



*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*



*Merry*  *Christmas*

Season's Greetings Brethren and friends, and I hope you and your families all had an enjoyable and memorable Thanksgiving as well as a pleasant start to our Christmas season. Time certainly seems to fly by these days and our year is almost at a close.

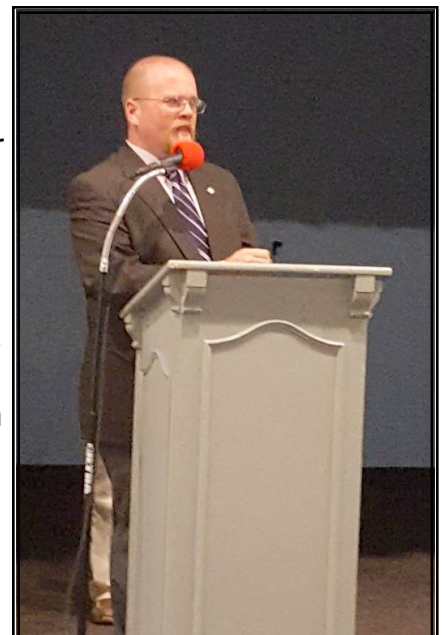
This past month we once again held our annual election of officers and I want to congratulate all those who are

continuing on their journey through the officers chairs in the coming year. It has been a pleasure to serve you these past two years as your Worshipful Master and wish all the best to our new Master-Elect, Scott Fichtner in his coming year in the east. I would also like to thank all our officers that have helped make these past two year such a success and I do look forward to continuing to work with you all in our various future endeavors.

As always this time of year our calendar of events will be somewhat lighter but we certainly hope to see you all at our upcoming stated meeting dinner.

Again please do take care over this holiday season and here's wishing you all a very *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year*.

Fraternally; Andrew, Worshipful Master



Worshipful Miller  
welcoming Stated Dinner  
members



(left) Master-elect, Scott M. Fichtner, Brother Pullings, Senior Warden-elect, Ryan C. Marrett and Junior Warden-elect, Joshua M. Harmon enjoying the Stated Meeting dinner at the Master's table appears the Master has their attention.

## *Greetings from the West*



Brethren, as we close the books on yet another year for Las Palmas-Ponderosa No 366, I am pleased and excited to announce that I have been elected to represent you as Master of our lodge for the year 2018. Compared to most of the brothers of 366, I am very young in Masonry and still have a lot to learn. The blood, sweat and tears that have been shed to make this lodge one of the largest and most active in the valley is an amazing legacy and I strive to live up to those standards. As your new Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa, my goal is to continue that long tradition and to further help our lodge grow and be prosperous. In order to maintain the many wonderful traditions, I look to all of you for guidance and support. I realize that much change has occurred at our lodge over the decades, some for the better and some, well, not so much. We have all heard the saying **"Those That Do Not Learn From Their History Are Doomed To Repeat It."** Let

us not be Doomed, but rather strive to make a difference. I want all our voices to be heard.

Humanity is suffering throughout our globe and brotherhoods such as ours were created to help guide those most in need. Let the natural guides and leaders step forward to exercise their talents. There has never been a more important time than now. The world needs us to bring about change, to open our doors and invite in those that are the best of us to build a better future for our families and most importantly our children and grandchildren. To make this happen, to change the world, I need all of you present to stand with me, be a guide, share your knowledge, and share in this wonderful brotherhood we call "Masonry". Whether I have met you or not, you are all my brothers, you will always be my brothers.

I know leave it in your hands my brothers, let us leave our grievances in the past and focus on a better and brighter future for our lodge. I look forward to seeing you all at our next Stated Meeting and invite you to join me on January 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 P.M. for the Installation of our new officers. If you need assistance getting to our meetings, please contact our Secretary, Jim Clark, or myself at the numbers below.

Kindest Regards,  
Master-Elect: Scott Fichtner

Fichtner; (559) 352-8023

Secretary; (559) 268-2303

**Merry**  
**Christmas**



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## Greetings from the South



As the holiday season is upon us it's time for great food and even greater company with family and friends. At our last stated meeting the dinner crew prepared a thanksgiving feast with turkey and all the trimmings including a great pumpkin pie for dessert. As always the rainbow girls did a wonderful job of serving we are very lucky to have them and there leadership at every stated meeting.

I personally haven't been able to be at lodge as much as I would like to be due to family and work but feel very excited about the upcoming year. I would like to remind every mason that we would love to have as many masons as possible during every degree to show support for the new candidates and to the new officers. Also to demonstrate to new and potential masons that we are one brotherhood here to support one another in all our endeavors.

In the coming months as we prepare for installation and the coming of a new year we hope to see as many of you as possible for our Christmas dinner and for installation. I want to wish everyone a happy thanksgiving and a merry Christmas to all.

Fraternally;  
Ryan, Senior Warden-elect



Members and guests enjoying the appetizers, salad bar and dinner at the November Stated Meeting Dinner!





# *December 2017* *Las Palmas Masonic* *Center* *Events Schedule*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 ESTRILLITA CLUB 6:00 P.M.  POTLUCK DINNER	5  HEART OF THE VALLEY STATED MEETING 7:00 P.M.	6  LEGACY O.E.S. NO. 555 7:00 P.M.	7  OFFICERS & HALL DIRECTORS DINNER SANTA FE BASQUE 6:30 P.M.	8	9
10	11	12 7:00 P.M FRESNO NUMISMATIC CLUB	13  SHARON TEMPLE	14  6:00 P.M. HALL & OFFICERS MEETING	15	16
17	18	19  HEART OF THE VALLEY STATED MEETING 7:00 P.M.	20  LEGACY O.E.S. NO. 555 7:00 P.M.	21  6:00 P.M. APPETIZER SALAD BAR 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M STATED MEETING	22	23
24 	25  Merry Christmas!	26	27  HEART OF THE VALLEY 6:45P.M.-9:00 P.M. ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Card Room	28  DARK	29	30
31  Happy New Year						



## 2017 Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 Officers



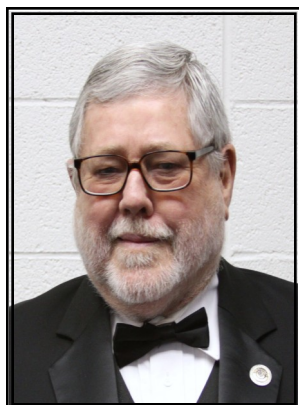
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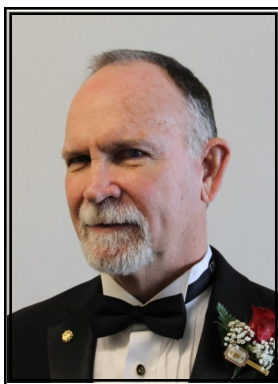
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## *November Stated Meeting Dinner*



(left) Lisa Jones helping with the cooking for November Stated Dinner.

(right) Our Chaplain, Don Williams with the dinner blessing.

(below left) the Brothers at the Salad Bar.





## *November Stated Meeting Dinner*



(far left) Bernice Dyck enjoying the pumpkin pie.



(left) Natalie Clark and P.M. Marvin Wallace at the appetizer table.

(below left from the left) Junior Warden-elect Joshua Harmon, Senior Warden-elect, Ryan Marrett, Brother Gary Pullings and Master-elect Scott Fichtner.

(below bottom) the members and guests at the November Stated Dinner.





*November Stated Meeting Dinner*



# ***Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217***



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We invite all members of our sponsoring orders to come out and attend our meetings.

## ***Heart of the Valley November 2017 Calendar of Events***

November 1, 2017	Advisory Board Meeting	6:45 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
November 7, 2017	Open Meeting/Service Project	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
November 11, 2017	Cross of Color Banquet	11 A.M.	Visalia Masonic Center
November 11, 2017	Area Ritual Competition	1:00 P.M.	Visalia Masonic Center
November 12, 2017	Saturday Service Project		Visalia Animal Shelter
November 15, 2017	Legacy Chapter Installation	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
November 16, 2017	Dinner Serving (Group B)	6:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
November 21, 2017	Stated Meeting Balloting	6:30 P.M.	Fresno Masonic Center
November 28, 2017	Fort Millerton Installation	6:30 P.M.	Visalia Convention Center
November 30, 2017	Advisory Board Meeting	6:45 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center

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## Notes from the Throne

**Sharon Temple** would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving full of family, friends and lots of love. There is nothing more important in this world than our families and our friends. Everything else that day can wait until Black Friday Shopping Deals!



Queen  
Jean Denton

October ended with several of our members attending the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter on October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was my honor to be introduced as the **Queen of Sharon Temple No 92** and was able to spend some time with family, **Billie Bradfield, General Grand Chapter's Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress** and friends **Tori Loll, Worthy Grand Matron in AZ** along with **PM Diane Lotspeich, Channel Island Chapter**.

November started off with a full calendar and loaded with fun events. First, Members attended the **Chief Rabban's Night** on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Tehran Shrine Temple and **Chief Rabban Mark Dawson and his Lady Sandy** gave us a sneak preview of what to expect in 2018. The evening was full of fun and excitement as he presented his calendar.

The **November 8<sup>th</sup> Nile Session** was our **Founder's Day** and we honored our **Past Queens**. The PQ's wore their year's uniforms along with the Line Officers. It is always so much fun to see what their Supreme Queen's chose. I was also honored to present **Princess Barbara Linares** with her 25 year pin. The Linares's family has been a part of the Denton's life for over 35 years. Congratulations Barbara!

**Sharon Temple and the Red Hat Good Time Gals** jumped aboard a bus on November 22, 2017 and headed to the **Duarte Poinsettia Farms and the Hilmar Cheese Factory**. We had such a great time last year and besides my really green thumb killed what I bought last year. I did find out the difference between a poinsettia and a fruitcake. You could eat a poinsettia. (I for one love a GOOD fruitcake so if you need to get rid of one call me). Old wives tales notwithstanding, the simple fact, we found out, is the poinsettia is completely non-toxic, albeit foul tasting. It will even remove pollutants from indoor air. So enjoy those beautiful red flowers but read the instructions on care very carefully and save them for after the holidays. Stay tuned for more interesting facts next month.

The **Queen's Christmas Open House** will be held on December 10th at the Tehran Shrine Temple from 2 PM – 5 PM and you are all invited to join in on the fun, food and fellowship. Past Master John and I are looking forward to greeting you and wishing you a Happy Holiday Season.

*Remember during the Holidays to move at your own pace...A snail's pace in the right direction is better than going nowhere fast and wearing yourself out before the holiday fun begins.*

**Queen Sharon Temple**  
**Jean Denton**

Merry  Christmas





## Founders Day



Past Queens, Sharon No. 92

(below) O.E.S. Grand Chapter Queen Denton, Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress ( of the world) and my friend from Ventura.



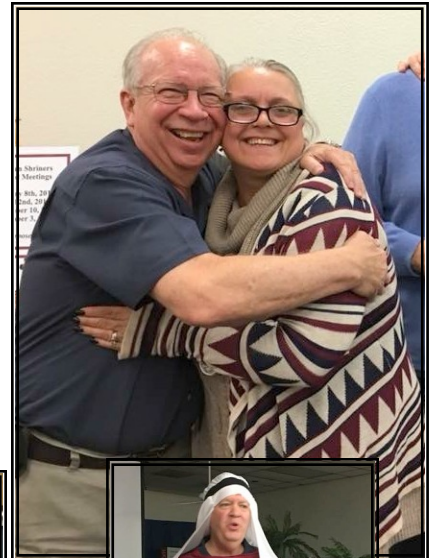
Worthy Grand Marton from Arizona and Queen Denton







## Welcome to Chief Rabban's Night







*Legacy Chapter No. 555*  
*Order of Eastern Star*





*From the WIDOWS CLUB  
November Dinner Las Palmas Masonic Center*

**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  
Maria Calendar's Restaurant 1781 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno CA.*

***Looking forward to seeing you!***

*R.S.V.P. President Lena Cook (559) 277-0690 • Barbara Corter Secretary (559) 449-1562  
with exception of June, July, August*



## From the Archives



Richard W. Frey P.M.

By now all of our members should have received their dues notice for 2018 and many of you have already sent your check in or paid by PayPal. As a Trustee of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge I wanted to let all who read this Trestleboard article know what happens to the \$120 that each member pays in dues.

Our Grand Lodge has expenses and out of this \$120, the sum of \$48 is sent to Grand Lodge. This leaves our Lodge with only \$72 per dues paying member. Currently we have about 350 dues paying members (there are additional members who are life members and others who have their dues remitted). Our life membership funds are invested very aggressively, as recommended by Grand Lodge, and on average this fund earns about \$5,000 per year. When we multiply \$72 times 350 we get the sum of \$25,200 which with the life membership earnings gives our Lodge an income of only \$30,000 per year to operate on.

The Secretary's salary is \$12,000 per year and rent is \$9,000 per year so we now have only \$9,000 to keep our Lodge running all year long. There are additional expense for office supplies, printing and mailing of the Las Palmian and numerous other expenses that are necessary to keep our

Lodge running. Over the last eight years, on average, the Trustees have invaded their investments in excess of \$24,000 per year to keep our Lodge running. This does not include the \$170,000 which the Trustees gave to the Temple Board to pay for the solar panels in 2016.

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge is a great Lodge and one of the things that make it so great is our Temple which has been beautifully maintained for the last 57 years. At its age, however, our Temple now needs constant repairs, some minor and some major. While a few of our members have the knowledge and skills to make repairs, some repairs require outside contractors. The cost to keep our Temple Building open is about \$80,000 per year. Thankfully, we are able to rent our parking space to the Veterans Hospital which helps defer some of these expenses.

As I was cleaning out an old file cabinet at lodge, I discovered a paper that said that up until the early 1960's about 2% of the population in Fresno were Masons. Today that figure would be only a fraction of a percent. Due to deaths, demits, and suspension for non-payment of dues, the number of dues paying members decreases each year. For our dues to net our Lodge the needed \$50,000 per year, we would have to have 650 dues paying members. I do not see this as any kind of a possibility to achieve and maintain.



**Our Thoughts  
and Prayers  
are With you**

*We have many brothers who need your support, be it their wives or family members, a call, a note or stop by just to remind them we are there for them in their time of need.*

*Stuart Hoskins, Stacy Hoskins*

*Don Ott*

*Alvin Hopkins Jr*

*Jake Sexton*

*Richard Frey Family*

*Larry Bennett*

*Ralph Medeiros*

*Cliff Henderson*

*Family*

*LeRoy Foote Family*





# DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Dewayne R. Bien	12/9	7/13	Robert E. Mc Colaugh	12/22	4/5
Devon F. Bleak, III	12/12	3/5	Mitchell L. Mirigian	12/23	4/1
Don J. Blosser	12/27	10/6	Leonard T. Ogden	12/12	1/27
Douglas C. Boudakian	12/11	4/5	Don E. Ott	12/9	6/11
Kenneth C. Bryson	12/31	2/19	Christopher D. Parker	12/18	11/2
Robert B. Buchanan	12/7	1/28	George M. Pavlovich	12/13	7/9
Gregory T. Burton	12/27	12/1	Daniel L. Pearce	12/4	9/30
Kevin P. Casey	12/20	9/4	James H. Peloian	12/4	12/15
James C. Clark	12/19	4/12	Gerald S. Rasmussen	12/1	3/13
William E. Clark, D.D.S.	12/14	7/3	Paul E. Redondo	12/27	11/8
Michael D. Dick	12/7	11/13	Robert W. Roberts	12/31	6/6
Kenneth J. Elia	12/23	10/27	Maher M. Saber	12/5	10/5
Charles E. Garabedian	12/20	10/18	Elvin M. Sherwood	12/8	7/3
Charles R. Gomez, Jr.	12/10	7/23	Steven W. Shute	12/9	4/30
Matthew C. Guy	12/6	5/31	Kenneth H. Smith	12/29	6/20
Johnnie E. Harshman, Jr.	12/25	5/16	Lawrence H. Smith	12/5	2/23
John D. Kitchel	12/20	3/30	Edward C. Stumpf	12/1	1/26
Benjamin F. Lewis	12/14	5/27	John B. Swank	12/4	7/27
Dee T. Lewis	12/20	9/8	Thomas E. Topjian	12/7	6/10
Stanley F. Littleworth	12/2	5/1	James S. Wadkins	12/7	11/16
William E. Lockie, Jr.	12/16	10/11	Ronald W. Weiner	12/20	11/1
L. Dean Lowe, Ph.D	12/25	6/12	Rex F. Wellendorf	12/31	2/29
James C. Mc Clain	12/3	7/3			

## IN MEMORIAM

*Theodore L. Marsella*

*Born 03/31/1945—Raised 04/18/1999  
Called from labor  
November 12 2017*



## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Marie Callender's Restaurant  
1781 East Shaw Avenue  
December 27, 2017

President; Lena Cook  
Vice-President; Judy Gross  
Secretary; Barbara Corter  
Treasurer; Pat Westphal

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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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.

*From the Desk of the Secretary*



The November Stated Meeting dinner was fantastic, turkey and all the trimmings with pumpkin pie! 2018 Officers were elected, Master, Scott M. Fichtner, Senior Warden, Ryan C. Marrett, Junior Warden, Joshua M. Harmon, Treasurer, Richard L. Ehorn, Secretary, James C. Clark, Trustee, Richard W. Frey P.M., Hall Association Directors, William H. Lyons P.M., Clifford D. Henderson, James C. Clark. Master-Elect Fichtner will announce his appointed officers in the near future. Join us Sunday, 1:00 P.M. January 7, 2018 for Installation of 2018 Officers!

I would like to thank Worshipful Andrew Miller for his hard work and dedication as Master of our Lodge and all the Officers for there work in initiating seven Entered Apprentices, passing three Fellow Craft and raising five Master Masons in 2017.

*December Calendar*

December 7 2017	6:30 P.M. Officers Dinner
December 14, 2017	6:00 P.M. L.P.M.B.A Board LPP Officers Meeting
December 21, 2017	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Necrology 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
December 28, 2017	DARK
January 7, 2018	1:00 P.M. Installation of Officers



We are accepting credit cards payments using the Square System. Pay Pal at [www.lpp366.org](http://www.lpp366.org)

2018 dues \$120.00  
PayPal dues \$124.00  
Credit Card \$124.50  
Stated Dinners are \$11.00  
Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00