



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

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Merry Christmas

December 2015

Greetings from the East



Time certainly flies when You are having fun! This year has gone by so quickly, and what an incredible year this has been! The dinners are outstanding, the company is of the highest caliber and we are helping our public schools and community. I love helping to lead this **Oldest Fraternity on Earth**. What a rewarding experience this has been!

We participated in the Fall Degrees at **Scottish Rite** and attended many events at **Tehran Shrine**. We traveled to **Sanger Lodge** and recently attended their annual Election of Officers. So many Installations and Farewells at this time of year, if only we could make them all...

The families and Officers spent time at **Antonio's Mexican Restaurant** and we hope to be returning soon. With ALL our Officers *already* qualified for next year I must say "**Thank You**" to the ambitious and dedicated Officers of 2015. It has been an

absolute Honour to serve with all of You! Thank You to the special Ladies and wives of our Masons. It is an absolute Joy to have dinner with the Ladies and Lovely Widows of our Masonic Brethren! Hoping those Wonderful Women get the best of gifts this Holiday! They deserve it!

Thank You to all the Brethren and Officers who have made this a year to remember! Many hands makes light work and it takes MANY hands to pull off the scrumptious dinners, terrific Trestleboards, Bicycle giveaways, Zoo Boo endeavors and yes, even degrees. We have been blessed to be this incredibly active this year, hence just a few of the reasons that "time has flown by."

At the end of our days, it is *a life of Good Deeds and helping others* that ultimately make a "man" something more. This desire to give to others and help in our community is the reason many of us became Masons. The tales my Father told along with the colorful (black and white) pictures of my Grandfather and Great Grandfather were enough to spark an interest for me. For many this is enough, but for some of our "younger" Masons, they came seeking more... and there is "so much more" to learn here! A fraternity filled with a rich and colorful history, one who's working tools speaks volumes and helps to instill Masonries finest tenets and virtues. No other fraternal organization can offer the morals, history or lessons that Masonry has to offer.

Thank You to all the Brethren, Friends and Family of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Masonic Lodge. This has been a wonderful 2015 year and we look forward to seeing what the future holds.

Thank You once again to the Officers of 2015 and to the New Officers of 2016! Without you, none of this would be possible. Wishing you all the Happiest of Holidays! Give your families what they truly deserve this holiday season... a Good Man made Better! Making Good men better since 1717! Keep up the Great work!

From the East

Greetings from the West



My sincerest and heartfelt appreciation must go out to all the brothers of our lodge for the trust you have shown me this past month as you saw fit to elect me your Worshipful Master for the 2016 year. I look forward to working with all our new and continuing officers in the months to come. We are fortunate to be one of the most active and diverse lodges in our valley providing us the opportunity for true participation in our craft for many on almost a daily basis.

As we move towards the end of the year this abundance of lodge activity will slow somewhat as our typical time for lodge events on Thursdays coincide also with our upcoming holidays. So please all have a happy holiday season as we take time to prepare for our upcoming year.

And all please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 9th at 2:00 PM for our 2016, Installation of Officers. We will be joined this year by the Very Worshipful Allan L. Casalou, Grand Secretary of California who will be presiding over our installation ceremonies and I hope to see you there for a wonderful and memorable event.

Again to our brothers, their family and friends please have a joyous and safe holiday season and we hope to see you at lodge soon.



Andrew Miller presenting the bible he was obligated on to Anthony Rodriguez





*Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366
2016 Elected and Appointed Officers*

*MasterAndrew A. Miller
Senior Warden...Michael A. Tyrcha P.M.
Junior Warden....Scott M. Fichtner
Treasurer.....Richard L. Ehorn
Secretary.....James C. Clark
Chaplain..... Donald H. Williams
Assist Secretary..Joe D. Sallee P.M.
Senior Deacon... Ryan C. Marrett
Junior Deacon ...Mike A. Hamzy
Marshal..... Devin F.O. Bleak III
Senior Steward.. Joshua M. Harman
Junior Steward...Mark C. Stroup
Tiler.....Marvin E. Wallace P.M.
Organist.....Robert P. Gonzalez*



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

*Cordially invites you to
Attend the*

*One Hundred Twelfth
Annual*

*Installation of Officers
Saturday, January 9, 2016,
2:00 P.M.*



2015 Zoo Boo at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo!

Helping with the event first weekend, of course, the Chairperson Gordon and Delores Keeton, Andrew Miller, Ray and Eleanor Miksch, Mike and Kimberly Ann Tyrcha, Jim Clark, Richard Sherrod, Mark Stroup and Anthony Rodriguez.

And the last weekend, Gordon and Delores Keeton, Ray and Eleanor Miksch, Chuck Bersani, Jim Clark, Richard Sherrod and his son Chance, Randy and Pam Forrester and Devin Bleak III.

As pictured above really special costumes. Chaffee Zoo personal were really special in allowing us to park in the Zoo Hospital area which is just a few steps from our booth making it so much easier to load and unload. Was fantastic having our new Masons join us, makes for a really wonderful experience for everyone.

The Zoo Boo was sold out every night, parking was really tough if you came late. We were there from 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Made for a long night, but the parents participating with their children were very thankful for our program, made it all worth while!

We gave out about 1,500 pieces of candy, processed about 900 children, have to remember this is a trick or treat affair for the children and their looking for treats!

Las Palmas Masonic Center was the host for the November Officers School of Instruction for the 614th Masonic District . In attendance were Madera Lodge No. 280, Fresno Lodge No. 247, Selma Lodge No. 277, Sanger Lodge No. 316 and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366.

Joe Sallee and the Past Masters had the Banquet Room set up with drinks and provided a really good dinner of beef and chicken fajitas with lots of peppers and onions, flour tortillas, refried beans, a tasty green salad with all the trimmings. Finishing up dinner we were treated to a really good ice cream treat!

The attendance seemed to be one of the better this year. Las Palmas received an award from Grand Lodge for 100% giving of the Officers 2015 to the annual fund!

Madera Lodge exemplify the Stated Meeting agenda. The next School will be held at Fresno Masonic Center in 2016.




















DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

LAS PALMAS MASONIC CENTER

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		<p>1 HEART OF THE VALLEY 6:30 P.M. INITIATION TOYS FOR TOTS PROJECT</p> 	<p>2 LEGACY O.E.S 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M CHAPTER</p> 	<p>3 LPP 366 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. FIRST DEGREE</p> 		
6	7	<p>8 6:00 P.M. L.M.B.A HALL BOARD LPP 366 OFFICERS MEETING 7:00 P.M. FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY</p>	<p>9 NILE NO 92 7:30 P.M. STATED SESSION</p> 	<p>10 LPP 366 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. THIRD DEGREE CRANE</p> 	<p>11 LPP 2016 OFFICERS DINNER, 6:30 P.M.</p>  <p>VA STAFF MEETING 7:30 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.</p>	12
13	14	<p>15 HEART OF THE VALLEY 7:00 P.M.</p> 	<p>16 LEGACY O.E.S 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M CHAPTER</p> 	<p>17 LPP366 6:00 P.M. APPETIZER 6:30 P.M.DINNER 7:00 P.M. GOLDEN VETERANS AWARDS 7:30 STATED MEETING</p> 	18	19 PEN EVENT 
20	21	<p>22 MASTERS NIGHT OUT 6:30 P.M.</p>  	23	<p>24 LPP366 DARK</p>  <p>Candles beckon on Christmas Eve</p>	25	<p>26 GUERRERO EVENT</p>  <p>Merry Christmas</p>
27	28	29	30	<p>31 NEW YEARS EVE</p> 		



*Legacy Chapter No. 555
Order of Eastern Star*



Darlene and Clifford
Henderson

Sisters and Brothers;

Legacy Chapter No. 555 installed our new Officers for 2016.

Darlene Henderson, Worthy Matron and Cliff Henderson is Worthy Patron.

The evening began with a light dinner of chicken, rice and string beans.

Dessert was great tasting cupcakes. Coffee, ice tea and water was also served.

The Banquet Room tables were adorned with ivory tablecloths and lilac napkins. The tables were decorated with big fish bowls containing sand, large star fish and various sea shells.

Guests visited with each other until the program started at 7:30 P.M. Music was provided by Nellis Johnson from Bakersfield who is the Grand Representative of Australia.

The 2015 WM Becky and WP Bob Davis opened Chapter, a prayer was cited and then a recess was declared and the 2015 Officers were retired.

Donna and John Herring were the Hostess and Host for the evening. They introduced Cliff and Darlene with a terrific monologue about a railroad. Our families were introduced, daughter, Heath Berggren and her husband Harry, Our Grandsons, Wiley and Skylar who escorted us to the East after we were installed.

Cliff's brother and my cousin Terrilynn Stricker, Milton Snavley who has been Cliff's friend and co-worker for 40 years were also introduced.

The evening was brought to closing with a prayer.

December 2 will be our next meeting, December 16th we will be having our annual \$5.00 dinner for the Scottish Rite Clinic.

Darlene Henderson WM
Cliff Henderson WP



Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Heart of the Valley Assembly ~ December 2015



Happy 
Hanukkah

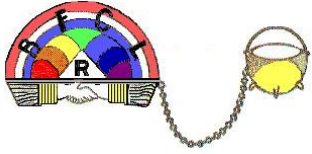
Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser

Thank You for your support of Mary's (Hope) Cinnamon Roll Sale. The members and adults work hard to ensure the financial obligations of our Assembly are met. We hope you enjoy these special treats during the Holiday Season



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Bingo with Veterans

We had a great time volunteering at the Fresno Veterans Hospital. We played bingo and passed out hand-made cards to thank residents for their service. A special shout-out and thanks to our friend [Steven Burrows](#) for being our host!



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Bark for Life

Heart of the Valley Assembly participated in the 2015 Bark for Life Relay to benefit the American Cancer Society. The morning started by assembling booths and setting up for registration and t-shirt sales. We took time out of our busy morning for lots of pictures and dancing.



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An Ice Cream Date with District 28

District 28 held a scrumptious Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor and Supreme Deputy on October 24th. The assembly and dining rooms were cleverly decorated to match the day's theme. Congratulations to the members of Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies on your terrific floor and ritual work. A special thank you to the adults and members of Central Coast Assembly for attending and serving as Choir.



Visalia Worthy Advisor Katie; Grand Worthy Advisor Colleen; Supreme Deputy Mrs. Regier and Heart of the Valley Worthy Advisor Cynthia

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Heart of the Valley Pledge Group Presentation



Escort of Grand Worthy Advisor



Worthy Advisors signing of the Bible

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Central Coast, Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies
are ready for Ice Cream!



Visiting Grand Officers and Grand Family Members

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



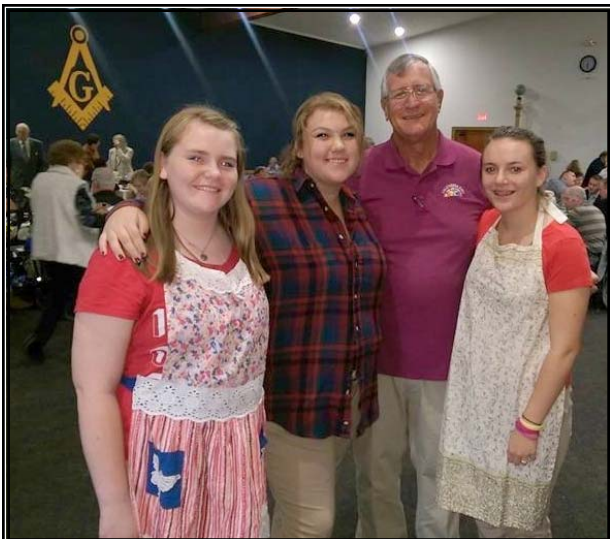
Heart of the Valley Pledge Group and Assembly meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. Pledge Group meets at 6:15 pm and Assembly 7:00 pm. at the Las Palmas Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring orders to come out and attend our meetings.

December 1	Stated Meeting—Toy Drive	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
December 2	Advisory Board Meeting	6:00 P.M.	San Joaquin Memorial
December 8	Christmas Tree Lane Walk	6:30 P.M..	Fid Garden
December 12	Language Center Christmas Party	12:30 P.M.	Scottish Rite Center
December 15	Stated Meeting, Cookie Exchange	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
December 17	Dinner Serving, Gift Wrapping	6:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
December 19	Courtney's Reception	2:00 P.M.	Napa Masonic Center
January 5	Stated Meeting-Elections	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center

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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





Merry
Christmas



Carole Rea Littleworth
Queen

This year has gone by so quickly. It's hard to believe that it is December already.

Our Sharon Temple No. 92 Fashion Show Luncheon was a huge success. We don't have the exact figures yet because right after the event our chairman, Jean Denton, went on a cross country trip. She ended up at the General Grand Chapter of Eastern Star. We will get the report at our session on December 9th. Preceding the December 9th session we will have our annual Soup Dinner at 6:00 PM. The soups are always delicious!

On December 19th I am hosting the Queen's Open House at the Shrine Center from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. You are invited to come. I would love to see you there.

I hope in this busy holiday season you can pause to refresh yourself and reflect on all your blessings. Remember, a thankful heart is a happy heart.



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With Nile love,

Carole Rea Littleworth, Queen



from the WIDOWS CLUB

Las Palmas-Ponderosa November 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. Lena Cook President (559) 227-0690 • Betty Veffredo Secretary (559) 431-6260
with exception of July, August and December*

DARK July and August



Greetings from the Archives



Up until September my article talked about Las Palmas Lodge and the need for a new Masonic Temple in Fresno. For several decades attempts were made to jointly build a Masonic Temple to house all of the Masonic Bodies in Fresno (except for Scottish Rite which had its own temple). These joint efforts had not come to fruition and in January, 1959 Las Palmas Lodge ventured out on its own. I was initiated, passed and raised in the New Las Palmas Temple in 1967 and 1968. As a young Mason, I was privy to several old timers who were happy to tell me the reasons that a joint temple was not built and the animosities that developed between the other Lodges in Fresno and Las Palmas once we built our own temple. Stay tuned as I convey to you some of these stories in future articles.

At the July 21, 1960 Stated Meeting, Worshipful Master Dart announced that a contract had been let to Harris Construction Company for the building of our new Temple – at a cost of \$175,958.00. In today's dollars that would be \$1,350,000.00. At the August 18, 1960 Stated Meeting it was announced that the Grand Master would lay the corner stone for our new Temple on September 17.

At the November, 1960 Stated Meeting the Secretary was directed to notify the Fresno Temple Association that Las Palmas Lodge would no longer be tenants of the present Temple after December 31, 1960. The Organ Committee consisting of Organist Paul Shelly and Coyle Chambers was authorized to expend not more than \$3,000 for the purchase of a Hammond, Church Console Electric Organ for our new Temple. At the December, 1960 Stated meeting a motion was made to change the regular meeting place of Las Palmas Lodge from 2030 Merced Street to 2992 E. Clinton.

On December 29, 1960 Las Palmas Lodge convened for the purpose of conferring the second degree of Masonry upon Brothers Robert Shiner, Gerald Littrell, Jack Heitzig and John Alexander. "As the closing ceremony, Worshipful Master Dart ordered the Junior Deacon to inform the Tyler that Lodge was closed, and further ordered him to tell the Tyler to vacate the premises, first gathering together all paraphernalia belonging to Las Palmas, preparatory to transporting it to our New Temple to be in readiness for the opening of our Lodge next Thursday, January 5, 1961. The closing gavel was quite resounding – and marked the end of Las Palmas tenancy in the Temple."

Lodge Trustee

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 is in the need of a Trustee to fill the opening left by Kevin Casey moving to Idaho and his term coming to an end on December 31, 2015.

A three year term, 2016 thru 2018 is available, our lodge has three trustees, they meet quarterly for lunch with our investment advisors to review and manage our lodge investments accounts. There our brothers (members) who work in the world of finance, we need your help, please call (559) 268-2303 or e-mail

jppmasoniclodge@comcast.net if interested!





DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Dewayne R. Bien	12/9	7/13	Mitchell L. Mirigian	12/23	4/1
Devon F. Bleak, III	12/12	3/5	Leonard T. Ogden	12/12	1/27
Don J. Blosser	12/27	10/6	George M. Pavlovich	12/13	7/9
Douglas C. Boudakian	12/11	4/5	Daniel L. Pearce	12/4	9/30
Kenneth C. Bryson	12/31	2/19	James H. Peloian	12/4	12/15
Robert B. Buchanan	12/7	1/28	Gerald S. Rasmussen	12/1	3/13
Gregory T. Burton	12/27	12/1	Paul E. Redondo	12/27	11/8
Kevin P. Casey	12/20	9/4	Robert W. Roberts	12/31	6/6
James C. Clark	12/19	4/12	Maher M. Saber	12/5	10/5
William E. Clark, D.D.S.	12/14	7/3	William E. Sawtell	12/25	4/22
Michael D. Dick	12/7	11/13	Elvin M. Sherwood	12/8	7/3
Kenneth J. Elia	12/23	10/27	Steven W. Shute	12/9	4/30
Charles E. Garabedian	12/20	10/18	Kenneth H. Smith	12/29	6/20
Charles R. Gomez, Jr.	12/10	7/23	Lawrence H. Smith	12/5	2/23
Johnnie E. Harshman, Jr.	12/25	5/16	Gordon D. Speiser	12/17	9/29
John D. Kitchel	12/20	3/30	Daniel W. Stone	12/2	11/4
Benjamin F. Lewis	12/14	5/27	Edward C. Stumpf	12/1	1/26
Dee T. Lewis	12/20	9/8	John B. Swank	12/4	7/27
Stanley F. Littleworth	12/2	5/1	Thomas E. Topjian	12/7	6/10
William E. Lockie, Jr.	12/16	10/11	James S. Wadkins	12/7	11/16
L. Dean Lowe, Ph.D	12/25	6/12	Ronald W. Weiner	12/20	11/1
James C. Mc Clain	12/3	7/3	Rex F. Wellendorf	12/31	2/29
Robert E. Mc Colaugh	12/22	4/5			



Chef Mark Le prepared a fantastic turkey dinner with all the trimmings, as well as Andrew Miller's appetizer table had an array of tasty meats and cheeses. The salad bar was as good as ever! Brethren and ladies we had 20+ guests arrive without reservations that we were able to serve. It is really awesome the turnout we are experiencing. We really need your reservations before the day of the dinner, we had e-mail reservations at 5:00 P.M. on the day of the dinner. So make your reservation today!

Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Denny's Restaurant
1110 East Shaw Avenue
December 30, 2015



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;

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DECEMBER 2015

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Christmas

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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



I would like to thank the Brethren for their patience and understanding with dues fiasco created by our printers error on the dues amount for 2016. Causing a lot of confusion , If you mailed a check for \$109.50 you should have received a post card requesting an additional \$4.00. If you mailed two checks, \$109.50 and \$113.50 you will receive the \$109.50 back with your dues card.

Has been an exciting year with the consolidation of Clovis Lodge No 417, we have an outstanding group of young Officers doing some really fantastic ritual work. To date this year we have Initiated 20, Passed 15 and Raised 15, we have 25 Entered Apprentices and 10 Fellow Craft working and 471 Master Masons. Join us most any Thursday socialize, dine and enjoy some really good ritual!

December Calendar

December 3, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree
December 8, 2015	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board LPP Officers Meeting
December 10, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner Third Degree, Crane
December 17, 2015	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Golden Veterans Awards 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 20
December 22, 2015	6:30 P.M. Masters Night Out



We are accepting credit cards payments using the Square System.

2016 dues are \$113.50
Credit Card Dues are \$118.00
Stated Dinners are \$11.00
Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00