



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

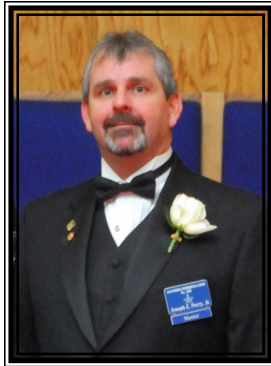
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, F. & A. M.

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Greetings from the East



Living in the country, I am bombarded with the noise and commotion of the agriculture harvest this time of year. I do not get upset about it, although it fills the house with dust, and no vehicle goes untouched by the dirt, it really does not bother me, as I know this is the result of the fruits of an entire year's labor. The products they harvest benefit all us. Financially if you are involved in agri-business or by the choice of all the bountiful fresh produce that fills your favorite grocery store, or farmers market if you are not. The lodge in many ways works the same way. As we came back from summer, we immediately found ourselves in the midst of degree work. Several brothers were raised to the degree of Master Mason, and still there are first and second degrees planned in the near future. This is the result of the "fruits" of our labors. By being a very welcoming lodge, filled with wonderful people, we have become very attractive to people who are looking to belong to a lodge. This has taken effort on everyone's part, and we are definitely reaping what we have sown. We have also enjoyed the benefit of this by being able to host several fraternal events that were well attended. The last event we had was our first ever "tailgate" party. About twenty brothers turned out on Sunday, September 11th for the San Francisco 49er opening game. Brother Richard Vitz treated us to hot dogs and polish sausages with all the condiments. Several other brothers brought chips, dips, and salads. A great time was had by all in attendance, and the social committee is looking forward to planning another one during the football season. Looking forward, we have a Second and Third degree planned in October, and the lodge officers are stepping up to their advanced line positions. They have been working hard on their work, and we will be reaping the benefits once again. The October stated meeting is on October 20th, and a wonderful meal of Cornish Game Hen is being planned. Due to this effort on their part, it would only be fair for you to come and join us in enjoying the fruits of their labor. If no one took advantage of our wonderful agriculture, then the food is wasted, people go hungry, and the effort is wasted. This should not happen in your lodge. Come enjoy one of the degrees, or the stated meeting dinner. The "fruit" will not be wasted, you will leave satisfied, mentally and physically, and you will help plant the seeds that will continue to grow and benefit next years crop. All of our events are placed on our website. You can also get any details on upcoming events by calling the Lodge. Our Secretary, Brother Jim Clark is always willing to give you the details and even offer volunteer ideas if you would like to help with any of these events.



Fraternally,
Joseph Perry
Master

Kasra K. Monazzami
Raised 09/15/2011

Greetings from West



In the last month we have been pleased to raise two new brothers to the Master Mason level and are looking forward to second and first degrees for others in the next few weeks. It is wonderful to see the new faces and the upcoming younger group of masons taking part in the lodge. The officers are getting lots of fine practice in the ceremonies and working diligently on their qualifications for the upcoming year. I was particularly pleased when one brother even asked me how he could become more involved in the lodge! The officers coach and the candidates coaches are doing a terrific job, with special mention of Worshipful Past Masters Chuck Bersani and Larry Bennett.



Steve High
Senior Warden

Past Master's Night



Curtis Jack P.M. was Master and King Solomon, New Master Mason, Sonny M. Mehrtash, Larry Hopper P.M. Masters Lecture and Worshipful Perry, delivered the Charge

Greeting from the West



This past month has been an enlightening chain of events with brethren, friends and family. The Past Masters night on September 1st was one of the best performances and degrees I have ever had the privilege of attending. The officers were inspiring to say the least and to see so many great men in one place made Las Palmas the place to be. The following week was another fine Third Degree, we raised brother Kazra to the sublime degree of Master Mason.



Congratulations to both Sonny and Kaz!

We kicked off the Football season with the first ever LPP tailgate party on Sept 11th and had a "just one seat left" turnout. The brethren and potential candidates had a great afternoon and our own San Francisco 49'ers actually won. Here's to starting off with a winning record! Our family actually attended 3 Masonic meals that day, breakfast at Clovis Lodge, tailgate at LPP and a High-12 dinner to cap off the evening. We stayed "almost" as busy as Brother Richard Vitz, that young man who does all the cooking of our wonderful meals here at Las Palmas. Thank you Richard for the 12 pounds I've gained this year...

Our stated meeting was eventful and filled with shiny happy faces once again. Some summers are just longer than others (or shorter as the kids would say) and it's always interesting to hear what the brethren and their families did while we were "dark." We had a First Degree, on September 22nd and added to the ranks of our newest brethren. Congratulations Brother Clark. It was a pleasure to see such a fine man cross the threshold and begin the journey so many of us have taken...

Our OSI which will be held on the 29th is always informative and a wonderful opportunity to get to know and see again those members of our neighboring Lodges. Be sure to support those wonderful women's groups such as Eastern Star, Raisina-Fresno Chapter just awarded two 50 year pins on Sept. 12th. Demolay had a great dual installation for Lemoore and also State Center Chapter on Sept 10th. It's always great to see and support our youth groups. It sometimes even makes us feel almost young again...

A wise Indian once said, "*The Great Spirit is in all things, he is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the Earth is our Mother. She nourishes us, that which we put into the ground she returns to us.*" With this said, let us be good stewards of this planet. This is the only one we will get and our children are depending on us. Live strong, laugh hard, love long and never forget Sherrod rule No. 2, "Help other people, especially women."

Richard Sherrod



Juliet Vitz



Widows enjoying the September Stated Dinner



Kevin Casey Family, September Stated Dinner

Tailgating at the Center



October Menu

- Appetizers*
- Cheddar and Broccoli Soup*
- Cornish Game Hens*
- Mango Peach Salsa*
- Rice*
- Vegetables*
- Dessert*



October Birthday's



		<i>Raised Date</i>				<i>Raised Date</i>	
Hussain Alhashimi	10/12	5/8/2003	Victor F. Horg, Sr.	10/30	11/12/1975		
Charles E. Alstrom	10/18	9/7/1978	Steven J. Howell	10/4	5/26/2005		
Stanley A. Antranikian	10/1	11/12/1964	Charles D. Jones	10/20	5/29/1975		
Courtney D. Bacom	10/16	9/3/2009	Ronald F. Karabian	10/31	5/9/1968		
Paul D. Berry	10/18	9/29/2005	Edward Kaye	10/13	11/26/1974		
Bobby C. Bingham	10/9	10/30/1969	Edward C. Kerber	10/26	3/31/1960		
James L. Clare	10/22	6/25/1952	Leon L. Lagier	10/25	11/11/1971		
William T. Clem	10/6	10/25/1977	Walter B. Lake	10/4	3/7/1978		
John F. Corter	10/30	10/19/1977	John R. Madden	10/12	4/7/1960		
William L. Crossland	10/1	3/30/1989	Harry H. Manoogian	10/1	8/30/1973		
Blair R. Cunnings	10/13	10/30/2003	John H. Manoogian	10/25	2/21/1955		
Edward H. Daves	10/10	12/2/1967	Bertis H. Mc Swain	10/12	4/3/1954		
Mark Eisenberg	10/10	4/20/1996	Ralph P. Medeiros	10/17	5/23/1972		
Clark G. Elgin	10/16	10/6/1994	Timothy R. Newcomb	10/5	2/13/1997		
James L. Finks, Sr.	10/31	10/8/1959	Chris U. Patropulos	10/5	9/16/1971		
William T. Flint	10/27	6/23/1956	Richard Peters	10/8	9/26/1974		
George R. Forrester	10/20	11/13/1985	Jack G. Seymour, D.D.S.	10/27	1/4/1979		
Jack H. Gahvejian	10/28	9/18/1954	Kenneth Walsh	10/15	7/5/1962		
Allyn K. Gerard	10/21	11/14/1957	Edward J. Wieland	10/25	10/23/1984		
John L. Green	10/26	6/5/2003	Wade D. Woolsey	10/11	11/6/2008		
Howard K. Griggs	10/18	3/12/1949					



The Traveling Gavel
 Clovis Lodge's Traveling Gavel was claimed by Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. P.M. Bill Lyons on the left and Worshipful Gadberry, Clovis Lodge Master and Worshipful Perry on the right. Rules and information on the Traveling Gavel will be posted on our web site in the near future. The Gavel can only be claimed at Stated Meetings with a minimum of ten visiting Brethren.



FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

September 28, 2011 12 Noon
 Carrow's Restaurant
 4280 N. Blackstone Avenue

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





Heart of the Valley Assembly

is falling into autumn with a new corps of officers and a fantastic calendar of events!

We would like to thank all of you that came out to our INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS on Saturday October 1st.

Miss Corey Titman has a wonderful term calendar planned and we hope that

you will consider joining us during her term as Worthy Advisor and get to know the wonderful young ladies of Rainbow.

We would also like to thank all that attended our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on September 23rd. We would not be able to be such a successful assembly without your support!

Heart of the Valley Assembly is proud to announce three events for our area Grandies during the month of October and invite you to come out and support our Dazzling Dolphin Grand Officers! Saturday, October 22 we will host a reception honoring Miss Bonnie Hood, Grand Love, at the Fresno Scottish Rite at 2pm. Please RSVP with Dana Regier 559-289-6536. We will also be hosting an evening Ice Cream Social beginning at 7pm at the Scottish Rite honoring Miss Jessica Regier, Grand Chaplain.

On Sunday, October 23, 2011 Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies are joining together to host a picnic to honor Mr. Jim Redman, State Rainbow Dad. Our "Dolphin Cove" picnic will be held at Woodward Park at noon and we ask that if you are interested in attending that you RSVP no later than October 10th to Dana Regier 559-289-6536 or Tina Thomason 559-229-1952.

FLAMINGOS HAVE LANDED IN THE FRESNO/CLOVIS AREA! Heart of the Valley is *busy!busy!busy!* managing a roving flock of flamingos that is always looking for a new yard for roosting! If you would like to see this amazing flock land in someone's yard for 24 hours, this may be arranged by contacting our Mother Advisor, pledging a donation to the Assembly, and letting us know where the flock should land. If you would like to guarantee that your yard is not chosen for roosting...you're in luck! Heart of the Valley also happens to be selling Flamingo Insurance! Simply mail your donation (*Check made payable to Heart of the Valley No. 217*) to Abigail Bridgeman 5345 N Ricewood Fresno, CA 93711. ALL PROCEEDS from this fundraiser will go to support our Grand Service Project – The San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation.

During the month of October, we will be selling MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE coupons! Cost is \$10 for a savings pass that you can use all day on November 12th in-store and online for fantastic savings at Macy's Department Stores. To purchase a pass, see any Rainbow Girl or contact one of our awesome advisors. Passes will also be available for purchase at our October meetings. ALL PROCEEDS from this fundraiser will go to support our Assembly's general fund. Miss Julia Holman, Worthy Associate Advisor, appreciates your support of her this fundraiser.

Look for us in November as we will be selling GOLD CANYON CANDLES. There will be 15 autumn and winter fragrances available for purchase and delivery will be guaranteed in time for Christmas gift giving! Sales will begin November 9th and conclude at our specially-dated meeting on November 30th. Distribution will be at our December 14th meeting.

Do you know of a young girl between the ages of 8-20 that could benefit from the wonderful teachings of Rainbow and our Pledge group? Let us know! We would love to invite prospective members to our fun and fantastic events!

Heart of the Valley Assembly meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm at the Clovis Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring bodies to come out and attend our meetings – we value your support and would love the opportunity to meet you!

Heart of the Valley Contact Information:

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Assistant Mother Advisor: Brenda Sullivan demolaysgirl@gmail.com 559-942-0484

Grand Deputy: Dana Regier jdjregier92@aol.com 559-289-6536



Calendar of Events:

- October 1, 2011, 11:30 A.M. . . .Tulare-Kings Nile Club
Card Party,
First Pres. Church, Exeter
- October 5, 2011,11:30 A.M . . . Tulare-Kings Nile Club
Card Party, China Alley
Lindsay
- October 9, 2011, 10:00 A.M.. . Ceremonial Practice
Las Palmas Masonic Center
- October 12, 2011, 7:30 P.M. ...Nile Stated Session
Founder's Evening and
Ceremonial



Queen, Dale Obernolte

*Sharon Temple No. 92
2011-2012
Officers*

- QueenDale 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 MarshallJoAnn Evans*
- Princess Chaplain .Jeanne Esheim P.Q.*
- Lady of the Keys . . Barbara Lockwood*
- Lady of the GatesJo Ann Morse*
- Princess ZuliekaBrenda Matais*
- Princess Zenobia.Carol Rea Littleworth*
- Princess Zora Adrienne Cantrell*
- Princess Musician . .Virginia Bergeron*
- Attendant Eria Hildebrand*
- AttendantLouisa Bowron*

Ladies of the Household,
Sharon Temple No. 92 is ready to get back in the swing of things for our Fall Season. One of the most important events coming up is the celebration of Founder's Evening. We recognize the Ladies of our Household who have gone before us and have blazed a trail for us to follow and to improve upon.

Sharon Temple's summer activities were wonderful opportunities to get together and catch up on what has been happening with our members and friends. One occasion was the Ice Cream Social which was amazing in attendance..165. We thought we would be setting up tables in the lobby of the Las Palmas Masonic Center. Also, the Queen's dinner was a great time of sharing a delicious dinner and honoring our Queen. The Choir's Luau was a very successful event attended by 93 members and guests. We are so

appreciative of the support for these social affairs.

We now look forward to seeing many of the Ladies of our Household at our next occasion. Since the Stated Session will have gone by, the next time we have an opportunity to be together will be the Nile Sewing on Sept. 21. Chairman Mary Grace Marshall has projects lined up for willing hands to work on and P.Q. Toni Rouch and Pr. Tirzah Jeri Rouch will be the hostesses for the day. Bring a sandwich and come join us at the Shrine Center.

Take note of the Tulare/Kings Card Party on Oct. 1, at First Pres. Church in Exeter. A fun time for all!

We also are planning for our yearly Fashion Show/Luncheon to be held at University Square, 4961 N. Cedar, Fresno, on Nov. 12, 2011. The Country Store at 10:30 a.m. and Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Fashions will be furnished by Catherine's in Fresno and Barbra's in Clovis. Tickets at \$30.00 are available from Pr. Erla Hildebrand, ph. 559-233-5236. Reservations close Nov. 3, 2011.

Betty Arnold, Editor



Raisina-Fresno Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 89

2011 Officers

Worthy Matron.....Carole Rea Littleworth
 Worthy Parson.....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



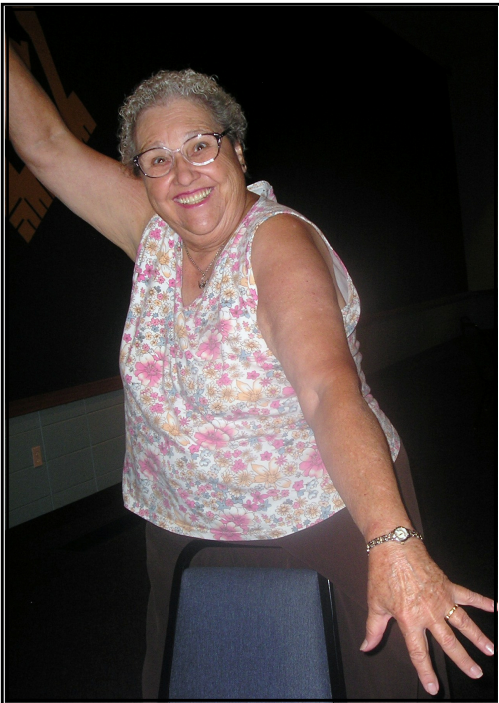
Worthy Matron, Carol Rea Littleworth
Worthy Patron, Stan Littleworth

September 12, 2011



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*More Raisina Fresno Pictures
September 12, 2011*



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

2011 Officers

Worthy Matron.....	Juliet Vitz, P.M.
Worthy Parton.....	Richard Haggerty, P.P.
Associate Matron.....	Susan Quinville, P.M.
Associate Patron.....	Gordon Keeton
Secretary.....	Donna Herring, P.G.M.
Treasurer.....	Kurt Docken, P.M.
Conductress.....	Jackie Docken, P.M.
Associate Conductress.....	Cathy Lee
Chaplain.....	John Herring, P.P.
Marshall.....	Betty Veffredo, P.M.
Organist.....	Virgins Bergeron, P.M.
Adah.....	Becky Davis, P.M.
Ruth.....	Kay Docken
Esther.....	Judy Wallace, P.M.
Martha.....	Lynn Haggerty, P.M.
Electa.....	Darlene Henderson, P.M.
Warder.....	Jim Wilson, P.P.
Sentinel.....	Bob Davis, P.P.
Prompter.....	Beth Abate
Flag Bearer.....	Marvin Wallace, P.P.
Electrician.....	Cliff Henderson P.P.



Greetings from La Sierra Venus,

We have a full schedule for chapter this month. October 3rd will be our Estrellita meeting at 6:00 pm at Las Palmas Masonic Center. Bring your dish for the Pot Luck dinner and enjoy. October 5th is our only regular meeting, we will be having elections. If you are interested in throwing your "hat into the ring" for the elective offices, please make sure you have your aspiration letter, signed by yourself and two members on the podium in the east before the meeting starts. Remember there is to be NO electioneering in Eastern Star!

Grand Chapter is here in Fresno from Wednesday evening October 19th thru Saturday October 22nd. You can purchase your credentials at Grand Chapter. You will need your valid dues card and \$15.00. The Credentials office at Grand Chapter has very limited hours so please check with Donna Herring or go to the Eastern Star State Web Site www.oescal.org to check for their hours of operation. They are not open while Grand Chapter is convened.

The Central San Joaquin Association is having a Pre Grand Chapter Lunch honoring the 2011 & 2012 Dignitaries on Saturday, October 15th at 2011 at 11:30 am. Cost is \$6.00 per person at the Senior Citizens Village, Community Center, 1917 South Chestnut Ave. Fresno. Please call Dotty Durcet at (209) 742-6467 for reservations.

Save the date, the evening of November 16th is La Sierra Venus' Installation of the 2012 officers at Las Palmas Masonic Center.

Fraternally;
Juliet Vitz

¹⁰ Worthy Matron

Las Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555



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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



We still have a few Brethren who are delinquent for 2010 and 2011, with the 2012 dues receipts being mailed the first of October, they will be three years in the arrears. We have sent letters, called and e-mailed. What to do??? The Football Tailgate was a huge success, lots of good food, as always prepared by our chef Richard Vitz. When you see Richard around the Lodge, thank him for all the great food he serves.



Join us for Coffee weekday mornings!



September Lodge Calendar of Events

- September 22, 2011 6:30 P.M. Dinner, First Degree, Trevor Clark
- September 23, 24, 25 162nd Annual Communication,
Grand Lodge of California
- September 29, 2011 6:30 P.M. Dinner,
7:30 P.M. O.S.I Selma Exemplify First Degree
- October 6, 2011 6:30 P.M. Dinner,
7:00 P.M. Third Jesse Smart
- October 13, 2011 6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Second Degree, Nathan Williams
- October 20, 2011 6:00 P.M. Appetizers, 6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

