



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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Happy St Patrick's Day

March 2015

## Greetings from the East



February was fantastic at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge**. We had savory steak and sweets with our sweethearts and the ladies came dressed in red. The **Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls (IORG)** were in the house and the smiles were free! We had a wonderful meal as we do **EVERY third Thursday** of each month. Come join us and see! Do the Knightly thing and don't forget to RSVP to **Jim Clark** for those tasty morsels.



Masons wear many "hats". One of our hats this month included **reading Dr. Seuss books** to kids. If each one of us could make a positive difference in a child's life, our community would be stronger for it. Giving away bicycles to promote perfect attendance is another privilege that we look forward to in March. Making our future of tomorrow smile... one bicycle at a time. Have you seen those great pictures? What kid doesn't want a new bicycle? A previous winner you say...

Our doors are bursting at the seams as we have more degrees now than in many years. Several of the newest Masons even have perfect attendance! What better way is there to learn our craft? The consolidation with Clovis Lodge has our Secretary and his Brethren quite busy, but they absolutely love a good challenge! We gave them a weekend off and sent them to the Secretaries and Treasurers Retreat. Yee-Haw!

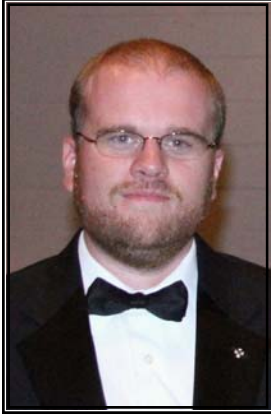
**Masters Night Out** is for any Master Mason and their wife. Each month we try a different venue. On Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> we will be dining at **Café Via** (Italian) located at 6640 N Blackstone Ave. Dinner is a 6:30 PM and once again, do the Knightly thing and RSVP to Jim Clark.

Scholarships are right around the corner, as are Spring classes at the Scottish Rite. So if you are planning a high school senior's future, or your own Masonic Career, now is the time. **MARCH** right down there. We hope to see you and your family right here every Third Thursday for a wonderful meal and friendship at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** and have a Marvelous March



2015 San Ramon Secretary and Treasurer Retreat, Worshipful David Coleman, our Inspector, Jim Clark and Joe Sallee, our Secretary and Assistant Secretary Ernesto Perez, Secretary, Selma 277, and Bryan Coleman, Secretary, Fresno 247.

*Greetings from the West*



How great it is to see so many of our newest brothers advancing in Masonry. The upcoming weeks will bring many degrees as our new members prepare to advance to their 2nd and 3rd degrees. As well as several brothers formerly initiated in Clovis Lodge now continuing their Masonic journey with Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and it is very great to see them preparing to advance. It will also be my honor this month to represent our lodge at the Monterey Wardens Retreat and look forward to all it has to offer hope to learn much that can benefit our lodge in the years to come.

Andrew Miller  
Senior Warden

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January 9, 2015, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 became a new Lodge with the Consolation of Clovis Lodge No. 417 and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 by Most Worshipful Russell E. Charvonias, Grand Master of Masons of California approving the Consolidation.

With that approval January 9, 2015, we have a line of new Officers, new by-laws which have been approved and sent to the Grand Secretary for his approval.

Our Officers for 2015;

- 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
- Marshal;. . . . . George R. Forrester P.M.
- Senior Steward;. . . . Mike A. Hamzy
- Junior Steward;. . . . Donald H. Williams
- Tiler; . . . . . Marvin E. Wallace P.M.
- Organist;. . . . . Robert P. Gonzalez
  
- Trustee;. . . . . Richard W. Frey P.M.
- Trustee; . . . . . James W. Wilson II P.M.
- Trustee;. . . . . Kevin P. Casey

Degree fees are now \$294.00  
Old applications for Degrees will not be accepted.

Dues for 2015, \$109.50  
All delinquent dues from 2014 and before need to be current by March 19, 2015 Stated Meeting.

Life Memberships

March 19, 2015 Stated Meeting Dinner

*Baseball caps from Clovis Lodge No. 417 will be available*

*We have a new supply of Lodge Shirts With and without pockets \$25.00*

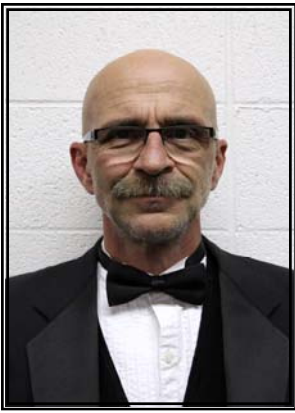
*Greetings from the South*

Once again another month has come and gone, and once again the cooks of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge has amazed and blessed us with another great meal. I not only got to enjoy it but was a witness to a full house enjoying it as well. We had so many people at the Stated Dinner this month that we had to pull out extra tables.

But Brothers, I must remind you that none of these great meals would be possible without a few dedicated Brothers who make it possible, by cooking, setting tables, cleaning up and devoting so much of their own time. So I would like to encourage everyone including wives, girlfriends, family, etc., to take some time out of your socializing at the next Stated Dinner to let these special Brothers know how much you appreciate what they do for you and your family.

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

Bob, Junior Warden



February Stated Dinner







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Worthy Matron updates.....

Yes, we are still collecting articles for BLUE STAR MOTHERS we need to fill three grocery bags by the OV on March 21, but will continue collecting articles and money donations all year. The money goes towards their postage to send the packages. Heart Fund. I am selling Heart Pins for \$5 each all proceeds to the Grand Chapter Foundation Heart Fund. This project is going all year also and donations will be accepted anytime.

Our first meeting on March 4, will be our Deputy Grand Matrons Official Visit. We haven't had a Deputy from our chapter for a long time. It would be nice to have a big turn out to show support to Sister Susan and the lovely former Deputies who are doing the Banquet room. Sisters Betty Veffredo, Lynne Haggerty, Jeannette Foote and Linda Rodie are making plans so if you are a former deputy and want to help call one of them to see how they might use you. It would be totally awesome to have a big turnout of all our former Deputies from all of our consolidated chapters to show our support for Legacy's very first Deputy!

The meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> will be our Masonic Youth Night Dinner. If you need tickets or would like to buy tickets, or make a donation contact Sister Donna Herring or a Youth Group. Tickets have been given to Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls, Bethel 49 Jobs Daughters, and State Center DeMolay. Remember the youth are the future of our organizations, let's give them our support to show them how much we love them and want to help them succeed.

We also have the Official Visit of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on March 21<sup>st</sup> in Merced at 2:00. This is a SOCIAL OV, the members will have no ritual work to perform. It will be a time to renew old friendships and meet new ones. Let us show what a friendly Chapter looks like with a large showing.

Together *we* always make any outing a "Great" event.

Becky  
Worthy Matron

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In the Great Race with Lucky Dog and Sidecar. (Grand Sentinel and Escort)

The race continues, the All Member Instructionals are completed, and very well attended. The AMI in Merced was attended by a large contingent from Legacy Chapter and everyone seemed to have a great time and learned a little something in the process. The Worthy Grand Matron and Patron also had a little surprise for us and a big surprise for Brother Cliff Henderson, naming him Grand Representative of Montana (I understand he already has plane tickets to their Grand Chapter). Congratulations Cliff, you are very deserving of this honor.

We are now attending the Official Visits at the different Districts throughout the state. We have been to the first three in the north and the first three in the south. We have met so many new friends and have seen many old friends.

Speaking of old friends we were able to visit with sister Sherie Gustafson, Past Grand Matron and her husband, Brother Warren, who are both members of Legacy Chapter. It is always fun to see them. Sister Sherie has recovered from her heart attack and seems to be doing well after her wrestling match with a elevator door.

Well it's time to put the CB radio on the car, the luggage in the trunk, fill the helmet with candy and hit the road again. A weekend in the Bay Area for some more OV's then off to Laughlin, Nevada for the Quad State fun event (no slot machines for me...well maybe one).

Drivers Start Your Engines.

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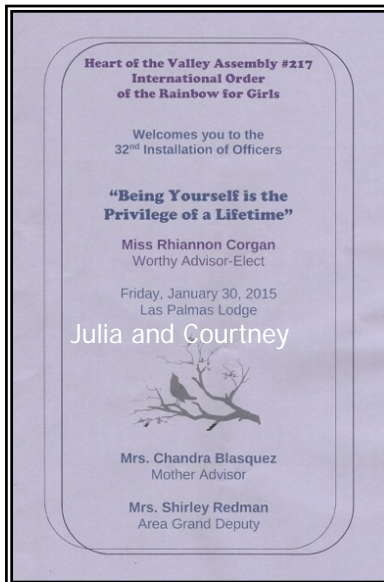
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## Heart of the Valley Assembly March 2015 Newsletter

### Installation of Officers - January 30, 2015

Heart of the Valley Assembly held its 32nd Installation of Officers. Miss Rhiannon Corgan was installed as Worthy Advisor for the Fall Term; her theme was "Being yourself is the Privilege of a Lifetime". Congratulations to the Officers and Members on your term of office



Worthy Advisor Rhiannon



Fall Term Spirit of Rainbow Award, Ritual Award and Service Award Recipients



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Fall Term Merit Bar Presentation - This Awesome Assembly is dedicated to service!



Line Officers



Let's dance!

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Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies

## **First Meeting Practice - February 2, 2015**

Heart of the Valley Assembly held its first meeting of the Spring Term. Mrs. Blasquez started the evening with an assembly meeting to discuss the activities planned for this term. When the meeting opened, Mrs. Redman assisted the members and officers with a first meeting practice. Looking forward to a fun and exciting term full of SERVICE!





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Practice, practice, .....



Proud Mother Advisor and Grand Deputy Closing march ~ Great job!

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**State Center Chapter Valentine's Dance – February 7, 2015**

State Center DeMolay Chapter hosted a FUN Valentines dance with Fresno Bethel #49 and Heart of the Valley Assembly. There was so much excitement in the room from dancing, eating, singing, playing games, having a dance off and making tray favors of Valentine's Day cards for a local nursing home. It was a great evening for everyone....



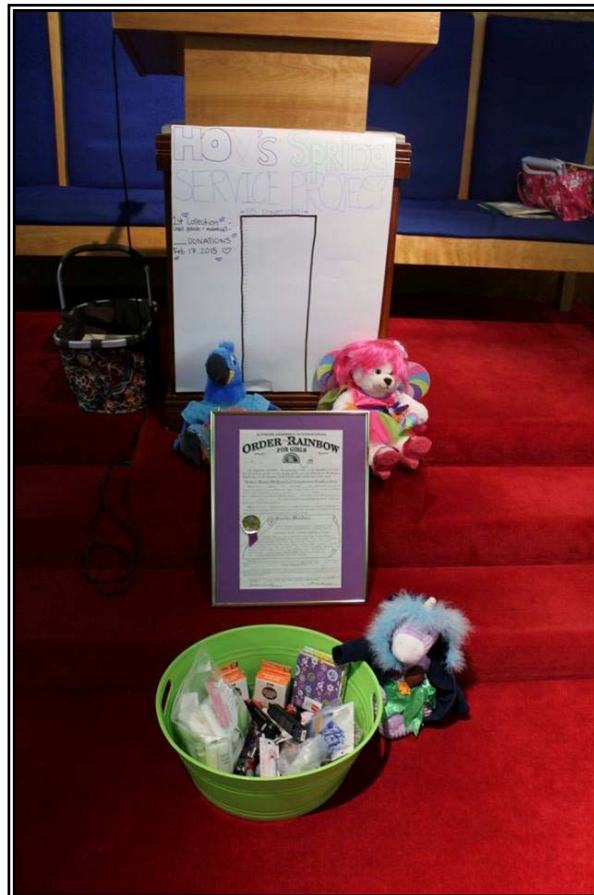


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## *Stated Meeting - "Makeup & Nail Polish" -February 17, 2015*

Heart of the Valley Assembly held its second meeting of the Spring Term. "Makeup & Nail Polish" was the theme for the evening. Courtney; Grand Fidelity and Representative to Alaska and Hawaii, practiced her Grand Assembly Representative Report. During refreshments/crafts, Julia; Grand Musician and Representative to New Jersey and New York; practiced her Grand Assembly Representative Report over the phone. We're all getting excited for Grand Assembly! The assembly is collecting unused/unopened makeup for the Marjaree Mason Center. The Marjaree Mason Center operates three domestic violence shelters in Fresno County, and provides many other supportive services for victims of domestic violence. Tonight's donations were an excellent start for Worthy Advisor Rhiannon's Term Project.



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Green Bucket full of donations!



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All lined up and ready to start tonight's meeting.



Escort of Worthy Advisor

Worthy Advisor and Mother Advisor presiding in the East



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

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February 25	Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
March 3	Stated Meeting, Show Off Night	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
March 17	Stated Meeting, Socks and Slippers	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
March 28-31	Grand Assembly		Selland Area, Fresno

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!*





Lenore Stork  
Queen

*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 February 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*

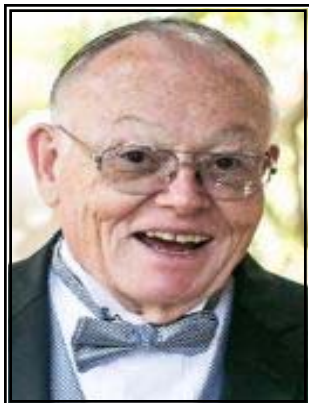
- with exception of July, August and December*

*DARK July and August*



*Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!*

A decorative green banner featuring a central shamrock and several smaller shamrocks on either side, all set against a background of stylized green leaves and stems.



March 1949-- Stated Meeting "The matter of having dinners on the evenings of our stated meetings was brought up and after considerable discussion, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the W.M. appoint such assistance as needed to have a dinner on the stated meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup> at \$1.00 per plate per member and any necessary overage above the cost of \$1.00 per plate be absorbed by the Lodge." In today's dollars that would be \$9.90, remarkably close to the \$10 that we currently charge.

On May 1, 1949 rent on the Masonic Temple for Las Palmas Lodge went from \$60 per month to \$80 per month. In today's dollars that would be from \$560.00 to \$750.00.

December, 1949 "P.M. Dan Winters gave an interesting and inspiring talk preceding the annual election which was then held with the following result; James Avenell Hopper, W.M., Norman Sanford Foley, S.W., Price Robinson, J.W."

When James Hopper was installed as Master of Las Palmas Lodge he inherited a Lodge with 41 Entered Apprentices and 34 Fellow Crafts.

In 1950 Las Palmas Lodge raised 50 new members. Because of this, WM Hopper got the nickname of "50-50 Hopper" as during his year as Master, he raised 50 members in 1950.

December, 1950--Stated Meeting, Bro. Dee Moyer PM and Bro. Rhine Meyering PM reported that the committee of all of the Lodges in Fresno had visited numerous sites for a new Temple and would be making a recommendation within a short period of time. It was still over 8 years before Las Palmas Lodge would, without the help of any other Lodge, start construction on our present Temple.

Bleak and Gulgilian Fellow Craft





# MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Wayne P. Adams	3/10	6/29	Timothy E. Jurkowski	3/18	9/19
Jordan L. Bachman	3/3	6/1	Ronald G. Letterman	3/17	9/29
Paul D. Bedford	3/22	11/5	Franklin P. Lewis	3/3	10/9
Truman F. Campbell	3/26	11/6	Theodore L. Marsella	3/31	4/18
Clifford M. Carrigan	3/18	6/11	Norman Meachum	3/19	9/25
Michael M. Chapman	3/24	6/4	Donald T. Mroz	3/29	5/2
Dwight N. Clark, Jr.	3/25	8/4	Michael D. O'Connell	3/17	5/21
William M. Coughran	3/2	6/6	Jack J. Ouzounian	3/20	3/30
Mark A. Cresci	3/27	4/22	Gerald H. Peloian	3/18	10/9
Robert D. Crossland	3/5	7/24	Gary C. Petty	3/3	5/27
LeRoy J. Foote	3/8	9/16	Donald G. Pribble	3/28	4/28
James C. Forshey	3/12	6/16	James Reed, III	3/2	12/18
Michael W. Garrett	3/6	4/25	Robert F. Rohan	3/7	2/21
William D. Gover	3/24	10/31	Walter Rube	3/17	3/22
James F. Grabner	3/14	5/5	Herbert O. Spencer	3/21	5/30
Richard L. Haggerty	3/30	7/27	Richard T. Stilwell	3/26	5/27
Mike A. Hamzy	3/4	4/3	Jose-Enrique Torres	3/9	6/2
Stephen P. Harlan	3/12	6/27	Boyd L. Whitener	3/27	3/24
Rollin C. Hitchcock	3/21	4/15	Jeffery D. Whitener	3/13	3/24
Denton H. Hollifield	3/18	10/29			



2015 Applications are available  
 Call (559) 268-2303 or  
 E-mail [lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net](mailto:lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net)  
 Deadline March 31, 2015



*March Menu*  
*Full Salad Bar*  
*Variety of*  
*Appetizers*  
*Beef Calderata*  
*Fresh Rolls*  
*and*  
*Dessert*

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

March 25, 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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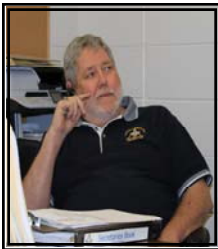


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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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*



February 20th-22nd Worshipful Sallee and myself were attending the Secretary & Treasures Retreat in San Ramon. As always was a wonderful weekend with our Brothers from around the state, sharing information and a great learning experience was provided by our Grand Lodge.

January and February, we have Initiated four Entered Apprentice, Passed four Fellow Craft, Raised two Master Masons, read three applications at the February Stated Meeting and have received three applications last week.

Our new Officers are really doing fantastic work, thanks to our Officers Coach Worshipful Bersani, our Dinner staff of Past Masters provide a wonderful dinner before every Degree at 6:30 P.M. Join us on Thursday evenings for a very good dinner, socialize for a time and join us in making Masons! Thursday, March 5, 2015 we will raise Brother Bleak and Thursday March 12, 2015, will raise Brothers Tanassi!

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



*March Calendar*

March 5, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Bleak Third Degree
March 10, 2015	6:30 P.M. Hall Association Directors Officers Meeting to follow
March 12, 2015	6:30 Dinner 7:00 Tanassi Third Degree
March 19, 2015	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
March 26 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