



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile  
Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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## Greetings from the East



March was wonderful indeed at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge**. We had the privilege of honoring teachers from two great schools: **Powers-Ginsburg Elementary** and also **Woodrow Wilson Elementary** for all their wonderful work! These ladies (and their supportive husbands) are living the dream of a life of service and helping to educate their community. Masons *love* to support their public schools and it was an absolute joy to hear the stories and see the smiles of a table filled with teachers and even a Principal, **Kelly Force!** Thank you for allowing us the honor of seeing those smiling faces... the ones with perfect attendance and a bright shiny new bicycle and helmet. Helping to make a difference in our



community, one smile at a time!

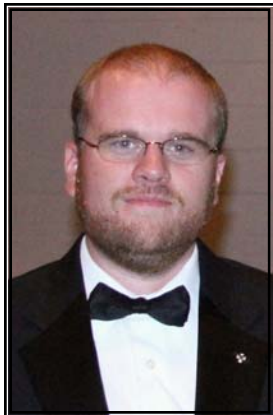
The first two "**Golden Ashlars**" were given out to truly stellar individuals. The "**Flying Eagle**" award is given to Masons who have gone above and beyond the Masonic call of duty. This month it was presented to the one and only **Cline "Cub" Jack**, a **Mason for 51 years** and was our **Asst. Grand Lecturer of Div VI** for many years. The Valley was lucky to have his service and dedication. Our **Iwo Jima** award (given to Veterans) went to **Brother Donald J. Lenz (USMC)** who has been a **Mason for 32 years** and who had a truly divine talent and passion of wood carving. Don Lenz is responsible for "**carving**" and helping to paint over 50 "**Freedom Canes**" which are given to Veterans each year. These wooden "**Gems**" are *coveted by Veterans* (only 302 given away so far) and these canes (the handle is a hand carved eagle's head and painted brilliantly) are the talk of the town. His passion helps others "**Stand Proud,**" and shows their colors for serving our country so nobly. Congratulations to both these wonderful individuals and thank you for your service gentlemen!

The consolidation with **Clovis Lodge** has been fantastic! Many new (and yet strangely familiar) faces have graced our doors and dinner tables. Congratulations to **Worshipful Mike Tyrcha** as we had the pleasure of presenting to him his *Past Masters Apron*. Congratulations to our newest Master Masons **Edgar Tanassi** and also **Devin Bleak III** for their devotion to the craft. We also had (Nan and I) a great time in Monterey at our Masters/Wardens Retreat with both our Wardens and even our **Senior Deacon Scott Fichtner** who does stellar work. Thank you gentlemen for a wonderful weekend and remember, "*What happens in Monterey, stays in Monterey.*"

April is a month of holidays and the beginning of **Summer** (or so it seems). We look forward to celebrating "Youth Groups Month" in April and celebrating this season of renewal. Our **EA Vs. FC Pool Tournament** takes place on **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>** and starts at **5:30 PM** at **Popolo's Pizza**. At 1900 hours the best sticks take aim and all are invited! We will also be calling the Widows for a "Honey-Do's" list and showing them how much we think of our Sweethearts! May your April (haha) be filled with "Knightly and Noble deeds" and treat your significant other as if they were a "**Temple.**" Give to them sacrifices and offerings and let them know they are your "**Rock**" and the Cornerstone on which your Kingdom is founded. Have an **Amazing April** and may it be filled with Love and Charity!

Richard Sherrod P.M.

## *Greetings from the West*



It was my extreme pleasure in this past month of March to be able to attend the Masters and Wardens Retreat in beautiful Monterey, California. Even more enjoyable was the fact that I was able to attend accompanied by our entire primary line of officers. While I have attended retreats in the past, never before had I been able to attend with so many from my own lodge, and the difference was certainly noticeable.

While we all attended the many workshops and lectures offered even more valuable was the time we were all able to spend networking and developing stronger working relationships with one another.

At the retreat your other officers and I began to lay the framework for a new five year plan for our lodge, as well as the development of many new and diverse activities and programs possibly to come in the years ahead.

In the coming months as we begin to slowly creep toward the smoldering inferno; also known as summer in the central valley, we will continue to work and build on that which we have learned and seek your input as well on any topic of interest you may find of value. As we build a new plan for our coming officers and their years of service, please share with us your thoughts on what you would like to see in your lodge, its activities, and its traditions. And help to build a strong lodge identity that we can all call our own.

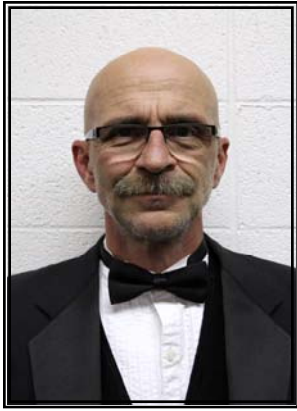
Andrew Miller  
Senior Warden

March 5, 2015, Devin Floyd Otto Bleak III was raised a Master Mason, was a great dining and social event before the Degree as always our Officers did a wonderful Degree.

March 12, 2015, Edgar Tanassi was raised a Master Mason, Our fantastic group of Past Master's prepared a fabulous dinner and we had a great turn out to raise a Brother! Join us on Thursday's for Dinner and Degrees at Las Palmas Masonic Center!



*Greetings from the South*



Thanks to everyone for allowing me to go to Master/Warden Retreat. It was a great time to bond with our brothers and to learn a great deal. The biggest thing I am taking away from the Retreat is that I have a lot of things ahead of me to learn and prepare for, as I move toward the East. The greatest thing I took away from the Retreat was the bonding with the Worshipful Master Sherrod, Senior Warden Miller, and the Senior Deacon Fichtner. Together we will be ready to lead this lodge for the next five years. I am excited about the next several years at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge 366. We have a strong leadership in place now and in the near future. So with the support of our lodge family I feel that there is nothing we can't achieve.

Until next month may the Supreme Architect look over you and keep you safe.

Bob, Junior Warden

March 26, 2015, Ryan M. Barnes and Christopher T. Greeley, Entered Apprentice Masons



Worshipful David Coss and Ryan Barnes



Worshipful David Coss and Christopher Greeley



March Stated Meeting Dinner





March 24, 2015  
District 614  
Worshipful David A. Coleman  
Inspector

6:30 P.M. our newly Raised Master Mason Khoa Le, Mark is the owner and operator of one of Fresno's Famous Food Trucks. Mark prepared Fried Rice, Noodles and Teriyaki Chicken on a stick was enjoyed by all the Officers and Brethren from Fresno Lodge No 247, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, Madera Lodge No 280, Selma Lodge No 277 and Sanger Lodge No 316.

In The Lodge Room, Our Inspector David A. Coleman informed the Brethren of the changes in the Floor Work of the rituals.

May 27, 2015, will be at the  
Fresno Masonic Center



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366  
Public Schools Bicycle Program

Friday, March 27, 2015, Past Masters, Cline "Cub" Jack Jr. and Bill Lyons were in attendance at Powers Ginsburg Elementary School to present two bicycles, two helmets, ten book bags and ten back packs for a drawing of those students who have had perfect attendance and no tardies for the quarter for their awards assembly.

Our bikes were purchased thru Target Stores in the box and stored at the Lodge, then assembled as needed by Brother Richard Ehorn and Bill Lyons P.M.

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School presentations,  
April 10, 2015 8:30 A.M. Join us!



If you would like to be a member of the Public Schools Bike Program Committee please call or e-mail the Master, Worshipful Richard A. Sherrod.

Masters Night Out  
Café Via





*Legacy Chapter No. 555  
Order of Eastern Star*



March was a very busy  
Our Deputy's Official  
were many former  
It was a great honor to

our Masonic Family Night which was on the 18th. It was another very successful night for our youth. We tried some new games that helped raise money for our youth groups and meeting the adults who work with them was very inspiring.

month.

Visit was very well attended and there  
Deputy Grand Matrons who attended.  
have them at Susan's night. We held

Our OV of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron was on the 21st and our District 22 joined with District 21 for the social event at Merced Masonic Center. It was an afternoon of Racing Fun at the social style OV that let the chapters show the Grand Family what we do to support our community and the Grand Service Projects. It was well attended (especially by Legacy Chapter) and we had a great time meeting and socializing with each other. Thank you to our members who helped by attending, bringing food, setting up and cleaning up. You made the OV a great success and received many complements from the Grand Officers.

April is here and our first meeting is on April 1st, I'm not fooling. We will be honoring our star point Ruth, so wear yellow. You may even want to wear an Easter Bonnet! (remember not during the meeting though) Dress will be relaxed business or cotton dresses. Men wear slacks and shirt. Oh, and make it yellow. We will have a regular meeting and balloting. Sister Joyce Spoelstra and Darlene Henderson are in charge of the Banquet room. April 15th is our second meeting and it will be a racing theme. We will probably be having initiation for two new members so dress will be formal. Banquet room will be Marge Machus and Tina and Wayne Addams

Put May 6th on your calendar for Friendship Night! Don't forget the first meeting in June is Birthday night and we will need guest officers. Some people have already put in their request for what station they wish to fill, well maybe I might have encouraged them a little.

Bob and I would like to thank the chapter for all the support. It would be really hard to meet both our Chapter and Grand Chapter responsibilities without all of the members stepping up and helping.

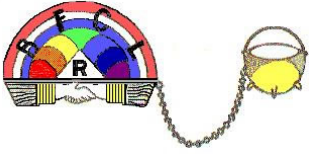
See you at Chapter.

Becky  
Worthy Matron



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## *Masonic Youth Orders*

March 26, 6:30 pm – Welcome Lodge Masonic Youth Dinner, Lemoore

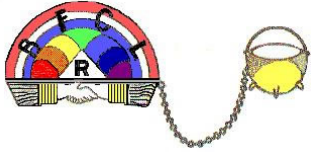
April 1, 6:30 pm - Fresno Lodge Masonic Youth Dinner, Fresno

April 16, 6:30 pm – Las Palmas Lodge Masonic Youth Dinner, Fresno



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## *Legacy Chapter Masonic Family Dinner - March 18, 2015*

Bethel No.49, Heart of the Valley Assembly and State Center Chapter enjoyed a delicious dinner, fun St. Patrick Trivia Game, delicious desserts and fellowship with our Masonic Family. Thank you Legacy Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, for your support of our Masonic Youth



Mr. Herring introducing Heart of the Valley Assembly at Masonic Family Dinner

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## *Stated Meeting - "Socks and Slippers" - March 17, 2015*

Heart of the Valley Assembly had a fun and enchanting evening. The theme of the evening was "socks and slippers". Prior to our meeting, the Grand Cross of Color Ceremony was held. Miss. Samantha Jones was presented her Grand Cross Certificate and Mrs. Lisa Jones was presented the Service to Rainbow Certificate. Both will receive their Medallions at Grand Assembly. Worthy Advisor Rhiannon's term service project is the Marjorie Mason Center. Members brought socks and slippers to donate to the center. In addition, a special coin march raised \$49.00 for the center. During Good of the Order, Area Grand Deputy Mrs. Redman presented flowers to Courtney, Grand Fidelity and Grand Representative to Alaska and Hawaii on behalf of Napa Assembly. Courtney is attending Fresno State and we are delighted she is active with our assembly. Mrs. Redman also acknowledged Julia, Grand Musician and Grand Representative to New Jersey and New York who is attending San Francisco State. Arts and Crafts Projects, Poetry, Sew-N-Sew Projects and Talent Participants are ready for Grand Assembly. As a prelude, Makayla and Briana performed their song and Alexis performed her dance/cheer routine. Grand Assembly 2015 is going to be "A Candyland Dream in 2015".



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Grand Cross of Color Ceremony Team



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*Fort Millerton Chapter Receptions - March 8, 2015*

Heart of the Valley Assembly assisted with sign in and programs for joint receptions honoring John Denton, Grand Representative of Texas in CA and Wendy Eisenberg, Grand Representative of Arizona in CA. The event was western attire. ***Cowboy Breakfast***



*May 3, 2015 from 8 to 11 am*

Please join Heart of the Valley Assembly for a hearty Cowboy Breakfast and Cake Auction. We're serving Biscuits and Gravy, Sausage and Scrambled Eggs. Dine in or take out. Tickets are \$6.00 per person. Where: Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno.



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



## 2015 Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

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March 28-31	Grand Assembly	6:30 P.M.	Selland Arena, Fresno
April 1	Masonic Youth Dinner	7:00 P.M.	Fresno Masonic Center
April 7	Stated Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
April 12	Rainbow Sunday	6:30 P.M.	University Presbyterian
April 16	Masonic Youth Dinner	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
April 21	Stated Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
April 22	Advisory Board Meeting	8:00 A.M.-11:00 A..M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 3	Cowboy Breakfast		

Heart of the Valley Pledge Group and Assembly meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. Pledge Group meets at 6:15 pm and Assembly 7:00 pm. at the Las Palmas Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring orders to come out and attend our meetings.

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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!*





Carole Rea Littleworth  
Queen

Sharon Temple No. 92 had their 66<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers on Sunday March 22, 2015. All the offices are filled. Our Line Officers are: Jan Arnold, PQ, Princess Royal; Princess Jean Denton, Princess Tirzah; and Princess Janeen Roberts, Princess Badoura.

I feel honored that the members of Sharon Temple had enough confidence in me to elect me to the office of Queen. Our first meeting will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> and I am both nervous and excited to begin my year.

In June I will be going to Supreme Session in Albuquerque, New Mexico. So far there are 24 members of Sharon Temple going plus my husband, Noble Stan Littleworth. Stan will have his hands full if he tries to keep track of everyone.

This year our Supreme Queen will be Sharon St. John. She is a lovely lady from Albuquerque. Her emblem is a hummingbird and a Rose of Sharon (Hibiscus) and her colors are hot pink and purple. I am looking forward to her Installation in June and her year as Supreme Queen.

During the year we will be having socials and fund raisers. I will be letting you know more about these activities as they come along and I hope you can attend them.

We need your help in supporting the Shriners Hospital in the work they do for the children.

Fraternally with Nile Love,  
Carole Rea Littleworth, Queen  
Sharon Temple No. 92



*from the WIDOWS CLUB*  
*Las Palmas-Ponderosa March 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*

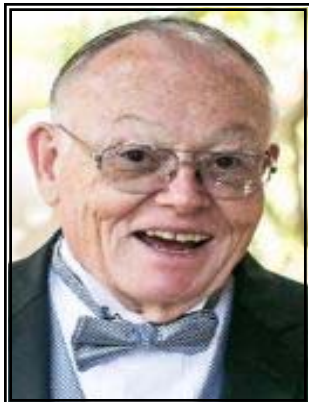
- with exception of July, August and December*

*DARK July and August*





## Greetings from the Archives



At the Jan, 1951 Stated Meeting, "Past Master Orval Roberts, Master in 1927, paid a surprise visit, being his first visit since 1929."

2/15/1951 "P.M. Rhine Meyering made a report on the committee appointed to look into the acquiring and recommending to the Lodge, a suitable site for a future Masonic Temple. A site on Clinton Ave, cor Angus has been purchased by our P.M. T.D. Moyers and he was now preparing an option to be given to the Trustees of the joint Lodge Committee for a portion of his purchase, fronting on Clinton Ave. This joint committee will later present the entire proposal to the Lodges for consideration"

April 19, 1951--Bro Charles Dart, the President of the class of 1945 presented the Lodge with a bible with an inscription that it was a present from this class. On May 3, 1951 Bro Dart acted as Sr. Deacon so he could open this Bible. In memory of the occasion, the Master requested all present at the meeting to place their signatures on a page prepared for that purpose. Three brothers were raised that day.

August, 1951--It was agreed by the Masters and Wardens of the local lodges that they would pay the sum of 4 cents per member toward the expenses of the inspector to attend Grand Lodge.

3/20/1952--A motion was made by the Fresno Masters & Wardens Assn. to establish a Fresno Masonic Blood Bank. It was adopted and Bro. M.T. McElligott was appointed the Las Palmas representative. This blood bank existed for over 25 years.

7/15/1952--Las Palmas unanimously approved a resolution to form a Fresno Masonic Building Association and purchase 5 acres of land. A \$2,500 appropriation was made, but 3 other Masonic Lodges in Fresno had to make a like appropriation. By November of 1952 the \$2,500 payment had been made. 12/18/1952 "P.M. Meyering reported on the progress made in completing the purchase of the property on Clinton Ave for a future Masonic Temple."

At the September 1952 Stated Meeting, the Tyler was authorized to have the radio in the library repaired. At the October Stated Meeting, there was a bill from Hockett & Cowan for the radio repair of \$20.75. In today's dollars that would be \$175.00.

### March 19, 2015 Stated Meeting Dinner



Honoring our teachers from Powers-Ginsburg and Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools





# APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthdays	Raised		Birthdays	Raised
James E. Armour	4/3	5/17	Troy L. Johnson, Jr.	4/29	6/22
Jeffrey T. Banks	4/8	10/7	Herbert B. Johnston	4/22	9/12
Charles S. Bersani	4/7	4/18	James K. Keeton	4/19	4/26
Michael V. Bowman, II	4/3	10/17	Ervin W. Kinchen, Jr.	4/23	1/2
Edward L. Brown	4/23	1/29	Daniel K. Koontz	4/5	9/15
Shane L. Burkhart	4/28	5/25	Steve La Ferrera	4/14	9/15
Thomas E. Crossland	4/27	4/27	Fred W. Lindeman, Sr.	4/12	9/27
Kenneth M. Crum, Jr.	4/9	7/29	Robert G. Marshall	4/27	11/30
Newell D. Dodd	4/12	10/19	Kurt D. Martin	4/27	5/14
Harry M. Dyck, Jr.	4/23	3/16	Robert E. Nichols	4/19	7/5
Shawn K. Erwin	4/18	11/4	Roland R. Peek	4/27	3/3
Scott M. Fichtner	4/8	2/28	Howard S. Pickle	4/7	4/5
Richard P. Fleming	4/4	5/22	Glynn L. Polacek	4/30	6/23
Matthew C. Ford	4/2	12/4	Chad G. Schmidt	4/8	11/2
Clifford D. Henderson	4/10	5/26	Robert O. Scott	4/11	6/9
Walter G. Hibbard	4/29	5/23	Robert W. Sloan	4/1	1/27
Hans C. Holt	4/21	3/31	Norman K. Swan	4/12	6/13
Richard C. Iknoian	4/6	7/19	Timothy W. Taylor	4/2	3/14
Damon E. Israel	4/28	12/1	Earl W. Vanderburgh	4/10	12/2
Gary P. Jacobsen	4/29	9/4	William J. Williams	4/14	1/27
Earl R. Jennings	4/23	8/28			

## IN MEMORIAM

### Neale Durgarian Jr.

Born 04/25/1930 -Raised 09/09/1971  
Called from labor  
February 26, 2015

### James C. Forshey

Born 03/12/1939-Raised 06/16/1984  
Called from labor  
March 12, 2015

### Truman F. Campbell

Born 03/26/1928 -Raised 11/06/1957  
Called from labor  
March 14, 2015,  
Golden Veterans Award  
November 15, 2007

### James D. Currie

Born 07/09/1926 -Raised 04/03/1953  
Called from labor  
March 19, 2015, 2015  
Golden Veterans Award  
March 30, 2003



## April Menu

Appetizer  
Salad Bar  
Ham  
Yams  
Green Beans  
Dessert

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

April 29, 2015  
Denny's Restaurant  
1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Lena Cook  
Vice-President; Judy Gross  
Secretary; Betty Veffredo  
Treasurer; Pat Westpal

Reservations Required  
For Information call (559) 431-6260



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;

Lena Cook (559) 227-0690  
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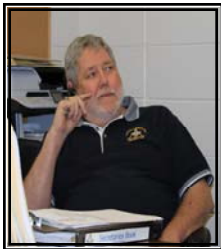


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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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 move into April, we have really been busy with degree work, March Stated Meeting we read four applications for Degrees, one application for Affiliation. As you can see from the Calendar below we will do one or more degrees every Thursday. April Stated Meeting Dinner, we will be honoring our Youth Groups, join us for this special event!

We have Clovis Lodge Dishes available for a \$5.00 donation to Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 for a four piece place setting. Call or e-mail to reserve yours today.

August 6, 2015, we have reserved the Grizzlies Den sky box at Chukchansi Park, Thirsty Thursday, will have 30 tickets available! We will be awarding our 2015 Scholarships at our April Stated Meeting Dinner, call for reservations today! Check your dues card! You may be delinquent.

*April Calendar*

April 2, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. O'Connell Third Degree
April 9, 2015	6:30 Dinner 7:00 Second Degrees
April 14, 2015	6:30 P.M. Hall Association Directors Officers Meeting to follow (Clovis)
April 16, 2015	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
April 23 2015	6:30 Dinner 7:00 Three First Degrees



We are accepting credit cards payments using the Square System.

2015 dues are \$109.50  
Credit Card Dues are \$114.00  
Stated Dinners are \$11.00  
Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00