



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 to all the brethren and friends of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and here's hoping you and your families all had a happy holiday season and a safe and enjoyable New Year.

Thank you once again for entrusting me with the duty of acting as your Worshipful Master for this coming second term. Over this past year I have had the pleasure of raising many new brothers as well as seeing many of those raised in recent years come forward to be some of our lodges newest officers and most promising ritualists. And I am looking forward to being a part of our lodges continuing success in the year to come.

Congratulations to all our newly elected and soon to be installed 2017 officers and thanks to all our 2016 officers for an excellent year and hope you all will be able to attend our coming installation ceremony on January 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:00 pm with a luncheon to follow. And our sincerest thanks to our Brother, Right Worshipful John Trauner, Junior Grand Warden of California for agreeing to perform our installation ceremony.

Thanks to all who have been regularly attending lodge and its many events and hope to continue seeing in the coming year. We still have many applicants and newly initiated brethren looking to move forward on their Masonic path. While over the holiday months much of our usual events are postponed for more seasonal ones in the coming months we will continue to have our monthly social nights and Master's Nights Out, and encourage all who can to attend.

Thank You, and hope to see you all soon.

Andrew

Worshipful Master



## 2017

### Scholarship Applications

Are available on line, [www.lpp366.org](http://www.lpp366.org)  
or from the Secretary (559) 268-2303

## *Greetings from the West*



It's early in the morning and this article is overdue. I can't help but smile as I know I am driving Jim Clark crazy. So before I take off for the family pre-Christmas get together, here I sit.....

People come and go in our lives, some are here for a bit and some stay for the long haul. I believe we enter and exit each other's lives for a reason. Sometimes it is because I needed them and sometimes it is because they needed me. As I look back on the 5 years I have been a Mason I am so thankful for the people who have come in and out of my life. There have been amazing lessons in self-sacrifice, caring and strength. Our brotherhood is unlike anything I have ever experienced and even my wife would say it has made me a better man. As this Holiday season passes I can't help but reflect on the special people who have had an impact on my life and hope I have also put some good in the world myself. Let's all move forward into 2017 with a purpose, Continue to make the Mason's a force of good touching people's lives.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year.

Scott, Senior Warden



December 1, 2016, Entered Apprentice Degree, Gary Pullings

## Greetings from the South



Wow , I would rather be hiking and camping in the Sierra's, but, my first article as Junior Warden is due, December 1, 2016 I sat in the East, open, obligated the candidate, Gary Pulling, did the lecture and closed, was a great evening with lots of food before the degree and a good time to socialize with the prospects and applicants as well as the brothers who attended. Many thanks to all the Officers in their advanced stations. their ritual work was outstanding!



December 15, 2016, Joe Sallee and Richard Jones fixed a dinner of BBQed trip-tip, pilaf, corn on the cob with ice cream and a cookie for dessert.

Heart of the Valley, advisors and young ladies did a super job in serving and busing the tables as always. They were selling pulled pork to go dinner tickets for their fund raiser January 21, 2016 from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. here at Las Palmas Masonic Center. Thanks to Jim Redman for all the great pictures!

My son, River was selling World Finest Chocolate for his school's 6th grade at the December 15th Stated Dinner, as always the Brethren and ladies were very generous!

Please join us for the January 19, 2017, Stated Meeting Dinner, 6:00 P.M. you can enjoy Worshipful Miller's appetizer table with a glass of your favorite wine, Worshipful Chuck Bersani's salad bar with all the good stuff! 6:30 P.M. Joe Sallee and Richard Jones will be preparing Chicken Fried Steak, with mashed potatoes, gravy, and a vegetable, rolls and dessert.

Make your reservations today with the Secretary!

Hope you had a great Christmas and New Year!

Ryan  
Junior Warden





# January 2017 Las Palmas Masonic Center Events Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 ESTRELLITA CLUB DARK	3	4  O.E.S. 555 6:30 P.M. SUPPER 7:30 P.M. CHAPTER	5  LPP 366 6:30 P.M INSTALLATION PRACTICE	6	7  LPP 366 2:00 P.M. INSTALATION OF OFFICERS
8	9	10 6:00 P.M. L.P.M.B.A., LPP 366 7:00 P.M. FRESNO NUMISMATIC	11  7:00 P.M. NILE NO 92 Memorial Night	12  6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. DEGREE 3rd ALCANTARA	13	14
15	16	17  HEART OF THE VALLEY Stated Meeting Elections	18  O.E.S. 555 6:30 P.M. SUPPER 7:30 P.M. CHAPTER	19  6:00 P.M. APPETIZERS SALAD BAR 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. NECROLOGY 7:30 P.M MEETING	20	21  Pull Pork Dinner 5:00-7:00 P.M.
22	23	24  HEART OF THE VALLEY Installation Of Officers	25	26  6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. 1st DEGREE	27	28  Installation of Officers
29	30	31 6:30 P.M. MASTERS NIGHT OUT				



Jim Redman, is the happiest guy on the plant, always has the wonderful smile!

He is the guy that wanders around Las Palmas Center during our events taking all the fantastic photos that appears in the Heart of the Valley monthly newsletter and most of the photos from our stated dinner in the Las Palmian.

He works tirelessly with all the groups with his photography.

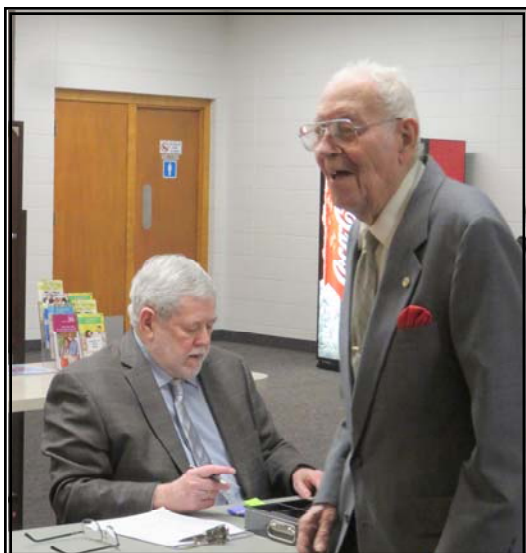
Thank you for all you do for our Masonic Family!



Georges Bar and Grill, December 8, 2016, 2017, Officers Annual Christmas Dinner, Worshipful Andrew was in Community Hospital, in attendance were Jim and Pam Wilson, Richard and Lee Ellen Ehorn, Matt Guy, Joe and Linda Sallee, Scott and Raney Fichtner, Mark and Breanna Stroup, Devon and Melissa Bleak, Don and Donna Williams, Ryan and Jennifer Marrett, Richard and Therese Frey and Jim and Natalie Clark.

Lamb, Chicken or Beef Kabobs were the menu, all were fantastic, service was outstanding, was a wonderful evening for our Officers and their wives.

December Stated Meeting Dinner



Secretary Jim Clark, checking in Brother Larry Smith for dinner



Dick Haggerty  
A Happy Santa



Enjoying Andrew's  
Appetizer table



Stuart Hoskins Family



Josh and Joann Crane



Mike and Sharon Reynolds with  
Randy Forrester

December Stated Meeting Dinner



Chef Richard Jones



Our wonderful servers!



Lee Ellen Ehorn



John and Donna Herring



Above,  
The Duty twins, Abigail and  
Joseph  
Left; Daniel Tamayo Family

# December Stated Meeting Dinner



Far left, Delores Keeton  
Left, Eleanor Miksch  
Above; Don Williams, our  
Chaplain, the Brother that  
delivers those wonderful  
prayers!





December Stated Meeting Dinner



Worshipful Richard Sherrod and Nanette



Heart of the Valley happy servers!



Inviting everyone to buy tickets for the Rainbow pulled pork dinner



Brother Joe Sallee who is in charge of all our dinners  
The Rainbow leaders in charge of the serving!

Happy  
New  
Year  
2017

*From Las Palmas-Ponderosa  
Lodge No. 366 Officers and  
Members!*

# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



## *Heart of the Valley Assembly January 2017 Newsletter*

*The members and Advisors of Heart of the Valley Assembly  
wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!*



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By Gwen, Age 13

## A Heatwave of Success in the Valley

Have you ever fried an egg on the sidewalk or baked cookies on the dashboard of your car? Probably not. But here in Fresno, the heatwave seems to have finally departed and Heart of the Valley Assembly has "Marty McFlied" back in to action! Miss Briana Jones just completed a second term as Worthy Advisor, and our summer was surprisingly pretty "chill". We continued to serve our local Masons and took time to have some fun in the sun too. A special shout out to our sisters of Visalia and Central Coast Assemblies, who we had the pleasure of visiting over the summer as well. One of the highlights of the term was witnessing alumni night, where majority members had the opportunity to show off their ritual and floor work once more at a regular meeting. It was quite a turn-out. We are grateful to Briana for her dedication to our Assembly and leading us again as Worthy Advisor. By the way, have you heard her sing? She is truly an inspiration in so many ways. We love you, Briana! You rocked it girl.

The fall term has just begun and we are so excited to welcome our newly installed Worthy Advisor, Mary, to the East. She and her corps of officers have many fun projects planned and have cast quite the spell on us calling us to serve, serve, serve. Our primary project is Reading Heart Fresno where we will assist with book-sorting events and fundraising for their nonprofit organization which services under privileged children within our community. In addition, we are volunteering our time to "Saturday Sports", a program which serves to engage local children in extra-curricular activity while their parents are away at work. Also, our Faith's membership party is just around the corner! We will lace up our roller skates and boogie to the beat with new friends who we hope will become new sisters! All this and we are selling carwash tickets, volunteering at the local Scottish Rite Christmas Party, will continue serving dinner for our Masons, and even host a delicious dinner compliments of our very own, Mr. Regier! As you can see, Heart of the Valley is at it again and I'm afraid there's just not any more time to report. So until next time, Heart of the Valley leaves you with the words of Dr. Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go"!

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## Las Palmas Christmas Dinner Serving- December 15

Heart of the Valley Assembly continued their holiday spirit by serving a delicious holiday feast of roast beef, rice pilaf, corn on the cob, rolls and dessert. All were served with care and smiles. We even served Santa!



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## *Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Children's Christmas Party - December 3*

Heart of the Valley Assembly and State Center Chapter had a wonderful time teaching children how make homemade tree decorations. Attendees also enjoyed arts and crafts, gift wrapping, decorating sugar cookies, eating popcorn and received a stocking full of surprises from Santa



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Ft Millerton Chapter Installation of Officers-Worthy Matrons Family



Samantha served as Chaplain for Grand Immortality Reception

# 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 6:00 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 7	Las Palmas Lodge Installation	2:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 15	Last Official Visit	1:00 P.M..	Vista High School
January 17	Stated Meeting Elections	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 19	Las Palmas Serving (Group B)	6:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 21	Pulled Pork Dinner	5:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 24	Stated Meeting-Farewell	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
January 26	Installation of Officers		Las Palmas Masonic Center

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Heart of the Valley Assembly has 4 month terms for their officers. Term calendars are prepared by the incoming Worthy Advisor for Feb – May, June – Sept and Oct – January. We would love to include your public events. Please send your events at least one month prior to publication of our term calendars.







Happy New Year!  
 December was such a celebration of our  
 Holiday Season with my Queen's Christmas  
 Open House, the Soup and Salad Dinner  
 prior to the month's



Queen  
 Jan Arnold

**2016-2017 NILE OFFICERS**

- Queen.....Jan Arnold PQ
- Jr. Past Queen.....Carole Rea Littleworth
- Princess Royal.....Jean Deaton
- Princess Tirzah.....Janeen Roberts
- Princess Badoura.....Susy Searcy
- Princess Recorder.....Marilyn DeCamp
- Princess Banker.....Cheri Detweiler PQ
- Princess Marshal.....Joann Evans
- Princess Chaplain.....Jeanne Eshreim PQ
- Lady of the Keys.....Sandra Ashlock
- Lady of the Gates.....Jeanette Foote
- Princess Nydia.....Debbie Sanborn
- Princess Zulieka.....Brenda Matias
- Princess Zenobia.....Elaine Lewis
- Princess Zora.....Janet Plettner
- Princess Zuliema.....
- Princess Musician.....Karen Lasky
- Attendant.....Erla Hildebrand
- Attendant.....Louisa Bowron
- American Flag Bearer.....Mary C. Cairns
- Canadian Flag Bearer.....Tins Bernier
- Nile Flag Bearer.....Lisa Marzuilo
- Page to the Queen.....Dorothy Wethey
- Page to the Pr. Royal.....Marge Machus  
 Eria Hildebrand
- Page to Pr. Tirzah.....Lena Cook  
 Darlene Morris
- Page to Pr. Badoura.....Carol Woods  
 Brenda Matias
- Page to Pr, Recorder.....Louisa Bowron

session and  
 the unit and  
 club festive  
 gatherings.  
 We enjoyed  
 great  
 friendships,  
 smiles and  
 hugs while



sharing plans for the holidays and reminisced our 2016 year.  
 Our Sharon Temple year so far has been very successful in  
 initiating nine new  
 members in November  
 and hosting a very  
 successful fashion show  
 fundraiser as well as other  
 unit specific fundraisers.  
 Our sewing group under  
 the guidance of Carole  
 Soutas has been awesome  
 in creating sewing and  
 craft projects as well as collecting hospital requested  
 purchased items such as pajamas, knitted hats, pillow cases,  
 etc. Our list for 2016 will start with white socks, batteries and  
 school and craft supplies and additional items to be listed in  
 our newsletter. Be on the lookout and help our hospitals do  
 great things for some  
 very special children. We  
 have another ceremonial  
 in February and would be  
 delighted to add new  
 names to our membership  
 and circle of friends!



**Calendar of Events**

- January 4, 2017 Tulare-Kings Nile Club  
 11:00 A.M. Ryan's Place Restaurant  
 3103 S. Mooney Blvd, Visalia
- January 11, 2017 Nile Stated Session  
 7:30 P.M. Las Palmas Masonic Center  
 Memorial Night, Temple Choir
- January 18, 2017 Nile Sewing  
 9:00 A.M.  
 Tehran Shrine Center

Queen;  
 Jan 17



Nile ladies know how to party !



Nile ladies party and sing!



December Session  
Soup and Salad Night!



*from the WIDOWS CLUB*  
*Las Palmas Masonic Center December Dinner*

*JOIN US*

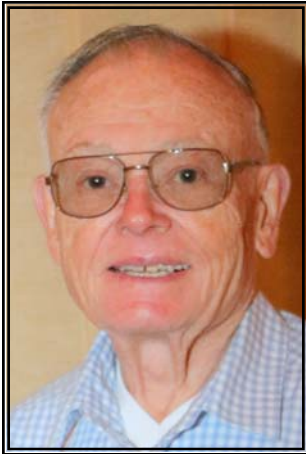
*Come join us and enjoy great fellowship with kindred friends.  
We meet the last Wednesday of each month, at 12:00 o'clock noon for lunch at  
Maria Calendar's Restaurant 1781 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno CA.*

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

*R.S.V.P. Ethel Day President (559) 276-2631 • Betty Veffredo Secretary (559) 431-6260  
with exception of June, July, August*



## *Greetings from the Archives*



For several years I have written this article from information found in the minutes of Las Palmas Lodge. My articles are now up to the time when I had my first contact with Las Palmas Lodge. Therefore, the remaining articles will talk about my 49 years of personal experiences with Masonry and Las Palmas Lodge.

As a child my first memory about my father, Jack Frey, being a Mason was when I was about 10 years old. Our family attended a funeral for an elderly man who I called Grandpa Stephenson. While he was not a relative, I was close enough to him to call him Grandpa as I had no living grandfathers. As we walked into the funeral chapel, I noticed my father tying something around his waist. I asked him what it was and he said it was a Masonic Apron and since Grandpa Stephenson was having a Masonic funeral, it was appropriate for him to wear an apron.

We now come forward a decade to March 25, 1967, the day before Easter. My father had gone to Ft. Washington to play golf and I was working on my new Olds 442 at a friend's father's gas station. It was here when our neighbor, Bill Hastie, drove into the gas station and asked for me. He informed me that I had better go home immediately. I did only to find out that my father had died on the golf course.

Claude Lisle came over that afternoon to start making arrangements and asked my mom for my dad's Masonic Apron. My mom knew exactly where it was and gave it to Claude. The next day, I was away from our home and on returning my mother told me that two men from the Lodge came by to offer their condolences and ask if there was anything that they could do for us. Two days later Sam Pavlovich and Charlie Dart performed my father's funeral. That was my introduction to Masonry and Las Palmas Lodge.



*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*



# JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Robert R. Anderson	1/12	5/22	Michael E. Ratley	1/22	9/6
Joshua R. Barkley	1/28	5/21	John R. Reynolds	1/17	5/2
Dylan J. Beck	1/16	5/30	Kirk W. Roberts	1/20	1/21
Thomas J. Bekhdoud	1/9	9/29	John R. Sanderson	1/18	10/24
Robert B. Bower	1/25	11/2	Bahram Shifteh	1/1	4/27
David M. Byrnes	1/15	3/6	Dean L. Sigle	1/12	5/24
Brandon G. Camarena	1/17	5/28	James C. Stahl	1/18	2/11
Thomas D. Carlson	1/7	9/6	Daniel J. Tamayo	1/28	9/1
Ronald L. Copp	1/5	5/17	Carman L. Tracy	1/29	10/18
James G. Fisher	1/23	6/9	Lewis D. Wagoner	1/11	1/21
Kenneth M. Hoskin	1/29	2/5	Marvin E. Wallace	1/10	12/8
Calvin I. McCarty	1/5	2/25	Chris E. Weymouth	1/10	2/18
Thomas A. Nickelson, Sr.	1/8	1/24	William D. Yelkin	1/27	5/6



## January Menu



Appetizers  
 Salad Bar  
 Chicken Fried Steak  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Gravy  
 Vegetables  
 Rolls  
 Dessert

### Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Marie Callender's Restaurant  
 1781 East Shaw Avenue



President; Ethel Day  
 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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**JANUARY 2017**



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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*



December Stated Meeting was really good considering our cooks Joe Sallee and Richard Jones were without ovens. Our convention ovens are 30 years old and will be replaced, Brother Hoskins has ordered new ones at a cost of \$6,0600.00. Ovens under the stove are also in need of repair. Hopefully they will be up and running for the January Dinner!

Ryan Marrett's father-in-law, Right Worshipful, John E. Trauner will be our Installing Officer for 2017 Installation of Officers. January will be a very busy month, January 12th we will raise Brother Alcantara and January 26th will be a Entered Apprentice Degree. We are very bless to have a group of young officers who are outstanding with their ritual work. You should join us for wonderful food, socialize a bit and enjoy making Masons. 2015 and 2016 our lodge has performed 75 degrees, We have fantastic social events to make attending lodge enjoyable!

*January Calendar*

January 7, 2017	2:00 P.M. Installation of Officers	
January 10, 2017	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Meeting LPP Officers Meeting	
January 12, 2017	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree	
January 19, 2017	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting	
January 26, 2017	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree	22
January 31, 2017	6:30 Masters Night Out	



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Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00