



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, F. & A. M.



The Las Palmian

Congratulations, Most Worshipful Russell E. Charvonia
Grand Master of Masons of California

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December

Greetings from the East



MERRY CHRISTMAS

November was Noble indeed at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge**. Thanksgiving meals were served in style and we saw many smiles among those in attendance. Our newest Worthy Matron and Patron of **Legacy Chapter** along with the **Grand Sentinel** himself **PM Robert L. Davis** joined in on the festivities! Congratulations to all the newly installed officers of **Legacy Chapter OES**. Turkey was on the menu (imagine that) and we had an amazing dinner together among friends and family. We had many new prospects and new faces. We also did just a little work in November...

On **Nov. 6th** we had the privilege of bestowing the Second Degree on Brothers **Timothy Bezzerides**, **Brandon Munsey** and **Raymundo Gonzalez Jr.** who all did their proficiencies. We look forward to following their Masonic Careers with great interest... On

Nov. 13th we had the honor of raising an outstanding Mason and man, **Brother Michael Dick** to the degree of **Master Mason**. Brother Michael was given his own Masonic Bible that he took his Master Mason obligation and all Brethren signed as well. Our newest MM **Michael Dick** has a bright future ahead indeed! The Officers did a fine job, much thanks to our **Officers Coach P.M. Charles S. Bersani**. With his instruction and guidance we strive to be better and to do better each day. A special Thank You to our Dinner Crew guided by **P.M. Joe Sallee** who makes spending time together quite delicious.



The consolidation efforts with **Clovis Lodge** have transpired quite smoothly and I would like to thank the Committee Members of both **Clovis Lodge** and **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** for their efforts in this endeavor. On a "side" note, always nice to

have sideliners such as Brother **Stan Walker**, **Frenchy Johnson**, **Ted Kitamura** and even **Worshipful Mike Tyrcha** were in the house. Carpooling and having visitors is what it's all about! We hope you had a delightful and yummy Thanksgiving!

December is the season of lights and songs, cold nights and warm mugs. We will be having Prime Rib and all the fixings and more on Thursday, **December 18th**. The ladies will be wearing their best and looking oh so warm. We look forward to more prospects, more degrees and a few Installations as well. Tis' the Season...

Wishing you and your family the BEST!

From the East



We are having good attendance for our Degrees. Past Masters Sallee, Bersani and Wallace provide a wonderful dinner before every Degree. Join us December 4, 2014 6:30 P.M. for dinner and a Degree and December 11, 2014, 6:30 P.M. for Dinner and a Degree.

Brothers Hollon Kinney, Don Williams and Worshipful Sallee.



Worshipful Sherrod, Fellow Craft Gonzalez, Bezzeriders and Munsey.

November Stated Dinner



Chef Mark



We were treated to another fantastic dinner, yams, mashed potatoes, turkey breast, gravy, fresh green beans with cranberries! And a wonderful salad bar and with a great array of appetizers! I am told we will be having prime rib for our Christmas Stated Dinner!



Everyone enjoying the Salad Bar



Newest Master Mason, Michael Dick



Fellow Craft, Brother Munsey, Entered Apprentice, Brother Hanson



2014 Necrology Service, Gordon Keeton, placing the roses.



Andrew Miller with Candidate Devon Bleak III and his wife.



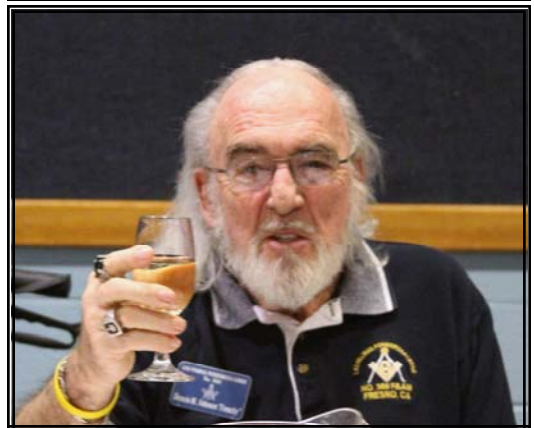
Grace and George Pope P.M.



Brother Shawn Clark and his Mother Natalie Clark



Stan Walker, Clovis Lodge No. 417 and Worshipful John Denton



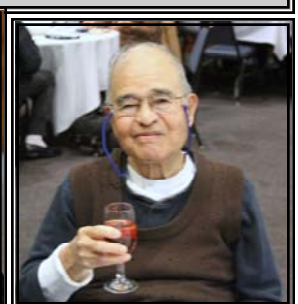
Frenchy back!



Randy & Pam Forrester



Jim & Pam Wilson



Brother Ted Kitamura

*The WW II War Years Part 3
The Busiest Years of Las Palmas Lodge*



In early 1944 WM Edwin Munn Fornes started a new practice. Lodge would open at 1 p.m. and confer the first & second parts of the 3rd degree. Lodge would not close, but would be called to refreshment and then at labor in either the first or second degree at 4 or 6 p.m. for a single first or second degree and then Lodge would resume work in the 3rd degree at 7:30 for another 3rd degree and to lecture the first candidate for the 3rd degree conferred that afternoon. Lodge must not have closed until close to 11 p.m. that night.

At the April, 1944 stated meeting there were 14 petitions for degrees. In November of that year there were 16 petitions. In December there were 10 petitions for degrees and 2 applications for affiliation. In this same month, seven PG&E employees received their 3rd degrees.

Saturday 10/7/1944 Lodge opened at 6:45 am and Bro Frank Lerrigo was obligated, Lodge went to refreshment for breakfast at 7:30 am and at 8:30 am Lodge went back to Labor to raise Bro. Lerrigo. In 1944 Las Palmas Lodge raised 47 new Masons.

In March of 1945 the secretary's salary was increased to \$175 per month expense, an increase of \$50 per month. It was made retroactive to January, 1945. In today's dollars that would be \$2300.00.

On April 12, 1945 Lodge opened at 1 p.m. and 3 candidates were obligated in the 3rd degree, one was raised and at 7:30 Lodge resumed with the announcement of the death of President Roosevelt. The two candidates that were not raised earlier in the day were then raised by Brethren in the field of education. One of these candidates was Paul Chandler Shelly who would become our Lodge organist for many years.

May, 1945 The Secretary read a letter from the director of the 7th war loan drive asking for the co-operation of the Lodge.

Mid 1945 There was much talk about selling the existing Masonic Temple so that a new and larger temple could be constructed.

July 1945 stated meeting "A communication from the Grand Master, dated June 25 relative to the Communication of Grand Lodge being abandoned this year was read."

September 13, 1945 after conferring the 3rd degree of Masonry on 3 brothers, "Bro. Alex McLeod, a member of Las Palmas Lodge now a Lt. General in the Norwegian Air Forces visited Lodge for the first time in 15 years and was escorted to a seat in the East and responded briefly, expressing his happiness in again visiting his Lodge."

WWI brought many new men into Masonry. During the early months of 1917 it was not uncommon to have 6 or 7 new petitions for degrees read at the stated meeting. WW II did the same. In 1945, WM T. D. Moyer raised 72 new Masons.



Worshipful Sherrod and Michael D. Dick
Master Mason November 13, 2014



Applicant Brandon Carmarena, Worshipful Sherrod, Applicant Devon Bleak III, Andrew Miller and Applicant Joe Dobbins enjoying dinner before the Degree!

Each year I come to the same conclusion, there is no better story than the story of Christmas. It is one that has been passed down for generations. The birth of Jesus. The reason for the celebration. While the holidays bring movies, music, gifts, shopping, and decorating we can never forget the reason for Christmas.

This is a holy season of light and love. Whether you are from the East or West, North or South Christmas is celebrated. For some it is all about the gifts and sparkle. For some it is a time of remembrance and the lighting of candles, for some it is a spiritual journey and looking forward, and for some it is all about a "Silent Night" "Away in a Manger" in the "Little Town of Bethlehem." Whatever the celebration is for you and your family we wish many blessings for this Holy Time of year! May it filled with laughter, joy and lots of love!

At this special time of year, may your home be filled with happiness and laughter where memories are made. We hope that you share stories that will be passed down from generation to generation. Stories to amaze the children and make the adults smile. Good times, good memories and the love of family is one of the best stories that can be shared.

My Christmas Wish To YOU

By [*Catherine Pulsifer*](#)

If I could wish a wish for you,
it would be for peace and happiness not only now,
but for the whole year through!

I wish that there always be food on your table.
And that you always remember those less fortunate.
May you always have something to hope for, always sharing as you are able

I wish for time, so you may reflect
on the blessings that you have, and that you express your love
to those who are dear to you.

May you never feel lonely,
because there are those who care.
That you realize: you are special,
you are unique, you make a difference,
not only at Christmas, but all year!

I wish for your thoughts to be positive ones,
that you never quit, that you never give up,
and that you continue to learn.

I wish for the love, peace, and joy
of Christmas be yours forever and always!

Have a very Merry Christmas...God Bless!



*Legacy Chapter No. 555
Order of Eastern Star*

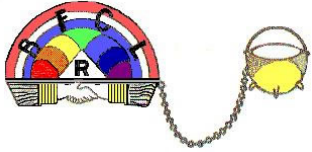


*Merry
Christmas*

*From
Worthy Matron, Becky Davis P.M.
Worthy Patron, Robert Davis P.P.
Join us December 3, 2014, 6:30 P.M. for a lite supper and
7:30 P.M. for our first meeting!*

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Heart of the Valley Assembly Newsletter

Dear Girls, Parents & Rainbow Supporters,

Our Advisory Board has been informed that the Clovis Masonic Lodge will consolidate with Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge sometime early 2015. This merge includes Heart of the Valley Assembly and is effective January 1, 2015. Our new meeting place will be the

Las Palmas Masonic Center at 2992 E Clinton Ave., Fresno, 93703

Please note:

Our new meeting nights will be the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of each month. Due to conflicts between our schedule and the Las Palmas Lodge's already prepared calendar of events for 2015, we will have to make slight adjustments during our spring 2015 term. We apologize for this inconvenience, however we believe that this change (long term) will be beneficial to our girls and strengthen our Masonic ties. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have and thank you for your understanding & support!

In Rainbow Love & Service,

Mrs. Blasquez and the Advisory Board of Heart of the Valley Assembly
(559)862-4152

2015 Scheduled Events:

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 7p.m. - Stated Meeting - Las Palmas Masonic Center
Saturday, January 10, 2015, 4 p.m. - 10 pm – Receptions - Las Palmas Masonic Center
(Flyer Attached)

Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 7 p.m. – Stated Meeting- Las Palmas Masonic Center
Friday, January 30th: Installation of Officers, 7 p.m. - Las Palmas Masonic Center
Monday, February 2, 2015, 7 p.m. – Stated Meeting - Las Palmas Masonic Center
Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 7 p.m. -Stated Meeting –Las Palmas Masonic Center

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"Begin Each Day with a Grateful Heart"

Mrs. Shirley Redman
State Mother Advisor 2015



"Music is the Wish my Heart Makes"

Miss Julia Holman
Grand Musician and Representative
to New Jersey and New York



District 28

cordially invites you to join us

Saturday, January 10, 2015

in honor of two very important "Unforgettable Unicorns"

Please be our guest

For Mrs. Redman's Reception at 4 o'clock p.m.

Dinner

And Julia's Reception to follow at 7 o'clock p.m.

(Optional sleepover for chaperoned girls available upon request)

Las Palmas Masonic Center

2992 East Clinton Ave.

Fresno, CA 93703

Heart of the Valley Assembly #217

Visalia Assembly #55

Worthy Advisors

Mother Advisor

Worthy Advisor

Mother Advisor

Joy Manion

Chandra Blasquez

Emily Benedetta

Judi Hopper

Samantha Jones

R.S.V.P. by December 10th to Mrs. Chandra Blasquez

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Initiation Ceremony – November 15, 2014



Olivia, welcome to Heart of the Valley Assembly



Kaylan and Rhiannon received Ritual Awards for their outstanding lectures, Congratulations!

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Majority Ceremony – November 12, 2014



Escort of Honoree Miss Jessie Beavers



Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Dyck present Majority Card and Pin to Jessie.



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Pledge Group Party – November 8, 2014

Our Rainbow girls hosted a princess glam party for our sweet Pledges and taught them to walk the "Rainbow Runway" in dresses. We also worked on crafts and explained the Pledge petals and their meanings. Everyone had a great time and we even have two potential new Pledge members. Thanks to all who came out and helped today. Also a great big thank you to our WAA Rhiannon who planned and prepped for today's event! Great job girls!



Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



Take Out Dinner Grand Service Project October 30, 2014
Heart of the Valley's annual take-out Spaghetti Dinner was held to benefit the State Grand Service Project. Customers pulled in, girls collected tickets from your vehicle and bring you your meal with a smile. Cost was \$7 and includes entree, salad, bread, and dessert. This is a fun and delicious project to support our Annual Grand Service Projects. Congratulations to our Sister of Charity, Maria, for chairing project. We look forward to serving you next year!



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Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

November 26	No Meeting Thanksgiving	
December 2	Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 P.M. Clovis Masonic Center
December 10	Stated Meeting	7:00 P.M. Clovis Masonic Center
December 13	Scottish Rite Christmas Party	1:00 P.M. Scottish Rite Center
December 19	Christmas Party	6:30 P.M. Clovis Masonic Center

Heart of the Valley Pledge Group and Assembly meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. Pledge Group meets at 6:30 pm and Assembly 7:00 pm. at the Clovis Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring bodies to come out and attend our meetings.

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Do you know of a girl between the ages of 8-20 that could benefit from the wonderful teachings of Rainbow and our Pledge group? Let us know! We would love to invite prospective members to our fun and fantastic events!

Merry
Christmas



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Greetings Everyone;

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday. I had the honor of being invited to two holiday dinners; one at my grandson's home at 1:00 pm; and a second dinner at 5:30 at my sister's home. It was great to see so many of my relatives from different parts of the family.

November was not a particularly busy month for Daughters of the Nile; but at our Stated meeting on the 11th, we did present 50 and 25 year pins. Our Past Queen, Belle Bloise, received her 50 year pin; and Past Queen, Bonnie Gordon; Pr. Recorder, Marilyn DeCamp; Pr. Joy Boydston; and Pr. Nancy Enloe received their 25-yr pins. It was an honor for me to present the pins to these hard-working, loyal members. Also, it was a special pleasure to present P.Q Belle Bloise her pin, as she was initiated during the year my mother, Hilda Mohrhussen, was Queen of Sharon Temple.

Of course, December is always a busy month; but I hope our members can find time to enjoy our annual Soup Supper, before the meeting on December 10th. The supper will be at 6:00 pm, with the Stated Meeting to follow.

On Sunday, December 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm is the Queen's Holiday Open House at the Tehran Shrine Center, 5407 E Olive, Fresno. This is a time for sociability and fellowship; and for the Queen to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas**. Please plan to attend ~ ~

Then, before you know it, it will be 2015; so I want to wish you a **Safe, Happy New Year**.

Many Blessings,
Lenore Stork, Queen
Sharon Temple, Daughters of the Nile.

from the WIDOWS CLUB

Las Palmas-Ponderosa November Stated Dinner

JOIN US

Come join us and enjoy great fellowship with kindred friends.

*We meet the last Wednesday of each month. * at 12:00 o'clock noon for lunch at
Denny's Restaurant 1110 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno CA.*

Looking forward to seeing you!

R.S.V.P. Ethel Day, President (559) 276-2631 • Bobbi Cabbie Carder, Vice President, (559) 322-6851

- with exception of July, August and December*

DARK July and August

No Luncheon or Meeting in December



*Merry
Christmas*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Dewayne R. Bien
 Don J. Blosser
 Douglas C. Boudakian
 Robert B. Buchanan
 Kevin P. Casey
 James C. Clark
 William E. Clark, D.D.S.
 Kenneth J. Elia
 Charles E. Garabedian
 Bryan P. Lee
 Benjamin F. Lewis
 Dee T. Lewis
 Stanley F. Littleworth

L. Dean Lowe, Ph.D
 Mitchell L. Mirigian
 George M. Pavlovich
 James H. Peloian
 Paul E. Redondo
 Maher M. Saber
 William E. Sawtell
 Lawrence H. Smith
 Daniel W. Stone
 Edward C. Stumpf
 Thomas E. Topjian
 James S. Wadkins
 Ronald W. Weiner



IN MEMORIAM

Chris Ulysses Patropulos
 Born 10/05/1941-Raised 09/18/1971
 Called from labor
 November 5, 2014

Samuel Stephen Linares
 Born 07/23/1947-Raised 06/28/1988
 Hiram Award
 November 21, 1996
 Called from labor
 November 6, 2014

Joseph Harley Phillips
 Born 05/07/1942-Raised 04/03/1975
 Called from labor
 November 19, 2014



December Menu

Tasty, Fresh, Salad Bar,
 Fabulous Array of Appetizers,
 Prime Rib
 Baked Potato
 Asparagus
 and
 Dessert

Merry Christmas

Fresno Masonic Widows Club

No Meeting in December
 Denny's Restaurant
 1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Ethel Day
 Vice-President; Bobbi Carder
 Secretary; Betty Veffredo
 Treasurer; Jane James

Reservations Required
 For Information call (559) 276-2631



The Masonic Widows Club meets for lunch and fellowship on the last Wednesday of each month. All Masonic Widows are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to participate please contact;

Bobbi Carter 322-6851
 Ethel Day 276-2631



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DECEMBER 2014

Merry Christmas!



Return your Ballot Post Card!

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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated in any way.

From the Secretary's Desk



The Terms of Consolidation has been approved by both Lodges and the ballots mailed to the members, they need to be returned by December 15th. If approved by both Lodges and the Grand Lodge, we will have a line of Officers in place for 2015. It is very important all Brethren from both Lodges return their ballot post card! Thank you to all the Brothers who have paid their 2015 dues and made generous donations to our Scholarship and Public Schools Programs! Remember you will be delinquent December 31, 2014 for your 2015 dues! As we look to 2015, we need members to serve on various committees. Will need to elect Hall Association Directors and Trustees if the Consolidation is approved.

We have Ciphers and Officers Monitors now available in the Office.
December, we have cookies and coffee every weekday morning, Join us!



December Calendar

December 4, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree, Le
December 9, 2014	6:30 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LPP 366 Officers Meeting following.
December 11, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree
December 18, 2014	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Golden Veterans Awards 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 18
December 25, 2014	Dark, Christmas



Your 2015 dues receipts are in the mail, you should have received them. We are now accepting credit cards using the Square System.

2015 dues are \$109.50
Dues Charged are \$114.00
Stated Dinners are \$11.00
Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00