



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

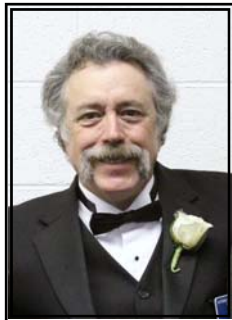
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Greetings from the East



Thank you all for a great start for 2012! The Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge is proud to have a nearly completely new group of officers for this year. It is the goal of every Masonic Lodge to have new officers each year and it takes a number of dedicated men to make this happen. This, of course, makes a lot of work for the Officer's Coach, so thank you Chuck Bersani! We also have several candidates moving through the degrees and working toward Master Mason that are keeping our Candidate's Coach and Senior Warden rather busy. (Larry Bennett, Richard Sherrod and Nathan Williams respectfully – doing a great job)



Sometimes it may seem that we as officers, push candidates through the degrees. At others, we pull. And with some we just have to get out of the way! So all are true. When a candidate is "elected to receive degrees in this Lodge" it becomes the obligation of the officers to deliver those degrees. Fortunately it is a work that we enjoy! As February is/was a month built around the Presidents' and Valentine's themes (where we enjoy wearing wigs and honoring our widows – just kidding about the wigs :) - March's great Holiday is Saint Patrick's Day. I will let our Junior and Senior Wardens tell you more about that. That being said, I would like to skip ahead to April.

April is National Literacy Month and also Public Schools Month. As many of you know, California is rather low on the totem pole in school literacy. We are looking at doing a couple of things to help. 1) We are asking members to donate children books that we can give to kindergarten age children. They don't have to be new, but at least in decent condition please. Bring them to the lodge between now and April. Someone is there most mornings. 2) At the April Stated Meeting we would like to have a teacher, librarian, or "literary specialist" come to the Stated Meeting and talk to us for a short 15 minutes. Yes, they can bring their spouse and dinner is on the house. I am sure someone reading this knows someone that can help with this. Or better yet, perhaps you ARE one.

Our fraternity has always been a promoter of education. We are needed again! I can be reached at 559-696-9170 or fourtoed2@gmail.com. Thanks you in advance for your help!

Steve High,
Worshipful Master

Greetings from the West



So how many Masons actually found the "Masonic cipher text" on the back of Dan Brown's "The Lost Symbol?" How many Masons *actually* knew there was such a "Masonic" cipher? As much as we all love a good mystery, puzzles can be just as much fun. Try "Kryptos" or "The Phaistos Disk" for example. One of the first puzzles ever made is an Egyptian papyrus over 3,600 years old and introduces 85 problems for "grasping the meaning of things and knowing everything that is." The concept of laying a "Cornerstone" actually comes from the Old Testament, Psalms 118:22. The ancient clues of initiation and rites of passage begin to lead us toward



enlightenment...

One of the very first writers was Ptahhotep, an ancient Egyptian official during the late 25th century B.C. "The Instruction of Ptahhotep" is an early piece of Egyptian "wisdom literature" meant to instruct young men in appropriate behavior. The second entry was stunning and directly relates to the Junior Warden and his working tools and states, "All conduct should be so straight that you can measure it with a plumb-line." We should continue to teach this tradition and others listed in it to our children. Good parents make good kids!

Masonry has come a long way and covers a vast amount of material. From the "Regius Poem" (1390) which evokes Euclid and his invention of Geometry and moral behavior to the "Ahiman Rezon" (1751) and even the Templar Order, we have many "Operative and Speculative" sources to draw on. The quest for knowledge and using it to better ourselves is **key**. It enables us to help others that much more efficiently. ***"It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare."*** –Mark Twain

As the sun brightens and renews life once again, warmth draws *some* from their caves to enjoy the first days of spring. The mother bear nudges her young out from the den and into the vast unknown... and for her cubs, "play" begins. We ourselves are having fun this Spring and are looking forward to many events soon to come. I invite you to welcome our newest "cub" Brother **Nathan Williams** who has joined the noble ranks of Wardens here at Las Palmas. This young man has a gift for ritual as well as a promising future in Masonry. Be sure and give him a "Bear Hug" when you see him. Congratulations to Brother **Robert Gonzalez** on becoming our newest Fellowcraft Mason and learning his proficiency in record breaking time.

March brings to us not only the first day of Spring (*Vernal Equinox*), but St. Patrick's day and daylight savings time as well. The word "equinox" is derived from Latin and means "equal night." We look forward to spending time together with Brethren and their families as well as the Widows and sweet ladies of Eastern Star. If you have never been to a Widows Club luncheon, you are missing out. Scottish Rite has it's classes coming in April, so come and join in on the fun. Masonic education is truly all around us and helps in **"Making good men better."**

February Stated Meeting Dinner

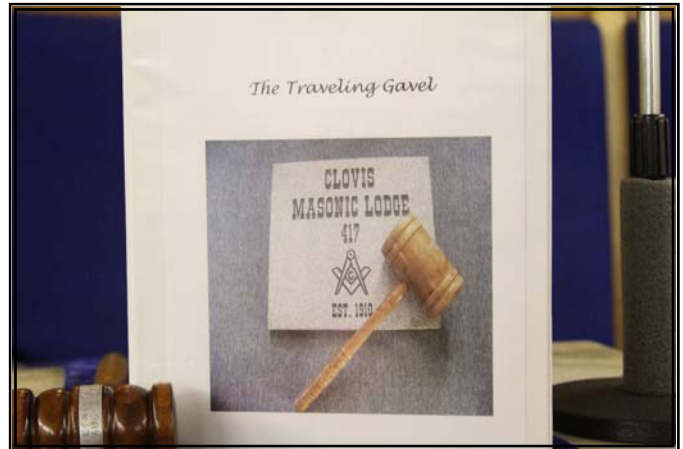
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



February Stated Meeting



Clovis Lodge No. 417 arrived at the Las Palmas Masonic Center on Thursday, February 16, 2012 for the Stated Meeting Dinner with sixteen members to reclaim the Traveling Gavel. The Gavel can only be claimed at a Stated Meeting. Pictured to the left is Worshipful High surrendering the gavel to Worshipful Lyons. Pictured below is the Clovis Lodge members in attendance.



March Birthday's



Raised Date			Raised Date		
Richard T. Stilwell	3/26	5/27/1954	Jack J. Ouzounian	3/20	3/30/1973
Billie J. Murray	3/9	10/10/1952	James C. Forshey	3/12	6/16/1984
Walter Rube	3/17	3/22/1961	Dwight N. Clark, Jr.	3/25	8/4/1970
Truman F. Campbell	3/26	11/6/1957	Gerald H. Pelioian	3/18	10/9/1963
Rollin C. Hitchcock	3/21	4/15/1957	Denton H. Hollifield	3/18	10/29/1969
William M. Coughran	3/2	6/6/1957	Robert D. Crossland	3/5	7/24/1993
Kay K. Cloud	3/23	6/6/1974	Theodore L. Marsella	3/31	4/18/1999
Norman Meachum	3/19	9/25/1957	Clifford M. Carrigan	3/18	6/11/1998
Edward L. Esheim	3/20	3/25/1971	Franklin P. Lewis	3/3	10/9/1986
Richard L. Haggerty	3/30	7/27/1978	Timothy E. Jurkowski	3/18	9/19/2006



Menu
Appetizers
Green Salad
with Dressing
Corn Beef and Cabbage
Lemon Meringue Pie

IN MEMORIAM

Lee R. Angelich

Born 08/02/1920-Raised 10/10/1963
 Called from labor
 February 02/03/2012

IN MEMORIAM

Don W. Hilderbrand

Born 11/14/1913- Raised 06/19/1948
 Called from labor
 January 10, 2012
 Golden Veterans Award
 August 21, 1998

FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 Noon
 Carrows Restaurant
 4280 N. Blackstone

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. 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



2012 Officers

Worthy Matron.....	Lena Cook
Worthy Parton.....	John Herring
Associate Matron.....	Susan Quinville
Associate Patron.....	Gordon Keeton
Secretary.....	Donna Herring
Treasurer.....	Kurt Docken
Conductress.....	Cathy Lee
Associate Conductress.....	Becky Davis
Chaplain.....	Garrett Rickman
Marshall.....	Jim Wilson
Organist.....	Virgins Bergeron
Adah.....	Jeannette Foote
Ruth.....	Kay Docken
Esther.....	Judy Wallace
Martha.....	Ruth Sterry
Electa.....	Lynn Haggerty
Warder.....	Robert Davis
Sentinel.....	Bill Phelps



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Greetings from 2012 Officers & Members of La Sierra-Venus Chapter.

We are inviting with ENTHUSIASM, all who have not joined our Eastern Star to give some thought to joining us in working for our Community, our Fraternal Organizations & the general betterment of mankind. We especially ask you to join us on March 7th, when we celebrate Brothers Night. Brother Gordon Keeton & his Co-chairman Bro John Herring will be planning & entertaining "ALL BROTHERS" even if you do not belong to our chapter--so come join us and see what a great group we have. There will be an anti-room meeting so the whole evening will be Fun, Food & Fellowship. Also we are hoping you will Buy a Ticket to our Masonic family Night dinner for March 21st. All money made this evening will be given with Love & Encouragement to our youth groups, Rainbow girls, Jobs daughters and DeMoley boys. Our youth need our support and we are hoping to have a great time and be able to assist them by giving them the jump start they need for the year. They deserve our support, so please join us. Tickets are available from any member & the leaders of the youth groups. \$10.00 for a family Italian Dinner will be a bargain and what a great way to help our youth. Also you are especially invited to come as we are having a "Social Style" Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron and their grand family on Saturday March 31st, at Las Palmas at 3:00 P.M. Business casual dress, come and meet the state Officers & enjoy a good meal & learn about our years progress. As we NAVIGATE on life's busy thoroughfares we with OPTIMISM meet with Angels unawares. so Father make us kind and wise so we may with HUMILITY always recognize the SINCERITY of blessings that are ours to make. If with ENTHUSIASM we open our hearts door wide to let the SERVICE of Love inside.

Hope to see you soon;
Lena Cook



Calendar of Events:

- March 7, 2012, 11:30 A.M. . . . Tulare-Kings Nile Club
Queens Official Visit
Installation of Officers
Lamp Litter Inn
3300 W. Mineral King, Visalia
- March 14, 2012, 7:30 P.M. . . . Nile Stated Session
Las Palmas Masonic Center
Elections and Farewell
Banquet Room, Pageantry
- March 16, 2012, 11:00 A.M. . . Nile Sewing
Tehran Shrine Center
Salad Bar-Dessert Luncheon
Hostesses; Jeanne Esheim, PQ
Susan Morris, PQ
- March 18, 2012, T.B.A. Queen's Farewell Luncheon
Chairman, Cheri Detweiler, PQ
- March 25, 2012, 2:30 P.M. . . Installation of 2012-2013 Queen
and Sharon Temple Officers
Las Palmas Masonic Center



Queen, Dale Obernolte

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

We have had a busy first couple of months of 2012 and this is my last article as the Queen of Sharon Temple NO. 92.

In January, we honored our members who had gone on to higher service during the last year. It was a very special time for all of us.

On February 10th we had the Official Visit of Supreme Queen Laura Richardson. Unfortunately she was called home for a family emergency, so PSQ Muriel V. Knapp came in her place. A lovely banquet was held here at Las Palmas Masonic Center with approximately 85 people attending, including Tehran's Potentate, Mike Nella and his Lady Judie. The Jobs' Daughters from Bethel No. 49 were our servers. Thank you to all who attended and/or worked so hard to make this a successful event.



Following the Banquet we held our Ceremonial and initiated two new members, Princess Marlene Gardner and Princess Mary Catherine Cairns. Pictured above Pr. Marlene Gardner, Past Supreme Queen Muriel V. Knapp, Sharon Temple Queen Pro tem Princess Bonnie Gorden and Pr. Mary Catherine Cairns, I was unable to attend the dinner and ceremonial.

Also in February, our Sewing Group, led by Pr. Mary Grace Marshall and Pr. Barbara Corter, sent 58 quilts and many toys, soaps and other goodies to the Shriners Hospital Northern California. Our ladies meet the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Shrine Center on Olive Avenue.

I want to thank everyone for their support and hard work during the last year, the Sharon Temple Past Queens, Officers and Ladies of the Household, without your efforts we would not have had so much success. The Pageantry, Choir and Patrol Units and the Tulare Kings Counties Nile Club No. 1 you are all special to me. Keep up the good work!

Our Installation of Officers for the 2012-2013 year will be held at Las Palmas Masonic Center on Sunday, March 25th at 2:00 PM when Princess Bonnie Gorden will be crowned Queen. Please join us for this celebration.

Dale Obernolte, Queen

More Sharon Temple No. 92



Marilyn DeCamp, Pr. Recorder



Past Supreme Queen Muriel V. Knapp
Pr. Mary Catherine Cairns

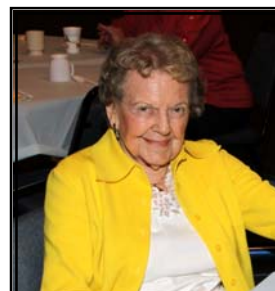
Notes of Interest from our Chef, Richard E. Vitz



*Brethren and Ladies;
April and October we will be preparing
some sort of pork dishes, and for those
who cannot eat pork, we will prepare
chicken. You must pre-order the
chicken before the day of the Stated
Meeting Dinner. The option will be on
the sign up dinner list.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day

from the
WIDOWS CLUB





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From

RAISIAN-FRESNO

CHAPTER NO. 89

Order of Eastern Star

COME JOIN US

AM/AP PARTY

BROTHER'S NIGHT

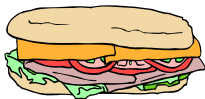
Monday, March 26, 2012, 6:30 P.M.

Las Palmas Masonic Center

BALL PARK EATS

with

GAMES TO FOLLOW



2012 Officers

Worthy Matron: Linda Rodie
 Worthy Patron: Cliff Henderson
 Associate Matron: Dorothy Heskett
 Associate Patron: Stan Littleworth
 Secretary: Diana Gardner
 Treasurer: Carole Littleworth
 Conductress: Judy Gross
 Associate Conductress: HelenJane McKee
 Chaplain: Jean Hodge
 Marshall: Bernice Dyck
 Organist: Virginia Bergeron
 Ruth: Ellen Sharp
 Martha: Ethel Day
 Warder: Dona Mincy

CALENDAR

March 12, 2012; Lunch, 12:30 P.M.
 Meeting, 1:30 P.M.
Green Day Recycle, Bring old eye glasses,
 cell phones or small items to help those in
 need.

March 26, 2012; Dinner, 6:30 P.M.
Brothers Night AM & AP Party, Wear sports
 theme clothes.

April 9, 2012; Lunch. 12:30 P.M.
 Meeting, 1:30 P.M.
Uncle Sam's Tax Time; Wear red, white
 and blue.

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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 Secretaries Desk



Brethren and Ladies, if you would like to receive our e-mail Edition of the Las Palmian, please e-mail the Lodge Office lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net. Scholarship applications are due in the office by March 31, 2012. Awards will be presented April Stated Meeting Dinner. April is Public Schools Month. Please make your reservations to support our schools.

Join us for Coffee weekday mornings .



March Lodge Calendar of Events

March 1, 2012	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Possible 2 nd Degree
March 8, 2012	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Possible 3 rd Degree
March 15, 2012	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
March 22, 2012	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
March 28, 2012	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Selma Masonic Center Sanger 2 nd Degree open/obligate



Scholarship Applications are now available, must be returned by March 31, 2012. There will be a \$1000.00 and \$500.00 for graduating Seniors in 2012.