



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



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Greetings from the East



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Masons and families had a great time at the Stated Meeting Dinner in April. What a wonderful turnout to celebrate Public Schools Observance Month! We had with us an outstanding leader from our own community, Woodrow Wilson Elementary Principal Kelley Force and Resource Teacher, Ms. Julie Fajardo. These ladies are quite dedicated. We handed out scholarships to two lucky (and brilliant) individuals: **Alexandra Heckel** and **Gustavo Gomez** and even heard from **Jordan Heckel** who received a scholarship from LPP in 2011. She is on her way, catching up to and quite soon accomplishing her dreams. It was quite the pleasure connecting with those students that we have helped in the past. *Amazing*

young ladies! Masonry making a difference in education and our local youth once again.

May brings into hearts **Mothers Day** and also **Memorial Day**. Seasons for celebration and remembrance. Many seasons visit us here in our endeavors including the *busy* season. For our officers here it is the opportunity to take young men and introduce honor and service and brotherhood. A chance to help guide and shape the rough ashlar of those who are young and still searching. A way to honor our Mothers, and remember those who have served in the most dedicated of manners. **May** be it's one of my favorite months, and hopefully one of yours.

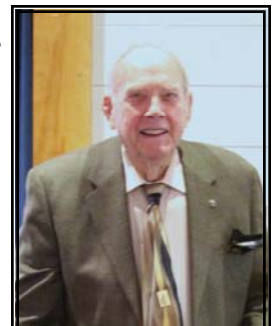
The officers here have been busy, and we are blessed! Many prospects and degrees on the way mean it's that time again. We have been having fun at the **Master's (Masons) Night Out** and the ladies chose Chinese so **may** we shall have a little "joy luck" in our futures soon. Giving away scholarships, bicycles, recognition awards and shaping the minds of the future, who wouldn't want this job? To perform the services on a **great man** placed in a mausoleum facing due east, wearing his lambskin apron and Past Masters apron onboard. This great man was the **Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** the year I was born and his story was *incredible*. What an honor and pleasure it was to be with family, Brothers from all over and their loved ones and share in this celebration of Life! *What a joyous season indeed...*

Hoping that your May is as memorable as always.

"Everything is possible, the impossible just takes longer." – Dan Brown

"To live in the world without becoming aware of the meaning of the world is like wandering about in a great library without touching the books." – Dan Brown

From the East
Richard



William
(Bill)
Ahlenslager

Greetings from the West



I really enjoyed opening and obligating Brother Hoskins, just being part of this degree for a Brother who received his Entered Apprentice Degree January 26, 2003, eleven years later, that he has returned to become a Master Mason is exciting. I am thankful to Larry Bennett for all his work with the Brothers on their Candidates Education Courses, helping them in learning their proficiencies and preparing them for their next Degree.

We must better tend to our prospects, applicants and candidates as we must not let them be left behind. We are very fortunate in having a Lodge Assistance Secretary, Joe Sallee, who prepares a wonderful dinner before every Degree., with the help of Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace, we always enjoy iced tea and lemonade.

So join for our next Degree Night for dinner, socialize and watch a degree.

Nathan
Senior Warden



Stuart Q. Hoskins
April 10, 2014
Fellow Craft Degree
Wonderful Dinner, great to socialize
with the Brothers and prospects
Matthew De La Cerda, Shawn Evans and
Sean Davis.



Greetings from the South

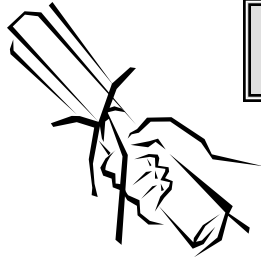


Our April Stated Meeting Dinner was special, two really good students were awarded \$2,000.00 Scholarships each, both having goals to become fine additions to our community. Representatives from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School were awarded certificates for Public Schools Observance Month. We had prospective members, Josh McTee, Matthew De La Cerda and Shawn Evans for dinner. We have been very busy the last few Thursday's with Degree work, Two Third Degrees, Two Fellow Craft Degrees and read two Applications for degrees at the Stated Meeting.

We had Kenneth M. Crum Jr. Affiliate with our Lodge. Our May 15th Stated Meeting Dinner, we will be honoring the Youth Groups for Grand Lodge of California's Youth Observance Month. Please join us for dinner, call or e-mail for your reservations today!

God Bless;

Freddie



Scholarship Awards

Scholarship Awards Night, pictured on the right, Alexandra Lynn Heckel awarded a \$2,000.00 Scholarship, she will be attending U.C.L.A., planning to be a Corporate Economic Advisor who plans investments and mergers for large companies. During her Senior year at Central High School she had a 4.71 G.P.A. Her sister, Jordan received a \$500.00 Scholarship in 2011.



Pictured above is Gustavo Gomez speaking at the Scholarship Awards. He is a hard working young man who has been a young entrepreneur, starting his own Lawn Service at the age of ten. He is a very active community volunteer. He plans to be a Trauma Nurse. He has done well at Central High School, maintaining a 3.25 G.P.A. as well as volunteering in the community and working his Lawn Service. He will be attending Fresno State. He received a \$2,000.00 Scholarship.

Worshipful Richard Frey's from the Archives



Sixty-seven years ago this month--April, 1937 Stated Meeting. An offer was made to purchase the property that the Lodge owned on Inyo Street. The Lodge appointed a committee to sell the property as long as minimum price was at least \$1,500. That would be \$24,000 today. This house was purchased in April of 1934 as local banks and Savings & Loans were deemed unsafe by the Lodge Trustees.

May 13, 1937--Lodge was opened and then closed "for the purpose of attending Sun Garden Lodge where an interesting address was given by Bro E.J. Hudson, P.M. of St Andrews Lodge in Far East, Shanghai, China."

June, 1937, Stated Meeting. Back in 1932 Grand Lodge prohibited any Lodge from investing any money in any asset that could not be so done by a Savings Bank. Now the Building & Loan Companies had recovered from the depression and were offering 5% interest on an investment insured to \$5,000, while the Savings Bank also offered insurance to \$5,000, but only paid 2% interest. The Lodge petitioned Grand Lodge to amend its investment guidelines so that the Lodge could again invest in Building & Loan Companies.

In 1938 a life membership cost \$125. That is equal to \$1960 today.

In 1939 the Grand Lodge per capita tax was \$2.25 per member in today's dollars that would be \$36.00. Our current per capita tax is \$36.50.

Las Palmas Lodge has served many dinners throughout the years. The proposal to regularly have a dinner before our Stated Meeting was first brought up and approved in January, 1940 with newly installed Master, Dan Winters.

Was a special night at Las Palmas Masonic Center, Public Schools Observance Month, We had from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Principle Kelly Force and Resource Teacher, Julie Fajardo, Pictured with Cline Cub Jack Jr. presenting awards.



Presentations at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School,

Public Schools Night at Las Palmas Center





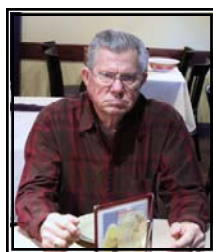
Master's Night Out

The Brethren and their wife's joined us for dinner at Joy Luck's Chinese Restaurant on Thursday April 24th, for our second Master's Night Out, was a wonderful dinning and social experience. We were joined by Courtney and Sherri Bacom, our outstanding photographer, Jim and Pam Wilson, Jim and Natalie Clark, Chuck and Georgette Bersani, Richard and Lee Ellen Ehorn, Marvin Wallace, Steven High and Robert Gonzalez.



Thursday, 6:30 P.M., May 8, 2014, join us at the ***Shepherds Inn, 935 Santa Fe Avenue, across the street from the Amtrak Station.***

Call (559) 268-2303 or check yes on the e-vite for reservations!





Happy Mother's Day



Queen, Lenore Stork

Greetings All,

Sharon Temple #92, Daughters of the Nile, has started a new year, and our new officers would like to invite all our members to have a lite supper with us at our **May 14 Stated Meeting**, starting at 6:30 pm. We are experimenting with having refreshments before the meeting, instead of after, to give you a chance to get home earlier. So, please come at 6:30 and give it a try.

On May 17th, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Pageantry Unit will hold their Fiesta at the Shrine Center, 5407 E Olive. The cost is only \$10.00, and it is a great time for social enjoyment. It is an open event, so bring your family and friends.

Starting on June 1st, fifteen of our members will be traveling to Omaha, Neb, to attend our Supreme Session. It is always a special time, and I am really looking forward to it. The members will get a complete report when we return.

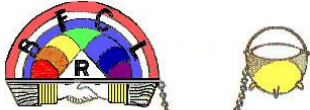
Being as we do not have Stated Meetings in June, July and August; I want to take this opportunity to inform you of some upcoming events. The Ice Cream Social is on **July 9th**; the Queen's dinner is **July 26th**; our first Bunco Party/Taco Bar on **August 2nd**, and the Queen's trip to the Gold Country is on **August 12th**. There will be more detailed information on all of these events in future newsletters, but put the dates on your calendars NOW, so you don't miss them.

Blessings and Shining Star Love to all,
Lenore Stork, Queen

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls

May News Letter



Hope's Buneo Party May 17, 2014

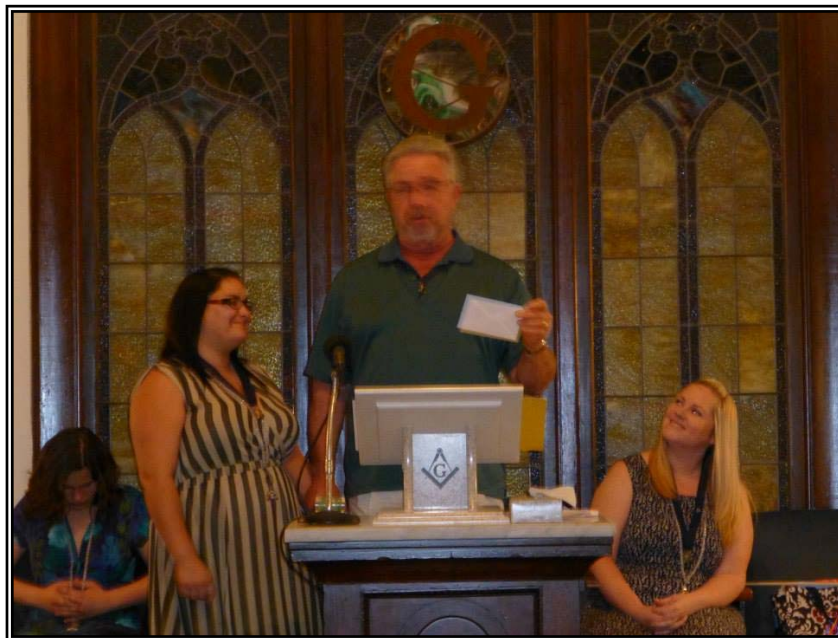
Please join the members of Heart of the Valley Assembly's fundraiser to benefit assembly expenses and 2015 Grand Service Project. Tickets are \$20 each for two guests and limited to 40 tickets. For further information, please contact Mother Advisor: Chandra Blasquez @ Chandra.blasquez@gmail.com or 559-862-4152

Rainbow Sunday – April 13, 2014



Members and Adults from Heart of the Valley Assembly celebrated Palm Sunday at the Hope Lutheran Church in Fresno. After the service, all gathered in the Memorial Garden for a prayer of remembrance for Kassie Lee, PGWA from Heart of the Valley Assembly.

Legacy Chapter Youth Night Presentation – April 9, 2014



Worthy Patron John Herring presented proceeds from Legacy Chapter's Masonic Youth Night Dinner. The third annual dinner was a success and proceeds were divided amongst the four area Masonic Youth Groups. Thank you to the officers and members of Legacy Chapter for your continued support.

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2014 Grand Assembly – March 29 – April 1, 2014



Bow Team



Talent Parade



Assembly Banner Parade



Grand Cross of Color Recipients



Making new friends

Dana Regier Supreme Deputy

Congratulations to Julia upon your appointment as Grand Musician and Grand Representative to New York and New Jersey



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Heart of the Valley Grand Assembly 2014

Awesome Advisory Board 2014

Sew-N-Show Participation

Joy – Pantaloons 2ⁿ

Julia – Pantaloons 3rd

Best Overall Official Visit 2014

Talent Participation

Brianna – Solo

Rhiannon and Joy – Duet

Grand Officers/Special Appointment

Julia – Grand Musician and Grand

Rep to New York/New Jersey

Dana – Supreme Deputy

Shirley – State Mother Advisor for Grand
Assembly 2015

2014 Grand Service Project –
5th largest donation \$1,557.00

Ritual Competition

Participated in bow competition

Individual Competition

Joy – 1st non Past Worthy Advisor

Makayla – Participation Past Worthy
Advisor

Poetry Competition

Arts n Crafts Competition



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Dana Regier – Supreme Deputy in California,



International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

**"As a girl,
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love and guidance of the
adults around me. "**

*- Mrs. Dana Regier
California Supreme Deputy*

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When I am at a loss for words I find that the Bible will give me not only guidance and direction, but it also helps give me the words that I need to share. As I thought of today my heart filled with gratitude for the foundation that has been laid before us. In my search I was brought to the book of Ecclesiastes, part of which says 'To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.' And we recognize it as a part of the cycle of life. Over the last 14 years Mrs. Martin has given tirelessly to the cause of our Order, she has been a leader, coach, friend, mentor a true example of living a life of love and I cannot thank her enough for her "season of service". Her legacy will be here for generations of Rainbow girls to come and I am honored to call her my friend. Mrs. Martin I thank you for setting the bar high, for encouraging us to be the best we can possibly be, for teaching us about goals and how to accomplish them. We thank you so much for the time you have given and shared with us and we sincerely hope that as you continue to serve in your new role that we will make you proud.

Hello California Rainbow – my name is Dana Regier and I 'm addicted to being a Rainbow Girl... Ok I am not technically a Rainbow Girl any longer except in my heart. So I thought this might be good time to introduce myself to you and tell you a little about me

So here are some little known facts about Dana Regier –

- I have a slight obsession with the following: flamingos, minions, and polka dots
- I love to watch marching bands and musicals
- I am a PGO officer and I admit that I would wear a hair piece and hoop in a minute if you would let me
- I am the founding member of I.O.O.F.L. – International Order of the Flamingo Lovers
- I am currently listening to a lot of country music which would include: Darius Rucker, Lady A, Florida Georgia Line, and The Band Perry, but I also like Third Day, Big Daddy Weave, Mercy Me and yes even Toby Mac ... ok the list is pretty long, we should compare sometime
- Don't tell Mr. Regier but I think Adam Levin is kinda cute
- I do like Starbucks – Mrs. Martin would probably say a little too much
- I am a loyal 49ers fan and if I am watching baseball it is the Giants for sure
- I have been known to cry at the drop of a hat – or as my daughter Jessica says I am "Making the Face"
- I like Super Hero movies but I get them all mixed up – you know Marvel versus DC (Justice League, Avengers...)
- I love being around Rainbow Girls

I am often asked why I enjoy working with Rainbow Girls and I always say that there is nothing that is as fulfilling or fun as seeing how the experiences that girls have within Rainbow change them for life. God made each of you uniquely wonderful (Psalm 139) and He blessed you with gifts and talents and through Rainbow you are able to share your talents with your community through the service you do, with your fellow Rainbow sisters as you grow together and believe it or not you teach us as adults. Some of the greatest lessons of life I have learned from the relationships I have made with Rainbow Girls – living every day to the fullest of its potential, not to let an opportunity pass by, overcoming adversity and walking by faith. These are things that I have learned through my Rainbow experiences. I also know that for me as a girl Rainbow was a safe place, a place I could go where I would not be judged by how I looked, or by the clothes I wore. I was encouraged to explore the talents that I had in an environment that empowered me through the love and guidance of the adults around me.

As I begin this year of discovery I am nervous and excited at the same time. I want to meet all of you and discover all that you have to offer. As we prepare to walk this road together I ask you to dream with me... to imagine the potential that your assembly has. How can you serve those in your community? How can you introduce Rainbow to more girls? I ask you to imagine that your Assembly is a place of safety for those who need it, a place of joy who seek it, a place of opportunity for all who come and then I want you to believe that you can achieve all that you imagine. You are powerful, proud, kind and caring. You have adults around you who love you and will move mountains to help you. They believe in you as I do.

As we embark on our year of discovery together I ask you to remember that you are unique and that Rainbow is not the same without you. That you are talented, that you are beautiful and there is only one of you. I ask as we travel together that you imagine and believe with me!

Thank you

-Mrs. Dana Regier - California Supreme Deputy

Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

May 6	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
May 7	Fresno Lodge Youth Night	6:00 p.m.	Fresno Masonic Center
May 10	Alumni Meeting	2:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
May 14	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
May 17	Bunco Party	4:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
May 28	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
May 31	Installation of Officers	2:00 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!!

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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!



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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*



*Happy
Mother's
Day*



From the WIDOWS CLUB



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

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Shawn P. Clark
 David P. Coss
 Robert L. Davis
 Bert A. Flores
 Phillip C. Ford
 Richard C. Francis
 John Gahvejian
 Eldon L. Garrett
 Richard D. Graffis
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 Donald L. Milligan

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 Joseph H. Phillips
 Jonathan L. Pierro
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 Jerry F. Tabor
 James A. Tarver
 Freddie E. Thiel
 James M. Vaughan
 Nathan A. Williams
 Robert N. Wills

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 will be working with our Chef Mark for another outstanding dinner.

We need a few Brothers to help at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, May 15th, 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; lppmasnclodge@comcast.net*



IN MEMORIAM

William H. Ahlenslager
 Born 08/16/1926-Raised 06/15/1956
 Called from labor
 April 8, 2014
 Golden Veteran's Award
 June 15, 2006
 Hiram Award
 October 16, 2006



Fresno Masonic Widows Club

May 28, 2014
 Denny's Restaurant
 1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Ethel Day
 Vice-President; Bobbi Carter
 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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MAY 2014



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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



We had great attendance at the April Stated Meeting Dinner, a tasty dinner was served, Kelly Force, Principle and Julie Fajardo, Resource Teacher from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School were presented certificates by Cline Cub Jack Jr. Chairman of our Public Schools Program. Thanks to Richard Ehorn, we had a nice display of our Bike Program setup in the Foyer. Worshipful Sherrod presented Gustavo Gomez and Alexandria Heckel with \$2,000.00 Scholarships. May is our Youth Group Observance Month, the groups have been invited to our May Stated Meeting Dinner. A special thanks to David, a San Joaquin

Memorial student who helped with the serving of dinner, He will return next month with friends to help! Looking forward to visiting with you in Lodge!

Join us weekday mornings for coffee!



May Calendar

- May 1, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Hoskins
- May 8, 2014 6:30 P.M. Master's Night Out Dinner, Shepherd Inn
- May 15, 2014 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
Youth Groups Month
- May 22, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Two First Degrees
- May 28, 2014 12:00 P.M. Widows Luncheon,
Denny's 1110 E. Shaw
- May 28, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dinner, O.S.I Las Palmas Masonic Center,
7:30 P.M. Sanger, 3rd Open & Jewel March.
- May 29, 2014 DARK



**2012 Youth Groups
2012 Youth Groups Observance
Month**