



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 Brethren

and friends for the month of May, I hope you all had a pleasant start to spring and enjoyment of the Easter season. This past month as always was a very productive month here at Las Palmas. At our last stated dinner I was pleased to be able to present well

deserved

academic scholarships to five soon to be high school graduates and hope this assists them as they start out on their journey through college.

April of course being our public schools appreciation month it was also my honor to recognize several deserving teachers and administrators for their excellent service.

During the month of April we were also pleased to pass one brother to the degree of Fellow Craft and congratulate him on this achievement and look forward to his continued advancement in masonry. We have seen several new faces at lodge in recent months desiring to join our craft will soon be voting on several new petitions for membership at our coming stated meeting. So if you haven't been to a lodge event recently please come and get to know these eager young men whom will soon be our brother

In addition this past month it was my pleasure to represent our lodge at a Grand Lodge opening and Temple Rededication ceremony celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lemoore Lodge and would encourage the members, particularly our newest master masons who may have never had the opportunity, to attend these types of functions when able as they are unique and enjoyable ceremonies.

Hope to see you all at our coming Stated Meeting, and other events this month. If you haven't been to lodge in a while we would love to see you and catch up.



*Greetings from the West*



April Stated Meeting Dinner, Richard Jones prepared fantastic steak enchiladas to go with the Spanish rice and refined beans, what a treat! As always the appetizer table was excellent with a Mexican flavor. The salad bar was enjoyed by myself and one of our widows Elaine Lewis.

We had a full house with teachers and administrators from both Powers-Ginsburg and Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools for Public Schools Month. Worshipful Miller presented each with a framed certificate of recognition and a Visa Card.

The highlight of the evening of course was the presentation of \$6,000.00 in Scholarships to five very deserving students.

Pictured to the right is Brother Boyajian, he was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, I served as Master for the Degree.

Join us in May for more wonderful events!

Scott, Senior Warden



*Greetings from the South*



My sincere apologies for missing the stated meeting and dinner. Due to my work, I keep the railroad crossing arms working, I am on call to respond when there are accidents or malfunctions of the equipment and it was another one of days. Thank you Brother Snavelly for covering the Junior

Warden Chair. Looking forward to May hopefully it will be a better month for me and lodge. I am told we read applications, will be busy doing degrees. Looking forward to doing a lot of ritual in the coming months.

Fraternally,

Ryan, Junior Warden



Brother Milton Snavelly enjoying dinner,



Worshipful Miller with David West and Gail Pifferini, teachers from Powers-Ginsburg



Worshipful Miller with Zepur Kaskazian and Vice Principle Kelly Klassen from Woodrow Wil-



*May 2017  
Las Palmas Masonic  
Center  
Events Schedule*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ESTRILLITA CLUB 6:00 P.M.	2  HEART OF THE VALLEY Meeting & Elcetions	3  LEGACY O.E.S 555	4  6:30 P.M. LODGE SOCIAL	5	6 VANN EVENT
7	8	9 LPMBA 6:00 P.M. CMTA LPP 366 OFFICERS COIN CLUB 7:30 P.M.	10  SHARON TEMPLE	11  6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. DEGREE/ PRACTICE	12	13
14	15	16  HEART OF THE VALLEY Meeting & Farewell	17  LEGACY O.E.S 555	18  6:00 P.M. APPETIZER SALAD BAR 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M MEETING	19	20
21  HEART OF THE VALLEY 80 Years of Rainbow BBQ	22 MASON'S NIGHT OUT	23	24	25  6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M. FIRST DEGREE	26	27  HEART OF THE VALLEY
28  HEART OF THE VALLEY	29 	30	31 HEART OF THE VALLEY 7:00-9:00 P.M. ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Card Room			

April Stated Meeting Dinner  
2017 Scholarship Recipients



Briana Jones



Summer Hensley



Andrew Manion



Grandfather Past Master Larry Duba  
with wife accepting for  
Madeline Pautsch



Andrew Matteucci

April Stated Meeting Dinner



Worshipful Miller with the 2017 Scholarship recipients



Charles Bersani family



Appetizer Table

# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



*Heart of the Valley Assembly May 2017 Newsletter*  
*Serving, Scholarship and Public Schools– April 20*

Heart of the Valley Assembly served a delicious Enchilada Dinner with all the fixings. After dinner, Las Palmas Lodge presented five 2017 Scholarships. We were excited with the announcement that our member Briana was a recipient. Las Palmas Lodge also recognized two schools at its annual Public Schools Night. Guests from Woodrow Wilson and Powers-



Congratulations Briana



Congratulations Andrew



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## Grand Assembly - April 8 through 11, 2017

Wow, what a wonderful Grand Assembly! We are so proud of the members of Heart of the Valley Assembly and all they have accomplished this year! It was a joy to have Sydney Initiated at Grand Assembly. Thank you to Briana, serving as Confidential Observers Helper; Makayla, serving as Grand Page to Sound and Haleigh for serving in Grand Choir. Briana, Makayla and Haleigh participated in Ritual Competition. Alexis and Haleigh placed first in their category for Grand Talent. Alexis, Analisa, Briana, Maria and Savannah participated in Arts and Crafts competition and several members participated in Sew and Show. We were thrilled with the announcement that Briana and Makayla were recipients of Rainbow Scholarships. Our excitement was peaked during Revaluations when the 2018 Grand Officers were announced. Our very own Mr. Regier escorted the names of the 2018 Grand Officers in his usual flair. When Briana was announced as Grand Nature and Representative to Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota, the stands were full of screams and excitement. Then to enhance our excitement, Makayla was appointed Grand Recorder and Representative to Maryland and West Virginia. Grand Assembly 2017 was closed with Grand Installation of Officers and Grand Executive Committee. Congratulations to the members of Heart of the Valley Assembly and the Revolutionary Rhinos—we are looking forward to fun and travel this Grand year!



We are ready for Grand Assembly 2017



Sydney enjoying breakfast prior to her initiation.



Arts and Crafts Participants





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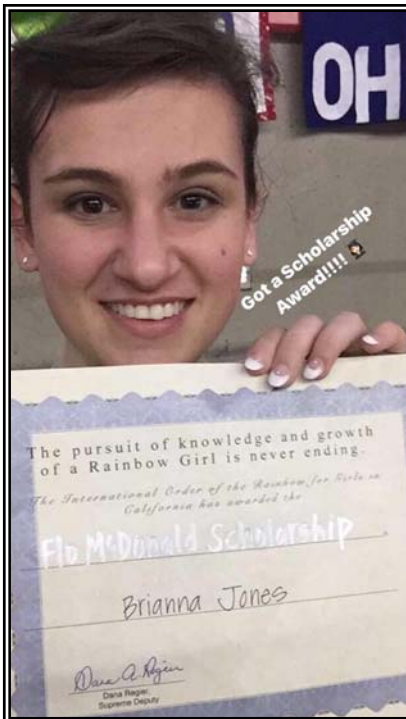


Congratulations Briana



Congratulations Makayla

## Grand Installation



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California Rainbow presented \$71,000 to our State Service Project, A Place Called Home! Awesome job ladies and California Rainbow!



## *Taco Tuesday - April 4, 2017*

Heart of the Valley Assembly celebrated Rainbows 95th Anniversary with a delicious Taco Tuesday Fundraiser, Open Business Meeting with a special guest speaker on "The founding of Rainbow" and an Easter Egg Hunt.



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Worthy Advisor Alexis with Mrs. Bernice Dyck



# *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.



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

May 1	Yearly CA Tax Report due	*****	*****
May 2	Meeting—Elections	7:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 15	Pot of Gold Article due	*****	*****
May 16	Meeting—Farewell	7-9:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 18	Dinner Serving Group B	6:00.7:30 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 20	Ft Millerton Fashion Show	*****	Fresno Masonic Center
	Official Visit Preparation-Sleepover	5:30 P.M.	Blasquez Residence
May 21	80 Years of Rainbow BBQ	2:00-5:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 24	Advisory Board Meeting	7:00-9:00 P.M.	Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 27	1st OV Paraphernalia (Adults)	8:00-11:00 A.M.	Memorial High School
	1st OV Decorating/Skit Practice	1:00-5:00 P.M.	Memorial High School
	Area Swim Party/BBQ	5:00-8:00 P.M.	Jones Residence
May 28	1st OV Practice	8:00-10:00 P.M.	Memorial High School
	1st Official Visit	1:00-4:00 P.M.	Memorial High School
	1st OV Tear Down/Clean-up	5:00-Until Done	Memorial High School

### *ADDITIONAL O. V. DETAILS TO FOLLOW*

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.

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Hello to everyone from the EAST! It is hard to believe that my journey to the East has arrived and I will be serving Sharon Temple as their Queen. Spring fever has hit and I meant to write my article last week, but a blue bird sang in the apple tree, and a butterfly flitted across the field, and all the leaves were calling me.

March may have come in like a lamb but at **Sharon Temple No. 2, Daughters of the Nile**, it filled the Las Palmas Lodge with Pixie's, members and love ones on March 26 at the Installation of the 2017-2018 Officers. The Officers were beautiful in their turquoise outfits, the Members in their formals and our Nobles in their Tux. I was honored to be able to wear the beautiful Temple robe of over 50 years and be crowned as Queen of Sharon Temple.

The Temple was honored to have in attendance **Tehran Temple's Potentate Dr. Ron Obernolte** and his first **Lady Dale who is also Supreme Badoura**. Potentate Ron was accompanied by several of his Divan Officers. **Past Queen Bonnie Gordon, Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag**, sang "Heros" which was dedicated to the Nobles and gentlemen in attendance for all they do for the children of the Shrine Hospitals and for Sharon Temple. **Princess Jane Gamoian, Temple Director**, spread her wings and entertained all in attendance with a beautiful performance of "The Wings of Isis".

Dinner was served by **Noble John Denton, J.R. Searcy, Princess Mary Catherine Cairns and Jim Matias**. The meal was enjoyed by those in attendance and was a delicious ending to a beautiful afternoon. Sharon Temple is looking forward to the many fun events planned for the coming year and we would like to invite you to all of the open events. Just to name a few:

*May 7, 2017 – Supreme Session 2019 Fund Dinner with Supreme Badoura Dale Obernolte*

*Doors Open 4:30 PM, BBQ Beef & Fixings - \$20 per person  
Tehran Shrine Temple - Reservations call Liza at 559-269-1056*

*May 21, 2017 – Pageantry "Happy Hour" Fiesta - \$10 per person - Tehran Shrine Temple*

*Fabulous Margaritas & Delicious Hors d'oeuvres  
Tickets call Nancy at 559-227-9923*

*July 12, 2017 – Patrol/Past Queen's Ice Cream Social, 6 PM, Las Palmas Masonic Center \$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: **"Snaccident"**: when you intend to eat one piece of chocolate and accidentally eat the entire Easter basket full.

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

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



Queen  
Jean Denton



Queen Jean Denton and P.M.  
John Denton



Princess Jane Gamoian, Temple Director, spread her wings and entertained all in attendance with a beautiful performance of "The Wings of Isis".





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

I want to say "Thank You" to all the Brothers who have gone to see, or ask about our Ethel Day. She sends her love, and told me she "Felt Safe because she could see the Masonic Emblem on the Fresno Lodge building the other day when she looked out the window.

Time is not measured by the years that you live,  
but by the Deeds that you do, and the Joy that you give--  
And each Day as it comes brings a Chance to each,  
One to Love to the Fullest, leaving Nothing undone  
that would Brighten the Life or Lighten the Load  
Of some weary Traveler lost on Life's road--  
So what does it Matter how Long we may live  
if as Long as we Live, we Unselfishly Give.

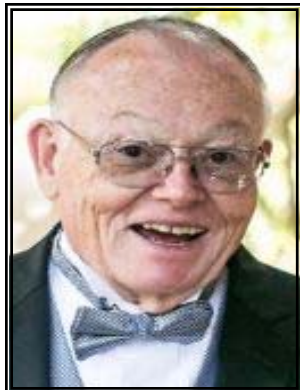
We appreciate all the Brothers for their good deeds.

Lena Cook: President:  
Judy Gross: V. President  
Betty Veffredo: Secretary  
Pat Westphal: Treasurer  
Ethel Day: Presidential Advisor





## From the Archives



In 1967 Sam Pavlovich was our Master and Las Palmas was a very busy Lodge.

At the Stated Meeting in November, Perry Fouts, David James, James Buckles and I were elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge. In addition, the Lodge voted to accept Richard A. Moody by affiliation. I think Richard Moody was better known to viewers of KMJ TV channel 24 as Dick Moody.

The Master announced that Sanger Lodge No. 316, as a courtesy to Las Palmas, had conferred the second degree upon Brothers Wayne Plunk and John and Michael Reynolds on October 19. It was also voted on to ask Center Lodge No. 465, as a courtesy to Las Palmas, to confer the third degree on Brother Edward Soderberg.

Two weeks later at 7:00 p.m. on November 30, 1967 Las Palmas Lodge opened in the first degree and I was the third of four candidates to receive the first degree of Masonry. I will never forget what the Lodge Room looked like when we four candidates entered it to receive the Master's lecture. The only lights that were on were the spotlights in the east and north-east. This lighting, along with the red carpet, was very impressive. It is a shame that we cannot do this with first degrees now. After the degrees and before Lodge closed, two entered apprentice brothers were examined in the candidates lecture of the first degree. Lodge closed at 11:15 p.m. and refreshments were had by all afterwards. At the time smoking was not allowed in the Lodge Room, but it was allowed in the card room, foyer and banquet hall. By the time I got home I smelled like cigarette smoke.

Two of the officers that night, Sam Pavlovich and Richard Hopper later became Grand Masters. While Richard Hopper's office was that of Marshall; for me he was the Senior Steward. Other officers that night that you might remember were Leonard Gottner (Senior Warden) who lives in Washington State and still gives their third degree lecture and Bud Pope who was Jr. Deacon. Since it was the fall, all of the officers were at advanced stations and wearing black, as opposed to the white dinner jackets which were worn from Easter until Labor Day.

Many things have changed in the 49 years since I received my first degree. Smoking is no longer allowed inside our Temple. Refreshments are served before the degrees, not during the break and after Lodge closes. It has been many years since Las Palmas has asked another local Lodge to confer courtesy degrees for us and I can't remember the last time I saw four candidates receive the first degree of Masonry the same night in Las Palmas Lodge. Yes, things have changed, some for the better, some not necessarily so. When other local Lodges helped us out because we were so busy, it also helps them out, which is what Masonry is all about.



**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*

*Ed and Mary Jane Kerber*

*Ethel Day*

*Jake Sexton*

*Richard Frey Family*

*Larry Bennett*



# MAY BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Anthony M. Barba	5/30	12/8	Donald L. Milligan	5/26	11/3
Ralph I. Bissett	5/3	4/16	Gaby S. Nakad	5/11	9/4
Alan B. Burnham	5/6	6/30	Richard L. Payne	5/13	3/23
David C. Clark	5/25	6/1	Andrew C. Peerson	5/8	6/3
Shawn P. Clark	5/12	4/9	Jonathan L. Pierro	5/3	10/9
David P. Coss	5/6	10/29	George W. Pope	5/19	9/8
Robert L. Davis	5/7	6/7	John S. Schmidt	5/12	4/19
Larry L. Finfrock	5/12	4/23	James V. Schultz	5/5	10/30
Bert A. Flores	5/12	5/1	Warren D. Sonnenburg	5/18	11/12
Phillip C. Ford	5/11	9/30	Gary A. Starr	5/30	3/1
John Gahvejian	5/21	3/14	Chad C. Stokes	5/31	10/18
Frank L. Gann, Jr.	5/4	3/3	Jerry F. Tabor	5/8	6/24
Eldon L. Garrett	5/17	3/24	James A. Tarver	5/3	4/18
Fred M. Haines, Sr.	5/19	5/10	Freddie E. Thiel	5/30	12/12
Gordon D. Keeton	5/14	9/26	James M. Vaughan	5/17	9/27
Nikhil S. Kohli	5/24	3/29	Dean S. Walker	5/28	5/28
John P. Lamborn	5/21	12/29	H. A. Weldon	5/25	11/15
Calvin A. Macpherson	5/24	1/23	Nathan A. Williams	5/21	10/27
Ryan C. Marrett	5/20	11/10	Robert N. Wills	5/20	4/3
Allan L. Melikian	5/12	5/27			

## IN MEMORIAM

*Harold C. Cox*

*Born 02/10/1927—Raised 10/11/1956  
Called from labor  
March 25, 2017*



## Menu

**Appetizers  
Salad Bar  
Beef Kabobs**



## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Marie Callender's Restaurant  
1781 East Shaw Avenue  
May 31, 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  
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**MAY 2017**



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our fallen heros.  
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that we are free.

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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*



Public Schools Month and our Scholarship Awards Night was a tremendous success. With a very tasty Mexican dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Joe Salle, Richard Jones and the kitchen crew, our very good appetizers table prepared by our Master, Andrew. Charles Bersani's fresh and tasty salad bar make for a fantastic dinner event.

We honored 5 very outstanding students with \$6,000.00 in scholarships.

Recognized teachers and administrators from our two schools with certificates and Visa cards for their work with their students. We read two applications for degrees and expect several more in the coming months with all of the prospect attending our events. As you enjoy our dinners, realize there is a lot of work in preparing for these dinners. We need volunteers to help on the third Thursday morning for a couple of hours every month. To help with the table settings and linens, as to leave the cooks to cooking!

*May Calendar*

May 4, 2017	6:30 P.M. Lodge Social, Pizza & Drinks
May 9, 2017	6:00 P.M. L.P.M.B.A. Meeting LPP 366 Officers Meeting
May 11, 2017	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
May 18, 2017	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
May 22 2017	6:30 P.M. Masons Night Out
May 22, 2017	6:00 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice



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