



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



# The Las Palmian

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## Greetings from the East



Time flies and we are having fun! The Summer Solstice (St. Johns Day) has come and gone and we now have nice warm weather to look forward to. It is at this time of year our Lodge goes dark and the Officers and their families begin traveling in earnest. Our Officers and members have been busy with many degrees these first six months. This is extremely gratifying because it gives us the opportunity to put into practice that ritual work which we've spent so many hours learning, polishing and perfecting. Even though we will not be conferring degrees this summer, we will have our regular stated meetings and delicious dinners. Look forward to seeing you here.

Although we will not have any ritual work in July or August, we still have many opportunities to support the Youth Groups, honor our members and go see the Grizzlies together. As the first half of the year draws to a close, I would like to thank YOU the members and Officers of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for all the work you have performed, either on a committee or in some other capacity.

The momentum begun during the first half of the year will increase during the last half. Watch for announcements concerning activities and events and be a part of the Lodge of the Valley helping to make a positive change in our community. We take pride in supporting our public schools and helping to keep the children in our community safe.

Mother Earth has once again blessed us with her bounty. Every year I marvel at the cycle and wonder at the beauty of it, almost everything in balance. We need to be good Stewards of this Earth. No matter what religion, if we abuse this Earth, the only one we are given, we cut short the lives of our children and our children's' children. Watch your water use and make informed and conscious decisions with the resources we are all responsible for.

A special "Thank You" goes out to the women and men serving in our armed forces and emergency services. Consider taking time to say "*Thank You for your service.*" Many Masons are veterans themselves and we love to show our pride in supporting those who keep us safe at home and abroad.

Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you soon here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

From the East...

Richard  
Worshipful Master



Congratulations  
Brother Bernier  
Entered Apprentice



Congratulations, Brothers  
Hopkins and Pelloian  
Golden Veterans Awards

*Greetings from the West*



June 25, 2014  
Entered Apprentice Degree  
Richard Charles Bernier Sr.



Past Master Larry Bennett, Mike Hamzy, Stuart Hoskins and Worshipful Sherrod.



Past Masters Randy Forrester, Charles Bersani and Brother Don Williams



Mike Hamzy, Past Master John Denton, Worshipful Sherrod and Stuart Hoskins



Past Master, Bob Davis, Mark Le, Ray Miksch, Past Master Gordon Keeton



Richard C. Bernier Sr.  
Entered Apprentice Degree  
June 26, 2014  
Past Master's Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace provided another amazing dinner, meat loaf, brown gravy, pilaf, potato salad, marconi salad and a wonderful green salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, mushrooms, red onions, and a special blue cheese dressing! Check out the wonderful pictures by our amazing photographer Courtney Bacom.



Past Master, John Denton and Ray Miksch



Past Master, Larry Bennett and Mr. Bernier



Dinner and socializing before another Degree at Las Palmas Masonic Center



Worshipful Frey and Richard C, Bernier Sr.  
Entered Apprentice Mason

*Greetings from the South*



*June 19, 2014  
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366  
Stated Meeting Dinner*



Chef Mark prepared a wonderful dinner for our June Dinner, A beef and pork sausage meat loaf wrapped in bacon with a special salsa topping and a sprig of parsley on creamy mashed potatoes with a brown gravy with a mixture of vegetables. For those who do not do pork, they were served roasted chicken. We had another amazing salad bar with appetizers prepared by our Past Masters Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace. Many thanks to Kurt Docken, Richard and Nanette for their help with the table settings and decorations. Courtney, Gordon, Freddie and Mark Le helping with the serving.



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Gerald H. Peloian and Alvin L. Hopkins Jr.  
Golden Veterans Awards





June 5, 2014 Roll Call Dinner

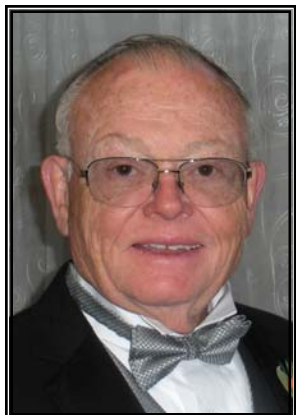


June 5, 2014 Roll Call Dinner



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

### The WW II War Years Continue.



November, 1942 Stated Meeting "A communication was read from the Grand Lodge Defense Recreation Committee."

January, 1943 "On motion, the Secretary was directed to write a letter of thanks to Bro Thiele for his labor in preparing the service plaque for our members in the service of the U.S."

July, 1943 bills paid IRS Victory Tax \$10.95 also no suspensions for delinquent dues.

Special dispensation was received from the Grand Master so that Grundy Thurman Taylor, who was receiving his basic training in Fresno, could be elected to receive his degrees in Las Palmas Lodge without complying with the residence requirements. He received his first degree on 7/15, second 8/12 and third 8/19/1943. Back then the candidates had to learn the "long form" of their work.

August, 1943 the widow of Frederick Beach Hopkins sent a "thank you" for the lodge performing his Masonic funeral and a check for \$100 to be used as the Lodge felt correct. The Lodge applied it to the Masonic War Fund. Brother Hopkins, and later his wife, was entombed in the old Fresno Mausoleum along with Past Masters Pottle, Clark and Dick.

August, 1943 "It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Master be empowered to request such degrees being conferred on our newly elected candidates, Harry Edgar Colhouer who was stationed in Washington State, Leland Morris Edman and Donald Ernest Durfey who was in the active military, as may be necessary to complete their Masonic work, two of them now being in the U.S. Army service and the other probably soon to be inducted."

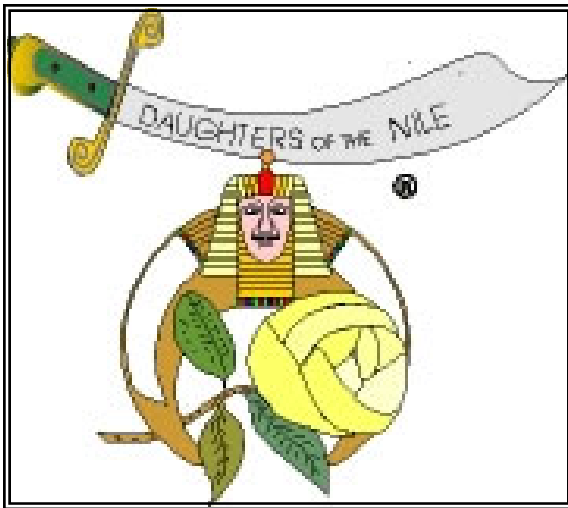
November, 1943 The Lodge purchased \$5,000 in U. S. Bonds.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at 7:30 for another 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and to lecture the first candidate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree conferred that afternoon.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.



Queen, Lenore Stork

Greetings all;

Daughters of the Nile had a very interesting and exciting Supreme Session in Omaha, Nebr. from June 1 to June 5. Besides our regular business and social gatherings, we had a near tornado; a 5" rain storm, and a golf-ball-size hailstorm, all on the same day. All turned out well, and even though I came down with a cold that put me in bed for most of two days, the session was a success, Our new Supreme Queen will be visiting us in February, 2015; and it will be a very special occasion.

We have a couple of important events coming up that I hope you will all attend. Our Ice Cream social is on Wed. July 9, at 6:00pm, at the Las Palmas Masonic Center on Clinton Avenue. The cost is only \$5.00, and is a real bargain with lots of ice cream, cakes, cookies, and pies.

Then we have the Queen's dinner on Saturday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. for the social and 6:00 p.m. for dinner. The location is the Terraces, San Joaquin Gardens, 5555 N. Fresno St. The cost is \$22.50, and reservations can be made to Carole Littleworth, 559-292-1752.

Just one week after the dinner, we are having a Bunco Party- Salad Bar party on Saturday, August 2, at 12:30 pm. The location for this event is the Shrine Center, 5407 E. Olive Ave, and the cost is only \$10.00. You don't have to know how to play to Bunco to enjoy this gathering, as it is very easy to learn, and there will be plenty of people to help you. There will be good food and prizes, so come and support our Temple General Fund. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Carole Soutas, 559-313-6659.



I sincerely hope you are enjoying your summer, and that you will find time to join us in these activities. Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and remember to display our great American flag.

Shining Star Love,  
Lenore Stork, Queen  
Sharon Temple No.92

**Sharon Temple No 92, Daughters of the Nile**

*Here's the Scoop.....*

**Everyone is invited!!!**

**To the Past Queen's and  
Patrol's**

**Ice Cream Social  
and Opportunity Drawing**

Wednesday, July 09, 2014

6:00 PM

Las Palmas Masonic Center

2992 East Clinton Avenue

Fresno, CA

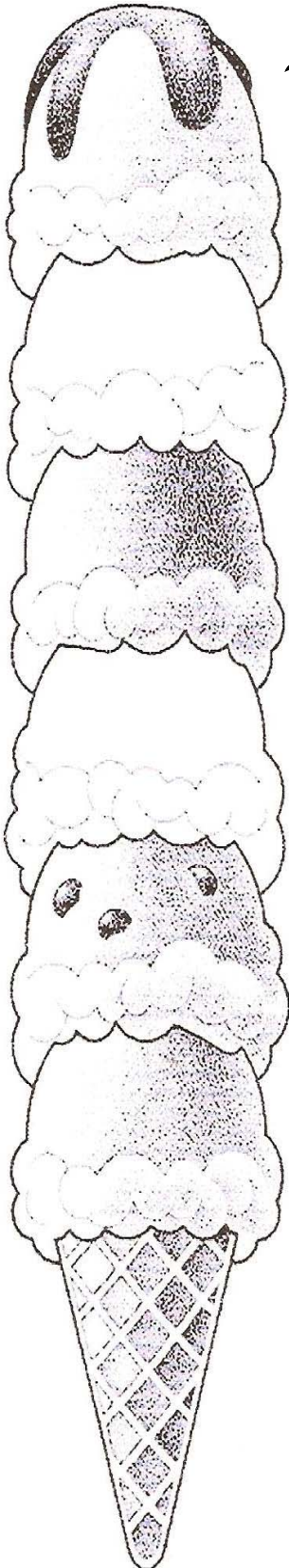
Admission is \$5 per person

Opportunity tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5  
(Proceeds go to their General Funds)

Eat some ice cream, cake and/or pie, meet your  
friends, and try your chance at winning an  
opportunity prize.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

Tickets available from any Past Queen or Patrol



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



## Keep Calm and Love America - District 28 Official Visit

District 28 held the Official Visit of Miss Lauren Hicks, Grand Worthy Advisor and Mrs. Dana Regier, Supreme Deputy at the Visalia Mineral King Masonic Lodge on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme of Keep Calm and Love America was in recognition of Flag Day. The officers and members of Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies were awesome, friendly and proficient. Grand Worthy Advisor discussed her goals for supporting the California Scottish Rite Childhood Language Centers as her 2015 Grand Service Project.



Mr. Wilson, GWA Lauren and Mr. Scott

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## *Northern Rainbow Camp*

By [Jeff Askins](#) - Northern Rainbow Camp was a great success this year with our "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" theme. Everyone enjoyed the rock wall, swimming, canoeing and the giant waterslide! There were some great crafts and even a baseball game. A great number of girls and adults worked to get their Rainbow Proficiency certificates. Mrs. Regier, Mrs. Redman and Mr. Lind went down the giant waterslide, not once, but TWICE! Congratulations to Natoma Assembly with their winning skit! And, we raised \$1,335.00 for the Grand Service Project!! Hope to see you next year at Northern Rainbow Camp County Fair!



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## *Installation of Officers - May 31, 2014*

Congratulations to the Officers and Members of Heart of the Valley Assembly on your 30th Installation of Officers. Joy Manion was installed as Worthy Advisor. Term awards were presented for Spirit of Rainbow, Ritual, Sittin' Pretty Kitty and Merit Bars. Thank you to everyone who attended the installation and for all the support you give to our assembly.



Worthy Advisor Joy



Merit Bars – Thank you for your hard work and service



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Heart of the Valley Assembly

## *Heart of the Valley Farewell Meeting - May 28, 2014*

Jessie, thank you for serving as Worthy Advisor of our assembly for the third time. Your leadership and commitment to our order has prepared you for any challenge. We're proud of you and the impact you've made for this assembly!



## Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

July 1	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
July 9	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
July 23	Stated Meeting, Initiation	7:00 p.m.	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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*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!*



## Ramada University

324 E. Shaw Avenue

Fresno, California

(559) 224-4040

You can now stay at the  
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*If you are a Mason*  
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*from the WIDOWS CLUB*  
*Las Palmas-Ponderosa June 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*





Thursday, July 10, 2014  
 We are again visiting the  
 Grizzlies Den  
 (559) 268-2303

## JULY BIRTHDAY'S

Arnel G. Clemente	Armen G. Keledjian
Elvin L. Cox	Shaun D. Kelly
James D. Currie	Raymond R. King
Donald P. Dick	Samuel S. Linares
Larry L. Duba	Saul M. Mendelsohn, DR
Ryan A Duty	John D. Moore
Roy A. Gibbs	Jeffrey A. Olsen
Larry R. Goeringer	Matthew A. Pascua
Robert P Gonzalez	George R. Richmann
Donald L. Green	Joe D. Sallee
William R. Halsey	Hrant Serabian
Thomas A. Heckel, II	Bradley C. Smith
Lawrence D. Hopper	Richard J. Smith
Tommy W. Hyatt	Arlen J. Tanielian
Walter M. Kasabian	Ronald L. Ulrich



June 25th Officers  
 School of  
 Instruction at  
 Fresno Masonic  
 Centers was  
 attended by  
 Brethren from  
 Sanger, Selma,  
 Las Palmas and  
 Fresno Lodges,  
 they enjoyed a  
 tasty Mexican  
 Dinner prepared  
 by Fresno  
 Lodge.



Worshipful David  
 Coleman, Inspector  
 614th District

Selma Lodge Exemplify Stated  
 Meeting opening thru closing. Next  
 O.S.I. is September 24, 2014, Selma  
 Lodge is hosting, at the Selma Masonic  
 Center. Las Palmas-Ponderosa is  
 exemplifying, Second Section.



*Our Past Masters, Joe 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 and Chef Mark will prepare  
 another amazing dinner July 17, 2014*

*We need a few Brothers to help at  
 10:00 A.M., Thursday, July 17th, to help  
 with the linens and the place settings,  
 about an hour of your time. This will  
 allow our wonderful kitchen staff time  
 in the preparation of dinner.*

*Call (559) 268-2303 or  
 e-mail: [lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net](mailto:lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net)  
 today or your reservations!*

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

July 30, 2014  
 Denny's Restaurant  
 1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Ethel Day  
 Vice-President; Bobbi Carter  
 Secretary; Betty Veffredo  
 Treasurer; Pat Westpal

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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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*



Our June 5, 2014 Roll Call Dinner was attended by many members and Past Masters who have not attended a Lodge meeting in years, was really exciting meeting so many who I see daily on i-member and can now put a face with the names. Hopefully we will see the Brothers and Past Masters in Lodge again soon, We have really wonderful dinners before Degrees and our Stated Meeting Dinner wonderful dining experience along with being able to socialize. Our Stated Meetings seldom exceed forty-five minutes. Watch for your e-vite for July Stated Meeting Dinner and please respond to your e-vite.

Looking forward to visiting with you in Lodge or stop by for a cup of coffee and socialize most weekday mornings! Have a safe and wonderful Holiday weekend!



*July Calendar*

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|---------------|---|
| July 10, 2014 | 5:30 P.M. Grizzlies Den Sky Box<br>Chukchansi Park<br>Sacramento River Cats                               |
| July 17, 2014 | 6:00 P.M. Appetizers<br>6:30 P.M. Dinner<br>7:00 P.M. Golden Veterans Awards<br>7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting  |
| July 24, 2014 | 6:30 P.M. Master's Night Out<br>Mitsui Buffet Asian Restaurant<br>117 W. Shaw Avenue<br>Clovis, CA. 93612 |

