



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



From **32nd degrees to Paradise** (Park that is) our Masons and Families of **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** had a marvelous May. As Master for the third year, I have the privilege of saying we are *one of the fastest growing Lodges in the Central Valley* in quite some time. As Lodges normally go "dark" during the Summer months for vacations and more, **we are unable to do that** this year. What an honor to say **our Lodge is too busy!** With the growth and support of **Clovis Lodge** and its **Past Masters** and **Brethren** we have come together in "**Unity**" and "**Brotherhood**" and *it is a wonderful time to be a Mason!*

Congratulations to our newest **Master Mason** Brother **Gerard Gulgulian!** This amazing young man was just installed as our **Assistant Secretary** and he has jumped in with both feet. Give him your *support and encouragement* as this rising star takes the reins and strides ahead tackling technology for our support! We spoke of **Don Lenz** (32 yr. MM) at our May Stated Dinner and his amazing "**Freedom Canes**" for **Veterans** and there just 5 days later he is on our **local news!** Using our given talents to help our **Veterans** "*stand*

proud' and show they have served to protect us and our children. Thank You Don. To be surrounded by individuals making a positive difference in their community... **thank You Dad.**

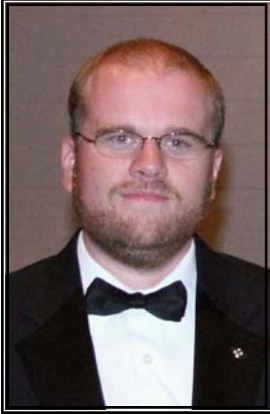


We were honored with a **75 year Diamond Jubilee Veteran, Frank Smith** at our Stated Meeting! Thank you **Larry Smith (Mason for 64 years!)** for bringing and sharing your Brother with us and as long as I am Master, you both *eat free*. Our **Senior Grand Deacon P.M. Shawn Donohugh** joined us as well, to support us through this "growing" of our Lodge and we strive to bring more fun and education to those around us. From supporting youth groups (thank You Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls) to honoring **U.S. Veterans**, to recognizing teachers (and principals), students and supporting our public school system as well, here at **LPP Lodge** we aim to serve!

Congratulations to **Abel Herroz** who became our newest **Entered Apprentice** and **Cody Guill** our newest **Fellow of the Craft**. Many of our youngest Masons are choosing the "**Standard Form**" and honoring us with *excellent proficiencies*. These bright young minds are the "**young blood**" and newest ashlar of our "**oldest fraternity on Earth**" and what great pride I take in just standing in their presence. *The leaders of tomorrow!* Congrats Brethren and Gentlemen!

Thank you to the **Wonderful Widows** and **Lovely Ladies** and **wives** of **LPP** who have helped so much in supporting and tolerating their husbands and sons being gone so many Thursdays. This life of service is not for all, but it brings together *like minded individuals* who won't sit idle and strive to help others and improve themselves on a daily basis. I stood a proud papa as both my **Son** and **Daughter** (the Chief and LPO) looked amazing in their Dress Whites on Memorial Day, honoring and serving **Veterans**. To be surrounded by such *amazing Individuals* is **the reason** most Men become **Masons. Brotherhood...** and it brings out the better in all of us... *together!* **Thank you Gentlemen** for allowing me to serve you and be a part of this wonderful fraternity, filled with honor, service and the best of friends! Thank you Dad for bringing me to the "oldest fraternity on Earth" and showing me all the noble knights and dazzling gents that love to tell me how much they miss You and how great a man you were. Thank you **Dad (and Freemasonry)** for giving me so much, including your friends, **Brothers** and **Mentors** (and wife!). *Good men and women, leaders and contributors in our community.* It just makes it that much easier for Mom to be proud. It was my Mom of course that demanded my Father become a Mason. **Told you those Ladies were Amazing!**

Greetings from the West



As we continue on toward our summer months we find ourselves blessed with an almost overabundance of activity. So much so that our typically relaxed months of July and August will no doubt once again be filled with much degree and social activity alike.

By this time we have conferred our most recent and final Master Mason degrees of May, elevating three more brothers of our lodge to the sublime degree. Once again we were also able to perform this final two degrees at Paradise Park which is always something to look forward to.

At our last and indeed at almost all our stated meetings of the recent year we have been blessed with an abundance of petitions by those young men seeking to partake in fraternal association with us. We are truly blessed in this regard as so many lodges across our nation and even our area are faced with hard decisions concerning membership and difficulties in encouraging the younger generations of our day that we are a worthwhile endeavor.

We are fortunate to not be one of these lodges decaying in its memory, neither are we dedicated to the social vices of youth, but provide a balanced and productive atmosphere. Learning from those who have gone before and embracing the diverse and multifaceted opinion of today. Three hundred years before Christ, Heraclitus wrote "Nothing is permanent except change."

As masonry continues leading forward into the twenty-first century it is sometimes helpful to reflect on things such as this so as to not allow the disillusionment of past precept or prejudice to take root and interfere with what is certain to be the continual and rewarding growth of our fraternity, particularly here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

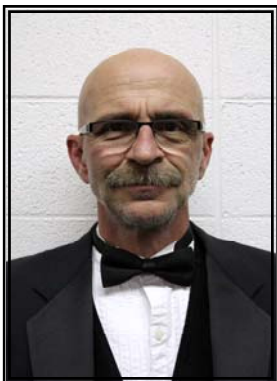
Andrew Miller, Senior Warden

May 7, 2015, Ryan Barnes and Joshua Harmon were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Andrew A. Miller

May 14, 2015, Michael Tyrcha P.M. obligated our newest Entered Apprentice Mason Abel C. Herroz with Worshipful Sherrod.

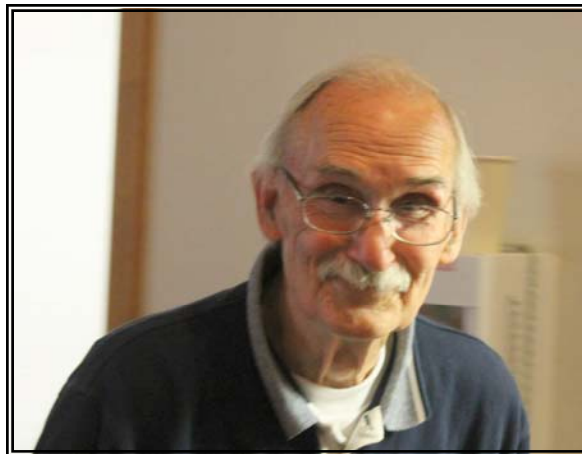


Greetings from the South



Joe D. Sallee became a Mason on January 9, 1970, served as Master of Ontario Lodge No. 301 in 1977, affiliated with Las Palmas -Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 May 17, 1979 after moving to Fresno.

Worshipful Sallee was a Department Manager for the City of Fresno until his retirement.



Joe and his wife, Linda reside in Clovis. Joe was appointed Assistant Secretary, June 3, 2009 has been outstanding in assisting the Secretary thru the years. With the consolidation with Clovis Lodge No. 417, Joe has been preparing all Clovis member file folders to merge with ours. Joe has been the person responsible for the fantastic degree and stated meeting dinners. Preparing the menu with Chef Mark for the Stated Meeting Dinners, does all the shopping for the salad bar and appetizer table, ordering table linens. Our Senior Warden Andrew Miller is now doing the appetizer's table. On every third Thursday Past Masters Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace do food preparation and table settings.

August 21, 2014, Joe was honored with the Hiram Award, well deserved for his dedication to our Lodge and Craft.

April 30, 2015 Master Mason Degree

Pictured lower right, Gerard Gulgolian, Master Mason, Senior Steward Mike Hamzy, and Worshipful Richard A. Sherrod presenting the Bible on which he was raised. Past Masters, Sallee, Bersani and Wallace prepared a fantastic dinner, Barbequed Tri-Tip, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, California Steamed Vegetables with a wonderful fresh Green Salad, another amazing dinner, socialized and made a Mason, you should join us on a Thursday, 6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. Degree.



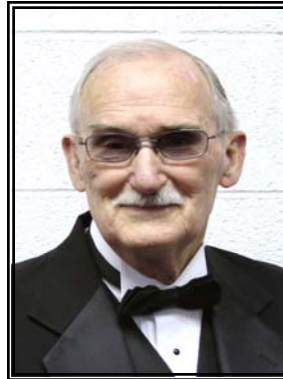
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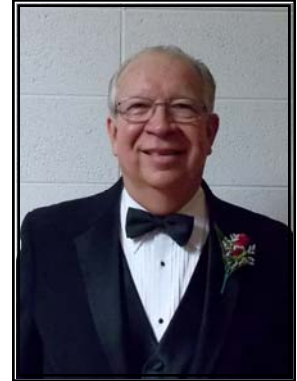
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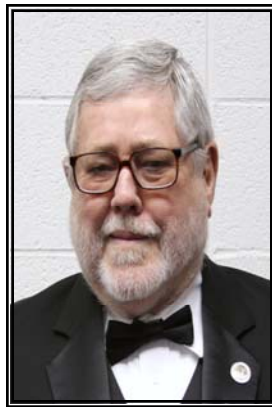
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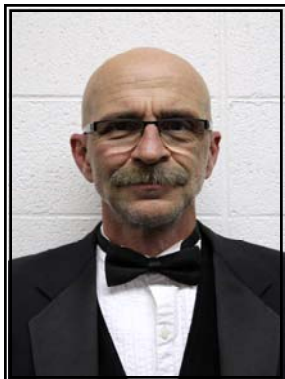


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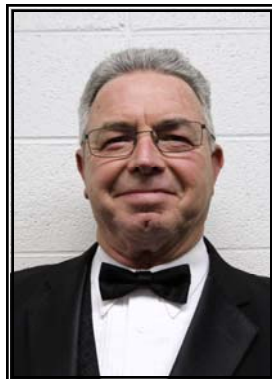


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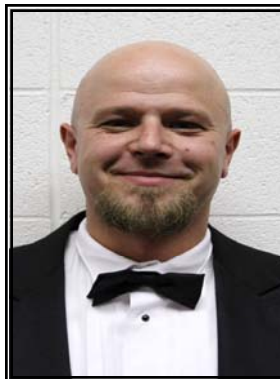
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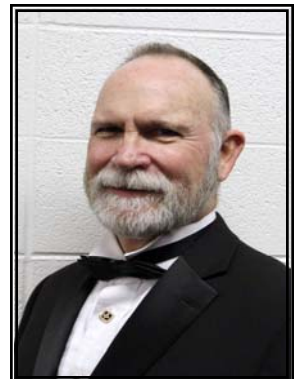
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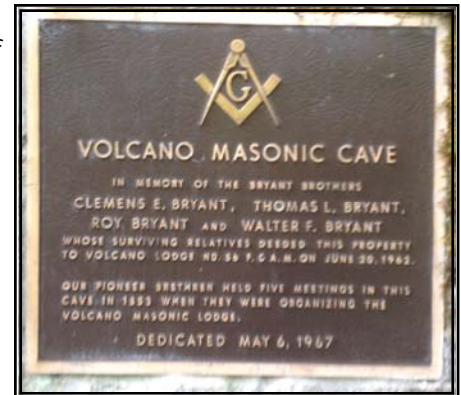


WOW! I can't believe it's June already. The year is really flying by. Bob and I just spent the weekend in Volcano.

This is an area that the New York 7th Regiment in 1848, gold was discovered and the race for riches was on. The town population swelled to 5000 and became a cultural center with its lending library, law school, astronomical observatory site, and Masonic Lodge. The lodge first met in caves, and built their lodge on top of them. Unfortunately, this building burned down and they rebuilt in town. The caves are still used by the lodge today for degrees and social gatherings.

The Brothers of Volcano Lodge worked with the members of District 17 to give us an unforgettable day of fun and fellowship. They told us the history of their lodge, let us investigate the caves, and furnished us with an amazing tri tip picnic. When we finished at the caves they took us into town and showed us their current lodge which is still uses no electricity in the lodge area. It has a wood burning stove, kerosene lighting, and still has most of its original furniture and is restored to its original decorations.

It was an amazing afternoon of social enjoyment with our Masonic Brothers and members.



By the time you see this article we will have initiated 3 more members at a Special meeting on May 27th. Melissa Nicole Bleak, Devon Floyd Otto Bleak III, and (Mark) Khoa Van Le. Hopefully they can attend Birthday Night on June 3rd and everyone can meet them on our Chapter's Birthday Party Night! Will be giving out a 75 year pin, several 50 year pins and some 25 year pins. So call several Sisters or Brothers and car pool on down to a fun filled night of fellowship.

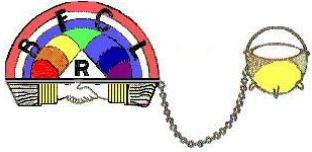
On June 17th we will be having a reception for our very own Deputy Grand Matron Sister Susan Quinville at Las Palmas Ponders Masonic Center at 6:30 P.M. It will be a social with a light supper and dress is summer casual (no jeans or shorts)

See you on June 3rd,
Becky Davis WM and Bob Davis WP



Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Heart of the Valley Assembly June 2015 Newsletter

Farewell Meeting – May 19, 2015

Farewell night at Heart of the Valley Assembly. Girls wore purple to support awareness for Domestic Abuse. All donations collected this term were presented to the Marjaree Mason Center this evening. Laura Sanford, Community Relations Coordinator at Marjoree Mason Center, accepted donations and thanked the assembly for their volunteering this term and their generous donation.



Term Donations for Marjoree Mason Center Community Relations Coordinator thanks Assembly.



Worthy Advisor Rhiannon



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Elections and Mother's Day – May 5, 2015

The theme for the this evening was Mother's Day. Elections were held for the Spring Term and donations were accepted for the Marjoree Mason Center. After formal closing, all Mothers in attendance received a flower.



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Central Coast Weekend – April 25 & 26, 2015

Central Coast Assembly hosted a Beach Weekend and Sleepover. Heart of the Valley met at 6 am for a Mystery Trip. We were treated with a rain storm during our travel to Arroyo Grande. Upon arrival, our weekend started with several fun introduction games in the assembly room. We then adjourned to the dining room where we were treated to delicious clam chowder and chili bowls. We played board games and puzzles until the rain stopped. After lunch, we drove to Pismo Beach for a 2 1/2 hour scavenger hunt. There were four teams walking along the beach, shopping and looking for opportunities to complete their scavenger lists. After the scavenger hunt, we drove along Sand Dune Beach and stuck our toes into the ocean. We returned to the Arroyo Grande Masonic Center for a delicious hot dog BBQ, s'mores, games and sleepover. Sunday morning started with a devotional service, breakfast and clean-up. Mrs. Redman was meeting with the four area Grand Officers and their parents. So Heart of the Valley girls and advisors returned to Pismo Beach for shopping and walking along the beach.



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.

May 27	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 A.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
June 2	Installation of Officers	6:30 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
June 16	Stated Meeting,	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
June 24	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 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 fun and fantastic events!





Carole Rea Littleworth
Queen

Sharon Temple No. 92's Fiesta put on by the Pageantry on May 16th was a success. There was lots of good food and beverages. We were joined by some of the Shrine members and their Ladies as we watched the TV program about our "own" Sacramento Shriners Hospital. It was an hour long and hosted by Kris Kristopherson. Seeing the children tugged at your heartstrings; and knowing all the work that is being done for them made us all realize again what we are working for. It is our "Love for the Children."

The 99th Supreme session is just about here. In June there will be 22 of us heading to Albuquerque, New Mexico for 5 days of meetings, legislation, entertainment, banquets, fun and to see old friends and make new ones. We will get to see our own member, Past Queen Dale Obernolte do her work as Supreme Lady of the Gates. We are all looking forward to going.

Summer is almost here. The weather is getting hotter.

By July you might just want to cool down and you can do this by attending the Ice Cream Social on July 15th at 6:00 PM at the Las Palmas Masonic Center.. So mark your calendars.

There will be more information in the next Las Palmian.
I hope your month of June is filled with happiness.

Remember: Happiness is like jam:
You can't spread it without getting a little on you.

In Nile love,

Carole Rea Littleworth, Queen



from the WIDOWS CLUB
Las Palmas-Ponderosa May 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!

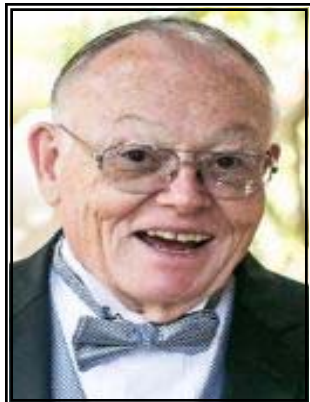
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with exception of July, August and December*

DARK July and August



Heart of the Valley servers at the May Stated Meeting Dinner

Greetings from the Archives



In the mid 1950's rent for the Lodge was \$80 per month. In today's dollars that would be \$700.00 Effective July 1, 1957 the rent increased to \$100 per month.

At a meeting on July 12, 1956, Master Wayne Hearn announced that earlier in the evening at the Athenia Café there was a father and sons dinner for members of Las Palmas. Karl Lewis was present with two of his sons, Ellsworth and Richard; Ted Lewis and his son Robert, Harry Tolladay and his son Rex; Golden A. Long and his son; George Posson and his father-in-law Ralph Vianello and Charles Dart with his son-in-law Jean Hartsock.

At the November, 1956 Stated Meeting: "Brother P.M. Hopper, Fresno Masonic Temple committee member from Las Palmas, gave report on progress of proposed Temple. Brother Hopper had little to report except that matters will soon be brought to a head or dropped."

Death has started to take a real toll on the brethren of Las Palmas Lodge in 1956. A total of 20 brethren passed away this year. During the year we raised 22 new Master Masons and obtained 2 by affiliation.

February 21, 1957 P.M. T.D. Moyers reported that the Masonic Temple was not condemned, but necessary repairs were ordered by the Fire Marshall and Bldg. Inspector. The repairs will be made forthwith. P.M. Hearn reported that the Masters and Wardens Association concluded that the proposed new Temple costs would exceed the ability to finance the same. It was then proposed that there be a modification of the plans so there would only be one lodge room. In April the Brethren were told that the cost of repairs of the existing Temple would be \$40,000 and some members of Las Palmas Lodge felt the building was not worth that much to spend on repairs. By June the costs of repairs were down to \$15,000 for a sprinkling system and structural repairs to be no more than \$7,000. The repairs were being made.



May Stated Meeting Dinner

JUNE



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Kenneth M. Bratcher	6/23	4/9	Billy R. Lankford	6/22	11/19
Edward M. Bufford	6/14	5/30	Brian R Lee	6/26	3/19
Clyde E. Butler	6/9	6/28	William B. Lee	6/2	11/13
Douglas N. Cairns	6/13	7/22	William H. Lyons	6/17	4/14
Neil A. Camin	6/23	2/9	Ronald H. Markarian	6/21	11/21
Elie N. Choufani	6/21	5/9	Dee D. Marlin	6/4	2/27
Dennis R. Claborn	6/26	1/25	James J. Marshall	6/17	3/30
Sidney B. Cox	6/22	5/5	Richard T. Mets	6/16	6/15
Dwayne A. Farrow	6/14	10/15	Allen N. Munroe, Jr.	6/16	12/22
Vernon J. Gaylord	6/5	12/3	Joseph E. Perry, IV	6/11	4/30
Hamo Hamamjian	6/4	9/10	Albert L. Petersen	6/27	12/30
Terrance J. Haun, II	6/15	9/20	David R. Pitts	6/17	5/28
Milburn C. Holt	6/15	5/20	Justin D. Robinson	6/2	1/27
Richard W. Hopper	6/5	3/5	Michael J. Sahakian	6/17	11/2
Matthew M. Houk	6/18	6/1	Ivan F. Salkin	6/10	1/27
Henry W. Howard	6/10	10/14	Bassem A. Sarieddine	6/5	4/5
Nicholas P. Ionescu	6/17	10/28	Alan Steven	6/17	4/20
Curtis C. Jack	6/8	6/6	Vernon S. Ullstrom	6/11	9/30
Harry F. Jackson	6/24	11/26	Michael R. Ward, D.D.S.	6/29	11/16
Arthur K. Johnson	6/4	4/3			



In Memoriam

Paul D. Bedford

Born 03/22/1933-Raised 11/05/2008
Called from labor
May 11, 2015



June Menu

Appetizers
Salad Bar

Pork Loin
Pilaf
Asparagus
Rolls
Dessert

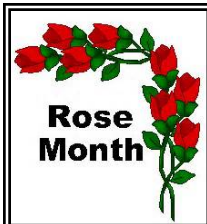


Fresno Masonic Widows Club

June 24, 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;

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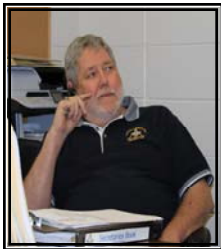


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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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



2014-2015 Masonic year has certainly been a year to remember , January 9, 2015 Clovis Lodge No. 417 consolidated with us raising our total membership to 530+. This year we have Initiated 14, Passed 15 and Raised 9, in the last week of May will raise 3. Two will be at Paradise Park Masonic Club on May 30, 2015. May Stated Meeting, we read three petitions and balloted on two. We have been blessed with many prospects attending our pre-degree dinners. Our web site has been generating interest in our Lodge, Past Master Frey is improving it every day!, check it out lpp366.org, so much information for your enjoyment. Join us for dinner every Thursday 6:30 P.M. our Past Masters will delight you with a really tasty meal, socialize and 7:00 P.M, our Officers will deliver a great degree. Every third Thursday, our chef, Mark, the Past Masters, Senior Warden will prepare a salad bar, appetizers and a dinner matched by no one! Join us! Join us week day mornings to socialize and enjoy a cup of coffee!

June Calendar

- June 4, 2015 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 7:00 P.M. First Degrees
- June 11 2015 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 7:00 P.M. Second Degrees
- June 9, 2015 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board
 Officers Meeting to follow
- June 18, 2015 6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar
 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
- June 25 2015 6:30 Dinner
 7:00 First Degree,

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