



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



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Greetings from the East



A picture says a thousand words... [http://www.lpp366.org/LPP/PHOTOS\\_LPP/Photos.html](http://www.lpp366.org/LPP/PHOTOS_LPP/Photos.html) and this is where it all starts! The smiles and friendships show an incredible journey of dinners and times with friends, brothers and some quite amazing ladies. These friendships and good times are life and community changing, always working for the betterment of all mankind (and womankind). February was **sweetheart's month** and as much as we like roses, we like our sweethearts even more! This great big family at Las Palmas-Ponderosa has brought joy and warmth to our hearts and helped to make our family complete. I so cherish these times. The ladies in our lives are just absolutely amazing! Thank You Sweethearts.

So are you ready to *March On*? Oh my... how time flies. **Mardi Gras** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Ash Wednesday** (5<sup>th</sup>), **International Women's Day** (8<sup>th</sup>) and of course **Daylight Savings** (9<sup>th</sup>) Begins. What do they do with that savings? After comes Pi day (3.14) followed by **Saint Patrick's Day** (17<sup>th</sup> go green) and then the remarkable happens! **Spring** (20<sup>th</sup>) begins anew! New crops are planted and Ostara and celebrations take place. **Families** come together (hence spring cleaning) and great feasts and stories are told. *Laughter* is heard and *good memories* are with us once again. We enjoy these times and love sharing them with you and your loved ones. Thank you to Brother **Courtney Bacom** for all those wonderful photographs and also Past Master **Richard Frey** for mastering this website. Their Trowels are electrical in nature... and we truly appreciate all their endeavors.

We gave away 4 bicycles and helmets again to kids with perfect attendance at **Powers-Ginsburg** and **Woodrow Wilson** Elementary and guess what? It was a big hit! Those good kids are inspired to great heights (*perfect attendance with NO tardy, that's hard*) and receive a better education for *being there every day*. **What an incredible event when they win one!** A whole cafeteria of jealous kids and one very lucky (and attentive) winner... yet *all* had fun. Next bicycle giveaways are **Mar 31<sup>st</sup>** and **April 4<sup>th</sup>**. Come join in on the fun and see the leaders of the future.

Pi is a sacred yet irrational number which is why we are choosing it to be the date of our **Masters Night Out**. Bring the lady and loved ones in your life and come have some incredible food on **Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** at **Viktoria's Place** located at 488 W. Herndon Ave across from Walmart. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/viktorias-place-fresno-2> Appetizers start at 6pm and dinner is at 6:30. The food will be outstanding, you'll see!

Our **Masonic Family Picnic** will be on **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** to celebrate **St. Johns Day** and coincides with the Summer Solstice. We look forward to great food and tons of photos with friends and family. Wishing you a **Marvelous March** and may you have a "*Spring*" in your step.

From the East

Richard Sherrod P.M.  
Worshipful Master

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Courtesy Third Degree for Sanger Lodge No. 316  
Matthew K. Solorio

Brethren and guests gathered in the Banquet Room for a special dinner prepared by the candidate's, Dad Jesse Solorio with the help of our Past Master's, Joe D. Sallee, Charles S. Bersani and Marvin E. Wallace. We were treated to a wonderful Mexican Dinner, including his famous Chile Verde .



Master Mason Solorio and  
Worshipful Sherrod



Brother Solorio, Michael Thomason P.M.  
Secretary, Sanger Lodge No. 316 and  
Gordon D. Keeton P.M.





# Happy St. Patrick's Day



I would like to share with everyone a experience that I had recently at work. I was sitting and talking with a family about what series of event lead them to my facility, this wasn't a unusual conversation for me on a normal day with a normal person but this time was different. Normally I hear a story about a stroke or about a fall this time was no different but what interested me about this man was when I asked about his past he simply told me "that doesn't matter anymore...the past is the past" of course being the person I am made me curious about the man so I went and read his file finding nothing significant. I went back asking him again this time asking him if there was something that he didn't want anyone to know about. He told me that his past wasn't anything special but his past isn't what mattered anymore it what he did with his future that mattered. That took me back a little for a man of his age to think about his future. The reason that I bring this up is most people are always worried about their past what they have done and where they have gone, but is that truly important? I have always been a firm believer that our past is important but I also believe that our future is more important then anything. Our future is laid out like a path for us by the supreme architect and we all have our given road. As masons we are taught to live our lives by the square and by the compass and I think that if we do that our futures are meant to be bright.

Nathan  
Senior Warden



Ladies Corner;

I would love to thank our widows for sharing their time with our Ladies at the February LPP Stated Meeting. We played playing card Bingo and fun was had by all. Playing this game is fast paced and we played so everyone could win! I am already looking forward to doing this again in September. I hope more people will join us for this fun evening of fun and games!

March is a great Month. It is St. Patty's Day and a green month. We are hoping everyone including our widows will join us for Master's night out at Viktoria's Place. It will be a great night of fine food, friends and fellowship. I do believe the food here is incredible and is our favorite place for dining pleasure.

At this month's stated meeting there will be a great meal to be sure, Salmon will be a tasty treat. We are going to make Spa in a Bag gifts for our ladies. Sometimes it is nice to be able to kick back and pamper yourself in your own personalized 5 Star personal day spa. Let's all make a little fun... you won't want to miss it!

*Greetings from the South*



We are moving forward with great progress as Las Palmas-Ponderosa No. 366 Officers prepare themselves for a wonderful March 2014.

We were again given the pleasure of doing the Second Degree work for one of our newly obligated Entered Apprentice, Arnel Clemente on Feb, 13<sup>th</sup>, which turned out to be a wonderful degree and we are looking at a courtesy 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.



At our stated meeting we were treated to a wonderful dinner prepared by our new Chef Mark, consisting of Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes with a tasty mushroom gravy, with mixed veggies. Carrot cake for dessert. A hardy thank you goes out to the Brethren that helped in the serving. Our monthly stated meeting was very informative. Those of you that could not attend certainly missed out. I would encourage all of our members to make an all out effort to make the March meeting. If you are in need of assistance getting to the lodge, give our secretary Jim Clark a call. We can make arrangements to pick you up and we would love you to be present with us at our stated meetings.

If anyone knows of a brother that may need assistance in any way, please contact us at Las Palmas-Ponderosa No. 366. All of the officers are here to help.

Lastly I would like to say Thank You to the ladies of Las Palmas-Ponderosa No. 366 for their support of their men and the support of our lodge by gracing us by their attendance, we enjoy having you all.

Freddie  
Junior Warden

Fellow Craft Degree, Arnel G. Clemente



*NILE MARCH 2014 CALENDAR*

- 05 Tulare-Kings Nile Club, 11:30 A.M.  
Queen's Official Visit  
Installation of Officers  
Lamp Liter Inn  
3300 W. Mineral King, Visalia
- 12 Nile Stated Session, 7:30 P.M.  
Las Palmas Masonic Center  
Elections and Farewell  
Banquet Room Appointed Officers
- 15 Queen's Farewell Luncheon  
Spike and Rail, Selma  
Chairman; Bonnie Gordon PQ
- 19 Nile Sewing 11:00 A.M.  
Salad Bar-Dessert Luncheon  
Tehran Shrine Center
- 29 Installation Practice 6:00 P.M.  
Las Palmas Masonic Center
- 30 Installation of 2014-2015 Queen  
And Sharon Temple Officers  
Las Palmas Masonic Center 2:00 P.M.



Queen, Jeri Rouch



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



## Heart of the Valley Assembly Newsletter

### Installation of Officers – Saturday, February 1, 2014

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 held its 29th Installation of Officers on February 1st. Miss Jessie Angelique Beavers was installed as Worthy Advisor for the ensuing term. Her theme was "Family...Love". Congratulations to the officers, members and advisory board upon on installation. This is going to be a fun and exciting term based on Service!



Worthy Advisor Jessie



Installing Officers:

Samantha – Marshall  
Briana – Installing Officer  
Makayla – Recorder  
Bonnie – Chaplain

# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



*Term Awards*



*Outstanding Rainbow Girl, Gwen, Miss Service, Mary & Outstanding Ritual, Joy.*

*Merit Bar Recipients*



*Presentation of Term Merit Bars ~ Great job!*

# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls  
Heart of the Valley Assembly*



*Daughters of the Nile , Serving February 10<sup>th</sup>*





# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



*Members and Adults from Heart of the Valley Assembly served dinner for the Daughters of the Nile Official Visit and Initiation. Dinner was skillfully prepared, Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Okra, Dressing, Salad and Dessert. The girls served the group professionally and with a smile!*

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*EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!*

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## *Special Recognition: Summer Service*

Heart of the Valley assembly has done a lot of service this previous term. We have donated money to Honor Flight and our assembly did a project called Hooked on Books. We also donated school supplies to a local elementary school. Doing these projects is something everyone enjoys and something our assembly will never stop doing.

Every meeting during our term we did a coin march where we donated money to Honor Flight. Honor Flight is an organization that sends veterans to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. It is something our Worth Advisor suggested we should do and we thought it was a great idea to donate some of our own money every meeting to give to this worthy cause. At one of our last meetings, we had a representative from Honor Flight come to receive the check. We raised about three-hundred dollars for this organization. We are so proud of everyone who donated, even if they just gave a small amount. We will defiantly do this in the future.

Another project we did is we was Hooked on Books. This is when we went to the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and sorted out a ton of books by grade level and then we put a sticker inside saying that it was from the Clovis Chamber of Commerce. What this organization does is all throughout Clovis Unified School District they want to put a book in every child's hand. We thought this was an amazing thing to help. We had to use our muscle to carry the heavy boxes of books up and down the flight of stairs. Everyone was laughing because we all found children's books that we had read when we were younger. We were so grateful to be able to help this organization and will defiantly want to help them again.

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During this term we also collected school supplies for –

Elementary School. For about two week everyone collected their own school supplies and the assembly even bought some. We had a ton of school supplies and the school was so happy to receive them. I even entered a contest for Supreme Assembly showing how we donated school supplies and our assembly won a pizza party. We were very excited and happy that we were able to help these kids get well needed supplies.

This summer our assembly did these service projects that were not only beneficial to the community but there were fun to be a part of. We are always in need of a great service project, so this defiantly won't be the last time we help these organizations. By Joy M

### ***Bible Signing***



*Past Worthy Advisor Briana signing Heart of the Valley Assembly Bible*



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## *Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events*

Mar 1	District Ritual Competition	10:00 am	Clovis Masonic Center
Mar 5	Legacy Chapter Youth Honor Night		
Mar 12	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Mar 15	Initiation/Craft Party	10:00 am	Clovis Masonic Center
Mar 26	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Mar 29	Grand Assembly Informal Opening	1:00 pm	Selland Arena/Fresno

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!*



Widows Meeting at Denny's, February 26, 2014



Ramada University  
324 E. Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, California  
(559) 224-4040

You can now stay at the Ramada University  
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*Las Palmas-Ponderosa February 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*

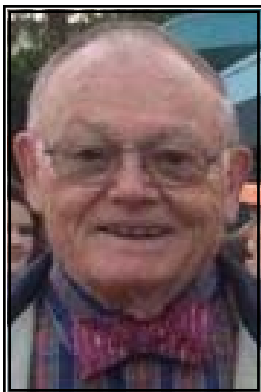
*DARK July and August*



**Happy**  *From the WIDOWS CLUB*  
**St. Patrick's Day**



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



By 1933 our country was in the midst of the Great Depression. At the July, 1933 Stated meeting the Lodge remitted the dues of 25 members and also suspended 21 members for non-payment of dues. In July, 1934 dues were remitted for 30 members and 14 were suspended for non-payment of dues. In July of 1935 10 members had their dues remitted and 31 were suspended for non-payment of dues.

In April of 1934 there was so much concern about the safety of Lodge money in local Building and Loan Associations, that the Lodge cashed in certificates and bought real property located at 4788 Inyo Street. It was felt that monthly rent was a safer investment than the \$1,900. in the bank.

January, 1935 Stated Meeting. The W. M. appointed Bros. Ray W. Baker (secretary), Douglas A. May (SW) and Roy H. Gerard (JW) as a committee to purchase a radio to be used Thursday nights. It is unknown when the radio would be listened to or by whom.

Saturday November 2, 1935 Lodge opened in the First degree for the purpose of conferring the First Degree of Masonry on newly elected Las Palmas member Albert Felix Ladoucer. Lodge went to refreshment and all of the officers and members went to the White Theater where approximately 1200 Masons convened to witness La parfait Union Lodge No. 17 of San Francisco confer the first degree of Masonry in the French Masonic ritual. The Tyler's register showed that 34 jurisdictions were represented. 96 California Lodges were represented and 73 Lodges from other jurisdictions were represented. On January 23, 1936, after Bro Albert Felix Ladoucer received his Fellow craft degree, "Lodge was then closed and the members retired to the banquet room where Mr. Ernest Klette gave an interesting lecture on the Romantic life of Joaquin Murietta." Bro Klette was a Superior Court Judge. On March 5, 1936, Brother Ladoucer received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Las Palmas Lodge and had the distinct privilege of being the 1000<sup>th</sup> signer of our by-laws.

December, 1935. The Lodge was told that its savings certificate at the now defunct Pacific States Savings & Loan in the sum of \$1250 was now being liquidated for the sum of \$89.96.

### *February Stated Meeting Dinner*





# MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Birthday Raised

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Truman F. Campbell  
 Clifford M. Carrigan  
 Dwight N. Clark, Jr.  
 Kay K. Cloud  
 William M. Coughran  
 Robert D. Crossland  
 James C. Forshey  
 Richard L. Haggerty  
 Rollin C. Hitchcock

3/30

7/27

Denton H. Hollifield  
 Timothy E. Jurkowski  
 Franklin P. Lewis  
 Theodore L. Marsella  
 Norman Meachum  
 Jack J. Ouzounian  
 Gerald H. Peloian  
 Walter Rube  
 Richard T. Stilwell



*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 Mark for another outstanding dinner, Salmon, Rice and Asparagus and a tasty dessert.*



*We need a few Brothers to help at 10:00 A.M., Thursday March 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: [lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net](mailto:lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net) today for your Reservations today!*

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

March 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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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 a reminder we cannot use any personal information in our trestle board, web site and etc. without a signed consent form on record. Which results in birthday's and raised dates not in the Las Palmian. We were blessed with a new chef for our February Stated Meeting Dinner and Chef Mark will be preparing the March Dinner. We are looking forward to a great year, we have really wonderful young men as candidates doing their Degrees work. Last Stated Meeting, Courtney Bacom was installed as our Junior Deacon and Worshipful Marvin Wallace as our Tiler, Congratulations Brothers! Need your thoughts on our new evite program for our Stated Meeting Dinners, we are excited as to having a new method for reservations for our dinners. If you didn't get on our e-mail list and would like to be, call or e-mail. See you see Lodge!

Join us weekday mornings for coffee!



*March Calendar*

March 6, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
March 11, 2014	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LPP Officers Meeting to follow
March 13, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree
March 20, 2014	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
March 26, 2014	12:00 P.M. Widows Luncheon, Denny's 1110 E. Shaw
March 26, 2014	6:30 P.M. Fresno Masonic Center, Grand Lodge Presentation
March 27, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Arnel Clemente



Join us for Degree's, we enjoy really great food and socialize before every Degree!