge? Why is this or that not being done? What right do they have for doing this to our lodge? If you are dissatisfied with the way the lodge is being run or the way things are going, Where were you when the decision was made? Why were you not there to give your ideas and input? The lodge has an unlimited source of knowledge and expertise in every field. There is no reason for any one to be dissatisfied with the day to day operations and planning. It is the duties of each member of the lodge to see that the lodge is run in a manner that is a benefit to all and not a few! BROTHER your presence is needed and missed. Please try and attend at least one lodge function a month. Who knows you may enjoy it and decide to attend more often.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Fraternally, Marvin E Wallace



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CALENDAR FOR JULY

Thursday, July 1,	Dark
Thursday, July 8,	Dark
Saturday, July 10,	Masonic Zoo Day and Picnic, Roeding Park Zoo 10:00AM -5:00PM Tickets \$6.00 per person children under 12, free
Thursday, July 15, 7:30	Stated Meeting, 50 year presentations 6:30 Dinner
Tuesday, July 20, 7:00	Las Palmas Masonic Building Association Meeting, Cardroom

Thursday, July 22, 7:30	Officer Practice, 2nd degree advanced stations
Saturday, July 24, Noon	3rd Degree, Brother Bob Crossland Hornitos Lodge, Picnic following
Thursday, July 29, 7:30	Officer Practice, 1st degree advanced stations

Thursday, August 5, Dark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 12 6:30	Dinner with program on estate planning to follow.
Thursday, August 19 7:30	Stated Meeting No dinner, dessert following meeting.

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