



The Las Palmian

of

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM



November 1992

From the East:

Brethren,

The stated (business) meeting of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge #366 takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge on the third Thursday of every month. These meetings are held even during the summer months when the lodge is usually "dark" that we may properly and responsibly attend to the function of the lodge in its day-to-day business. These meetings are held purely for the benefit of the lodge MEMBERS that they might take part in the democratic process of the evening and let their wishes be known regarding the operation of the lodge. Our stated meeting of Nov. 19 will be no different.



Topics will be presented which will require the approval (voting) of the members present. We will be voting on our new corps of officers for 1993. By Grand Lodge mandate officers are to be elected in November of each year instead of December. Your three principal officers of the lodge attended Grand Lodge in San Francisco October 11 through October 14th. Much jurisdictional business was attended to, the results of some of which appear elsewhere in this publication.

As the trestle board will be mailed in November I would like to thank all who helped make Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge a success for the year 1992. Our travels were at times over a rough and rugged road. One beset by those who at times were difficult to recognize as brother masons. But thanks to the master plan of the Supreme Being, many more good men (and their ladies) came forward to take on the work that had to be done for the welfare of the lodge and the benefit of the craft. Many, many serve this lodge on a daily basis in terms of time, talent and donated personal property without a murmur or a complaint and without the remotest dream of any form of thanks or recognition. This unselfish devotion is the life blood of our fraternity. It is what makes the wheels turn; it is what the word "fellowship" is all about. The only permanent thing is "change" and change is what the lodge must do if we are to survive. Enough of my soap box oratory. My last article will appear in the December Trestle Board. In the meantime a happy and beautiful Thanksgiving to you all.

Respectfully
Don Scott, W.M.

From the West:

Brethren,

I have just returned from the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in San Francisco and I find myself full of pride, joy and sorrow all at the same time. I had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Dorathea Turney and Violet Wimer, who are the ladies we sponsor at the Masonic Home in Union City. The facilities there are truly splendid and each of these ladies expressed extreme satisfaction with the care they received, but the real joy was in visiting and talking with these ladies. Both are thankful to the Fraternity for the care they received and proud that their husbands were Masons and had the insight to see that they were well provided for. I was then saddened to note that our numbers are shrinking and that last year alone our ranks decreased by approximately 5,000 members in California. I was fur-



ther saddened to note that Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge which is one of the largest in the state, is near last in its contributions to the Masonic Home. When paying your dues for the next year I hope each of you will remember our family in the Masonic Homes.

There were several resolutions passed this year which change the way things are done. It is no longer necessary to pass the proficiency in the Third Degree as a requirement to applying for membership in Scottish or York Rite or the Shrine. It is hoped that this will allow some of you who would like to belong to these organizations to proceed. Also, the Annual Election of Lodge Officers has been moved from December to November to allow more time for the Master-elect to complete his appointments. I look forward to seeing each of you at our November Stated Meeting for our election of Officers and balloting on the Amendment to our By-Laws.

Fraternally from the West
Randy Forrester, S.W.

From the South

Brethren,

Recently we returned from Grand Lodge. Being my first time to attend, I was very impressed with the proceedings. I feel it is something that everyone should experience. To me it represented democracy at its fullest. Everyone is allowed to voice his own opinion on every proposed resolution, before the vote is taken. I could go on forever talking about Grand Lodge but for this article I feel that I should inform everyone what is going on in our Lodge. If you would like to find out more of my feelings about Grand Lodge and what went on, feel free to stop me and ask me. I would love to tell you more.



This year being your Junior Warden, I have learned a lot about what the Brethren and their Ladies want to do for activities outside the Lodge. Personally, I think the picnics have about run their course of usefulness. More recently, we have tried new and innovative ideas which were smashing successes! First, Randy and I put together the trip to Columbia and included a dinner on the town with a play at the local Play House. During the same trip, we got together all the R.V.ers and reserved numerous spaces at the local R.V. Park and instead of just including our Lodge, we invited all the Lodges of Fresno and Clovis. Usually we have about 30 Brothers, this year we had over 80 attending. On February 5, 1993 we had a 3-day cruise planned to Mexico and Catalina. We thought we would really stick our necks out and reserve 49 staterooms. As you know by now, we sold them in 3 weeks. Brethren are still calling Baird's Travel reserving rooms at the higher prices. This should be a message to the officers of this Lodge on what the Brethren and their Ladies want to do. Unless I am misunderstanding the message by the large turnouts of these types of events, events of this nature will continue for the next several years.

If anyone (be it Brethren or Ladies) has any suggestions as to events they would like to see happen and help take part in the planning stages, please feel free to call me. My number is 275-3658. Let's get bold and brave and bring your Lodge into the 90's.

Fraternally
"Tip" Banks, Jr. W.
Program Director

Lodge Calendar
NOVEMBER

- Thurs. Nov. 5 **PAST MASTERS NIGHT**
Dinner 6:30 p.m., M.M.'s only
3rd Degree—Paul Evert
- Thurs. Nov. 12 Degree, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 19 L.P.P. Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m. Reservations Please.
Ladies Program
- Thurs. Nov. 26 **Dark HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Ladies Program — November 19, 1992

Angelo Stallis from Channel 30 will be our guest speaker for the evening. Please come and join us after dinner in the card room. Enjoy!

Pat Scott

From the Secretary

We often ask ourselves what do I receive from the lodge? My question is what do you put into the lodge? It is the same old saying — you only get out what you put in. The things I receive from the lodge is friendship and brotherly love. I try to give in return friendship and brotherly love. Then of course if you do not attend lodge how can you expect to receive anything. At the stated meeting in November we will be deciding if we want to increase the dues to \$60.00 - that is only \$12.00 a year. Less than a cup of coffee and a donut a month. The operations of the lodge are not out of proportion. A large sum of the dues go to the Grand Lodge for Per Capita assessments, flowers to the sick and hospitalized. Without an increase in dues, I do not know how much longer the lodge will be able to operate. When balloting on the dues increase, take into consideration the benefits that are available to those who wish to participate. Please ballot for the welfare of the lodge.

Notice

The election of officers for 1993, will be held on Nov. 19, 1992.

Notice

The 1993 dues notices will be in the mail in a few days. When you sit down to pay the dues, please remember the Masonic home endowment fund contribution. If each member of the lodge donated just \$12.00, that is only a cup of coffee or two a month. I am quite sure that each one of us can afford a minimum of \$12.00. One of these days we may want to move into one of the masonic homes. Hopefully the homes will be available to us. **YOUR DONATIONS COUNT!**

Notice of Change of By-Laws

In accordance with Article XIII, Section 1 of the California Masonic Code, the following Resolution was read at the Stated Meeting held October 15, 1992.

“Be it resolved that Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge -366 be amended to read...The dues of each member to this Lodge shall be \$60.00 per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.”

This resolution will be voted on at our November Stated Meeting and will require a two thirds vote of those present to pass.



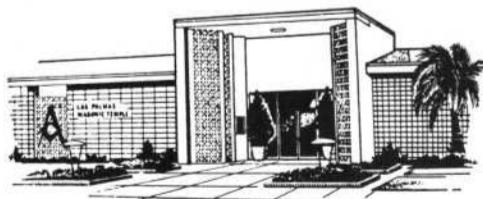
Most Ex. Grand Master Casneaux welcomed to Fresno by Worshipful Master Don Scott.



Grand Master with gift of stained glass with Grand Master Insignia molded into it.



Grand Master addresses group telling of propositions to be presented at Grand Lodge Communication.



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