



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

## Happy New Year



A **New Year** and new beginnings as the seasons ebb and flow but good to say it was a **Flood** when it came to the Christmas Dinner attendance at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge**. With around **130** people for dinner, the prime rib and fixing's were worth the wait. The great students of **San Joaquin Memorial** led by **Lisa Jones** and **Natalie Clark** delightfully served our guests with smiles and energy. **Santa Haggerty** and his lovely wife **Lynne** were in the house and we have the wonderful pictures to prove it. **Courtney Bacom** and **Jim Clark** always do a great job with our Kodak moments and sharing them. And speaking of memories, **50 years in the making** and we had the honor of having **TWO!**

Congratulations to both of our **Golden Veterans Award** recipients Brother **Stanley A. Antranikian** and **P.M. Marvin E. Wallace** for more than 50 years of service to their community and our fraternity! A big "Thank You" to **Cline Cub Jack Jr** for presenting these noble milestones. Some of the most dedicated Masons I know. We are truly blessed to be a big part of our local community and some just do it a whole lot longer than others. **Thank you gentlemen!**



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge has been truly blessed to have a surge of new prospects knocking at our door. We have more degrees planned ahead (Jim says we need more Thursdays) and congratulations to our newest "Fellow of the Craft" Brothers **Hansen** and **Le**. Wonderful spicy Winter jambalaya was served and the LPP officers served up a great lecture and degree as well. December was a month to remember...

The final step with the consolidation of **Clovis Lodge** and **Las Palmas-Ponderosa** is near. *Stay tuned!*

We welcome Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 to Las Palmas Masonic Center, they will be meeting on the First and Third Tuesday's of each month, come join in!

What a wonderful year we have had here in this big bright building. It houses so many joyous events and fond memories with the extended family and those entering into Masonry for the first time. Being around great leaders (and Past Masters) such as **John Herring**, **Bob Davis** and **Bill Lyons** you really start to learn amazing traits such as confidence, public speaking and humility. It was through Clovis Lodge and Masonry that I found my one great light. She is sitting right next to me and I am blessed!

From the East - May peace be with all of our families this New Year. May we strive to be better to our loved ones and ourselves. May we be the change in the world. - R. Sherrod

Brethren,



Happy New Year to you all and I hope we all had a Merry Christmas. As we move into the coming year 2015 brings with it many exciting new tasks as we prepare to finalize the consolidation of our lodge and Clovis Lodge. And it is a pleasure to welcome in the members of Clovis as brothers of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge .

The coming months look filled with much scheduled degree work as our candidates are continuing to progress nicely and many will be full Master Masons in short order.

And congratulations to our newly passed Fellow Crafts in the month of December and we look forward to continuing to work with you on your Masonic journey.

Andrew A. Miller



December 11, 2014, Devin D. Hanson and Khoa V. Le were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. Our Past Masters Sallee and Bersani prepared a tasty Jambalaya with bread, green salad, potato salad with dessert. We were joined by several of our prospects who come for our dinners to meet the Brethren who may one day be their recommenders.

Join us, January 8th for dinner and Degrees!



## December Stated Meeting Dinner



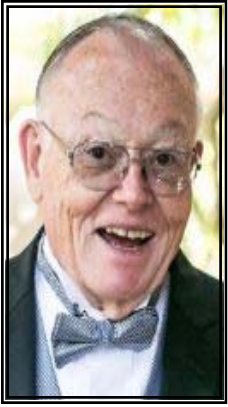
Wow, what a great Christmas social event, we were prepared a fabulous prime rib, with a bake potato and asparagus. And the San Joaquin Memorial students who were our servers for the evening under the guidance of Lisa Jones and Natalie Clark were wonderful! Was a great crowd, Santa joined us for pictures by the tree, with our outstanding photographer, Brother Bacom, everyone was provided a 4 X 6 print. The highlight of the night was Worshipful Marvin Wallace and Brother Stanley Antranikian honored with their Golden Veteran's Award.

Worshipful Cline "Cub" Jack Jr. made the presentation for the Grand Lodge of Masons in California.









## *The Post WW II War Years Part 1*

In 1946 our rent in the old Fresno Masonic Temple was \$120 per month. That would be \$1,500 per month in today's dollars.

December, 1946 "The Trustee reported that a reputable realtor had asked for an exclusive listing for thirty days for the sale of the Masonic Temple for \$175,000.00 and a lease back agreement for 5 years, with an extension of 2 additional year at the present rental." In today's dollars that would be \$1.8 million dollars.

February, 1947 "The communication from Grand Lodge relative to the official conclusion of the War and the cessation of War Service Certificates and the War Fund was read."

November, 1947 Life Membership raised to \$250 and all funds to be forever kept, except for the income there from. In today's dollars that would be \$2,400. (In the early days, if a Life Member died and left a widow, the amount paid for the Life Membership was returned to the widow.)

December 18, 1947 "The W.M. asked the Secretary to read the names of the members who had signed the By-Laws of Las Palmas Lodge during the year and there were 61 who responded. They approached the altar and the Master received them with just pride and appropriate remarks." Harry Buckalew, a local educator, was our Master. There were 62 brothers raised and 8 affiliations during 1947 in Las Palmas Lodge.

April, 1948, Our Inspector, Herbert Hargrave, called a meeting of the Masters of the four Fresno Lodges to discuss the formation of a new Masonic Lodge in Fresno. This would be the beginning of Ponderosa Lodge.

April, 1948 In 1945 a committee had been appointed to discuss the building of a new Temple in Fresno. Our PM Meyering was appointed as a committee of one to confer with Bro Chester Warlow, the GM (and a member of Fresno Lodge) as to his findings and conclusions at the time the survey was originally made.

Las Palmas Lodge was still very busy. Applicants for degrees who were elected in January of 1948 had to wait until May to get their first degree.



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge has outstanding Public Schools and Child ID Programs. We have Woodrow Wilson and Powers-Ginsburg Elementary Schools. And our Child ID Program at the Zoo Boo processes 800 + children each year.





*Legacy Chapter No. 555  
Order of Eastern Star*



Greetings Sisters and Brothers;

With 2014 behind us we are anxiously looking forward to 2015. Legacy chapter finished the year with a very successful fundraising dinner for "Blue Star Mothers", the community project selected for Eastern Star this year. The Chapter has raised about \$700 dollars and collected nearly 3 full boxes of items to be sent to our local military men and women in uniform. Remember we will continue to collect items throughout the year to be mailed to our military.

The first meeting of 2015 will be January 21st, with a pasta dinner at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm. We are asking everyone to bring either a salad, dessert, or bread for the dinner. This meeting will be re obligation and we will be honoring the first of our Star Point heroines, Adah.

We look forward to seeing all of our members after the long holiday.

As a reminder we have an All Member Instructional in Merced on January 10th starting at 9 am and finishing around 3 pm. Come and see the Grand Officers exemplify our work and see what the Grand Sentinel does at all these events.

Fraternal Love,

Becky and Bob Davis

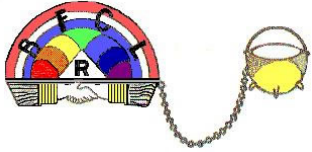
Happy New Year  
**2015**



*From Legacy Chapter No. 555  
Officers and Members*

# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



# Happy New Year

*Dear Girls, Parents & Rainbow Supporters,*

Heart of the Valley Assembly was notified that Clovis Lodge No. 417 will consolidate with Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge in early 2015. This merger includes our Assembly effective January 1, 2015. Our new meeting place will be the ***Las Palmas Masonic Center*** at **2992 E Clinton Ave., Fresno, 93703**

**Please note:**

Our new meeting nights will be the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Due to conflicts between our schedule and the Las Palmas Masonic Center already prepared a calendar of events for 2015, we will have to make slight adjustments during our spring 2015 term. We apologize for this inconvenience, however we believe that this change (long term) will be beneficial to our girls and strengthen our Masonic ties. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have and thank you for your support and understanding!

**In Rainbow Love & Service,**

Mrs. Blasquez, Mother Advisor, and the Advisory Board of Heart of the Valley Assembly

**(559) 862-4152**



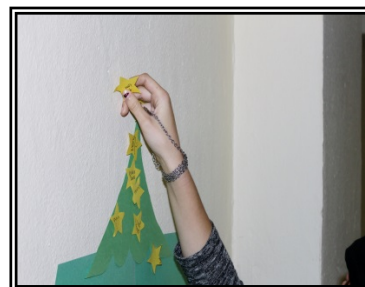
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## Heart of the Valley Christmas Dinner – December 19, 2014

Heart of the Valley Assembly held its annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange Friday Night. A delicious pot luck dinner started the festivities followed by games, dessert and gift exchange. The mood was festive with lots of smiles, laughter and at times silliness! Thank you to Mrs. Chandra Blasquez and Mrs. [Jenna Coffin Becerra](#) for coordinating decorations and games. Wishing all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!



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## **Childhood Language Center Christmas Party - December 13, 2014**

Members of Heart of the Valley Assembly, Visalia Assembly and Fresno Jobs Daughters attended the Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center Christmas Party this afternoon. Our girls played games, popped popcorn, decorated sugar cookies, served hot cider, colored special Christmas clip art, lots of pictures with Santa and conversation with the Children from the Language Center. We had a fun afternoon interacting with the Childhood Language Center children and parents, members of Scottish Rite, family members, and fraternal sisters.



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## **Mrs. Redman's Official Visit - December 10, 2014**

Mrs. Redman, Area Grand Deputy, attended Heart of the Valley's Stated Meeting for her Official Visit. She reviewed the assembly records and audits with Mrs. Blasquez prior to the meeting. While Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Blasquez were working on the audit, assembly members set up the assembly room and prepared for their meeting and skit. Cookies and ice cream was served after the meeting.



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## Hope Fundraiser Project-Swap Meet –December 6, 2014

Our girls held a fun fundraiser at the Sunnyside Swap Meet chaired by our Sister of Hope, the very sweet Miss Cynthia! Our day started at 5 am! Thank you to everyone who donated, all of our AWESOME adults who helped make it all happen, and of course our wonderful girls! The assembly collected over \$300 for their term expenses and closets/garages were cleaned.



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



## 2015 Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

January 6	Stated Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 10	State Mother Advisor Reception	4:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 20	Stated Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 28	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 30	Installation of Officers	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

\* Monday, as regular date was booked for Nile Queen Visit

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.

### 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!*



# Happy New Year



Lenore Stork  
Queen

Greetings Everyone;

It hardly seems possible that 2014 is past, and we are about to embark on a New Year. It has been an especially busy year for me; and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be Queen of Sharon Temple. Of course, the year as Queen isn't finished yet; but there are only three months left, and I know they will go fast.

We had our regular Stated meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, preceded by a soup supper put on by the line officers and other helpers. We had a surprise visit from Mrs. Santa Claus (aka, Nancy Campbell). She gave out candy canes, which was followed by a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. It was a fun evening.

Then on Sunday, December 21, many of our members attended the Queen's Holiday Open House at Tehran Shrine Temple. There was lots of food and drink; and everyone received a 2-year calendar as a gift.

One of the most important events of the Nile year will be our **Supreme Queen's visit on February 3, 2015. This will take place at Las Palmas Masonic Center** on Clinton Avenue, with a banquet at 6:00 pm, and the ceremonial at 7:30 pm. Reservations for the banquet can be made by mailing a check, made out to **Sharon Temple No. 92, for \$22.00 to Pr. Nancy Campbell, 4575 E. Pico Ave, Fresno, CA. 93726**. There is choice of chicken or tri-tip for dinner, so please indicate your choice on your check.

**Notice to the Nile officers**, there is a practice on Saturday, January 31, at 2:00 pm at Las Palmas Masonic Center. This is a change from the date listed in the roster, because the original practice date falls on Super Bowl Sunday.

Our January Stated meeting will be on January 14<sup>th</sup>, and it will be our Memorial Night, so the Line Officers need to wear white formals, which you already have.

*I WISH YOU ALL A SAFE, HEALTHY, & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.* Blessings,

Lenore Stork, Queen  
Sharon Temple, Daughters of the Nile

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



Widows Table with their San Joaquin Memorial student server





# JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Joshua R. Barkley	John R. Reynolds
Thomas J. Bekhdoud	John R. Sanderson
Robert B. Bower	Bahram Shifteh
David M. Byrnes	Dean L. Sigle
Thomas D. Carlson	James C. Stahl
Ronald L. Copp	Howard D. Sutliff
James G. Fisher	Lewis D. Wagoner
Kenneth M. Hoskin	Marvin E. Wallace
Dennis M. Johnson	William D. Yelkin
Michael E. Ratley	



*January Menu*  
*Appetizers*  
*Salad Bar*  
*Roasted Chicken*  
*Pilaf*  
*Brussels Spouts*  
*With*  
*Dessert*

## IN MEMORIAM

### *Bertis H. McSwain*

*Born 10/12/1924-Raised 04/03/1954*  
*Called from labor*  
*December 12, 2014*  
*Golden Veteran's Award*  
*June 30, 2007*

### *Gaylaid K Bissell*

*Born 02/22/1936-Raised 05/26/1994*  
*Called from labor*  
*December 10, 2014*



## *Fresno Masonic Widows Club*

January 28, 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;

Bobbi Carter 322-6851  
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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*



It appears both Lodges have a majority more than 50% of yes votes for the consolidation of Clovis Lodge No. 417 and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366., 75% is required, the Grand Master can approve a majority vote if he chooses to do so after reviewing the terms of consolidation and ballots. Due to the print shop's schedule and consolidation questions there will be no postal Las Palmian in January only the e-mail edition.

If the consolidation is not approved or appears that it will not be approved we will need to have election of and Installation of Officers at our January 15th Stated Meeting. It has been a really good year for our Lodge and Masonry! Great dinners, Stated Meetings, Degree's and Masters Night Out dinner's were wonderful social and dinner experiences! As we move forward in 2015 we have great expectations.

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



*January Calendar*

January 8, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree, Bleak
January 13, 2015	6:30 P.M. Hall Association Directors Officers Meeting to follow
January 15, 2015	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
January 22, 2015	6:30 Dinner 7:00 Third Degree, Munsey
January 29, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree, Tanassi



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