



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



Greetings all, I hope everyone has been able to stay cool during this all too rapid reminder of summer in the central valley. This past month we were pleased to once again be able to reward several of our hard working students in local schools with our quarterly bike giveaway, in addition to this we were able to begin our new program of giving tablets to sixth grade students moving on to junior high who had an absolute perfect attendance record for the school year, and this year it were able to proudly rewarded five of our local students for their hard work.



This past month as well we were able to raise one brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and wish to congratulate Brother Boyajian for all his hard work and determination to achieve this task. While as always during these summer months our lodges in the central valley pause to catch their breath and relax from the heat. During the month of July we will be conferring one second degree on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> for Brother Pulling's, and hope to see you all there.

We'll hope to see you all at our events coming soon, otherwise be sure to stay out of the sun and away from heat, and have a relaxing summer.

Andrew

Worshipful Master

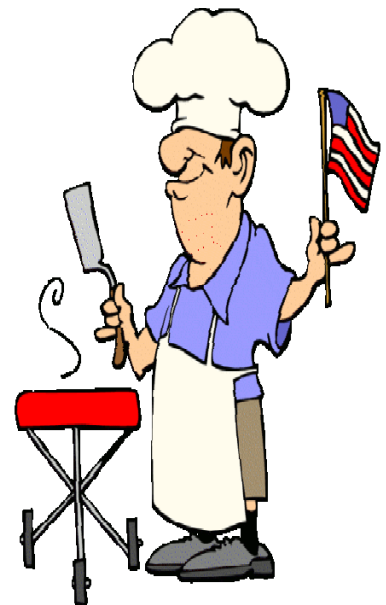


*Greetings from the West*



The summer heat has finally arrived and Mother Nature appears to be angry. With the heat comes much sun, and thanks to the new solar panels we are able to keep the lodge room cooler without spending as much money. This month we have been honored to raise another brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason, congrats brother Boyajian. Also, brother Pullings completed his first degree proficiency and is preparing to receive his Fellow Craft degree in the next few weeks; I look forward to his continued progress in our lodge. Our stated meeting this month was a quick one with the normal monthly business being discussed. In closing, I hope all of you keep cool over the next few months of summer and as the year end approaches I am excited to stepping up into my new role as Master of lodge. I hope to see more of you return to the lodge and help guide and support me as we move forward into a fair, clear and bright future.

Sincerely,  
Scott Fichtner  
Senior Warden



Friday June 23, 2017  
Bill Lyons and Stuart Hoskins  
were at the Clovis Masonic  
Center to remove the  
cornerstone placed in 1931  
After a lot of hard work,  
jack hammering they removed  
the cornerstone looking to find  
a time capsule filled with  
goodies from time past.  
All that was found was an  
empty broken jar.  
June 15, 2017  
Clovis Masonic Center  
Became  
International Church  
of the Foursquare Gospel





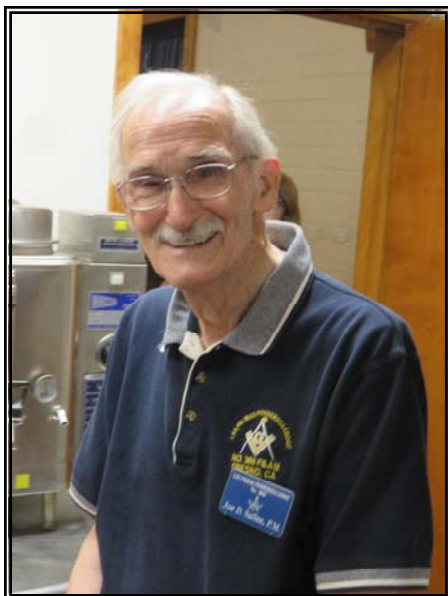
## *Greetings from the South*



As the temperature rises outside, its always cool at Las Ponderosa during degree dinners and stated meeting. I was unable to attend the last two degrees put on at the lodge. Which was unfortunate because we raised one brother and initiated two others. I was, however able to attend the last stated meeting where the kitchen crew did a fabulous job with the Tri-Tip along with all the fixings. As always, the famous salad bar and appetizers where outstanding. The rainbow girls distributed the meals with class and dignity as they always do. It was a pleasure to finally make it back to lodge. I look forward to the degrees that we have coming up this summer. Please if you can attend, keep your eye on the calendar. All brothers, candidates and prospects are welcome to the dinners before each degree. The support is always welcome, not only to

the lodge but to the candidates and the new initiates coming through. For the stated meetings, please make sure that if you plan on attending and enjoying the excellent food that is prepared by the kitchen crew, that you place your reservations in advance, either online or through our brother secretary. If you are unable to attend because you are on vacation, enjoy your summer and see you later this year.

Ryan  
Junior Warden



August 1, 2017, Joe D. Sallee P.M. is resigning as Assistant Secretary and Secretary Las Palmas Masonic Building Association Board of Directors. Joe has worked hard over the years to provide a fantastic stated meeting dinner, appetizer table and salad bar, many hours purchasing food for the dinners. Degree dinners, he always had something tasty.

On Board meeting nights he always had our Costco dogs with all the trimmings and for lodge social the Costco Pizzas. Joe was in the Office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday always ready to help with the operation of our Lodge.

Our Brother and friend is truly going to be missed.



*JULY 2017*  
*Las Palmas Masonic*  
*Center*  
*Events Schedule*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  HEART OF THE VALLEY
2	3	4  HEART OF THE VALLEY STATED MEETING	5	6  6:30 P.M. LODGE SOCIAL	7	8
9	10	11 LPMBA 6:00 P.M. CMTA LPP 366 OFFICERS COIN CLUB 7:30 P.M.	12  SHARON TEMPLE Ice Cream Social	13  6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Fellow Craft	14	15
16	17	18  HEART OF THE VALLEY STATED MEETING	19 5	20  6:00 P.M. APPETIZER SALAD BAR 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M. MEETING	21	22  GARCIA EVENT
23	24	25	26  HEART OF THE VALLEY 7:00-9:00 P.M. ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Card Room	27  DARK	28	29
30	31					

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## Heart of the Valley Assembly July 2017 Newsletter



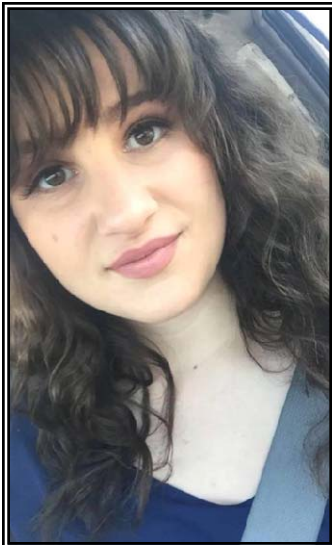
Happy Summer All,

Heart of the Valley is ready for summer fun, membership, and community service. Please see July calendar of Events for all the exciting dates. As always, closer to each event, additional information will be handed out at meetings, online via our Facebook page and through monthly emails. We hope to see everyone throughout the next term as our girls make fun summer memories!

Heart of the Valley is also very proud of all of our College and High School Graduates!!! We know that your years of hard work will bear beautiful fruit in your future. Congrats, we are so very proud of you all!!! Mrs. Flink



Makayla



Briana



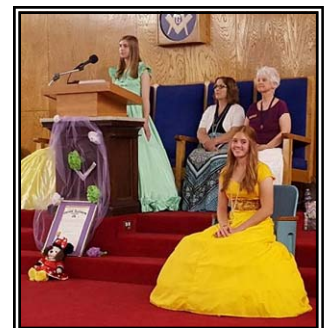
Cynthia



Julia

### 1st Meeting/Instructional-June 7

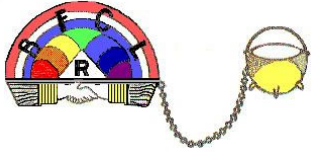
Joy- thank you for the outstanding meeting!! To the line officers; your memory work was awesome! Alexis and Sydney great work on your new offices! Briana thanks for subbing!! Thanks for a first good meeting from me and trying to re-figure out the MA work again!! We also MISSED all of you who had family obligations. Mrs. Flink





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## Installation of Officers - June 3

Heart of the Valley Assembly No 217 held its 39th Installation of Officers. Miss Joy Manion was installed as Worthy Advisor. Her theme was "Adventure is Out There".



Greeting Guests



Are you ready for Pledge



Awesome leadership team



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## Heart of the Valley Assembly

*Thank you everyone for coming out this morning and supporting the members of this assembly. Installing Officers, thank you so much for your dedication to our assembly and for your support, and a big thanks for those who had to travel early this morning to be here. To the girls of Heart of the Valley, thank you for sitting through another practice and for being here today. I know you have all had a lot of Rainbow events on your calendar recently, but it means so much to me that you choose to come to the Installation today. Thank you to the advisory board for always supporting me and always offering your time and help. Finally, thank you to my family for always being there for me and supporting me in my Rainbow adventure.*

*In Rainbow Love,*

*Joy Manion*



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## 1st Official Visit "A Sunday Shopping Trip to Costco" - May 29

Wow, our OV was one of the best ever. Everyone did a fantastic job with this creative theme. From the moment the girls opened by delivering "customers" food samples, to the shopping cart races, to the outstanding ritual, escort sayings and flag tribute...you were all amazing! Mrs. Holman



Entrance of Area Officers



Briana, Makayla, Alana (OV)



Area Worthy Advisors signing Grand Worthy Advisor's Bible



Announcing the 2017-18 Grand

Service Project!

## FAMILIES FORWARD

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Families Forward exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, education, and other support services.



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## *Celebrating 80 Years of Rainbow in the Central Valley*



Thank you to Legacy Chapter O.E.S. for hosting Fresno Assembly No 51 80th Birthday Celebration and honoring Past Supreme Deputy Bernice Dyke. Past, Present and Future Rainbow Girls were on hand to celebrate Rainbow in the Central Valley. Attendees reunited with longtime friends, shared their term scrap books, reviewed history of California Rainbow in the Central Valley while enjoying a delicious BBQ Lunch.



**Mrs. Dyck, Charter Member initiated in 1937, introducing Sydney, our newest member Initiated in April at Grand Assembly 2017. Three awesome ladies who serve/served as Area Grand Deputies for District 28.**

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Seventeen members and one Noble of **Sharon Temple No. 92, Daughters of the Nile**, headed to **Niagara Falls, New York** on June 9th-16th to attend the **101<sup>st</sup>**

### **Daughters of the Nile "Imagine More" Supreme Session.**

One of the first things on our agenda was to head for the great **Niagara Falls** and go aboard the "Maid of



Queen  
Jean Denton

**the Mist**" that cruised right up to the thundering falls. What an adventure that was – a wet adventure – but so beautiful and powerful. The gift shop was also full of great treasures for our first shopping spree! Then, as night time came, we all walked over the "**Rainbow Bridge**" and viewed the fireworks over the **Falls** and was amazed at the beauty. We then ended up at duty free in Canada for shopping because once on the bridge you must go thru customs to re-enter the USA! Dig out your passports and two quarters to get back across.

Saturday, we loaded aboard a tour bus and toured the Buffalo Naval Park and destroyer, Canal side and took a Lunch Cruise on the "**Miss Buffalo**" down the river and then gathered together for dinner at the "Night at the Falls Dinner Banquet". Sunday found us once again aboard the tour bus with passports in hand heading for **Niagara Falls, Canada**. The road to this quaint little town was beautiful with the river, lakes, old Victorian homes, trees and flowers. We played with the butterflies, toured beautiful gardens, took lots of photos and of course shopped. On our return we joined for dinner again and ended the weekend to start Supreme Session first thing on Monday morning. The Sessions contained formal entrances, drills, performances, speeches, presentations to the **Shriners Hospital for Children** and a lot more fun! I had the honor of being escorted (along with the present reigning Queens) at **Supreme Opening** by Temple members **Mary Catherine Cairns, PQ Cheri Detweiler, Nancy Campbell and Jane Gamonian** and at **Supreme Installation** by **PQ Jan Arnold, PQ Carole Rea Littleworth, Erla Hildebrand and Marilyn DeCamp**. They looked beautiful and I was so honored!

Sharon Temple Members were so proud of our **Supreme Princess Badoura Dale Olberolte** and it was my honor to nominate her for the office of **Supreme Princess Tirzah for the 2017-2018 year**. We look forward to her journey up the Supreme Line.

**Princess Jane Gamoian, Temple Director**, spread her wings and entertained all in attendance with a beautiful performance of "The Wings of Isis" and again with a beautiful Spanish dance at the Supreme Installation.

**Princess Mary Catherine Cairns** honored our Temple with her attendance in the many **Patrol Drills and Escorts**.







The members joined together for a special dinner at the **Culinary Institute** and again when **Sharon Temple** Patrol-members and the **Queen** put on a **Cocktail Get Together** to sit, relax and share adventures.



Sharon Temple was honored with the appointments of **PQ, Maybelle Flannery, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador to the Pacific and Mountain Areas, PQ, Carole Rea Littleworth, Supreme Temple American Flag Escort, PQ Jeanne Esheim, Supreme Temple Ca-**

**nadian Flag Escort, and PQ, Cheri Detweiler, Supreme Temple Banner Escort.** We are so proud of these members.

**Please join Sharon Temple for the following events:**

July 12, 2017 – Patrol/Past Queen's Ice Cream Social, 6 PM, Las Palmas Lodge \$7 per person

Tickets call Elaine at 559-229-4834 or Tina 559-375-1021

August 27, 2017 – Choir Luau Dinner – 4PM – Tehran Shrine Temple \$15

Tickets call Janet at 559-291-9269

**Daughters of the Nile** is an international fraternal organization for women that has prospered as a social and charitable order since 1913, more than 100 years ago. Today there are over 25,000 ladies who belong to DON throughout the US and Canada. Their dedicated efforts contributed over 2 million annually, and over the years over 56 million to the patients at the Shriners Hospitals for children. If you are interested in joining us please call P.Q. Cheri, Membership, at 559-431-8925 for information.

Closing - Just a word of knowledge: **"Sometimes you just need to put down your Shell Phone and enjoy the view unless you are using it to take pictures, then snap on!"**

*Wishing you Pixies in your life, stardust in your soul, and magic in your days.*

**Jean Denton, Queen Sharon Temple No. 92**











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

Hello to Everyone from Legacy No. 555 Order of Eastern Star

The "warm" summer days have arrived and our thoughts have turned to staying cool and hydrated, BUT...

**DO NOT DRINK BOTTLED WATER THAT HAS BEEN LEFT IN A CAR!!!**

Heat reacts with the chemicals in the plastic of the bottle which releases dioxin into the water. Dioxin is a toxin increasingly found in cancer tissue, especially breast cancer. Dioxins are highly poisonous to cells in our bodies.

Also, don't freeze plastic bottles with water in them as this also releases dioxins from the plastic.

Do not heat food in the microwave using plastic containers, this especially applies to foods that contain fat. The combination of fat, high heat and plastic releases dioxin into the food. Instead, use glass, such as Pyrex or ceramic containers for heating food ... You get the same result but without the dioxin.

So, such things as TV dinners, instant soups, etc., should be removed from their containers and heated in something else. Paper isn't bad, but you don't know what is in the paper. It's safer to use tempered glass, ceramic dishes, etc.

Not too long ago some of the fast food restaurants moved away from the styrene foam containers to paper. The dioxin problem is one of the reasons they did this.

Plastic wrap, such as Cling Film, is just as dangerous when placed over foods to be cooked in the microwave. As the food is nuked, the high heat causes poisonous toxins to actually melt out of the plastic wrap and drip into food. Cover food with a paper towel instead.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center says:

NO plastic containers in the microwaves

NO plastic water bottles in the freezer

NO plastic wrap in microwaves

I just thought it would be nice to remind everyone about this, I know I'm paying attention.

Our next meeting is September 6, 2017. The theme is "Patriotic", so put on your red, white and blue and come celebrate Labor Day and the end of summer with us. We'd love to hear about your summer (graduations, weddings, births and travel). It's a great time to share your news.

Don't worry, we all know the summer heat will end and then we can complain about how COLD it is.

Have a wonderful (safe) summer and hope to see you this fall.

Star Love,



*from the WIDOWS CLUB  
June 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 (559) 276-2631 • Betty Veffredo Secretary (559) 431-6260  
with exception of June, July, August*

To our "Brothers" of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge: Happy 4th of July!!

Blessed are they who understand  
Our faltering steps and shaking hands,  
Blessed are they who know our ears today must  
strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who look away,  
when we spill our Tea on the cloth today.  
Blessed are they who with a "Cheery Smile"  
Stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say  
"You 've told that story Twice today!  
Blessed are they who make it known  
that  
"

We are Loved, Respected and not Alone"

Ethel Day sends her Love, misses all of  
you.

Thanks for all you do for us.

Masonic Widow's Club

Lena Cook: President

Judy Gross: V. President

Betty Veffredo: Secretary

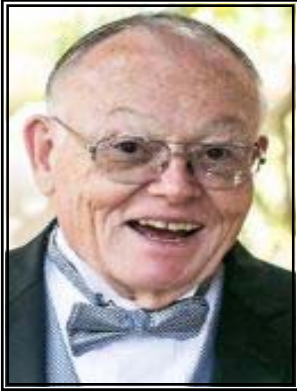
Pat Westphal: Treasurer

Ethel Day: Presidential Advisor





## From the Archives



Leonard "Len" Gottner was our Master in 1968. He is also the Senior Living Past Master of Las Palmas Lodge, having held this honor since 2010. For those of you who remember Len, he still lives in the State of Washington and is very active in both his Blue Lodge as well as Eastern Star. His wife, Frances, passed away several years ago.

From January of 1967 until December of that year, the Lodge membership had shrunk by 10 members to 1057. (One of these was my father who passed away in March.)

On Wednesday January 3, 1968, Center Lodge No. 465 was the first Masonic Lodge to hold a meeting in the new Masonic Temple on Shields Ave. This Temple was to be occupied by Fresno Lodge No. 247 and Sun Garden No.530 as well as other Masonic bodies. The Temple was dedicated on February 10 by Grand Master Eugene S. Hopp.

On January 25, Lodge was opened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and I and Brother Edward Lee Esheim were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Sr. Deacon for this degree was Richard Hopper (now a Past Grand Master). At the conclusion of the degree, three brothers were examined as to the Candidate's Proficiency of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

On February 8, three brothers were examined as to the Candidate's lecture of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree of Masonry. After completing this accomplishment, they were presented with Masonic Bibles. Today we present a Masonic Bible to a brother on the night that he is made a Master Mason. I wonder if this has anything to do with the fact that today so few Brothers ever give their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree proficiency.



*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*

*Ethel Day*

*Jake Sexton*

*Richard Frey Family*

*Larry Bennett*

*Ralph Mederios*



# JULY BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthdays	Raised		Birthdays	Raised
Kenneth W. Abell	7/3	11/29	Armen G. Keledjian	7/12	4/8
Morris J. Bradshaw	7/4	1/28	Raymond R. King	7/17	11/2
Robert M. Bragg	7/12	11/2	David G. Manion	7/24	12/19
Arnel G. Clemente	7/5	3/27	Saul M. Mendelsohn, DR	7/24	7/22
Elvin L. Cox	7/27	9/10	John D. Moore	7/31	11/30
David A. Cunha	7/8	3/4	Jeffrey A. Olsen	7/21	6/24
Thornton L. Davidson	7/29	11/1	Matthew A. Pascua	7/27	11/6
Larry L. Duba	7/25	2/10	Joe D. Quercia	7/21	6/28
Ryan A Duty	7/21	4/14	Anthony G. Ratkus	7/27	11/7
Ron J. Gadberry	7/19	11/11	Wallace R. Richey	7/31	6/27
Martin G. Gann	7/14	6/6	George R. Richmann	7/2	9/17
John W. Gentle	7/27	5/21	Joe D. Sallee	7/14	11/18
Larry R. Goeringer	7/19	2/8	Hrant Serabian	7/21	10/26
Robert P Gonzalez	7/26	4/28	Bradley C. Smith	7/19	10/6
Gary M. Goyette	7/4	2/23	Richard J. Smith	7/8	3/18
Donald L. Green	7/27	1/24	Edgar Tanassi	7/23	3/12
William R. Halsey	7/31	5/6	Arlen J. Tanielian	7/27	11/29
Thomas A. Heckel, II	7/10	11/12	Mark W. Thornton	7/14	1/17
Lawrence D. Hopper	7/12	6/10	Ronald L. Ulrich	7/31	11/7
Tommy W. Hyatt	7/4	10/5	Stanton K. Walker	7/5	11/8



Join us August 27, 2017 5:30 P.M. the doors open in the Grizzlies' Den Sky Box at Chukchansi Park for only \$45.00 per person, which includes Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chili and all the trimmings. Unlimited sodas and bottled water. This year we will receive baseball caps and Fresno Grizzlies will provide 25 tickets to our Heart of the Valley Rainbow girls to a game of their choice!

Always thirsty Thursday you can get a large beer for \$2.00! Call today for you reservation (559) 268-2303 or e-mail [lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net](mailto:lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net)

This a great guys night out, for Masons to bring a friend, neighbor or relative to socialize with the Brothers, we have been doing this for several years and is a great time for everyone!

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Marie Callender's Restaurant  
1781 East Shaw Avenue  
July 26, 2017

President; Lena Cook  
Vice-President; Judy Gross  
Secretary; Betty Veffredo  
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;

Lena Cook (559) 277-0690  
Betty Veffredo (559) 431-6260





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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*



Been back in the office the last few days, wonderful feeling, but with a sadness, Joe D. Sallee P.M. is stepping down August 1, 2017 as Lodge Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the Las Palmas Masonic Building Association to spend more time at home as well as a little traveling. He will be missed as Joe does all the preparation for the Stated Meeting Dinner, Degree dinners, O.S.I. dinners, Board meeting dinners and the Lodge social pizza's. Joe was appointed Assistant Secretary June 3, 2009, as well as Secretary on the board since January 1, 2011. Joe served as Master at his Ontario Lodge No. 301 in 1977 affiliated with our lodge in 2009 and became very active. We are in need of a Director for Las Palmas Masonic Building Association as well as a Assistant Secretary that would help in the office. Due to our wonderful photographer Jim Redman enjoying his family cruise celebrating his 48 wedding anniversary we have no stated dinner pictures, my fault, he told me in advance and I forgot!

*July Calendar*

July 6, 2017	6:30 P.M. Lodge Social, Pizza & Drinks
July 11, 2017	6:00 P.M. L.P.M.B.A Board C.M.T.A. Board LPP Officers Meeting
July 13, 2017	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Fellow Craft Degree
July 20, 2017	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
July 27, 2017	DARK



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2017 dues \$120.00  
PayPal dues \$124.00  
Credit Card \$124.50  
Stated Dinners are \$11.00  
Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00