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Greetings from the East



2014 is here! What an amazing year it was with Families and Brothers along with the meals and memories that accompanied them. Christmas and the New Year were outstanding and we hope that you and your family spent good time together. We had family from as far as Florida and Minnesota and then we lost our daughter for over a week to the **United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps**. Christmas day was a balmy 80 degrees in San Diego and at Camp Pendleton. We are truly blessed to have the wonderful weather we do here in the Central Valley. Sunny days and very little fog was a blessing this winter.

The first Sunday of the New Year, January 5th 2014 at 1 PM will be our annual **Installation of Officers**. It will be my pleasure to serve as Master of **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** again this year as we are surrounded by many talented and giving families. Our Organist **Robert Gonzalez** is a Proud Papa for his first time and even our newest Master Mason Brother **Cory Hulsey** is father to a new boy named Anthony. Congratulations to both of these fine young men and we wish your families the Best in this new year!

We will be giving away bicycles and more to kids with perfect attendance at **Powers-Ginsburg Elementary** on January 21st and again at **Woodrow Wilson Elementary** on January 24th. Any and all are welcome to attend the giveaways at about 9:30 and 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to see Masons supporting their community. If you like kids with great big smiles you won't want to miss this!

We had a joyous time at the **Downing Planetarium** and got to the "The Season of Light" which is their yearly Christmas special. This year was something they had never done before and was actually so exciting it scared young kids right out of their seat! "Solar Quest" was a quest that **Dr. Steven White** had been working on for years and we were the first to see it come true. We will be planning more trips for you and your whole family to the planetarium here at **CSUF** in 2014. \$5 has never bought so much fun! We will be seeing "Star Date: Ancient Horizons" as well as "Midnight's Canvas" and will keep you up to date for info right here or just visit <http://www.downing-planetarium.org/> for more info. We will also travel to the **Forestiery Underground Gardens** with family to observe "Operative Masonry" at is local finest! See <http://undergroundgardens.com/> for more info.

Many opportunities await each one of us this year. Many fine Masons such as **Richard Frey** (financials and webmaster extraordinaire) as well as **Richard Ehorn** (bicycle creator and trusted Treasurer) donate their time to making our institution a better home for all. Even **Santa** was here in December and what a great smile he has in those pictures! Whether it is the Organist, Audit Committee or just attending and supporting Brethren and families at our events, **each one of us has a gift!** We look forward to helping you **find your gift** by giving you the tools and encouragement you deserve. No doubt the most precious gift for this Mason is **Family!** Enjoy every minute given to you with friends and family as there is something always going on right here at **Las Palmas Masonic Center** and you won't even have to do the dishes.

Happy 2014!!

Richard Sherrod
Worshipful Master

Happy
New
Year



Greetings *from the West*



This year has been one that has had its trials and challenges for many people, communities and countries. I myself have seen many changes in my personal as well as my professional life and have seen a number of people that have lost loved ones over the last year, this last month the lodge had the privilege of honoring our brothers that had passed on. That same night I was lucky enough to get to speak with one of our soon to be brothers and P.M. Richard Frey about some of the history of our lodge. As I have thought about some of the history of our lodge over the last 100 years



I have come to a conclusion, even though things change, people coming and going, the devastation of natural disasters, and even the changing of the way we do business as a lodge, one thing has remained the same we all have one place where we have found that has been a constant.... Our Lodge. We have found that no matter what happens in the world we know that our brothers are there to aide and support us. In the next year I am sure we will see many more changes in the world and even in our lodges, but I know that no matter how much the world changes our ancient and honorable fraternity will endure just like it has done for hundreds of years and our brothers will be there for each other. The last thing I would like to leave with everyone as this year winds down and the holiday season comes to an end, I hope that you think about what we have and how lucky we are to have it. I know some people may not have gotten that special gift they wanted this past holiday but I want to remind them that the true gift we have are our friends, families and brothers that are there for you.

Nathan
Senior Warden



2014 Officer's Christmas Dinner



Greetings from the South



December has been a wonderful time of the year in the South. With our lodge Christmas tree all trimmed with bulbs and lights, beautifully displayed in our front window. To me Christmas is a time of reflection on the great works of our great and mighty God who sent forth his only son as a gift to the world. We are so fortunate here in the United States of America for all the freedoms we have here because of all that have served in our military.



We, at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 have been truly blessed and fortunate to be servants, by the number of first, second and third degrees we have had the pleasure of giving to our newly obligated brothers. It is my sincere hope that all of my brethren will continue in the spirit of free masonry and make use those valuable gifts in which we are entrusted, brotherly love, relief and truth. As your Junior Warden for a second term at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No.366, I wish to thank all the members for the love and support you have given to the officers of our lodge. It has ment so much to me to be of service to each one of you. May you all have a wonderful Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May God bless and keep each one of you throughout the New Year!

Freddie

Junior warden

December Stated Meeting Dinner



Michael Dick and his family, our newest Candidate, will be initiated an Entered Apprentice, January 9th



The Master's table, with a special guest, a friend of Brother Monazzami. Robert J. McNabb, Meudell-Oildale Lodge No. 695, Bakersfield, and the Stewart Family, Worshipful Sherrod and his wife Nan.

Christmas with Santa at Las Palmas Masonic Center

December Stated Dinner the Brethren, Ladies and Families were treated with photos by Courtney with Santa, P.M. Richard Haggerty, the children were delighted with Santa!



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Haggerty



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ehorn



Mr. Don Williams



Mr. & Mrs. Mike Reynolds

Christmas with Santa at Las Palmas Masonic Center



Mr. & Mrs. Randy Forrester



Moreno Family



The Dyck Family



Mr. & Mrs. Courtney Bacom

Christmas with Santa at Las Palmas Masonic Center



Mr. Freddie Thiel



Mr. Daniel Doering and Son



The Dick Family



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sherrod

Christmas with Santa at Las Palmas Masonic Center



Mr. Nathan Williams



Mr. & Mrs. Ray Miksch



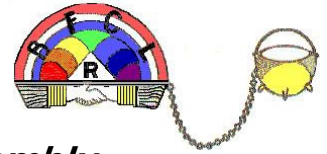
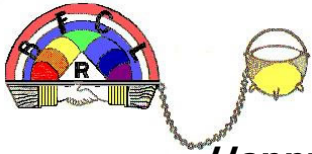
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Keeton



Santa and the Children

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Happy New Year from Heart of the Valley Assembly
Fresno Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center Christmas Party



Heart of the Valley Assembly was delighted to assist with the Fresno Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center Christmas Party. The girls visited with the children and their families, sang Christmas Songs, assisted with crafts and took lots of pictures with Santa. A fun and exciting start to their holiday season!



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Christmas Service Projects

The girls enjoyed Christmas shopping for our adopted family. Great job girls!!!! They are going to love their gifts. The Assembly also assisted Fort Millerton Chapter with the purchase of throw blankets for Veterans. Another worthy project was donating knitted caps for children going through Chemotherapy.



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Faith's Fundraiser

Congratulations Sister of Faith, on a fantastic fundraising event at **Fresno Masonic Center** and **Fort Millerton OES** Gift Wrapping & Bake Sale Events. Thank you to all of our young ladies who came out to help! Also, a huge THANK YOU to the DeMolay members of [State Center Chapter](#) for supporting us at their annual monthly dinner serving at Fresno Masonic Center!

♥ of the Valley

Fresno Lodge



12/4/13

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~Bake Sale~

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Eastern Star Installations

Installation of Officers of **Legacy Chapter No. 555** was held at Las Palmas Masonic Center on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Congratulations to Worthy Matron [Cathy Lee](#), Worthy Patron [John Herring](#) and officers of Legacy Chapter. [Installation of Officers of Fort Millerton Chapter was held at Fresno Masonic Center on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. Congratulations to Worthy Matron](#) Jean Denton, Worthy Patron Larry Coffin and officers of Fort Millerton Chapter.



Guest Book and Program Attendants



State Center Chapter Flag Escort

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Thank you to all the Advisory Board Members, Alumni and parents who work unselfishly on behalf of Heart of the Valley Assembly!

Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

January 8, 2014	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
January 22, 2014	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
February 1, 2014	Installation of Officers	2:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center

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!

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!!

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Jacques Journal

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From the East

First off I would like to say congrats to delta division and Northern California DeMolay association for nominating, electing, and installing their new officers for this New Year. I'm really looking forward to this New Year and I can't wait for this and am really looking forward to the upcoming events. The chapter has improved so much since our installation that it makes me really happy to see us improve throughout this year. The first thing I would like to cover is convention, I had so much fun and it was awesome to have most of the chapter up there, it was a blast, and I'm happy to see the new divisional and jurisdictional officers. I would like to congratulate our past sweetheart Autumn Amerman it was awesome to have you as



our sweetheart and we will definitely miss having you around. We are proud to see you in the spot you're in with delta and can't wait for all the fun in store with the division. The next and final thing to cover is the DeMolay day of comfort obligatory day, we had a lot of fun at the Oakwood Retirement Home it was awesome to talk to and lift the spirits of those at the retirement home. I had a blast and was glad to see all the smiling faces of the people we talked to. I am glad to say that our chapter has improved so much since our installation and I really can't wait for what's ahead with the chapter. Let's keep improving guys and with that I end saying these last words, Go NorCal, Delta Spirit all around, and happy holidays.

Fraternally,
Austen Schmall

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Ben Davis III

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2012-2013
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 Princess Badoura Joyce Richardson
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 Princess Banker Susan Morris P.O.
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 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 New Year's



Queen, Jeri Rouch

Nile, December 11, 2013, Pictures with Santa

NILE JANUARY 2014 CALENDAR

- 06 Tulare-Kings Nile Club, 11:30 A.M.
Apple's Tulare
 08 Nile Stated Session 7:30 P.M.
Las Palmas Masonic Center
Memorial
Banquet Room, Temple Choir
 15 Nile Sewing 9:30 A.M.
Tehran Shrine Center



Nile, December 11, 2013, Pictures with Santa



2014 Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.
Installation of Officers



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(559) 224-4040

You can now stay at the
Ramada University
If you are a Mason
For
\$59.00 + Tax

from the WIDOWS CLUB
Las Palmas-Ponderosa December 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!

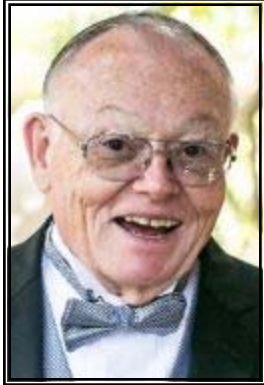
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- with exception of July, August and December*

DARK July and August



Worshipful Richard Frey's from the Archives



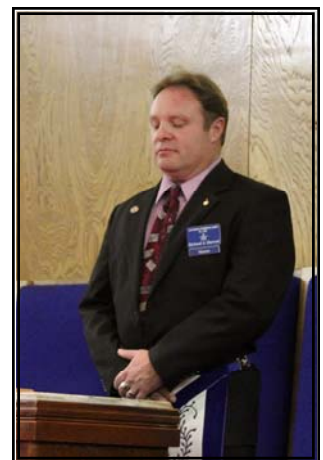
The start of a new year is a good time to start the year right. On the nightly news the other night, they talked about "The Conversation". It refers to parents sitting down with their children and telling them what they want done when they can no longer do things for themselves. Even if you don't want to put it in writing, at least have "The Conversation". In January 1935 our Lodge purchased a large plot of land at Mountain View Cemetery. I am sure that the plans were for the Lodge to have space for worthy brother Masons when the time came. Only two spaces were used and this purchase was forgotten until I discovered it a couple of years ago. We now have space for the cremated remains of our brothers, their wives and immediate family. Our Lodge erected a large granite monument with our name on it. The space is free at the time of need, but for \$150 an exact location can be reserved. If you have questions or are interested, let the Lodge Secretary (559-268-2303) know and I will contact you personally to answer all of your questions.

At the September, 1931 Stated Meeting: "The Grand Secretary reported several imposters were imposing upon the members of the fraternity and warned us to be on the lookout." At the conclusion of the Stated Meeting "Dr. Burbridge spoke on 'What Modern Science is Doing'."

April 21, 1932, The Lodge appointed member H. E. Barbour to represent Las Palmas Lodge at the dedication of the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, VA. After Lodge closed, all of the members went to Sun Garden Lodge where all of the Masonic Lodges in Fresno observed the Bi-Centennial of George Washington. This apron and gavel were then used by the Grand Master to install the 1933 officers.

On October 13, 1932 there is lengthy description of where the wood came from for the gavel that was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Barbour as well as the special Marshall's apron used for the George Washington Memorial.

The Brethren, ladies and friends were invited into the Lodge Room for the 2013 Necrology Service. Worshipful Sherrod lead the roll call of the workmen, with Senior Warden, Nathan A. Williams, Junior Warden, Freddie E. Thiel, Senior Deacon, Gordon D. Keeton P.M. and Organist, Robert P. Gonzalez.





JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Joshua R. Barkley	1/28	5/21	John R. Reynolds	1/17	5/2
Thomas J. Bekhdoud	1/9	9/29	John R. Sanderson	1/18	10/24
Robert B. Bower	1/25	11/2	Bahram Shifteh	1/1	4/27
David M. Byrnes	1/15	3/6	Dean L. Sigle	1/12	5/24
Thomas D. Carlson	1/7	9/6	James C. Stahl	1/18	2/11
Ronald L. Copp	1/5	5/17	Howard D. Sutliff	1/1	7/3
James G. Fisher	1/23	6/9	Lewis D. Wagoner	1/11	1/21
Kenneth M. Hoskin	1/29	2/5	Marvin E. Wallace	1/10	12/8
Dennis M. Johnson	1/17	2/2	William D. Yelkin	1/27	5/6
Michael E. Ratley	1/22	9/6			

Past Masters, 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 new Chef Jennifer for another outstanding dinner. Poppysed Chicken with bell peppers in a buttery cracker crumb crust, with a baked potato and green beans. A wonderful dessert, brownies and ice cream.

We need a few Brothers to help at 10:00 A.M., Thursday January 16th, 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 or e-mail (559) 268-2303 or lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net today for your reservations!



Chef Jennifer



Brother Courtney Bacom, our outstanding photographer was born October 16, 1964 in Spokane, Washington, is married to Sheri, works for P.G. & E. as a Senior Gas Engineer, loves filming Air Shows. He was raised a Master Mason, September 3, 2009, is currently serving as our Junior Deacon. You will always see him roaming around Las Palmas Masonic Center, need to always have your best smile on. Thanks Courtney for all you do!

Fresno Masonic Widows Club

January 29, 2014
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
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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



What a year, the Las Palmian and the Lodge web page are loaded with great pictures, thanks, Brother Bacom for all the wonderful pictures, especially the pictures with Santa, P.M. Dick Haggerty. I thank, P.M. Joe Sallee for relieving me of the duties of purchasing and working in the kitchen. He has done a tremendous job with our Degree Dinners and Stated Dinners. Don Williams has been providing some wine for our Stated Dinners. Our Hall Association and Officers Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month have been working well in limiting our Stated Meetings to one hour or less. We look forward to a very busy month with degrees most every Thursday, Many thanks to P.M. Larry Bennett for preparing and working with our Candidates. Look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Join us weekday mornings for coffee!



January Calendar

January 9, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree, Michael Clark
January 14, 2014	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LPP Officers Meeting to follow
January 16, 2014	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
January 21, 2014	8:30 A.M. Powers-Ginsburg Bike Program
January 23, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree
January 24, 2014	8:30 A.M. Woodrow Wilson Bike Program
January 29, 2014	12:00 P.M. Widows Luncheon, Denny's, 1110 E. Shaw
January 30, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree

