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Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge #366, F&AM

October 1993

### From the East

Dear Brethren,

October holds several special events for your lodge and its officers. The first will be a new Masons' Night on Thursday, October 7. This night will be to welcome our new members and get acquainted.

There will be a pot luck dinner and all lodge members are welcome. Please call our Senior Warden Tip Banks to let him know what you would like to bring. On October 9-13 we will be attending the annual communication of Grand Lodge, where we will be voting on several pieces of legislation which are important to the fraternity. At our stated meeting on October 21 we will be presenting our Hiram Award. I have intentionally kept it a closely guarded secret as to who this years recipient will be. I hope you will all come and share the surprise with a greatly deserving brother who has dedicated years of service to Masonry.

Speaking of years of service to Masonry, on Sept. 1, I called a meeting of all of the past masters of our lodge to try to find ways to increase attendance and discuss the future of our Lodge and our building. There were several positive suggestions which came out of that meeting. Each of the past masters will be contacting the men who became Master Masons during their year and will come up with a reunion project for the Lodge. Another suggestion which I thought excellent was to get dispensation for 6 months to hold our Stated Meeting at 5:30 rather than 7:30. This would allow for a dinner at 6:30 followed by a program for both husband and wife at 7:30. This would offer a chance for family involvement, higher quality programs and additional socializing. If you think this idea has merit please call me and let me know. Additionally, a committee of 5 past masters was assigned to look into the future of our building and will report their findings at the October stated meeting.

I recently attended a meeting at which H. Douglas Lemmons, Past Grand Master, spoke. He commented on the rebirth of Masonry around the world in countries which had previously been under communist rule including Russia. This has returned Masonry to a truly global status. He noted that these countries wanted Masonry active because of the values which we possess and hold dear. Democracy has been reborn in these countries, but they are afraid they will lose it again without men of principle who will fight to preserve it.

Thought for the Month: At a time in our country's history when social strife and immorality are rampant, where are the Masons? Will we too have to lose Masonry completely so it can be reborn?

Fraternally from the East  
Randy Forrester, Master



### From the West

Brethren:

Another month has slipped by and the year is quickly coming to an end. In the last trestle board I put an article in about the up and coming events. Some of the brethren have come forward to help which we are greeting with open arms. Everyone thinks that the back bone of the lodge is the brothers-this are very true-but that driving force behind them is their ladies. We would also be pleased to have the ladies on these committees to help guide us in the proper direction. (Lord knows we need it at times) So ladies please pick up the phone and give me a call. Work 227-4840 home 275-3658.

To start the year off officially in January the installation will be on Saturday the 8th with a dinner to follow. A cruise is planned for March the 4th and return on the 7th. To Catalina and Sunny Mexico. For reservations and information call Bairds travel agency and ask for Bruce Baird 209-221-7294 or 800-244-7294. Not to forget February, there will be a ladies only trip to the outlet in Gilroy. If you are interested in working or being on a committee call my wife Kathy 275-3658.

This is a small part of the next years activities to come. We will try to have an event every month.

On September the 18th there was a Grand Masters Ball at the Fresno Masonic Temple with a dinner. If I missed seeing you here, Kathy and I are sorry. You missed a wonderful event.

Fraternally,  
Tip Banks Senior Warden



### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The most important part of a Lodge or any other organization are its volunteers. These are the people who are constantly working behind the scenes without recognition to make sure that everything runs smoothly. This month I want to especially thank Brother Del Anderson for all of his hard work. Brother Anderson only became a Master Mason in 1992, but since that time he has worked tirelessly to make sure our building stays in working order. If you pass by early in the morning you may see him working with our sprinkles, or cleaning the dirt off of the walls of our building which was thrown there the night before by neighborhood youths. He is also a handyman par excellence and is often fixing and patching holes and other things around the Lodge. When you see Brother Del, be sure and shake his hand and say thanks to this very special Brother. P.S. If you drive by and see anyone vandalizing our building, please call the police and let them know.

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Thurs., Oct. 7	6:30	New Masons' Night Pot Luck Dinner
Oct. 9 - 13		Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in San Francisco
Thurs., Oct. 14	7:30	Tentative Degree/officer practice
Tues., Oct. 19	7:00	Building Association Meeting Card Room
Thurs., Oct 21	6:30	Dinner
	7:30	Stated Meeting
Thurs., Oct. 28	7:30	First Degree (tentative)
	6:00	High Twelve Convention Dinner
Wed., Nov. 3	6:30	Dinner
	7:30	Past Masters' Night, Third Degree

## PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

On September 20, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. two students of the John Muir Elementary School received bicycles, and twenty-five students received pencil boxes, in addition all of the eligible students were presented with a 5 once cup of ice cream. Guess how many students obtained perfect attendance during the past six weeks? (278). Vice Principal Steve Clifton stated that the steady increase in perfect attendance can be attributed to the Masons bicycle program. Since the beginning of the program to date the school has benefited by approximately \$60,000 in additional ADA money because the students are at school

Our thanks go out to the Brothers who continue to donate bicycles. Brother Ken Whitehill continues to donate his valuable time refurbishing the bicycles.

Again a special thanks to Shriner Clown Sweetpea (John Higgins, Master of the Fresno Lodge) was again there to help us, and this time he was accompanied by Mo Jo the Clown (P.M. Joe Johnson) they conducted the drawing and were a great influence on the students, and of course they gave a touch of what masonry is all about. Thanks to Brother Gary Small Senior Warden of the Fresno Lodge for his assistance, and of course let me thank Worshipful Master Randy and Brother John Bjorge for their continued support. You can tell the more the merrier, feel free to accompany us at the next one.

The John Muir Elementary School as always was a very gracious host and we thank them for letting us 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. Please keep the cash and bicycle donations coming, your money, time and bicycles helps our young people become better adults.

I did not get information in the September Trestleboard about the August 6, 1993 presentation, as I was out of town. However, let me personally thank the brothers that helped in making the event a success.

Fraternally,  
George Cary

## From the Secretary

In the past 2 years, there have been several items lost in the lodge. These articles have been turned over to the secretary's office for safe keeping. The items range from prescription glasses to car and house keys. To claim the items come to the secretary's office and identify the item. I know someone must be getting cold. A black coat has been in the lost and found for over a year. As secretary of the lodge, I get a lot of complaints. I have no say over the operation of the building. I in the past have responded to these complaints, by stating take the complaints to the Las Palmas Masonic Building Association. If you cannot attend in person, then write a letter to the building association. The complaints I hear, I pass on to the President of the Association. However like everything else, when something is passed on often things are left out or forgotten. The person with the complaint should present the complaint. Once again, there are still members who have yet to pay their 1993 dues. If several have not paid then, please do so.

Fraternally, Marvin E. Wallace Secretary

## NOTICE

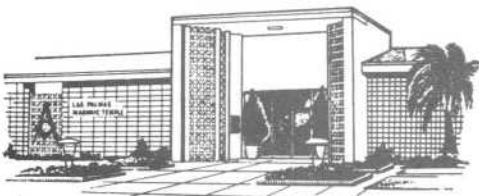
On the 3rd Thursday of each month 150 to 200 members, wives, family and friends gather at the lodge to enjoy the dinner. This dinner is planned by one person, Mary Perch. The time and effort put in the planning of these meals is tremendous. Each of us know this cannot be done by one person alone. There are several volunteers that show up every month to help with the preparation of the dinner. However these few that are regular volunteers cannot be there every month. What Mary needs to continue the planning and preparation of these fine dinners is HELP. YES, HELP. If you can spare a few hours 1 or 2 days a month, please call Mary and schedule the hours you can help. By scheduling the hours, everyone that volunteers will not show up at the same time. Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation that Mary has for those who help and make the dinners possible. As I have previously stated, if you have a few hours to spare, please call Mary Perch at 486-2923. Thanking in advance for helping with these fine meals.

Fraternally, Marvin E. Wallace

## NOTICE

A committee is looking into the feasibility of advertising in the trestle board. The guide lines are established by the Grand Lodge. The advertising will be limited to a business card size ad. Members of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Masonic Lodge will be the only ones who can advertise. The advertising can be for a business only. The advertiser must own, operate, manage or be a partner in the business. Family Members cannot advertise. The ads must be in good taste and not offensive to any person. The product or service must be legal, ethical and meet Federal, State and Local Laws and requirements. Ads cannot be for prescription drugs, alcoholic or tobacco products, or controlled substances. Advertisement cannot be for political or religious groups or function. The Lodge or any other roster will not be used or given to any party for advertising, directly or indirectly. The advertising is strictly voluntary. Solicitation for advertisement can only be done by a member in good standing for the lodge he is a member of and only to members of the same lodge. The funds derived from advertising will be used to offset the cost of publishing, printing and mailing the trestle board the advertising is in. Any monies made over and above the expenses are to be donated to the Masonic Home endowment fund or to a recognized Masonic charity. The business card size ad will be \$20.00 to \$25.00 a month. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. This topic will be discussed at the October 1993 stated meeting.

Fraternally; Marvin E. Wallace



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