



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, F. & A. M.

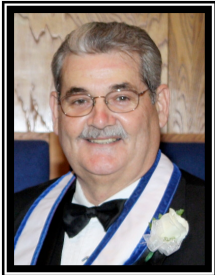
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:



The month of February has been designated a very special month for California Masonry. As I have written in previous trestle board articles the Grand Master, Ken Nagel has proclaimed it **"Coming Home"** month. He has explained that it has a two-fold meaning; first that it is a time when all Masons should "Come Home" to the values and obligation we all took on bended knee at the alter in each of the de-

grees.

Secondly, he has challenged every Mason in California to "Come Home" to the lodge where he is a member and attend the February Stated Meeting. I have been told by some of our lodge's senior members that they remember a time when the lodge held an annual 'Roll Call Meeting' to which all members were summoned to attend. This practice has become obsolete and I understand why when we read the consequences of a member failing to respond to a summons from the lodge. A demand should not be made of someone to attend a meeting, they should want to come. On behalf of the officers of the lodge we are echoing the Grand Masters challenge to all Masons to "Come Home" during the month of February. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to those vows and values that have served many great Americans, from George Washington and so many of our Founding Fathers, who took the same vows on bending knee as we have all done.

Additionally, February is our traditional Sweethearts month, at which we honor the widows of our brethren who have gone on to be with the Supreme Architect. If for no other reason we should be here to honor and show our support for our sweethearts, our Masonic Widows.

Again, we urge all of our brothers to "COME HOME".

Fraternally;

Bob

Worshipful Master



COMING HOME
February 2010

Join us for our Coming Home event at the February stated meeting.

Coming Home is a fraternity-wide effort to bring all members, new and senior, active and inactive, back to their blue lodge, beginning with the February stated meeting.

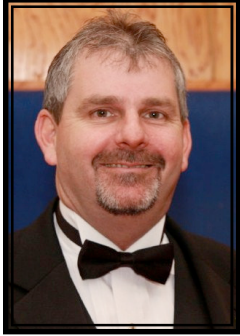
It will be the largest California blue lodge gathering in decades!

Fellowship.

Community.

Shared Values.

From the West



Brethren, Friends, and Family,

I will not cheat, wrong or defraud...these words should be easily recognized by all Master Masons. It was not only a commitment that you made, but should be a cornerstone of your Masonic life. I am sure many of you, as I did, upon hearing this phrase took it as a criminal connotation. Something that of course we would never do, as it would violate a life of good living.

I would, however, encourage you to look at it from a slightly different view, especially the word cheat. Webster defines the verb cheat as, "to deprive of something valuable". To me, one of the most valuable things we possess is ourselves, giving of ourselves then, would be one of the most valuable gifts

we could give. So if you are not giving of yourself, or your friendship, or fellowship, then you are in fact cheating a brother or a lodge out of the value of something very precious. The flip side, as pointed out to me by a very wise brother, is that you are also cheating yourself out of the friendship and fellowship of your brothers in lodge. You then become something of a 'double cheat'.

In short, if you are not coming to lodge, be it stated meetings, or degrees, you are cheating your brothers and yourself. I know some of you see this as a far-fetched interpretation of our degrees, and is a bit tongue in cheek, but I think my point is valid, as many of us feel cheated out of your friendships if we do not get to visit and share of ourselves with each other. I know none of us want to violate a commitment, so I expect to see you soon in a lodge setting, so none of us can be seen as one who cheats wrongs or defrauds.

As your senior warden this year I will not be asking you for any financial commitments, but I will continue to ask, until blue in the face, for your fellowship and brotherhood, something to me, much more valuable than gold.

See you in
Lodge soon,

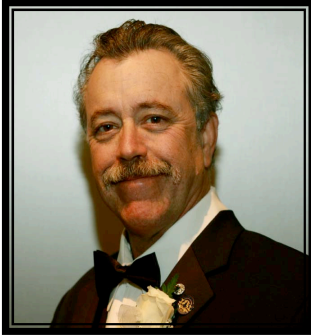
Fraternally,
Joseph Perry



**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!!!**



From the South



Greetings, brethren!
Thank you for electing me to serve you as Junior Warden for the upcoming year. I shall endeavor to show myself worthy of your confidence, both in the lodge and the kitchen. Our new Senior Warden (Joe) has left me a stiff example to follow and I shall need help from every quarter to stay the course – and more to the point, to SERVE the course! I



I know that many of you who may read this may not know me, nor I you, and I would invite the opportunity to change that. Part of my duty as Junior Warden is to hear the grievances of the brothers and take them before the lodge. As I don't see the majority of you at lodge, I would have you know that I am available by telephone, am a coffee lover, and would love to chat. As you may already know, the great theme for this year in Masonry is "Coming Home". The underlying assumption is that the lodge is a home, and one that someone has once lived in and then left. For my part, and I believe I speak for the other officers as well, we want to bring back, restore, or create anew that sense of home, family and brotherhood that we all hoped to find when we became Masons. With that heart-felt mission in mind, come back to the lodge, enjoy a good meal with us and let us enjoy your company!

Fraternally;
Steve R. High
Junior Warden



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Installation Pictures



FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

*FEBRUARY 24, 2010
MEETING
POTLUCK
LAS PALMAS
MASONIC
CENTER*



12:00 P.M.

January Stated Meeting Dinner



Photo's by
Dennis "Frenchy" Johnson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Virgil E. Ahlberg	2/21	Wayne E. Lindsley	2/7
John K. Baird	2/6	Philip W. Maher	2/13
Gaylaird K. Bissell	2/22	Robert A. Papazian	2/4
John S. Bjorge	2/9	Donald E. Peaslee	2/18
Richard D. Childs	2/16	Michael W. Reynolds	2/29
Farrell B. Collins	2/27	Rodney B. Rowlett	2/21
Donald R. Copp	2/8	John R. Scott	2/16
Earl J. Cousins	2/5	William B. Shelly	2/11
Harold C. Cox	2/10	David J. Sorge	2/15
Richard M. Donaldson	2/10	Jerome A. Thormann, Jr.	2/9
Mike N. Ellis	2/6	Dennis G. Tyler	2/4
Kyle N. Elsalhi	2/14	Timothy R. Tyler	2/10
Richard W. Frey	2/21	Lloyd J. Valentine	2/20
Ali R. Hatamaria	2/19	Jason I. Weiner	2/17
Steven R. High	2/22	Myron E. Winch	2/27
Cline C. Jack, Jr.	2/23		



*Raisina-Fresno Chapter No. 89
Order of the Eastern Star*

2010

Stated Meetings
Second and Fourth Mondays
Dark; July and August
7:30 P.M.

For Information Call:
Diana Gardner, Secretary
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2010

Worthy Matron Dorothy R. Heskett
Worthy Patron; Clifford D. Hendersen

From the East

Our last meeting started off with a bang!!!
Diana Garner made a delicious chicken
noodle soup. This was served with
sandwiches at 6:30 P.M., that let us all go
home early.

W.M. Dorothy, asked for socks, caps, scarves
and gloves to be packaged for the Christmas
worn tree at the Provella House. We took 37
colorful packages to the home, with tags that
they were from Raisnia-Fresno No. 898 Order
of the Eastern Star.

We are getting ready for the visit from the
Worthy Grand Matron, Beverly Wade and
Worthy Grand Patron, Larry Coffin. Our
theme is "we didn't promise you a rose
garden" This event will be January 25, 2010.

Dorothy Heskett
Worthy Matron



DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE OFFICERS
2009-2010

Queen	LaVon Stroud
Jr. Past Queen	Kerri Gans
Princess Royal	Cheri Detweiler
Princess Tirzah	Bonnie Gorden
Princess Badoura	Marilyn DeCamp
Princess Recorder	Susan Morris
Princess Banker	Joann Evans
Princess Marshal	Jeanne Esheim
Princess Chaplain	Elaine Crosno
Lady of the Keys	JoAnn Morse
Lady if the Gates	Linda Wolfe
Princess Nydia	Anna Cole
Princess Zulieka	C. R. Littleworth
Princess Zenobia	Jean Denton
Princess Zora	Jeri Rouch
Princess Zuliema	Virginia Bergeron
Princess Musician	



A Memorial Service led by Queen LaVon and the line officers was conducted at the January 2009 stated session to pay tribute to the following members of Sharon Temple No. 92 who have passed away during this year:

Prs. Dorothy Camack, Gladys Hastings (our last remaining founding member), Elnora Troisi, Helen Blanchard, Patricia Blosser, Frances Davis, Gen Stretch, Helen Seibert, Louise Karagozian and Jewel Baird. These wonderful ladies of our household have gone on to their heavenly reward and we will miss them greatly.

Officers and Ladies of the Household will welcome Supreme Queen Vesta Marshall from Omar Temple No. 111, London, Ontario, Canada, on February 11, 2010, when she comes to Sharon Temple for her Official Visit. The session will be held at the Clovis Masonic Center with a banquet following at the Ramada Inn.

Queen LaVon Stroud will preside over her final session of Sharon Temple No. 92 on March 10, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Las Palmas Masonic Center. A farewell in celebration of her year of service to the Temple is planned for this session. The Pageantry Unit is in charge of the banquet room.

The election of officers for the ensuing year will be conducted at the regular stated session on March 10. The new slate of officers will be installed on March 21, 2010, at Las Palmas Masonic Center at 2:30 p.m. A reception will be held to honor the new officers following the installation.

P.Q. Betty Arnold, Editor

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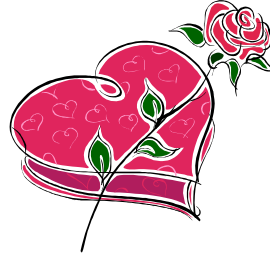
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Happy Valentine's Day

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 in any way.

From the Desk of the Secretary,
Brethren;



The Grand Secretary, Allan L. Casalou, has requested any Brother Mason who;

- is a World War II Veteran who would like to be considered for a trip to the Memorial.
- knows a World War II Veteran in our Lodge who would like to be considered.
- is over 18 and is interested in accompanying on the trip as a volunteer Companion.

This is the Grand Master's "Operation Greats Gift" sending Veteran's to the Memorial in Washington D.C. set for April 2010. (559) 268-2303 or e-mail lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net

February Lodge Calendar of Events

January 28, 2010 7:00 P.M. Officers School of Instruction
February 4, 2010 6:30 P.M. Refreshments, 7:00 P.M.
Third Degree, Richard Vitz
February 9, 2010 6:00 P.M. L.P.M.B.A. Board Meeting
7:00 P.M. L.P.P. Officers Meeting
February 10, 2010 7:00 P.M. Officers School of Instruction
Fresno Masonic Center
February 11, 2010 Degree or Practice
February 18, 2010 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
February 25, 2010 Degree or Practice

