



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 and Happy New Year to all the brethren and their families, I hope your holiday season was full of happiness and joy. Another year has drawn to a close for Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No.366 with several new candidates Initiated, Passed and Raised in our lodge. The past two years have been prosperous to our members and we owe a great deal of thanks to our out-going Worshipful Master, Brother Andrew Miller, thanks for all you have done for our lodge.

I am excited to have been chosen for the opportunity to represent our lodge as the Worshipful Master for the 2018 Masonic Year. I am confident it will be a great year and I look forward to having our entire brotherhood back at lodge in January sharing



their holiday stories. Brothers, be sure to bring your wives to the stated meeting in January, not just for the great food but also for an after dinner gathering to get to know each other. My wife Raney will be organizing a ladies only game night.

The new line of officers has been set and you will find many new and young faces. I hope some of you more polished brothers will step up to guide the rest of us to lead this lodge to a brighter and more prosperous future.

Our Masonic family has been shrinking over the last several decades and we need everyone to step up and help educate society on who the Freemasons are and what we stand for. I have been actively working to encourage the return of our brothers who haven't been

to lodge in a while. It is my goal to have as many participants at the meetings as possible. In order to bring our Masonic lodge from the shadows we must enlighten the community, we must educate them in what it means to me a Mason. It has been said that you cannot achieve a different result if you continue to take the same action; therefore, I want to step out into the light and search for men of Faith and Honor to join us. It is difficult searching in the dark, stand with me as we shine the light of the Supreme Grand Master upon our community to guide our future brothers to Masonry.

Fraternally yours,

Master-Elect Scott Fichtner



Greetings from the West



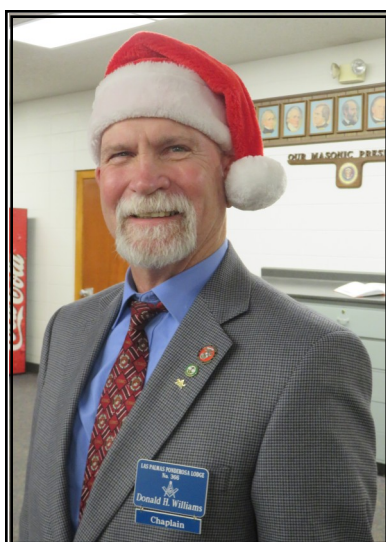
Greeting from the West.

As we ready ourselves to start the new year, as we always do, we first must look back at the friends and loved ones we have lost over the year. We will always honor them as we did at our last stated meeting during our Necrology Service. This however, is not a time to mourn but to honor those that have left this world and have made that journey to the celestial lodge above. We now look forward to starting a new year.

With many new officers in the line, some of which are sitting in a chair for the first time. We are truly blessed in our lodge. We really hope that with the start of a new year, many members that have not be able to make it to lodge may return and help support the growth of all the new and younger members. All the new officers are hoping to bring a fresh and new outlook in the coming years. I hope to see as many of you as I can this year. I personally want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from my family to yours.

Fraternally;

Ryan Marrett



Brothers

Greetings from the South



December 21, 2017 was a great Christmas social event. For starters our kitchen crew, with Andrew Miller, prepared a wonderful appetizer table with salad bar and for the main course Richard Jones prepared a terrific rigatoni dinner, followed by pudding and a cookie for desert. His wife Lisa does a fantastic job with all the shopping for the dinner as well as guiding the Rainbow girls in the serving all the guests. Santa joined the festivities (Dick Haggerty) taking pictures with our guests and families. Photography provided by Jim Redman. Our sincere thanks to both Dick and Jim.

I hope all had a Merry Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New as we move into 2018, which brings with it the challenge and promise

of a new Masonic year. It's exciting looking forward to new candidates, our Officers conducting degree work in their newly installed positions and continuing the progress of all our members.

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon
Junior Warden-Elect





*January 2018
Las Palmas Masonic
Center
Events Schedule*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Happy New Year	2  SHARON TEMPLE PRACTICE	3  NILE SUPREME QUEEN VISIT	4	5	6  12:00 P.M. OFFICERS MEETING 1:00 P.M. LPP INSTALLATION PRACTICE
7  1:00 P.M. LPP INSTALLATION	8	9 7:00 P.M FRESNO NUMISMATIC CLUB	10	11  6:00 P.M. HALL & OFFICERS MEETING	12	13
14	15	16  HEART OF THE VALLEY STATED MEETING 7:00 P.M.	17  LEGACY O.E.S. NO. 555 7:00 P.M	18  6:00 P.M. APPETIZER SALAD BAR 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M STATED	19	20
21	22	23  HEART OF THE VALLEY STATED MEETING 7:00 P.M.	24	25  DARK	26	27  HEART OF THE VALLEY INSTALLATION 2:00 P.M.
28	29	30	31			

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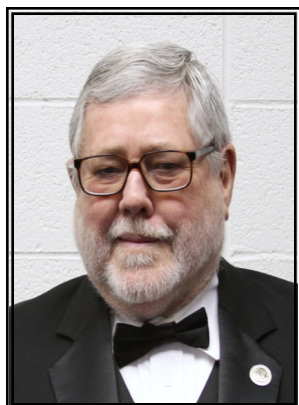
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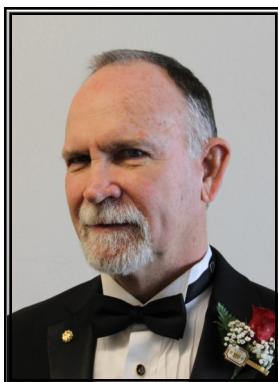
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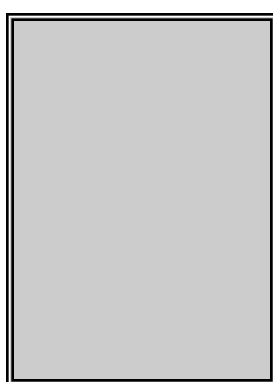
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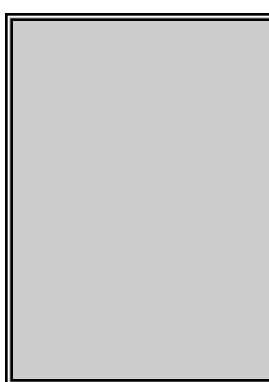
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Officers & Hall Directors Christmas Dinner

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 Officers and Las Palmas Masonic Building Association Directors enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner at the Santa Fe Basque Restaurant, Thursday night December 7th. We had a fabulous Basque dinner. Lots of food, started with soup, bread, green salad, potato salad with shrimp, beans, pasta with chicken, rice and all the fried chicken you desired with a scoop of ice cream for dessert! A great social and dining event!



December Stated Meeting Dinner



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Heart of the Valley Assembly December 2017 Newsletter



#WHYIRAINBOW

What am I thankful for? A great group of young women like you all.

Makayla-you bring life joy and a personality where you make people feel like friends in short order. I remember thinking that even when you were 11 and you have done oh so much more!

Rhiannon-you strive to be all that you can be and bring excellence to your work-can't wait to see what healthcare career you choose and work alongside of you!

Joy-a gift to all of us and someone who effortlessly takes on small to big things and makes it work! I wish I could have been more like you at 17!

Briana-A girl who has given all she has to get to where you are today! I know that with your hard work, your friendliness, your ability to adapt to what life presents, that you will go any place that your heart desires.

Mary-A quiet giant in my eyes. What that means is that you bring to us gifts of stepping up, doing the right things, knowing what you want and attaining them without necessarily taking a spotlight. You head into challenges and overcome and that indeed is a special gift!

Gwen-what a girl you are! With all your talents, your gift of making people feel good about themselves, your spirit of happiness-all I can say⁹ is you are so special!

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Alexis-your gifts of so many talents, taking on responsibilities, helping even when it means sacrifice, and stepping up will end up paying off big in the end!

Haleigh-I am so enjoying this term with you! I appreciate the talks we have, your level of maturity, your willingness to help and doing things even when they are hard and take time away from usual teenage endeavors! I love your love of our animal kingdom!

Analisa-You are indeed a marvelous girl! Another one of the giants of life who make themselves available, responsible, enjoy life and make others feel better just by being in the room with you!! I see you soaring to all the things you are working hard to do and to be!

Savannah-what can I say but to say that you are excelling at life! You are living proof that even though it isn't always the thing you want to do, you just go right out and make it wonderful!! When I think of you, I want to just shout to the world-she is on the brink of some mighty happenings!

Olivia-you have so much to offer and your ability to persevere and show us your capabilities is astounding! You are talented and wonderful and you are the girl everyone wants to be with! I see you growing in your spirit and becoming what you want!

LilyRose-You are stepping forward in a big way!! You are deciding to take chances and do things that may be difficult but you are achieving them! So proud of you in all things and you are a great role model for all of us! I am not sure I could have done as well as you have given the same circumstances...Stand proud!!

Kairyn-looking forward to getting to know you better and to be a supporter of your tremendous talents! So glad that we all get to be part of your world and you for ours!!

Kiara-Also looking to a time when I know you better and to cheer you on in your life! I cannot believe that I know such talented young women!

Kaylyn-I am hoping you know that we believe in you! We know the challenges facing you and hope that you overcome and come back and spend some time with us! You are never far from my thoughts and prayers. You are strong and mighty-keep faith and hope close!!

Sydney-what a bright spot you are! I have enjoyed getting to know you and love it when you are near! I am thankful for you and for parents and grandparents that understand and are committed to family time!

To the adult supporters: my life is so enriched each day of my life because you have helped and continue to shape mine! May I be more like you!

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My hope is that each of you takes the teachings of Rainbow with you daily and knows that each day there is a girl who needs your help!! Be of some service each day-as you too will see what there is to be so thankful for! If you have running water in your home, if you have a roof over your head, if you have food on your table and if you are receiving an education that will provide for you into your future, then be thankful that you have more than most of the rest of the world's people have!! I am THANKFUL for you beyond words!

Karen Flink, Mother Advisor, Heart of the Valley Assembly

Ft Millerton Chapter Installation of Officers

Ft Millerton Chapter No. 557 held its 71st Installation of Officers on November 28, 2017. Kerry J Stout was installed as Worthy Matron and Larry Coffin as Worthy Patron. Thank you to our Masonic Youth Groups for your participation and attendance at tonight's Installation of Officers.



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Childhood Language Center Children's Christmas Party

Fresno Bethel 49, Heart of the Valley Assembly, State Center Chapter and Visalia Assembly provided crafts, games and cookie decorating. Thank you to our Fresno Masonic Youth for making this a fun and memorable event for our Language Center Children.



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Santa Clause Lane

Our girls took a fun trip down Santa Clause Lane and held a hot cocoa/bonfire party tonight in Clovis. Feeling thankful for these fun moments spent together as an Assembly and missed those who couldn't join us this evening!



Nutcracker

Heart of the Valley Assembly celebrated the holiday season by attending the Nutcracker. Sisters Kairyn, Kiara and Kahlan, members of our assembly and pledge, danced in the traditional holiday classic





Notes from the Throne

Sharon Temple would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season full of family, friends, lots of love and no exchange lines.

Since our last newsletter we held our **Annual Nile Fashion Show and Luncheon**. The room was overflowing with guests. There were ladies and gents all dressed up for the occasion, beautiful clothes, lots

of goodies to buy, door prizes and for me the excitement of finding out who would take home the quilt. This event helps our Temple support the Shriner's Hospital for Children. A "BIG" thank you to all who help make it a success.

The month of December was full of friends, laughter and great times. It started off with the **Pageantry Christmas Party** at the home of **Jane Gamoian** and what a beautifully decorated home it was. I had the honor of presenting Jane with a quilt to say thank you for her 25 plus years of service as the Temple Dance Director.

Then many of the members traveled to the **Tulare-Kings Nile Club No. 1 Luncheon** in Visalia. The room was festive, the food was delicious and the Holiday items were well worth buying.

The Annual **Queen's Christmas Open House** was held at the Tehran Shrine Temple from 2 PM – 5 PM and I was greeted by over 50 guests. Sharon Temple Pageantry Unit decorated with holiday decorations and the food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Past Master John and I enjoyed all who attended and want to wish those who could not be with us a very Happy New Year.

Our **December Session** is always a "**Soup Supper**" put on by the Elected Line and a great way to start off the Holiday Season. Wow can these Ladies make a mean soup and salad buffet. Coming from the South I naturally had to trade my pot of soup for a pot of Black-eyed Peas to help bring good luck to the coming year.

Last, I joined our **Temple Choir** for their Luncheon and my crown was a big splash in the restaurant. Thank you Choir members for a fun day.

Upcoming Events: January 3, 2018 starts our New Year welcoming our Supreme Queen Karen Kauther and guest from all over the USA and Canada for our Official Visit. The Queen's Farewell will be held on March 11, 2018 and the Installation of Officers will be on March 18, 2018. Guest is welcome to both of these events. Flyers will be available soon.

Remember as you head into 2018 look at life as a camera...Focus on what's important, Capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don't work out take another shot. Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year.



Queen
Jean Denton

Jean Denton,
Queen Sharon Temple No. 92

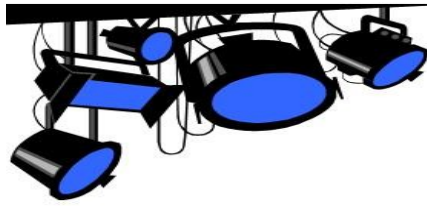


Christmas Dinner & Luncheon





Annual Fashion Show



Queen's Open House and Soup Supper



Choir Christmas Luncheon



*From the WIDOWS CLUB
December 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*

Congratulations on another good year for the Lodge and Congratulations to the incoming new year Officers, The Widow Club cannot tell you "how much" we appreciate what you do for us. We enjoy the visits and dinner you provide for us and our club wants to let you know, we will be glad to help anyway we can.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lena Cook, President
Masonic Widow Club



*Happy
New Year!*

From the Archives



Not many Masons have the fortunate opportunity to have been a Mason for 50 years and an extremely limited number of Past Masters have the opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of them being Master. 2018 is that extremely rare opportunity to have a Past Master celebrate the 50th anniversary of him being Master of Las Palmas Lodge. Leonard "Len" Gottner is now the 4th Past Master of our Lodge to have that distinction.

Several weeks ago I found some old pictures from 1968 and I sent them to Len who lives in Washington State. Len sent me a letter, which, with his permission; I am using for our January "From the Archives" message.

Seeing that good looking top hat I was wearing in the picture caused me to remember why it looked so good. Prior to when Sam Pavlovich was Master, when he and I served in the East for degree work, we wore an old, old top hat (we both wore the same hat).

The leather inside brim had deteriorated to the point, that when you were warm and removed the hat during prayer, the hat came off but the brim clung to the forehead. So at Grand Lodge prior to Sam's installation we ordered a new hat from the fraternal supply house. So that hat was just year old at the 1968 installation.



Updates: My wife Frances passed on in September 2010—we had been married just short of 63 years. In early November 2016, I attended a moneymaker Turkey Dinner put on by an Eastern Star Chapter in Renton, WA. They had been doing the dinner for years but this was the first time I attended. It went from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I got there about 1:30 p.m. and sat down with several lodge and Eastern Star friends who were just finishing their dinners, so in a short time they left and I was sitting alone at the table. A lady named Merrily Johnson, who had been making the salads, came and ordered her dinner and sat with me. (She later told me she didn't think it right I should be eating alone.)

In conversation I discovered she and her husband had served as Worthy Matron & Patron in 1978-79 at that Chapter when Frances & I were serving in the same positions at another Chapter. Her husband, who was also a Past Master and former Treasurer of his Lodge, has passed on 23 years before. She told me that she, her daughter and son-in law had recently rented a house in Auburn, just five blocks from my home. We began attending OES meetings together and going out to dinner—and on February 18th of this year we were married and had our reception at the Masonic Temple in Renton, with 86 friends in attendance. So we are still happy newlyweds, I'm 89 and she's 82.

As you may know, I was Worthy Grand Patron of the OES, here in Washington in 1993-94. I was Worthy Patron of La Sierra Chapter in Fresno in 1970, and have been Worthy patron of five Chapters in Washington 20 times so far. This year I'm serving as Chaplain of Merrily's Chapter.

(Continued next month)



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 Mederios

Cliff Henderson

Family

LeRoy Foote Family



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Theodore L. Marsella

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

Thomas E. Topjian

*Born 12/07/1929—Raised 06/10/1982
Called from labor
December 8, 2017*



Chef Richard Jones, who prepares our fantastic dinners!

Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Marie Callender's Restaurant
1781 East Shaw Avenue
January 21, 2018

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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Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated.

From the Desk of the Secretary



Wow, we had a full house for our December Stated Meeting Dinner, Our Chef, Richard Jones prepare his fantastic Rigatoni with sausage. Worshipful Andrew Miller prepared the appetizer table and salad bar was really special! Santa (Dick Haggerty)was in attendance for pictures with the kids and guests. January 7, 2018 our new Officers were installed by Bill Lyons P.M., Bryan Kincade P.M. and John Herring P.M. was will attended and wonderful refreshment followed the Instal-lation. I am looking forward to working with this great line of young

Officers, please join me for some really good ritual this year! I enjoyed working with Andrew the last two years, he really worked hard with good ritual and working with the Candidates, we did 15 degree's in 2017. We are the most active Lodge in the Central Valley! Join us in 2018, you have been missing fantastic diners, ritual and socializing with the Brothers!

January Calendar

January 6, 2016	12:00 P.M. Officers Meeting 1:00 P.M. Installation Practice
January 7, 2018	1:00 P.M. Installation of Officers
January 11, 2018	6:00 P.M. L.P.M.B.A Board LPP Officers Meeting
January 18, 2018	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Hiram Award 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
January 25 , 2016	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree



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