



The Las Palmian

of

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM



May 1993

From the East

Dear Brethren,

Recently I found myself looking at the pictures of the past masters of our Lodge and reflecting on the role that Masonry and these men played in shaping the destiny of our nation and our community.



Our Stated meeting program for April featured a 50 year presentation for Brother Theodore Alton Thomas, our Public Schools program and Sheriff Steve Margarian who spoke to the Ladies group. As a Mason I am reminded that society definitely needs the virtues which we value so highly and that we must do our best to support both our schools and our police for without these two institutions our society will continue its rapid decline. I hope each of you will personally become involved in making our community a better place to live. None of us are too young, too old or too busy to make a difference.

I want to personally thank all of the Brothers who have donated and worked so hard to make our bicycle program a success. Because of your efforts attendance at John Muir School has increased and they have thus far received an additional \$2500.00 in State attendance money which would have been lost. The next presentation will be on Thursday, May 6th, and I hope some of you will be able to attend and show the kids that Masons really care. Call the Lodge Secretary to confirm date and time.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Dorathea Turney at the Masonic Home. It had been my pleasure to meet her this last year, and her love of Masonry and the Masonic home has truly been an inspiration for me. I hope you will all attend our Stated Meeting Program for May and learn more about this wonderful benefit for our members.

As you see from my article there is no shortage of worthwhile activity in your Lodge. There is no greater satisfaction than that you receive when you are active, making a difference and sharing fellowship with your Brothers. 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. With your help the light of Masonry will continue to shine brightly for the whole world to see.

Fraternally from the East
Randy Forrester, Master

the 27th will be a first degree. Going into June we will start off with a 3rd on the night of the 3rd.

During April Brother Al Carter will be giving a class on Masonic History. If you missed the last one you really missed something. Try and make this one. The date will be announced, please check with the secretary office. Summer is upon us and the lodge will be doing some new vents which will involve the whole family. Please use your Trestleboard to keep you updated on these events.

Fraternally
Tip Banks
Senior Warden

We still need help on the Trestelboard if any brother or their ladies would like to lend a hand, please give us a call!

From the South

Brethren,

Spring is here and blooming, and so is Lodge. Our calendar is full with Degrees but social activities are slowing this month. As this goes to press we will have just returned from our Train Trip to Reno. This is the last of our trips we have scheduled. If any Brethren have any suggestions please give us a call, in fact any ideas for any activities would be welcomed, let's get Masonry out of the Lodge Rooms only and into the communities.

Last year the Ladies went to the Fashion Outlets in Gilroy if any of the ladies would like to go again this year give us some feed back to try to put together another trip. Gilroy loved you all last year.

In getting Masonry into the communities our public Schools Committee under the Chairmanship of George Cary is doing a great job this year. More than just a presentation at a stated meeting, they are in the school too. Donating bicycles for perfect attendance awards.

This month the lodge will present a bicycle at John Muir School, at 1:30 p.m. May 6th. Please come if you can for this rewarding opportunity to see Masonry in More than just words.

See you at Lodge!

Fraternally
Bill Yelkin
Jr. Warden

From the West

Brethren,

Due to the influx of new members, the officers have been very busy putting on degrees. For the month of May this schedule will continue. Starting on May 6th there will be a 3rd for Brother Halsey also on the 13th a 3rd degree for Brother Lipson. If any Brother is interested in working in these degrees please contact me prior to the night of the degree. My number is 275-3658. On the 20th will be our stated meeting. On



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

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

- Thursday, May 6, 7:30 Third Degree, Brother Robert Halsey Officers in White Coats
- Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 Officers Planning Meeting, Card Room.
- Thursday, May 13, 7:30 Third Degree, Brother Michael Lipson
- Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 School of Instruction, Sanger Lodge
- Thursday, May 20, 7:30 Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:30 Masonic Homes Program
- Wednesday, May 26, 7:30 Tentative First Degrees, Candidates to be announced
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, June 26 Bus Trip and Outdoor 3rd Degree at Atascadero. Contact Fresno Lodge for reservations.
- Saturday, July 10 Masonic Zoo Day (Still in planning)
- Saturday, Sept. 11 Joint Lodge Picnic

FROM THE SECRETARY

Brothers; I know this is getting redundant! The third notice for non-payment of dues will be mailed before the lodge goes dark for the summer. If you have not paid your dues the next step will be a notice of suspension for non-payment of dues to be mailed.

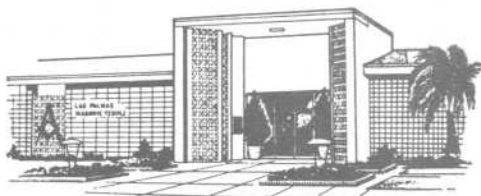
Brothers, please do not let yourself be caught in this situation. Let the Master, Wardens or secretary know you are financially unable to pay your dues.

As summer draws near and plans for trips and vacations are being made. Enjoy yourself, have fun and most of all return safely.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

This article is to let you know how well the Brethren and their families have responded to the programs that have been set up. The bicycle program was set up with Brother Steven Clifton, Vice Principal of John Muir Elementary School to encourage student school attendance. The names of all students with perfect attendance for a six week period are put in a container from which the names of two bicycle winners are drawn. The bicycle program has had a great response. The Master and the Committee would like to thank all who have supported the students. Brother Peter Peters was our first donor. He gave a cash donation. Brother Dean Phillips has given of his time in refurbishing the bicycles that have been donated. Brother Roger Miller donated a bicycle and is also actively giving his time refurbishing other donated bicycles. Our Master Randy Forrester, Brother Rochford Shaw, Brother Mervin Salwasser, and Brother Ken Grubb each donated a bicycle for our program. Brother Alvin Hopkins, Brother Kenneth Nilmeier and Brother George Cary each donated two bicycles for the program. Brent Orm, Building Manager, who works with all of us who utilize the building, donated a bicycle. Has the lodge received enough donations of time, bicycles and money? No! This program will go on throughout this calendar year and again next year at least, so don't slack up. Two bicycles are given every six weeks. The next presentation of bicycles at the John Muir School will be May 10, 1993 at 1:30 pm. Come out and see the smiles on the young peoples faces. You all have made the program a success so far. Please keep up the good work. This is not being done for the committee. It is being done for the good of the students and our fraternal organizations.

Fraternally
George Cary



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