



The Las Palmian

of

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM



January 1993

From the East:

Brethren,

As the 1993 installation of officers approaches, I find that there are just as many details to an installation as to a wedding. Without the help of so many of our members I do not know where I would turn. 1993 is going to be an



exciting year with many events and projects and lots of joint functions with the other Lodges in the area. With this activity there is a need for more members to be involved. If you would be willing to help on some of these projects and share the fun, fellowship and satisfaction please contact me at 221-6191 and I will see that your talents are put to good use.

In the degree category we are starting our year with five fires degrees and on January 22, we will have our Laymen's Night program so there is an opportunity to interest even more men in our craft. March 27th we will be traveling to Columbia for a 3rd degree in the historic lodge there. This will be a joint function with Fresno and Clovis Lodges and I was only able to reserve 100 tickets to the play Hello Dolly on Saturday night, so contact the Secretary as soon as possible to make your reservations. In the fun category, our Senior Warden tells me that we are going to have sunshine and smooth seas for our cruise in February. There will also be a Super Bowl party in our Lodge on January 31. This will again be a joint lodge function so plan on coming and rooting for your favorite team.

As I said before, 1993 will be a busy year, so come out and support Masonry and your Lodge and share in the fun. Remember, "You only get out of Masonry what you put into it!"

Please come and join us at the Installation of Officers on Sunday, January 10, at 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Fraternally from the East
Randy Forrester
Master-Elect

The officers would like to challenge all the members of the Lodge to try and make Lodge meetings. If each member who has not been to Lodge in the past year would make 3 meetings this year think of how our attendance would be during the degree nights. The degrees we put on are not only for the candidates but for the members also.

Fraternally,
"Tip" Banks, S.W.

From the South:

Brethren,

I would like to thank the Brothers for their vote of confidence by electing me Junior Warden for the ensuing Masonic year.

This is my first opportunity to write for the Las Palmian. The thought of my utterances immortalized in print is humbling (fitting, but still humbling). I shall PERSEVERE.

The Holiday Season is over and so is your credit so join us at lodge. We have a busy schedule for January. Installation of Officers will be January 10th at 3. p.m. On the 22nd of January will be a Masonic information night program put on jointly by the Lodges in the Central Valley. Be sure to invite your friends! Our Super Bowl party will close this month's special events on the 31st. We have five first degrees for January 14th and 28th.

We have big plans for our Ladies this year with the cruise in February and more travel and fellowship later in the year; I hope each of you will join in making 1993 a growing year.

More utterances next month!

Fraternally,
Bill Yelkin J.W.

From the West

Brethren,

The new year is upon us and Installation of Officers is around the corner. TO begin the new year we will be very busy starting off with five first degrees, and one second degree. The officers will be very busy doing their work. This year we will be having many new activities. To start the year off will be the cruise to be followed by a trip to Reno by the train. The Reno trip is being looked into by Junior Warden Bill Yelkin.



The Columbia trip is already in the works so get your tickets for the dinner show as soon as possible. Your Lodge is trying a lot of new things this year and the trestle board will keep you up to date. Make sure you read it and pass it on to your Lady.

From the Secretary:

The question has come up on why the dues were increased to \$60.00, a 25% increase. In 1986, the per capita was \$6.30 for each brother of the Lodge. The per capita over the years has slowly increased in 1993 to \$14.32 for each brother of the Lodge. This has been an increase of \$8.02. The Lodge over the years has absorbed the steady increase of the per capita assessed on each brother of the Lodge by Grand Lodge. The Lodge can no longer afford to absorb the increase in per capita. The \$12.00, 25% increase has covered the past and, hopefully the future assessments by Grand Lodge. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

Marvin Wallace

Lodge Calendar

JANUARY

Thurs., Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m.	Installation Practice, all officers attendance required. Tuxedos.
Sun., Jan. 10, 3:00 p.m.	89th Installation of Officers. Refreshments following. All invited.
Thurs., Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.	1st Degrees
Tues., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m.	Building Association meeting, Card Room
Thurs., Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m.	Stated Meeting, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.	1st Degree
Thurs., Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.	2nd Degree
Fri. Feb 5,6, & 7	Lodge Cruise

Central Valley Masonic Information Night

January 22, 1993

Fresno Scottish Rite Temple

1455 'L' Street

Dinner 6:30 p.m., Program 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Dinner \$8.00 Masons and Wives, Prospective Masons Free.

Reservations: Call 268-9631

The Masonic Lodges of the Central Valley have the pleasure of presenting the Reverend Robert Winterton, past Grand Chaplain of Masons in California as our featured speaker for our Masonic Information Night Program. Reverend Winterton is one of the most dynamic speakers it has been my pleasure to hear and he will be speaking on "What Masonry is and is not." This program is designed to inform prospective Masons about the Workings of the craft, but also promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening for all attending. This program is for everyone in the family, so please invite a prospective member and his wife to attend.

Please remember that as Masons we are not allowed to solicit for membership, but it is our moral duty to make sure that men we know of good character are informed about the craft and have the opportunity of joining. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Randy Forrester, Master Elect

Committee of the Month

Public Schools Committee

1993 is the year that we can make a difference in our community by supporting our Public Schools. The Public Schools Committee has identified some tasks that will help our young people. It will give them incentives and awards for personal achievements.

In conjunction with a Brother of ours, Steve Clifton, who is Vice Principal at Muir Elementary School, students with perfect attendance would be in a drawing for a bicycle, we have the opportunity to supply bicycles to the school in the name of our Masonic Organization. Let's give these children an award and a method of transportation to continue their perfect attendance.

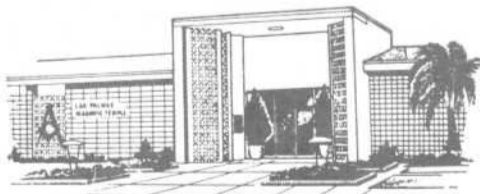
In conjunction with Mr. Walter Byrd, Principal of the Gateway High School of Clovis, we can help some young people become more involved in our community and help prepare them for their future. If you have a business or work for a company that would allow job shadowing by a student for two or four hours a day, you could help teach a young adult what is available to them after completion of an education, and give them an incentive to continue their education.

In addition, if any of you are interested in being a reader or a helper at either of the above mentioned schools join us. Also, I need you to help make this a success, if you will be a committee member contact me through the Lodge Secretary or call me at 255-2258.

Fraternally,
George Cary

WANTED

Volunteers to serve on the Trestle Board Committee. We need back up personnel in case of emergency.



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