

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

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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#### Greetings from the East

# Happy New Year



Happy New Year to all the brethren and friends of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and I hope you had a happy and safe holiday season.

Its my extreme honor to take up the responsibilities of being your Worshipful Master for the 2016 year, and look forward to working with all our new lodge officers in the coming days. Its been rewarding to see so many of our new brothers stepping into the line and taking an active role in our lodge activities. We are truly fortunate as a lodge to have so many dedicated and active young men to draw on for support.

We've had one impressive year in 2015, certainly busy. And it looks like the year to come will be no exception. In the coming weeks we will have the pleasure of bestowing many new degrees as well as celebrating fifty year membership anniversaries for several of our members.

On January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. will be our Annual Installation of Officers and I look forward to seeing you there to welcome our incoming officers for the year. And a big thank you to all those who have helped put this together.

My thanks to everyone who came out and joined us for our many events and festivities of the past year. I'd particularly like to thank Richard Sherrod for being our Master these past three years. During a time when our lodge has seen many changes and welcomed many new faces. I owe him my thanks and much gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to become a brother of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and the chance to become your Master for the coming year. I will endeavor to live up to example set these past few years and hope that I'll do him and all of you proud.

Andrew, Worshipful Master



Bernie Hollenbeck Presented his Golden Veterans Award by Cline "Cub" Jack Jr.

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### Greetings from the West



Beginning our new year, we look forward to degree work for our fourteen Entered Apprentices and Ten Fellow Craft advancing to their next degrees. Appears we will raise Joshua T. Hughes, January 14, 2016, our Stated Meeting, January 21, 2016 will be doing Golden Veterans Awards and balloting on an application for degrees, with the possibility of an initiation January 28, 2016. We will keep you informed of degrees and invite you to join us on Thursdays to socialize, have a little dinner and enjoy some ritual at Las Palmas Masonic Center.

Mike, Senior Warden





December 11, 2015, 2016 Officers Christmas Dinner at George's Bar and Grill. Was exciting for our young Officers and their wife's to socialize, dine and meet all the Officers and wife's, We are truly blessed having these young families in our Lodge!



### Greetings from the South



December Stated meeting dinner was sold out, guests waited to be seated, those without reservations. As we do at Las Palmas Masonic Center everyone was served! Andrew Miller's appetizers table was outstanding with many new choices as well as Past Master Chuck Bersani's salad bar was full of new items with a large choice of dressings. Mike Reynolds and Past Master Joe Sallee prepared a prime rib cooked to perfection! Heart of the Valley served as always. We had a large attendance of our Widows. With saddest, our Santa, Richard Haggerty could not attend due to problems with his pets, he is always great with our picture taking with all in attendance for the December Stated



Meeting Dinner.

Join us for our January 21st Stated Meeting Dinner, our outstanding appetizer table and salad bar, Chef Mark will be preparing a pork loin for your enjoyment with garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls and dessert.

See you in Lodge;

Scott, Junior Warden



Scott Fichtner initiated Karekin K. Khatchadoorian an Entered Apprentice Mason December 3, 2015. We had a really good attendance for dinner and for the ritual.





# JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR

LAS PALMAS MASONIC CENTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year!	2
3	4	5 HEART OF THE VALLEY 6:30 P.M. INITIATION TOYS FOR TOTS PROJECT	6 LEGACY O.E.S. DARK	7 LPP 366 6:30 P.M. INSTALLATION PRACTICE	8	9 LPP 366 INSTALLATION 2:00 P.M. REFRESHMENT FOLLOWING
10	11	12 6:00 P.M. L.M.B.A HALL BOARD LPP 366 OFFICERS MEETING 7:00 P.M. FRESNO NUMISMATIC	13 NILE NO 92 7;30 P.M. STATED SESSION	7 LPP 366 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. HUGHES	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19 HEART OF THE VALLEY 7:00 P.M.	20 LEGACY O.E.S 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M CHAPTER	21 LPP366 6:00 P.M. APPETIZER 6:30 P.M.DINNER 7:00 P.M. GOLDEN VETERANS AWARDS 7:30 STATED MEETING	22	23
24 31 HEART OF THE VALLEY RECEPTION	25 MASTERS NIGHT OUT	26 LPP 366 OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES WORKSHOP 6:30 P.M7:30 P.M.	27	28 LPP 366 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M.	29 SUPREME QUEENS VISIT	30 SET-UP FOR RECEPTION HEART OF THE VALLEY

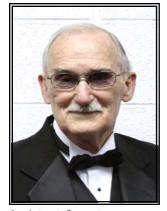
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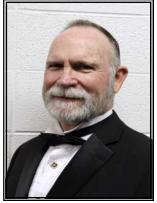
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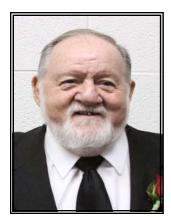
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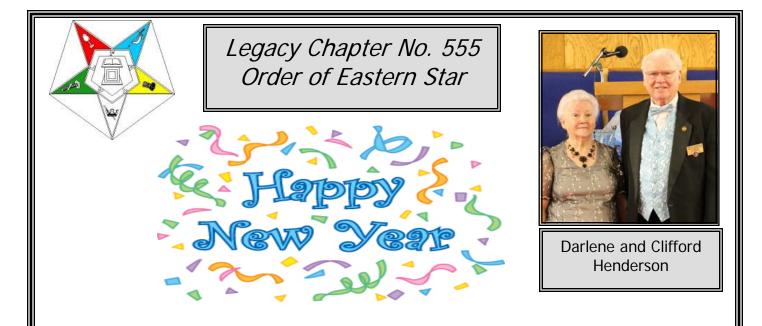


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Our chapter thanks you for your support for our pasta dinner on December 16th. Due to the generosity of your members and our own we were able to give the language clinic a check for \$575.

We are looking forward to a busy month in February, our 1st meeting will be on the 3rd, followed on the 6th with the official visit of our Worthy Grand Matron Chris Diaz and our Worthy Grand Patron John Scott. It will be an open social event at the temple on Shields Ave, the public is welcome. It is a good time for people who are interested in Eastern Star to come and see what we are all about.

And then of course we will be watching the Super Bowl the next day on the 7th.

Darlene Henderson W.M and Cliff Henderson W.P.

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## Heart of the Valley Assembly ~ January 2016Newsletter Stated Meeting & Toy Drive ~ December 1, 2015

All were in the Holiday Spirit at tonight's meeting. We decorated the Las Palmas Masonic Center Christmas Tree, donated unwrapped Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in our community and our Pledge Group made gifts for their teachers.









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### Strolling Christmas Tree Lane ~ December 8, 2015

The weather was kind to us tonight during Heart of the Valley Assembly's stroll down Fresno's Christmas Tree Lane. We met at Jessica's house for Hot Chocolate and a short walk to Christmas Tree Lane. The two mile long lane was closed for pedestrian traffic only tonight. The turnout was awesome and all enjoyed the majestic displays.





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### Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Christmas Party December 12, 2015

Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies took the words 'be of some service each day' to heart this weekend. They helped at the Scottish Rite party for the children at the Language Center.



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*Grand Deputy Official Visit & Cookie Exchange ~ December 15, 2015* Heart of the Valley Assembly held the Official Visit of our Grand Deputy tonight. Afterwards, we exchanged Christmas Cookies, tied blankets for the teenage patients of the Fresno Scottish Rite Children's Language Center, and boxed donations for our WA's toy drive for delivery. Tis the season for giving!



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### Las Palmas Christmas Dinner - December 17, 2015

Heart of the Valley Assembly enjoyed a delicious Prime Rib Dinner and celebration with our Masonic Family. The dining room was full of happy faces enjoying a great meal and fellowship. The assembly served guests with a smile and were rewarded with smiles and hugs. At the close of the evening, the assembly was presented a generous monetary donation from the Las Palmas Masonic Building Association.

















Heart of the Valley Pledge Group and Assembly meets the 1st and 3rdTuesday 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.

- January 5 Stated Meeting—Elections
- January 9 **GWAA** Reception
- January 17 Last Official Visit
- January 19 Stated Meeting, Farewell Night
- January 21 Dinner Serving,
- Julia & Samantha's Reception January 31 Julia & Samantha's Reception
- Installation of Officers February 2

### Heart of the Valley Contact Information:

7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center			
7:00 P.M.	Visalia Masonic Center			
1:00 P.M	Oakdale			
7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center			
7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center			
12:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center			
2:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center			
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!



Richard Ehorn, President, Las Pas Palmas Masonic Building Association, presenting a donation check to Heart of the Valley.









Carole Rea Littleworth Queen

Happy New Year!

The year of 2015 has gone by quickly for Sharon Temple No. 92, especially the month of December. It started with the Tulare-Kings Nile Club Christmas Lunch at the Lamp Lighter Inn in Visalia. There was a great turn out with 41 in attendance; and we all enjoyed a complete turkey dinner. Next Pageantry had their meeting and Christmas festivities at Jane Gamoian's home. Then there was the Shrine's Family Christmas Party.

The Patrol had their breakfast meeting. The Queen's Open House (on that very rainy Saturday) rounded out the activities. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season.

January finds us again in Visalia with the Tulare-Kings Nile Club meeting at Ryan's Place. The Choir's Christmas Party that couldn't be squeezed in during December will be held at Marie Calendar's. Our Stated Session will be Memorial Night. The Supreme Queen's Visit will be January 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a much anticipated event that we all look forward to.

I wish you peace, joy and blessings in this new year of 2016.

With Nile love,

## from the WIDOWS CLUB

## Las Palmas-Ponderosa December Stated Dínn

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



What a wonderful way to start a new year, with installation of New Officers for the Lodge. Congratulations, and If we can be of assistance this year, Please let us know.

Remember, God does not ask about : Our Ability ,or Our Inability, only Our Availability. We appreciate all the Kindness and Generosity given by you Our Brothers.

Someday you will reach a point in Life when the only thing you Exercise is "CAUTION" May this year bring you all the Success and Accomplishments you Hope and Strive for.

Sincerely,

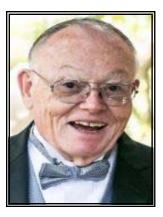
Fresno Masonic Widows Club:

Lena Cook: President, Judy Gross: V. President, Betty Veffredo: Secretary,



New Year

### Greetings from the Archives



**The opening of our new Temple**. After 2 hard years of fundraising and construction, our new temple was ready for the 1961 Masonic Year. I was told by several "old timers" that some of our brethren helped with the construction of our new temple in an effort to keep costs down. Our new Las Palmas Temple was the very first single story Masonic Temple to be built as a Masonic Temple in California. Before that all newly constructed Masonic Temples had to be at least two stories so that the lodge room could be on the upper floor with windows to let in the light.

On January 5, 1961 WM Dart opened Lodge in our new Temple for the installation of the 1961 officers. All past masters living in Fresno were

present (a total of 23 with the oldest being Speed B. Leas (1912), Fred L. Swartz (1917) and Ralph D. Vianello (1920)). An estimated 500 Masons and their friends were present for the installation. PM Speed B. Leas escorted his son, Hambleton F. Leas to the east as he was our new Master. At this time Bud Pope is our only living Past Master who received his degrees of Masonry in the old Temple.

On January 12, 1961 WM Leas handed the gavel to PM Moyer so that he could open Lodge for work for the first time in the new Temple. Brothers William Kreller and VyronDrake were regularly introduced, obligated and raised to the sublime of Master Mason.

On March 23, 1961 Grand Lodge opened in our new Temple for the purpose of having the Grand Master "Dedicate" our new Temple. Approximately 200 members and guests were in attendance.

On March 29, 1961, P.M. Moyers delivered the Sr. Deacon's 2<sup>nd</sup> degree lecture which initiated the use of our new pillars that had been donated by Gilma and T. D. Moyers.

These pillars cost \$892.65. When Clovis Lodge consolidated with us in January of 2015, the pillars from Clovis Lodge were placed in our lodge room and the pillars given to us by Gilma and T. D. Moyers were moved to the banquet room. If you examine them closely you will find the silver plaque with an inscription that notes who gave them to Las Palmas Lodge and when.



2016 Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 Scholarship Applications

Applications are available call (559) 268-2303 or e-mail; <u>lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net</u> Masters Night Out, December 22, 2015 Sakura Chaya, Japanese Restaurant Dinner was enjoyed by all, Thanks to Bill Lyons for the reservations, new additions were Anthony Rodriguez and two prospects and Devon Bleak and his wife! 21 were in attendance. Great socializing with the Brethren!



JA	NW	4RY	BIRTHI	DAY	<i>''S</i>
	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Robert R. Anderson	1/12	5/22	John R. Reynolds	1/17	5/2
Joshua R. Barkley	1/28	5/21	Kirk W. Roberts	1/20	1/21
Dylan J. Beck	1/16	5/30	John R. Sanderson	1/18	10/24
Thomas J. Bekhdoud	1/9	9/29	Bahram Shifteh	1/1	4/27
Robert B. Bower	1/25	11/2	Dean L. Sigle	1/12	5/24
David M. Byrnes	1/15	3/6	James C. Stahl	1/18	2/11
Brandon G. Camarena	1/17	5/28	Howard D. Sutliff	1/1	7/3
Thomas D. Carlson	1/7	9/6	Carman L. Tracy	1/29	10/18
Ronald L. Copp	1/5	5/17	Lewis D. Wagoner	1/11	1/21
James G. Fisher	1/23	6/9	Marvin E. Wallace	1/10	12/8
Kenneth M. Hoskin	1/29	2/5	Chris E. Weymouth	1/10	2/18

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas A. Nickelson, Sr.

Michael E. Ratley

Kenneth B. Budd Jr.

Born 11/810/1933-Raised 10/25/1983 Called from labor November 25, 2015

### Richard C. Francis

Born 05/30/1936-Raised 10/10/1975 Called from labor November 26, 2015



1/24

9/6



1/27

5/6

### Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Happy' New, Year

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Denny's Restaurant 1110 East Shaw Avenue January 27, 2016

President; Vice-President; Judy Gross Secretary; Treasurer;

Lena Cook Betty Veffredo 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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<u>A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE</u> Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated in any way.

#### From the Desk of the Secretary



Installation of our 2016 Officers will be January 9, 2016, join us, 2:00 P.M. for Installation and Refreshments to follow, Lots of appetizers! We are anticipating another banner year. We have several prospects that have been attending our degree dinners and stated meeting dinners, who will be looking for an application for degrees. Our Masters Night Out will be the last Monday of the month starting in January due to all the conflicts with other events on Tuesday's. Join us, January 13, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

Selma Masonic Center for Installation of Selma Lodge No. 277 Officers, we will provide the installing team. Past Masters, Chuck Bersani, Jim Wilson II and Andrew Miller will do the honors', As always join us most all Thursday's, 6:30 P.M. Dinner and Degree 7:00 P.M. come early and socialize, dine and enjoy really good ritual!

#### January Calendar

January 7, 2016	6:30 P.M. Officers Installation Practice	VISA MasterCard
January 9, 2016	2:00 P.M. Installation Refreshments to follow	We are accepting credit cards payments using the Square System.
January 12, 2016	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board LPP Officers Meeting	2016 dues are \$113.50
January 14, 2016	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Hughes	Credit Card Dues are \$118.00 Stated Dinners are \$11.00
January 21, 2016	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	Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00