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Greetings from the East



What a great time we had at the January stated dinner. Our Junior Warden along with his wonderful team of chefs provided us with a dinner in keeping with the tradition of this lodge, the best food in the district and plenty of it.

The ladies of our lodge are also doing their best to support the lodge and its charities. They are taking turns donating a basket full of goodies and conducting a silent auction, the proceeds being donated to one of our charitable causes.

They raised \$25 dollars for the scholarship fund in January. The silent auction will be a monthly event at the Stated Dinner and from the look of the first one, donated by the Docken's, should prove to be very popular.

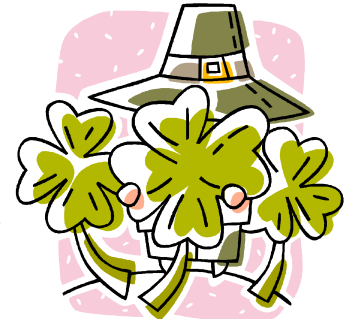
At the February 4th meeting the lodge had the pleasure of Raising Brother Richard Vitz to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Richard will be a real asset to the lodge as he has already made himself an integral part of the dinner team. Welcome to Richard and his family.

In attendance at the degree were two special guests, Brother Jack Yoeman a good friend of Richard's and a member of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551. Also Brother Zaeibi a member of St. Aldhelm's Lodge No. 2559 in England. Brother Zahebi shared with us some of the differences in degree work, one of which I liked. They have past masters do a lot of the lecture work in the degrees. (Don't worry we only do that on Past Masters night).

In the near future our Inspector will be presenting some Golden Veteran Awards (50 year members). We have something special planned for that Stated Dinner night. We will send out an e-mail notice to the brethren and try to have it in the Trestleboard so you can plan on attending and honoring the recipients.

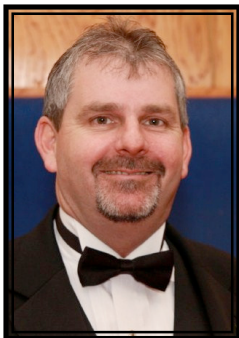
Fraternally,
Bob Davis,
Worshipful Master

March Ladies Program
March is "Women in History" month.
For the March Stated Meeting the ladies will be socializing and sharing their personal history. There are always very interesting stories shared and everyone learns about each other.

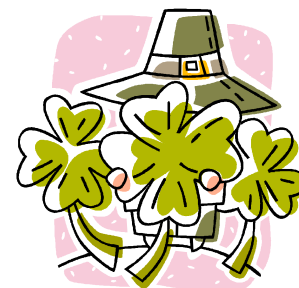


Richard E. Vitz, with
Louis W. Jelinek P.M.
doing the Walking Charge

From the West



Brethren, Friends, and Family,



Brethren, it seems like I blink and another month passes us by. It seems to me; the busier we are the quicker time goes by. This is especially true for your Lodge. We have been busy; we have done several degrees and have put on two Stated Meetings already this year. So the question is...where were you? Are you sitting around wondering what is going on? Are you bored of the same old thing, depressed by the cold weather? I have a suggestion, come out to Lodge and share some of the wonderful things going on.

We have several exciting things going on in the near future. We plan on doing two Entered Apprentice Degrees early this month, plus a second degree by the end of the month, throw in the Stated Meeting, and you have a full month of activities. I encourage you to stop by and share in the camaraderie of your lodge. Your new officers are getting more proficient in their degree work, and the lessons they teach, are more pertinent than ever.

When was the last time you listened to a charge, or an obligation? You can only get these in Lodge so why not come and be a part of it.

Lastly I would really encourage you to share in the degrees of our two new candidates, they are young (relatively) and very excited. Their enthusiasm is contagious. Why don't you come catch some of their exuberance? I know it may have been awhile since you saw a degree, but seeing the excitement of these new members is well worth the drive down to your lodge, and if you need a ride, call our brother the secretary and arrangements will be made.

I hope to see you in lodge soon...

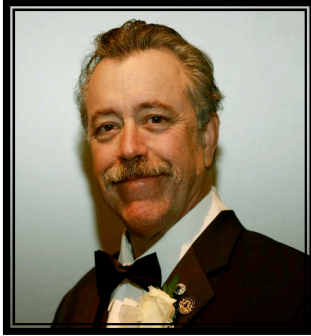
Fraternally,
Joseph Perry
Senior Warden

Joseph E. Perry Jr., Ahmand G. Zahedi, P.M.
St Aldhem's Lodge No. 2559, England, Worshipful
Master, Robert L. Davis, Steve R. High

Joseph E. Perry Jr., Worshipful Mater, Robert L. Davis,
Richard E. Vitz, Steve R. High



From the South



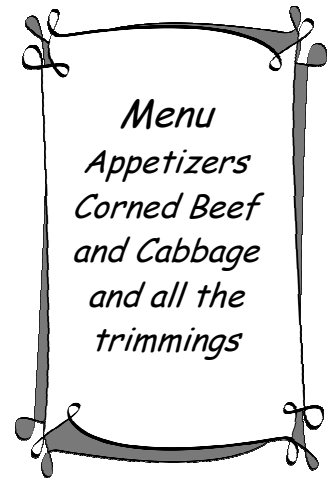
Greetings Brethren and Ladies;

Spring is upon us! Snow is piled high in the Sierras and water is flowing in the river. Soon the bees will be making honey. As we come out of winter solstice and rapidly approach the spring equinox and the "return of the sun", so too our lodge brightens and grows. With new candidates and degrees and degree work upon us, all in the lodge will grow with the newly

sprouting Masons. As "seasoned" Masons it behooves those of us that have preceded them to encourage, guide and nourish these young budding leaves, these flowers of curiosity, enthusiasm and brotherhood on the Masonic tree.....

Speaking of nourishment, I trust you all enjoyed the Valentine's Dinner we had the night of the Stated Meeting last month? Well, you are in for another in a few weeks—dinner that is. Our March meal will be—you guessed it—the traditional St Patty's fair of corned beef, cabbage and all the trimmings. So come, reserve your seat, invite a guest and join us in a "flourish to nourish".

Steve High
Junior Warden



MASTER MASON AND EASTERN STAR NIGHT

JOIN

KYLIE WHEELOCK

HONORED QUEEN AND

BETHEL NO. 49, FRESNO

JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

AT

FRESNO MASONIC CENTER

MARCH 15, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

TO HONOR

MASTER MASON'S AND

LADIES OF THE EASTERN STAR



E-RECYCLE EVENT

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Las Palmas Masonic Center
Parking Lot

9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

About anything with a plug, electronic, audio, video, PC's.. etc.

(559) 776-6064

Woodrow Wilson Bicycle Program
 Charles S. Bersani P.M., Robert L. Davis, Worshipful Master, and Marvin E. Wallace P.M. gave two bikes, two helmets, ten back packs and ten pencil pouches for perfect attendance drawing.



Cline C. Jack Jr. P.M. presented Powers-Ginsburg students with two bicycles, two helmets, ten back packs and ten pencil pouches for their perfect attendance drawing.



Richard E. Vitz
 February 4, 2010
 Raised to the Sublime
 Degree of
 Master Mason

Was born in Denver Colorado and was raised in Tennessee and Reno, Nevada. Richard joined the U.S. Navy at 17, retired twenty-three years later while assigned at Lemoore

N.A.S. His two children were attending school in Lemoore so he remained there and became a Correctional Officer for the California Department of Corrections.

He retired in 2000. He keeps busy with other jobs since retiring, but most important is keeping his wife, Juliet, eating dinner in high style. Juliet is involved in Eastern Star and is Secretary for the Scottish Rite.

Richard is a great chef and loves to cook.

He will be a great asset to the lodge dinner crew and has already been working with them for several months.

Welcome Richard and his family

FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

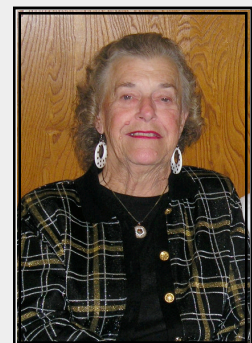
March 31, 2010

Fresno Masonic Center
 Carrows Restaurant, 4280 N. Blackstone Avenue
Reservations Needed

President; Ethel Day
 Vice-President; Bobbi Carter
 Secretary; Hilda Johnson
 Treasurer; Jane James

For Information call (559) 276-2631

The Masonic Widows Club meets for lunch and fellowship on the last Wednesday of each month at the Fresno Masonic Center, all Masonic Widows are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to participate please contact;
 Bobbi Carter 322-6851
 Ethel Day 276-2631





March Birthday's

Truman F. Campbell	3/26	Denton H. Hollifield	3/18
Clifford M. Carrigan	3/18	Timothy E. Jurkowski	3/18
Dwight N. Clark, Jr.	3/25	Kenneth D. Kennedy	3/23
Kay K. Cloud	3/23	Franklin P. Lewis	3/3
William M. Coughran	3/2	Theodore L. Marsella	3/31
Robert D. Crossland	3/5	Norman Meachum	3/19
Edward L. Esheim	3/20	Billie J. Murray	3/9
Paul V. Evert	3/1	Jack J. Ouzounian	3/20
James C. Forshey	3/12	Gerald H. Peloian	3/18
Richard L. Haggerty	3/30	Donald R. Pilegard	3/31
Kenneth W. Hansen	3/20	Walter Rube	3/17
Rollin C. Hitchcock	3/21	Richard T. Stilwell	3/26



Third Degree February 4, 2010



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
(559) 453-5713



2010
Worthy Matron Dorothy R. Heskett
Worthy Patron; Clifford D. Hendersen



Potato
Night
at
89



*La Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555
Order of the Eastern Star
2010*

Stated Meetings
First and Third Wednesdays
Dark; July and August
7:30 P.M.

For Information Call:
Donna Herring, Secretary
(559) 298-6042,
e-mail; donnaherringj@aol.com

2010 Officers

Worthy Matron:
Janet Plettner
Worthy Patron:
Jim Wilson
Associate Matron:
Juliet Vitz
Associate Patron:
Richard Haggerty
Secretary:
Donna Herring
Treasurer:
Kurt Docken



Janet Plettner; Worthy Matron
James W. Wilson II, Worthy Pa-

MARCH 3, 2010

DGM OV

"Spring Hat" Contest
Dress in spring colors and
decorate your hat.
Chairman; Donna Herring
Co-chairman; Marjorie Bufford

MARCH 17, 2010

AM & PM Party
Anteroom Meeting
Theme "Luck of the Irish"
Chairman; Juliet Vitz
Co-Chairman
Richard & Lynn Haggerty

MARCH 28, 2010

Central Jan Joaquin Event
PM & PP Brunch



Supreme Queen Vesta Marshall visits Sharon Temple:

Sharon Temple No. 92 was honored to have Supreme Queen Vesta Mashall pay her Official Visit to our Temple on February 11, 2010. She was accompanied by her Supreme Attendant Marlene MacKay, also of Omar Temple No. 111, London, Ontario. There were other Supreme Appointive Officers, Supreme Appointees and one Reigning Queen here for this special occasion. This was the 143rd temple visitation and many Shriners Hospital visits also. S.Q.Vesta told about the many children she encountered in her hospital stops. One special child had osteogenesis imperfecta, brittle bone disease. She also told us about the treatment for this disease which had been discovered and perfected at the Shriners Montreal Hospital. S.Q.Vesta’s message to all who attended was so uplifting and inspiring. Many monetary donations were presented to S.Q.Vesta by the Past Queens, Units, the Tulare-Kings Nile Club and Sharon Temple fund raisers. Sharon Temple collectively gave \$6,490.98 to the Supreme Temple Foundation.



Supreme Queen, Vesta Marshall
Sharon No. 92, Queen La Von Stroud

Message from our Queen:

Ladies of the Household; It is almost time for a new Queen to assume the reign of our Temple. Honestly, I am both sad and delighted at the same time. When I no longer wear the crown I will no longer have the responsibility of being the first to arrive, nor the last to leave. My role as JPQ will be minimal. I can soon sit back and be an observer. I know our Princess Royal Cheri will make an excellent Queen. She has many enjoyable and fun ideas she wants to implement in the year of her reign. So look forward to all of these things.

I ask that you support our Temple and soon-to-be new Queen as your time and abilities permit. I thank you for all the courtesies shown me, and allowing me the privilege of being your Queen for the year 2009-2010.

In Nile love, *LaVon Stroud, Queen*

Pr. Royal’s words of wisdom:

Earlier this month we had the Official Visit of Supreme Queen Vesta Marshall, held at the Clovis Lodge. The lodge was a beautiful place to have our session as it has a lot of stained glass. We didn’t have to cart everything because we could use some of the paraphernalia from Concordia Eastern Star Chapter. Unfortunately, the meeting room is not handicap accessible, so many of our older ladies were unable to attend the ceremonial. But that didn’t stop several of those ladies from attending our anquet for the Supreme Queen at the Ramada Inn. We had 50 in attendance at our banquet. The food, Chicken Marsala with rice and veggies, was excellent. Who can resist cheesecake for dessert?

I am in the process of getting ready for our installation on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. As I make these preparations I am still looking for someone to fill the stations of Pr. Royal, Pr. Badoura and Pr. Zora. It would be wonderful to have a full contingent of officers for the coming year. I hope as many members as possible can attend as it is a special event for me and our Temple. I am looking forward to representing you as Queen of Sharon Temple No. 92. My plan is to attend all the unit meetings that I possibly can, represent you at other temples, plan some fun events for our Temple and get to know all of you better. My goal for our Temple this year is to increase membership and attendance at our sessions and events.

Hope to see you at our installation, sessions and events for the coming year.

In Nile love, *Cheri Detweiler, Pr. Royal*

I'm The Guy;

I'm the guy who asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join. I'm the guy who stood up front of all of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies they talk to and sat next to.

I sat down several times but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would ask me to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. The following meeting I attended, no one asked where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm the good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job, loves his community, and his country.

You know who else I' am? I'm the guy who never came back!

It amuses me when I think back on the heads of the organization and members were discussing why the organization was losing members.

It amuses me now to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time

All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted and welcome!

A member from Las Palmas-Ponderosa who you never see ??

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MARCH 2010

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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 in any way.

From the Desk of the Secretary,



Brethren; Something besides Degree's Thursday, July 29, 2010, will be a Masonic and Friends, Guy's night out. Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 has reserved a Sky Box. You will have access to the 600 Club for your favorite adult beverage.

- Bottomless Popcorn • Caesar Salad • Artichoke and Spinach Dip • Hot Dogs & Chili Dogs • Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers • Fastball Subs • Soda & Bottled Water •

\$40.00 per person, Reservations; (559) 268-2303 • lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net •



March Lodge Calendar of Events

- March 4, 2010** 7:00 P.M. O.S.I. Clovis Masonic Lodge
March 9, 2010 6:00 P.M. L.M.B.A.
7:00 P.M. L.P.P. Officers Meeting
March 11, 2010 6:30 P.M. Refreshments
7:00 P.M. First Degree's,
Andrew C. Peerson, Thomas J. Musto Jr.
March 18, 2010, 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting, Youth Group Month
March 25, 2010 6:30 P.M. Refreshments, 7:00 P.M. Third Degree

