



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

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Greetings from the East



The weather has definitely heated up, and it seems like summer has arrived with a vengeance. This has not deterred your lodge from staying active. We have passed three brothers to the fellowcraft degree. They are very excited about continuing their Masonic journey to become Master Masons. Congratulations to Brother Smart, Brother Mehrtash and Brother Monazzami for their satisfactory proficiencies and subsequent degrees. We are certainly filling our time with great degrees, but we are far from being done. June 16th marked our stated meeting. The theme was "family barbeque". Brother Vitz and his crew did not disappoint. We enjoyed barbequed tri-tip, corn on the cob, potato salad, chili-beans, and ice-cream. The food was great, and there were several children present to enjoy the "family" part. We thought to continue along this theme, it would be appropriate to honor our scholarship award winners. I had the honor of introducing Jordan M. Heckel and Miss Kelly O'Sullivan. They attended the stated meeting with several family members, grand-parents, parents, and even siblings. These two young ladies took home \$1,500.00 from the lodge scholarship fund. Great job ladies! I look forward to hearing about these ladies in the future, as they continue their education, and make positive differences in their communities. It was also my honor to have Brother Homer L. Davis at the master's table. Homer received his Golden Veteran Award. This award is given by Grand Lodge to recognize those brothers who have achieved 50 years of Masonry membership. Brother Davis was presented with a plaque and pin from our Inspector, Worshipful David Cunha. Brother Davis was accompanied by his wife, and several family members. Homer talked about what Masonry meant to him, and how it has been a large part of his life. It is quite an achievement to live our traditions and customs for over fifty years. Thank you for carrying the torch Brother Davis.

So once again, if you did not attend the degrees or the dinner and wish you had, do not fret, many pictures have been posted to our web site at www.lpp366.org., yes, we do have a website that is updated on a regular basis. If you need lodge information, or information on upcoming events, this is an excellent resource, and of course if you miss an event, this is a good place to see what you missed. Speaking of events you will want to see, not miss, is the 2nd annual Grizzlies Baseball game on July 28th. This is a guy's night out, open to Lodge members and friends. Check the website or contact the lodge for more details. It is capped at 35 people, so reserve early. We have not forgotten the ladies, as my wife Cindy is looking for something for the ladies to do that night as well. Those that missed out on going with her on the last excursion will definitely want to make this one. Contact the lodge for information.

The lodge will officially be dark during the month of July and August, but that does not mean there will be nothing for us to do. We will still have our stated meetings at 6:30, but there will be no dinner. We will have snacks, and you can only imagine what "light snacks" brother Vitz will come up with. We have the Grizzly game in July, and we are working on something for August. So as we go dark, remember to check the website, call the lodge, or drop in for coffee weekday mornings to stay informed. When we come back in September from being dark we will have Past Masters night.

Keep informed, have a great summer, and I will see you all soon...

Fraternally,
Joseph Perry
Master

Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Davis
Golden Veterans Award



July and August Stated Meeting 6:30 P.M.
NO STATED MEETING DINNER

Greetings from the South



As our family looked over the joyous pictures and events that have transpired this year, I caught myself completely enamored by the wondrous display of the Great Architects creations. One cannot help but acknowledge that we are simply a mere speck in the enormous cogs of this cosmic machine. The Creators hands have brought into existence wonders the human mind can never truly comprehend. Like children in a vast library, it is possible we were never meant to understand it all, but it is absolutely fun to look at the pictures, stare at the night skies and imagine...

Summer is upon us once again. **Independence Day**, commonly known as the Fourth of July, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration on Independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Thirteen colonies voted to adopt a resolution of legal separation on **July 2, 1776**. This is the **actual date** the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of the Second Continental Congress. In a *remarkable coincidence*, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as *Presidents of the United States*, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the **50th anniversary** of the Declaration's celebrated date. 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence. It appears that 9 (or 16%) were Masons.

Speculative Freemasons have long seen themselves as philosophical builders rather than physical layers of stones. The young United States was the opportunity to put theory into practice. After the hard decision had been taken to declare independence, the United States was seen as the grand experiment, built upon the principles of equality, freedom and enlightened reason. This symbolism resembles the threefold lesson of Freemasonry, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." In fact, early arguments for independence were often worded as "relief" from an infringement of human rights. What a relief it is to live in such a wonderful and free country. We are truly blessed.

Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. While stone Masons used certain tools to construct monuments and inspiring architecture, Freemasons use these same tools in a symbolic way for building one's character. Often described as an established "self-help" program, its aim is to help men make themselves better people to their family, friends and community. Taking good men and making them better is what we are doing right here at LPP. So what does the month of July hold for us here at Las-Palmas Ponderosa Lodge?

From the Fresno Grizzlies to the Morgan Affair, many fine events are sure to take place in and around these Masonic walls. We have had three 2nd degrees for our newer brothers and look forward to other good times ahead before we go dark. Some may include barbeques and fireworks, friends and family, smiles and laughs and even an outing at the old swimming hole. Curl up with a good book (*such as a cipher hint, hint*) and exercise the imagination after a relaxing swim and before you know it, those stated meeting dinners will be with us once again. From our Masonic family to yours, wishing you all the most enlightening of Summers...

Richard A. Sherrod, Junior Warden



GRIZZLIES BASEBALL
CHUKCHANSI PARK
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011
LAS PALMAS-PONDEROSA LODGE
NO. 366
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
(GUYS NIGHT OUT)
\$40.00
Reservations
(559) 268-2303

June Stated Meeting Dinner



July Menu

**NO
DINNER!!!**



July Birthday's



		Raised Date			Raised Date
Elvin L. Cox	7/27	9/10/1953	Walter M. Kasabian	7/8	6/16/1953
James D. Currie	7/9	4/3/1953	Armen G. Keledjian	7/12	4/8/1999
Donald P. Dick	7/10	12/29/1956	Raymond R. King	7/17	11/2/1957
Larry L. Duba	7/25	2/10/1977	Samuel S. Linares	7/23	11/6/1986
Ryan A Duty	7/21	4/14/2007	Saul M. Mendelsohn	7/24	7/22/1974
Dan L. Eckland, Jr.	7/22	2/13/1964	John D. Moore	7/31	11/30/1984
Leland M. Edman	7/1	5/9/1946	Jeffrey A. Olsen	7/21	6/24/1993
Robert F. Edwards	7/12	3/27/1962	Matthew A. Pascua	7/27	11/6/1980
Roy A. Gibbs	7/22	3/29/1973	George R. Richmann	7/2	9/17/1983
Larry R. Goeringer	7/19	2/8/2001	Joe D. Sallee	7/14	11/18/1969
Donald L. Green	7/27	1/24/1960	Hrant Serabian	7/21	10/26/1987
John L. Hagan	7/30	4/7/1983	Bradley C. Smith	7/19	10/6/1983
Thomas A. Haley	7/30	2/24/1983	Richard J. Smith	7/8	3/18/1964
William R. Halsey	7/31	5/6/1993	Ronald L. Ulrich	7/31	11/7/1963
Thomas A. Heckel, II	7/10	11/12/1987			

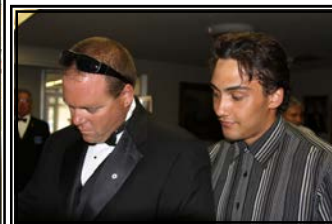
IN MEMORIAM

Dr. David R. Taylor

Born 09/11/1920– Raised 02/07/1949
 Golden Veteran's Award
 November 10, 2007
 Called from labor
 June 11, 2011



Degree night, June 23rd at
 Las Palmas Masonic Center
 Jesse M. Smart, Fellowcraft
 Lots of good food and
 fellowship!!!



FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

September 28, 2011 12 Noon
 Pot Luck Lunch

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

Reservations Required
 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



Masonic Widows



Clovis Lodge Chili Challenge
May 21, 2011



Richard and Juliet Vitz
Third Place



Mike Tyrcha, chairman, reported , everyone had a great time, made a little money for the Lodge, hopes this can be an annual event. Tri-tip was good, potato salad received raves. Eight people made chili, Bryan Kincade of course took home, First Prize? Surprised? Jessie from Sanger Lodge was second and



*Homer L. Davis
Golden Veteran's Award*



Scholarships 2011
Kelly O'Sullivan and Jordan M. Heckel



*Sharon Temple No. 92
2011-2012
Officers*

*Queen Dale Obernolte
Jr. Past Queen Cheri Detweiler P.Q.
Princess Royal Bonnie Gorden
Princess Tirzah. Jeri Rouch
Princess Badoura. Lenore Stork
Princess Recorder Marilyn DeCamp
Princess Banker Susan Morris P.Q.
Princess Marshall JoAnn Evans
Princess Chaplain Jeanne Esheim P.Q.
Lady of the Keys Barbara Lockwood
Lady of the Gates Jo Ann Morse
Princess Zulieka Brenda Matais
Princess Zenobia. Carol Rea Littleworth
Princess Zora Adrienne Cantrell
Princess Musician Virginia Bergeron
Attendant Eria Hildebrand
Attendant Louisa Bowron*

Calendar of Events:

No Stated Sessions June, July, August
July 13 Ice Cream Social,
Las Palmas Center,
Patrol & Past Queens
July 24 Queen's Dinner,
The Manhattan
Aug. 23 Queen's Bus Trip
Paso Robles, Cayucos
August 28, Choirs 33rd Annual Luau
Shrine Center

Here's the Scoop

**Everyone is invited!!!!
To the Past Queen's
and Patrol's**

Ice Cream Social
and Opportunity Drawing
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
6:00 P.M.

Las Palmas Masonic Center
Admission \$5.00 per person

Everyone is Welcome!
Eat some ice cream, cake, pie
and meet your friends and try
your change at winning
opportunity prizes



Queen's Message:

Welcome summer! It may be hot here in Fresno, but it was also hot and humid in Tampa, Florida as sixteen ladies of the household and one noble traveled to the 95th Annual Supreme Session of Daughters of the Nile.



Queen, Dale Obernolte

We traveled together to help do the business of Daughters of the Nile and have some fun too. While there we visited the Tampa Shriners Hospital for Children, Tarpon Springs, FL (a community of Greek heritage and sponge capital of the world), Bush Gardens, Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City (a fabulous Spanish restaurant dating back over 100 years to 1905) and the Tampa History Museum.

Daughters of the Nile Contributions to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in the 2010-2011 year mounted to over \$1.6 million dollars. During the week in Tampa members donated over \$100,000 to the My Gift Program and the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, a record high for one week. We are very proud of our efforts to help these special children.

Three of our Past Queens were honored with Supreme Appointments: Janice Arnold-Finance Committee, Lee Ann Shults, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador Pacific and Mountain Area and Tina Adams-Supreme Escort to the American Flag. These past queens have gone above and beyond in their efforts to help Sharon Temple No. 92 achieve its goals.

We have many activities to keep us busy this summer including our Annual Ice Cream Social Wednesday, July 13th here at the Las Palmas Masonic Center 6-8 P.M. Eat all the great desserts that you can hold for only \$5.00 per person. Secondly we have the Queen's Dinner on Sunday, July 24th at the Manhattan Restaurant at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$28.00 per person. Reservations to Pr. Jeanne Foote by July 20th. Last, but not least, we have the Annual Choir Luau at the Shrine Center on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 PM. Cost is \$22.00 per person. Reservations to Pr. Carol Littleworth by August 24th. We hope you can join us at any or all of these events.

For more information about Daughters of the Nile, please contact me at 559-360-2222. Have a great summer!

Dale Obernolte, Queen
Sharon Temple No. 92

Raisina-Fresno Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 89

2011 Officers

Worthy Matron.....Carole Rea Littleworth
 Worthy Partron.....Stan Littleworth
 Associate Matron.....Linda Rodie
 Associate Patron.....Cliff Henderson
 Secretary.....Diana Gardner
 Treasurer.....Ellen Sharp
 Conductress.....Dorothy Heskett
 Associate Conductress.....Bernice Dyck
 Chaplain.....Jean Hodge
 Marshall.....Judy Gross
 Organist.....Virgins Bergeron
 Adah.....Lee Ann Shults
 Ruth.....Helen Jane McKee
 Esther.....Elaine Lewis
 Martha.....Ethel Day
 Electa.....Dorothy Krug
 Warder.....Dona Mincy
 Sentinel.....Leroy Stoner



Worthy Matron, Carol Rea Littleworth
 Worthy Patron, Stan Littleworth

STARDUSTERS FRIENDSHIP PARTY-POTLUCK



AUGUST 29, 2011
5:30 P.M.

QUAIL LAKE CLUBHOUSE
QUAIL LAKE DRIVE, CLOVIS

*DIRECT ONS: GO EAST ON SHAW AVENUE. AFTER YOU PASS
 McCALL, QUAIL LAKE IS ON THE RIGHT
 (IF YOU GET TO WILD WATER ADVENTURE
 YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR)
 KEEP TO THE RIGHT AFTER YOU PASS THE GATE
 CLUB HOUSE WILL BE ON THE LEFT
 LOST 908-5799*

Raisina-Fresno Chapter No. 89
 is having a



DESSERT NIGHT



August 8, 2011, 7:00 PM
 Las Palmas Masonic Center
 2992 E. Clinton Ave
 Fresno, CA

Enjoy Our Dessert Bar
\$6.50 (Seconds Okay)



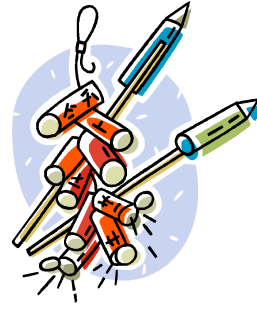
For Tickets Call
 Diana Gardner, Lomera President:
 978-0706 or

Carole Littleworth, WM: 292-1752

*All proceeds will be used to support the sponsor's
 fraternal purposes*

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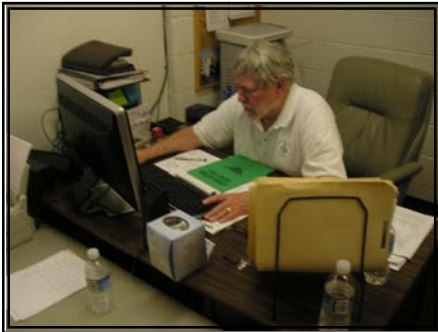


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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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.

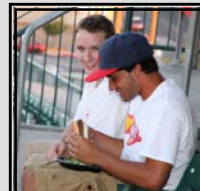
From the Desk of the Secretary



*Brethren, please check your dues card, should be good until
December 31, 2011, if not please call the office.*

(559) 268-2303

Grizzlies Baseball, join us in the Sky Box, 35 tickets only.



Join us for coffee weekday mornings



July /August Lodge Calendar of Events



June 29, 2011	6:30 P.M., Dinner O.S.I. Selma Host, Sanger exemplify.
June 30, 2011	6:30 P.M. DARK
July 12, 2011	6:30 P.M. No Officers Meeting
July 21, 2011	6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting (No Dinner) Refreshment following
July 28, 2011	7:05 P.M. Grizzlies Game (35 Tickets only)
August 9, 2011	6:30 P.M. Dinner, Officers Meeting.
August 18, 2011	6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting (No Dinner) Refreshments following



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