



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



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## Greetings from the East



January has brought us, once again, to that famous time for installations. After being dark for the holidays we came back in force. January 5<sup>th</sup> was our **Annual Installation of Officers**. On January 9<sup>th</sup> we initiated our newest Entered Apprentice, **Brother Michael Dick**. What a bright and amazing young man who is now following in his grandfathers footsteps. Congratulations Michael! On January 12<sup>th</sup> many from the valley traveled to San Luis Obispo and **King David's Lodge No. 209** for the installation of a very close friend Worshipful **David P. Coss**. We look forward to watching your Masonic Career with great anticipation!

We also conferred a second degree on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for Brother **Matthew Solorio** (Sanger Lodge). Congratulations to our newest Fellow of the Craft.

February brings to us **Groundhog Day** and the **Super Bowl** on the same Sunday. Which will you watch? I hear groundhogs like zany commercials and

Danica Patrick. February also brings us the **Feast of Saint Valentinus** (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>) an early Christian imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry. A little closer to Masonry is Presidents Day (Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>) honoring **George Washington** and also **Abraham Lincoln**. *So Masonic Trivia time:* 1) was Abraham Lincoln a Mason? 2) How many Presidents have been Masons? Read to the end to see...

We would like to thank the Officers of 2014 and look forward to the year ahead. A special thank you to our Secretary Staff **PM Joe Sallee** for his meals and more and also **Brother Jim Clark** who sets the bar very high in **all** he does. Thank you both and to **all the officers** of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for making our Lodge the "pride of our valley."

Answer 1) Abraham Lincoln was not a Freemason. He did apply for membership in **Tyrian Lodge** in Springfield, Ill., shortly after his nomination for the presidency in 1860 but withdrew the application because he felt that his applying for membership at that time might be construed as a political ruse to obtain votes. He advised the lodge that he would resubmit his application again when he returned from the presidency.

Answer 2) **13**: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Howard Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin, Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Gerald Ford. Do you know of more? Lyndon Johnson received his first degree; Ronald Reagan is not but is an honorary member of the Imperial Council of the Shrine (Feb. 11, 1988) and has attended numerous Shrine and Masonic functions through his career. George Bush is not a Mason but did take his oath of office on the George Washington Bible used at the request of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Have a fabulous February and we look forward to seeing you soon for a wonderful meal and more right here at Las Palmas -Ponderosa Lodge.

From the East...

Richard Sherrod



Happy Valentine's Day  
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## Greetings *from the West*



Greeting from the West,

I would first like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and it is my wish that we all have a happy and productive new year. I would next like to share a

experience I had the other day sitting in a court room in Kern County. As I sat there waited my turn to go before the judge for my speeding ticket, person after person went before the judge and pleaded there case. The judge for whatever reason seemed to be working with each person trying to help them either learn a lesson or help them to avoid a large fine. At one point a woman walks up to the podium and simply asks for help from the court. It turned out that she had seven

different violations in several different counties. The judge simply said that he couldn't help her except for the violation in his county, but he would help her find her way through the system. He then called the Sacramento office and found out what she needed to do to clean the other violations. He proceeded to ask her about her family, it turned out that she was a single mother of three children and a reformed drug addict. The judge looked almost shocked at her and made her this deal, if she could get the other counties violations cleared up and proved to him that her kids had good attendance and good grades he would dismiss the charges. You may ask why am I telling you this, I believe that this judge acted in a way that truly helped the people that passed through the court room, he focused on the person rather than the fine and I feel that is a lesson that we all have to learn. To look past one small act and look at the larger picture. We have to learn to find what is important just like that judge.

Senior Warden

Nathan



At the 164th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, the delegates adopted Resolution 12-18 which amends Sections 810.040 and 810.050 of the California Masonic Code. This memo is intended to provide clarity and instruction in implementing this new ordinance.

Effective immediately, Resolution 12-18 requires that no personally identified information about your members be disclosed publicly without the member's affirmative written consent.

**"Personally identified information"** which is also referred to as Personal Information or personally identifiable information, includes, by way of example, a member's picture or likeness, his name, address(es), email address(es), telephone number(s), occupation, birthday, spouse's name, and such other information which specifically identifies or traces to the member.

**"Public disclosure"** means using or disclosing the member's personally identified information in any press release, public statement, ad or newsletter, in any form or format, or posting such personally identified information on a website without a password or other protection from public disclosure.

[Please call the Lodge Office for a copy of the consent form to be signed by every member before his personally identified information can appear or be used in our Las Palmian or www.lpp366.org site etc.](#)

*Greetings from the South*



Life is wonderful for me here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366. As we enter into a new year of 2014, which we all should hope to see many new and important undertakings unfold for the benefit of our lodge and masonry in general.

With the installation of Officers behind us, I was pleased to take a small vacation with my wife, Netta to the city of Reno, NV. Where we were married 45 years ago.

And on our return home, I was privileged to sit on the sidelines at our First Degree of the new year. Where Brother Michael Dick took his first degree obligation.

To all my brothers, I would share and say: remember well the trowel you received from the Master and patronize our mysteries and join in our assemblies. You are truly missing a great time of sharing as well as a true time of enjoyment. As I continue to serve as your Junior Warden, if there is anything I might be able to assist you with, please contact me.

Freddie E. Thiel  
Jr. Warden

*January Stated Meeting Dinner*



Sharon Temple No. 92  
2012-2013  
Officers

Queen . . . . . Jeri Rouch  
 Jr. Past Queen . . . . . Bonnie Gorden P.Q.  
 Princess Royal . . . . . Lenore Stork  
 Princess Tirzah. . . . . Carol Rae Littleworth  
 Princess Badoura. . . . . Joyce Richardson  
 Princess Recorder . . . . . Marilyn DeCamp  
 Princess Banker . . . . . Susan Morris P.Q.  
 Princess Marshall . . . . . JoAnn Evans  
 Princess Chaplain . . . . . Jeanne Esheim P.Q.  
 Lady of the Keys . . . . . Barbara Blackwood  
 Lady of the Gates . . . . . Jeanette Foote  
 Princess Nydia . . . . . Adrienne Cantrell  
 Princess Zuliaka . . . . . Jean Denton  
 Princess Zenobia. . . . . Elaine Lewis  
 Princess Zora . . . . . Debbie Sanborn  
 Princess Zuliema. . . . . Marlene Gardner  
 Princess Musician . . . . . Karen Lasky  
 Attendant . . . . . Brenda Matias  
 Attendant . . . . . Jeanne Cunningham



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



Queen, Jeri Rouch

NILE FEBRUARY 2014 CALENDAR

- 05 Tulare-Kings Nile Club, 11:30 A.M.  
Howe & Sons Pizza, Visalia
- 09 Ceremonial Practice (SQ Official Visit)  
Las Palmas Masonic Center 3:00 P.M.
- 10 Official Visit of our Supreme Queen  
Temple Business Session 10:00 A.M.  
Banquet 6:00 P.M.  
Ceremonial 7:30 P.M.
- 19 Nile Sewing 9:30 A.M.  
Tehran Shrine Center

*Queen's thoughts for February;*

*I hope everyone has had a good start to the New Year. The officers and members of Sharon Temple are busy making plans for the Official Visit of our Supreme Queen. We are all proud to exemplify our work for her, and to welcome three new members. Our current term is coming to an end, and I must say that it has really passed quickly. We have been fortunate to have had really successful activities*

*throughout the year. We've had a Fiesta, a Luau, and Ice Cream Social, and a great Fashion Show. Our Temple units sponsor these events, and it takes many hours to create a successful event.*

*Our sewing group meets on the third Wednesday of every month, except December, and welcomes anyone who wants to assist in assembling the articles that are sent to the Hospital. They gather soup labels, pull-tabs, and assorted sundries, along with making surgery dolls and making and finishing the beautiful quilts.*

*There is much work for our organization to do, and I'm proud to say that we have many hands willing to help. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time.*

*Best of luck for the coming year!  
Jeri Rouch, Queen*

# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



*Heart of the Valley Assembly February 2014 Newsletter*

## *Installation of Officers*



Jessie Beavers, Worthy Advisor Elect, and the members of Heart of the Valley Assembly cordially invited to their 39th Installation of Officers on Saturday, February 1, 2pm at Clovis Masonic Center, 375 Fifth Street, and Corner of 5th and Dewitt, Clovis, CA. Hope to see you there!

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## **Heart of the Valley 2014 Adult Leaders**

**Mother Advisor:** Chandra Blasquez



Chandra and her family are continuing their family tradition as members of our Masonic Family. She is a third generation Rainbow Girl and served as Worthy Advisor of Daylite Assembly #22 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is a Past Grand Choir Director in Nevada. She is married with four children. Her son, Thomas, will be installed as the 100th Master Counselor of State Center Chapter Order of DeMolay this year and her three daughters are members of Heart of the Valley Assembly.

*Assistant Mother Advisor: Melissa Manion*



Melissa and her family are also continuing their family tradition as members of our Masonic Family. Melissa is a past Worthy Advisor of Dinuba Assembly. She is a Past Grand Representative to North Dakota in California. She is married with two children. She is active in her church. Her daughter is a member of Heart of the Assembly.

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## *Grand Deputy: Shirley Redman*

After her dad joined the Masonic Lodge, Shirley and her sister joined Suisun Assembly #8 where she served as Worthy Advisor. Upon receiving her majority, Shirley joined Eastern Star and served on Suisun & Vacaville Assemblies Advisory Boards. She served as Mother Advisor of Vacaville Assembly for 3 years and then was Grand Deputy for Suisun, Vacaville and Woodland Assemblies for 11 years before moving to Fresno. She served as Northern Camp Director for 7 years and is currently Housing Chair for Grand Assembly. Last year, she was appointed to serve as Grand Deputy for Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies. She is married with two grown children and 5 grandchildren



## *Area Grand Deputy: Dana Regier*

Dana is a Past Worthy Advisor of Visalia Assembly. She is a Past Grand Patriotism and Representative to Missouri. She is a Past Mother Advisor of Sanger and Heart of the Valley Assemblies. She is married with one child. She is a member of Legacy and Lucerne Lake Chapters, Order of Eastern Star.

The members and adults of Heart of the Valley Assembly would like to recognize and thank you for serving as our Mother Advisor, Grand Deputy and Area Grand Deputy all at the same time. In addition, you are lending your talents to California Rainbow to enrich their Leadership Programs. Our assembly has grown and blossomed under your leadership. Our members are happy, have fun and are learning the lessons necessary to guide them through life.

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Heart of the Valley Assembly is blessed having an awesome advisory board and alumni. Thank you for igniting our spark!





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*Shadow Night ~ January 8, 2014*

Heart of the Valley Assembly held its stated meeting with a Shadow Night and Elections. We were pleased to have a shadow for each office. Jessie Beavers was elected Worthy Advisor for the next term.



## Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

Feb 1	Installation of Officers	2:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Feb 12	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Feb 16	Gran Worthy Advisor Reception	1 :00 pm	Lake Forest
Feb 26	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Mar 1	District Ritual Competition	9:00 am	Clovis Masonic Center

Heart of the Valley Assembly meets the 2nd and 4th Wed each month, 7:00 pm. at Clovis Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring bodies to come out and attend our meetings – We have a stellar group of young ladies who LOVE Rainbow and it shows!!

Heart of the Valley Contact Information:

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Assistant Mother Advisor: Melissa Manion [melissa-manion@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissa-manion@sbcglobal.net) 559-322-8571

Eastern Star Liaison: Barbara Scott [Barbara2009WGM@yahoo.com](mailto:Barbara2009WGM@yahoo.com) 559-439-6690

Richard Frey with bait and Richard Ehorn with a fish



## Ramada University

324 E. Shaw Avenue

Fresno, California

(559) 224-4040

You can now stay at the  
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*Las Palmas-Ponderosa January 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!*

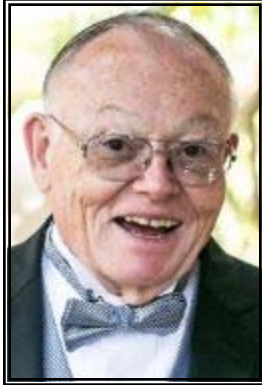
*R.S.V.P. Ethel Day, President (559) 276-2631 • Bobbi Cabbie Carder, Vice President, (559) 322-6851*

*• with exception of July, August and December*

*DARK July and August*



## *Worshipful Richard Frey's from the Archives*



If you have attended any of our recent Lodge installations, you probably saw a red and black toy metal steam roller and heard the "Steam Roller Talk". There is a long history of this unusual Masonic emblem at Las Palmas Lodge. It started in December, 1932 when Brother Roy Leighton Winters, the father of Dan Winters, presented the Lodge with a "bright red steam roller."

Brother Dan Winters father had observed that in some of the other Masonic Lodges there were men who had worked their way through the chairs but when it became time for them to be elected a Warden or Master, they were denied this privilege. Since harmony is one of the strengths of our Masonic society, he did not want this to ever happen at Las Palmas Lodge.

To accomplish this, he presented Las Palmas Lodge, at their December, 1932 stated meeting, "a bright red steam roller which was to be put in the archives of the Lodge and brought out each annual election night." As the steam roller smoothes the ground for further development, so will the steam roller smooth out the progression of junior officers as they develop into the Wardens and the elected Master.

Brother Roy, and later his son Dan, gave a prepared speech about how the steam roller was a "Masonic Emblem and important Working Tool of the Fraternity" at the annual stated meeting immediately preceding the election of officers. Since the steam roller was adopted as a Masonic Emblem at Las Palmas Lodge, it has performed its duty every year.

Brother Dan Winters was the Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1940. If it took 7 years of being in the "line" before being elected Master, then this steam roller may very well have been presented at the beginning of Brother Dan's progression in the officers line. Our annual election of officers took place at the December stated meeting until it was moved to the November stated meeting a few years ago. I do not know why the "steam roller speech" was moved from election night to the installation but perhaps someday it will be moved back to election night so that it can help serve its original purpose.

4/20/1933 A communication was received from Grand Lodge recommending that we do not cut our initiation fees. It looks like the fee at this time was \$105.00, an amount equal to \$1,800.00 today. What a financial bargain Masonry is today.

6/15/1933 Communications were received from the Grand Master respecting unemployment situation, also admonishing the membership not to serve 3.2 beer at any Masonic gathering. It took many years before Lodges could serve beer or wine.

### Fellow Craft Degree Matthew Solorio



January 23, 2014, we did a courtesy Fellow Craft Degree for Sanger Lodge No. 316, Matthew Solorio was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised
Richard W. Frey	2/21	4/11
Larry C. Minasian	2/27	10/11
Cline C. Jack Jr.	2/23	9/30

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Norman J. Dick**

Born 11/12/1927-Raised 12/29/1956  
Called from labor  
January 13, 2014



*Our Past Masters, Joe D. Sallee, Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace will be preparing our outstanding Salad Bar and Appetizers, helping with food preparation and drinks. Past Master, Joe Sallee will be working with our Chef for another outstanding dinner. Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potato's, Gravy, and Vegetables. And a tasty dessert.*

*We need a few Brothers to help at 10:00 A.M., Thursday February 20th, to help with the linens and the place settings, about an hour of your time. Which will allow our wonderful kitchen staff time in the preparation of dinner.*

*Call (559) 268-2303 or  
E-mail; [lppmasniclodge@comcast.net](mailto:lppmasniclodge@comcast.net)*

*today for your reservations!*

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

February 26, 2014  
Denny's Restaurant  
1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Ethel Day  
Vice-President;  
Secretary; Betty Veffredo  
Treasurer;

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;

Ethel Day 276-2631



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Valentine's  
Day

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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*



As we begin this new year we have a resolution to deal with, at the 164th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, the delegates adopted Resolution 12-18 which amends Sections 810.040 and 810.050 of the California Masonic Code. Resolution 12-18 requires that no personally identified information about our members be disclosed publicly without the member's affirmative written consent. Therefore members, wife's, families and guests are required to sign our consent form to be included in any Lodge our publications. At the March 20th Stated Meeting Dinner, Fresno Country Federal Credit Union, a representative will make a presentation on the benefits of belonging. Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Join us weekday mornings for coffee!



*February Calendar*

February 6, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree
February 11, 2014	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LPP Officers Meeting to follow
February 13, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree
February 20, 2014	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
February 26, 2014	12:00 P.M. Widows Luncheon, Denny's 1110 E. Shaw
February 27, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree



A proud student with her  
new bike! Our bike  
program