



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

Volume XVIII Issue 2

*Happy Valentines' Day*

February 2015

## Greetings from the East



**Welcome members of Clovis Lodge!** My Father and I were both raised and also Officers at **Clovis Lodge**. This was a time of great ritual and pride and it is truly a pleasure to have **Clovis Lodge** now call **Las Palmas -Ponderosa Lodge** its "home away from home." **Congratulations Gentlemen and Brethren!**

**Congratulations,** To Brother Brandon Munsey, he was raised a Master Mason, January 22, 2015, the first in our new Lodge!



February is **Sweethearts Month** and we look forward to showing the

ladies and Masonic Widows how much they mean to us. From warm meals and moral support to pulling the thorn from the Lions paw, these ladies can do it all! Their endless patience and generous spirit are just two of the qualities these ladies have in abundance. Thank you to all of our special Loved Ones and all that you do. **Happy Your Day Ladies!**



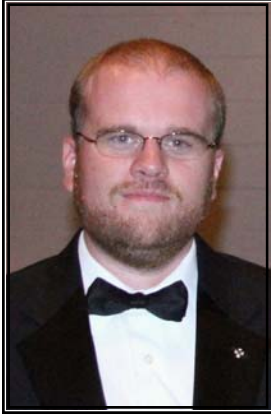
We were blessed to have the **Rainbow Girls (IORG) Heart of the Valley** in the house. These outstanding ladies led by **Mrs. Chandra Blasquez** and others are the leaders of tomorrow. They made dinner a wonderful event by serving with a smile (and enthusiasm as well) and we are very proud of all that these young ladies have accomplished! Please be a part of their **Heart of the Valley No. 217 Installation of Officers on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Las Palmas Masonic Center. Keep up the great work (and great articles) ladies!

Congratulations to all the Officers of the new LPP Lodge. It has been a wonderful year for our Lodge and Masonry. We have degrees planned for every Thursday which include wonderful meals and comradely. Thanks to our Dinner Crew led by **Joe Sallee** who provides us with sustenance and keep the fires burning. Thanks to others such as **Brother Hoskins** and **Brother Le** who have jumped with both feet running. A special thanks to our **Bicycle Committee** and also **PM Bill Lyons** as we once again got to give away those coveted gems. **Cub Jack** looks great as always. Thank you for the community support you show and making **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** the light of our Central Valley.



Have a fabulous February and Happy Valentine's Day!

## *Greetings from the West*



Brethren, as we start the journey through another year we seem to have much to look forward to on the horizon as well as many accomplishments to be grateful for behind us.

This past month we welcomed the members of Clovis Lodge No. 417 into the fold of Las Palmas -Ponderosa Lodge as the recent efforts of consolidation were finalized by our Grand Master and our new officer core for 2015, a blend of the best and most capable of both joined together to form what looks to be a stable and prosperous line for several years to come.

In the months to come as well we will continue the work here which our brothers there began, and continue the conferral of degree and candidate education for many of these newly made members of now much larger and

increasingly active lodge.

In January we also had the pleasure of conferring many new Entered Apprentice degrees as well to Raise one Brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Congratulations.

As we continue to look to the future there is much work needed to be done and many jobs to continually be filled. The efforts which make a lodge highly productive is not merely limited to those most visible ones. While all lodges rely on the steadfast dedication and abilities of its elected and appointed officers, it also the new and ever progressing membership which give us your lodge leaders encouragement and purpose.

There are many possibilities to be offered through the involvement in committees and special activity coordination, addition assistance for those programs we currently employ is always welcomed and new ideas greatly encouraged.

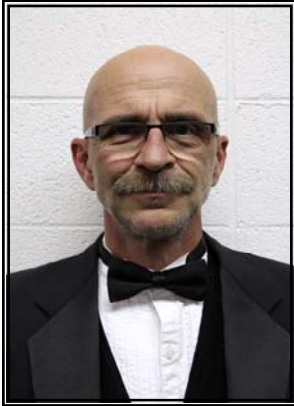
Therefore we continually encourage our brothers to come to us, and share your thoughts and ideas for the future of our lodge, its activities and events, both now planned and possible new ideas for the future.

Andrew Miller  
Senior Warden



January 22, 2015, Brandon Munsey our first Master Mason of 2015

## Greetings from the South



I would like to make this a note of thanks. This month I have a lot to be thankful for and I would like to show my appreciation for it.

First, I would like to thank the lodge for allowing me to be a part of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge, not only as a member but also as this year's Junior Warden. It is a position that I am looking forward to filling and feel I am up to the challenges that lay before me. The friendship and brotherly connections I have with all of my brothers will go a long way in supporting me and helping me to meet these challenges.

Second, I want to thank the Rainbow Girls, Chef Mark, the Past Masters and everyone else involved in putting on a very delicious Stated Dinner. Without the effort that each and every one of you put into it, it would not be the success that I hear it always is. It was good to see so many people come to one of these dinners. So without your efforts we would have few to no one eating the delicious food that you take time to prepare and serve. A big THANK YOU to everyone who is involved in these dinners.

Bob Sisson, Junior Warden



Prospects, Clark Plunkett, Chris Greeley, Worshipful David Coss and Senior Warden Andrew Miller and the Rainbow serving the guests.



January Stated Meeting Dinner  
Our Chef Mark and our Past Masters prepared a Roasted Chicken, rice and Brussels Sprouts was wonderful and served by Heart of the Valley young ladies.



*2015 Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 F. & A.M.*

*Master; Richard A. Sherrod P.M.*

*Senior Warden; Andrew A. Miller*

*Junior Warden; Robert L. Sisson*

*Treasurer; Richard L. Ehorn*

*Secretary; James C. Clark*

*Chaplain; John W. Herring P.M.*

*Assistant Secretary; Joe D. Sallee P.M.*

*Senior Deacon; Scott M. Fichtner*

*Junior Deacon; Courtney D. Bacom*

*Senior Steward; Mike A. Hamzy*

*Junior Steward; Donald H. Williams*

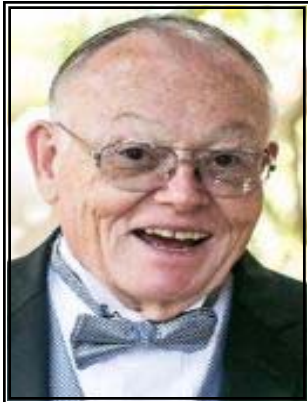
*Marshal; George R. Forrester P.M.*

*Tiler; Marvin E. Wallace P.M.*

*Organist; Robert L Gonzalez*

## Greetings from the Archives

### *The Post WW II War Years Part 2* *The beginning of Ponderosa Lodge No. 700*



Grand Lodge was concerned that there were not enough Masonic Lodges in the Fresno area to fulfill the needs of the area. At the request of Grand Lodge, a proposal was made to the then existing Lodges to jointly form a new Lodge. This proposal was that each of the 5 existing Lodges in Fresno and Clovis provide 3 members to constitute the 15 necessary charter members to form this new Lodge.

Las Palmas Lodge contributed a total of 4 members who became charter members of Ponderosa Lodge. Three eventually served as their Master: **Paul Claredon McCorkle**(1951), **Donald James Dick** (1953 & 1954)

and son of Las Palmas Master Wm. Dick in 1916, **James Guy Huggins** (1956), **Adrian Taylor**.

June, 1948 Stated Meeting "The Secretary read the communication dated May 31, 1948 to form a new proposed Lodge to be known as "Ponderosa " Lodge to be formed in Fresno. It was regularly moved & seconded that Las Palmas endorse this effort and by a standing vote, was carried unanimously." The Master announced that the Masters and Wardens of the 4 Fresno Lodges would pro rate the cost of equipping this new Lodge.

On June 26, 1948 the officers of the soon to be formed Ponderosa Lodge conferred three First degrees on candidates of and at Las Palmas Lodge. On July 24, 1948 they did the second degree and on August 14, 1948 they did a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. By August 14, it was now Ponderosa UD.

At the August Stated Meeting a resolution was read that all lodges in Fresno would raise annual dues to \$12 and if any lodge did not pass the resolution, it would fail in all lodges. The purpose was to create a surplus so that a new Masonic Temple could be started. Within the month both Fresno and Sun Garden voted down the resolution.

At the November, 1948 Stated Meeting it was announced that Grand Lodge had issued an edict that the minimum dues for any Lodge would be \$12 per year. In today's dollars that would equal \$116.00 which is very close to our current dues. The committee of members of all of the Lodges in Fresno concerning the building of a new Temple were meeting monthly.

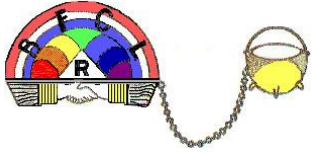
In 1948, Edgar Christian Smith, a civil engineer who designed over 2,000 bridges in Fresno County, was our Master. Las Palmas Lodge raised 61 new Masons and had 1 affiliation.



January Hall Directors and Officers Meeting

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*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



## ***In Memoriam, Mini Reception and Farewell Night***



Julia and Courtney

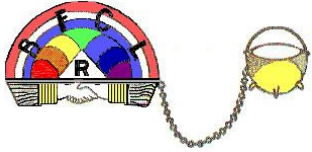


## ***Receptions Honoring Mrs. Shirley Redman and Miss Julia Holman – January 10, 2015***

*"Begin Each Day with a Grateful Heart" was the theme of a reception held by Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies in Honor of Mrs. Shirley Redman, Mother Advisor of Grand Assembly 2015.*

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International Order of Rainbow for Girls



They know Mrs. Redman



Escort of honored guest



Reception Worthy Advisor Joy Introducing  
Visalia  
Honored guest



District 28 ~ Heart of the Valley and

"To each of you, I am truly blessed. My heart is filled to overflowing with gratefulness. I am so blessed to have each of you in my life. Remember, it isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you grateful, but what you have in your heart." In Rainbow Love and Service, Shirley Redman, State Mother Advisor for Grand Assembly 2015.

**"Music is the Wish My Heart Makes"** was the theme of a reception held by Heart of the Valley Assembly in honor of Miss Julia Holman, Grand Musician and Representative to New Jersey and New York.

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Miss Julia Holman, Grand Musician and Representative to New Jersey and New York



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"I would like to thank my Lord for blessing me with the gift of music. With all my gratitude and Unforgettable musical love." Julia Holman, Grand Musician and Representative to New Jersey and New York.

## **Elections/1st Meeting at Las Palmas Masonic Center January 6, 2015**

Heart of the Valley Assembly held its first stated meeting at Las Palmas Masonic Center. Miss Julia Holman served as Worthy Advisor. Elections were as follows: Rhiannon; Worthy Advisor, Maria; Worthy Associate Advisor, Cynthia; Charity, Analisa; Hope, Kaylyn; Faith, Makayla; Recorder and Joy; Treasurer. Congratulations to those elected and appointed for next term. Hope to see all at our installation on January 30th!



New beginnings for Heart of The Valley Assembly!!

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*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



Closing March



Now the meeting's over!



Goodbye Clovis Lodge! The memories we've made will be treasured forever

# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



## *2015 Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events*

January 27	Practice	6:30 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 28	Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 30	Installation	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
February 2	Stated Meeting, 1st Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
February 17	Stated Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
February 19	Serving LPP 366 Stated Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
February 25	Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center

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*



Greetings Everyone;

I hope your new year is off to a good start. I am writing this before the Official Visit of the Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen on February 3, so I am hoping that many of you attended the banquet and ceremonial. The reservations that we have received promise a good turnout, including two Supreme Officers. Our own Dale Obernolte, Supreme Lady of the Gates, and the Supreme Musician from Reno, Nevada. We are also expecting several other visitors from Reno; one from Butte, Mt; and several from San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Los Angeles. It should be a very interesting meeting; and I hope you were there.



Lenore Stork  
Queen

The day after Fresno's Official Visit, I will drive the Supreme Queen to San Francisco for their O.V., and then she will continue on to Oakland and Sacramento for their O.V.'s. I also plan to go to Sacramento for their O.V., as a personal friend of mine will be getting initiated.

I want to remind all our members that there are TWO Nile meetings in February. The week after our O.V. on Tuesday the 3rd, we will have our regular Stated Meeting on Wednesday, the 11th. We are not doing any official business at the O.V., so the Stated Meeting will be all business and reports, and should be quite short.

As many of you may already know, our Pr. Tirzah, Joyce Richardson, died in January, after a long illness. Even though she had been ill, we were still shocked by the suddenness of her passing. As of this message, the family has not planned a service for her. She will be greatly missed.

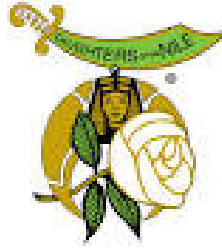
Our meeting on March 11 will be Farewell and Elections. Now that we have an opening in our "Line Officers", I hope you will give consideration to who can fill the last two years of Joyce's term. Our Pr. Royal, Carole Littleworth, has been working hard to get everything lined for next year; and I'm sure she would like to hear from anyone who wants to volunteer to help.

Besides my numerous Nile obligations, I am still going on the Panama Canal cruise that I signed up for almost a year ago. I leave on February 18 and will be gone through March 6. The trip includes stops in Aruba; Columbia; Panama; Costa Rica; and Mexico. I am looking forward to some R & R after the busy Nile schedule.

I hope you picked the winning team in the Super Bowl; and I wish you a -  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Blessings,  
Lenore Stork, Queen  
Sharon Temple No. 92, Fresno





*Sharon Temple No. 92  
Daughters of the Nile  
Cordially invites you to attend the  
66<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers*



*Sunday March 22, 2015*

*At 2:00 PM*

*Las Palmas Masonic Center  
2992 East Clinton Avenue  
Fresno, California*

*Princess Carole Rea Littleworth*

*Will be crowned Queen*



*Reception and light refreshments will follow the Installation*

*Lenore Stork  
Queen*

*Pr. Marilyn De Camp  
Pr. Recorder*

*from the WIDOWS CLUB*

*Las Palmas-Ponderosa January 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  
Valentine's Day!*

I am sitting here drinking a cup of coffee and my thoughts gravitate to our lovely ladies of our Lodge. Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge is blessed to have so many wonderful ladies in our Masonic family. Many of our honored widows have served our Lodge for many years. We have been so blessed to have so many wonderful women that have brought honor and distinction to so many. I have learned so much from so many of you ladies over the past years! You are my joy!

This month we honor our Masonic Widows. What a joy it will be to share our love for them at our February stated meeting. This will be our last time for a while to give our widows a small token of our love and gratitude for all that they do for this Lodge and our whole community. Thank you and we love you all so very much seems hardly enough but we mean it from the bottoms of our hearts. We hope that you will continue to let your light shine before others for many years to come!

"Remember when we were kids we'd stick macaroni on paper for Valentine's Day."

Today,  
I made this for you.  
A card,  
with a macaroni heart.  
It's not a real one of course,  
it's virtual.  
But these are virtual times, my dear,  
so these virtual macaronis  
make a virtual heart,  
which expresses a real heart,  
my heart.  
A heart,  
that loves you,  
simply,  
purely,  
unfathomably.



Presidents day is always celebrated this month as well! Two of my favorite presidents are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. This is a good time to reflect on what makes a good leader. Why would these two presidents need to be honored... What were the qualities of leadership did they possess. Both men had great difficulties to overcome. The former was building a nation from the beginning. The new concept of a Republic built on democracy. The latter fought to keep these states united. For these men they built and helped to maintain "one Nation **under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I wish everyone a wonderful February... see you all at our Stated Meeting Dinner!

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Steel Head Fishing  
Umoqua River  
Southlin Oregon

Bill Lyons spent a few days in  
Oregon on the Umpqua River.  
In a row boat drifting roe.  
Really nice fish.



Bryan Kincade  
Says never  
teach  
a fisherman  
how to  
Photoshop!  
Look what happens!





# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Floyd B. Buchanan	2/2	12/28	David D. Dimmer	2/19	7/1
Earl J. Cousins	2/5	3/21	Richard E. Vitz	2/27	2/4
Robert R. Ewing	2/23	5/22	Gerald L. Sharp	2/14	3/15
Harold C. Cox	2/10	10/11	Robert A. Papazian	2/4	6/1
Robert L. Davenport	2/20	6/27	Richard M. Donaldson	2/10	6/9
Roy S. Harris	2/4	11/19	Timothy R. Tyler	2/10	11/5
Rodney B. Rowlett	2/21	4/10	James J. Mc Cown	2/18	10/3
Gene H. Pattee	2/4	5/29	Bryan K. Kincade	2/18	4/9
Byron A. Pretzer	2/10	10/22	Steven R. High	2/22	9/14
Wayne E. Lindsley	2/7	3/13	Gary P Spoelstra	2/6	5/16
John K. Baird	2/6	5/18	Lonny G. Johnson	2/7	1/26
Cline C. Jack, Jr.	2/23	10/31	Alan A. Hansen	2/19	9/6
Joseph R. Mobley	2/20	10/18	Jason I. Weiner	2/17	3/5
Richard W. Frey	2/21	4/11	Larry C. Minasian	2/27	10/11
Michael W. Reynolds	2/29	5/2	Ali R. Hatamaria	2/19	12/11
Jerome A. Thormann, Jr.	2/9	11/6	Jared B. Lyons	2/29	12/4
Richard D. Childs	2/16	6/13	Michael A. Sullivan	2/1	11/18
Steven A. Chase	2/12	10/1	David J. Sorge	2/15	10/26
John R. Scott	2/16	6/6			

## IN MEMORIAM

### *John R. Madden*

*Born 10/12/1925 Raised 04/07/1960  
Called from labor  
December 19 2014  
Golden Veteran's Award  
November 18, 2010*

### *Kay K. Cloud*

*Born 03/23/1932 Raised 06/06/1974  
Called from labor  
December 28, 2014*



*February Menu  
Salad Bar  
Appetizers  
New York Strip Steak  
Twice Baked Potatoes  
California Mixed Vegetables  
Fresh Rolls  
and  
Dessert*

## *Fresno Masonic Widows Club*

February 25, 2015  
Denny's Restaurant  
1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Ethel Day  
Vice-President; Bobbi Carder  
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;

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FEBRUARY 2015



Happy Valentine's Day  
Herbald Masonic Lodge

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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*



Most Worshipful, Russell E. Charvonia, Grand Master of Masons of California, approved the Consolidation effective January 9, 2015. We welcome the Brethren from Clovis Lodge No. 417 to Las Palmas-Ponderosa No. 366. Your dues notices should have arrived. Thank you to all of our new consolidated members for returning the information forms with their dues! Thank you to Worshipful Larry Hopper for providing an updated evaluation on our facility, we were really under insured. Congratulation to Past Masters Bill Lyons, Bryan Kincade and Brother Cliff Henderson on their election to our Hall Association Board of Directors, and Kevin Casey, James Wilson and Richard Frey as Lodge Trustees. We need to fill many Committee positions, Worshipful Sherrod will be contacting the brethren, if interest in being involved please call or e-mail the Office!

Join us week day mornings to socialize and enjoy a cup of coffee!



*February Calendar*

February 5, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree
February 10, 2015	6:30 P.M. Hall Association Directors Officers Meeting to follow
February 12, 2015	6:30 Dinner 7:00 Degree
February 19, 2015	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
February 27, 2015	6:30 Dinner 7:00 Degree



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