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Greetings from the East



I trust you are all looking forward to time with family and friends. I know I am. While the Christmas Season can be hectic and demanding, it is also rewarding, giving us a time to recall and remember all we have to be thankful for.

As the outgoing Master of the Lodge, I want to say a hearty "thank you" to the Lodge for supporting and entrusting me as one of their Officers these last 5 years and particularly the other Officers and Past Masters who were far more than instrumental in keeping the Lodge together and functioning. And it is with great confidence that I will soon turn over the reins to Brother Sherrod. Although we had our 2013 election in November, the Installation Ceremony will be on January 6th at 12:00 p.m. followed by a buffet luncheon. Last year I had a half dozen people tell me they

would have come but they thought it was by invitation only and they didn't get an invitation. Brethren, please consider this your invitation and come, fill the Lodge with your smiling faces, and give your new Officers a good look at who they are representing!

Let us also keep in mind our Brethren back east who are picking up the pieces of their lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Their holiday experience is going to be quite a bit different than ours here in California! On December 15, 2012, the Lodge is hosting a fund-raiser, spaghetti lunch at 5 dollars a plate. Put on by Eastern Star with all proceeds to be forwarded to Masonic Lodge in the devastated area.

I look forward to seeing you all at the December Stated Meeting Dinner (prime rib, yum!). I now turn you over to Brother Sherrod.....

Steve High



November Stated Dinner



Merry Christmas

Greetings from the West;



November was busy indeed! What a wonderful month well spent with friends and family. We had our Stated Meeting Dinner, turkey again at the **Scottish Rite** graduation ceremony and several Lodge Degrees with wonderful meals as well. The **Eastern Star** Chapters had their installations and we all had an incredible time together. The ladies always look wonderful in their festive dresses and warm smiles. Hoping **your family** had a joyful experience together!

Now the cold is upon us as the delightful month of December approaches. Let the holiday shopping begin. We should endeavor to remember that it is not **just** about gifts. The gift of **Love** is the most splendid gift that anyone can ever give! Charity actually has the ability to reach out from beyond the grave. Sometimes kids enjoy the "box" more than the gift that is in it.

This December's Holidays include Advent (the coming), Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice, Christmas and even St. Johns Day. Many of these holidays have much meaning to us, but their origins seem to be shrouded in mystery. We unknowingly follow in the footsteps that came before us. "***The unexamined life is not worth living.***" – Socrates

One of the more misunderstood preconceptions is the ending of the Mayan calendar. These intellects understood the "*times and seasons, years and cycles*" well beyond anything we can comprehend today. We believe the ancients to be ignorant simply because they did not write it down. Understand that many of their "codices" were burned and declared "heresy" but their understandings of time and space are all *well proven* yet simply not public knowledge. Of the thousands of books and records of the Maya, only **four** have survived to modern times. Their calendar ending is **not** our end but simply signifies that we have reached the very bottom of the four ages (*Iron Age*) in a celestial environment. With the way our planet is being treated and exploited, would you completely disagree? Now to work our way back up once more to a *Golden Age*..!

The mysteries of this Earth, from our simple holidays to the DNA and consciousness of mankind are **for all to explore**. With the resources available amid today's technology, it is a simple keystroke away. Pursue your dreams! Enlighten your Spirit! Enjoy the Arts and Sciences like never before. Many great mysteries await your discovery...

Maybe the ancients of *all* religions are trying to tell us something, that our time on this Earth is **finite** and that **we should use it to the best of our given abilities** to help those around us. The "Beehive" symbol of Masonry teaches us to be ever industrious beings, never resting idle while our companions around us are in need. If it is within our power to help those in need, then let this be y(our) legacy! So many Masonic Lodges and women's organizations are known for those few that go far beyond what one person could achieve, yet they do so almost daily! *Yes* it takes time, but the impact it has lasts for **much longer** than the time given. The smile on the kid's faces at the **Zoo Boo** and other Masonic Child I.D. events is just one example. Even though it might take a few hours, **it is the gift that keeps on giving!** How important it is that we have "faith" and "persistence" and encourage those around us **to be better**. As the bees work together for the betterment of all, they need our help now more than ever. Mankind must work as **a unit** to accomplish great things. Let us learn from nature, for it is by her infinite wisdom that she teaches us the most valuable lessons... how important it is that we **enjoy every day of life**. From our family to yours, have the Happiest of Holidays!

Richard Sherrod
Senior Warden

Greetings from the South



This year has been amazing, I never would have thought a year ago that I would be here, last year this time I was going to school working for Starbucks and living at home. That has all changed, over the last year my life has changed to living in L.A. and running a skilled nursing home and serving the Lodge as Junior Warden, I know that many other brothers and friends have gone through changes in their lives and my heart goes out to you. We are quickly coming up on the holiday season and that means that we will all be asked to help our fellow man in whatever way we can, for some that giving food or going and helping at a shelter for others its spending time, talking with a lonely person. The most important thing is to help our fellow man, it is a charge that God has given us and as masons we have

a duty to answer it. We are all called to do something and I hope that you answer it. This next month we will have another holiday dinner and I hope that we can have another huge turnout, this is our last Stated Meeting for this Masonic year before the changing of the guard. On that note I would like to thank the lodge for again electing me to serve this upcoming Masonic year as Senior Warden. I know that next year we will have an amazing year and I can't wait to see what changes and challenges that it brings. Finally I would like to congratulate Tim Taylor on passing to the Degree of Fellow Craft. I hope to see everyone at the next Stated Meeting for a amazing dinner and Happy Holidays.

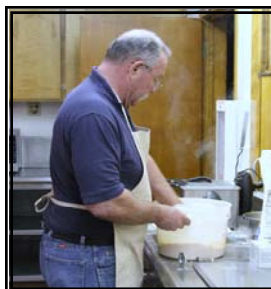
Merry Christmas



Nathan A. Williams and Timothy W. Taylor Fellow Craft



James Forshey, Freddie Thiel and Hollon O. Kinney



Chef Richard Vitz , cooking our tasty Pre-Degree dinner.

P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives



The armistice that ended World War I took place on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1919. These are our Lodge Minutes that lead up to that momentous hour:

3/21/1918 "Letters were received from Brothers E. M. Myers, H. R. Hackett, John Ashley and V.E. Jones, who are bearing arms for the defense of our County."

"A Petition for Degrees from Kessler Gilbert Hammond was read by the Secretary. Brother T. E. Risley introduced a resolution requesting the G. M. to grant a special dispensation to receive and act upon the Petition for Degrees for Kessler Gilbert Hammond, without reference to a committee

and on motion, the same was adopted by unanimous vote."

On March 22, 1918, a Special meeting was held for the purpose of balloting on the Petition for Degrees of Kessler Gilbert Hammond to receive the Degrees of Masonry of this Lodge as the Grand Master had issued our requested dispensation. "San Diego Lodge No. 35 was requested to confer the three Degrees upon Mr. Hammond."

June 20, 1918 The Lodge agreed to purchase \$1,000 in War Savings Stamps.

Sept, 1918 All culinary equipment in Lodge Banquet Room, was loaned to the Red Cross. To save electricity, only 50% of lights in Lodge were used and a dimmer was installed in the hall way.

December, 1918 The Grand Master asked all members of the Lodge to enroll as members of The Red Cross.

In July of 1919 we had approximately 375 members of which 21 were actively serving in WW I
WW I ended officially on November 11, 1919. At the December, 1919 Stated Meeting the Secretary read 19 Petitions for Degrees and 3 Applications for Membership by affiliation.



Salad Bar and Appetizers

November Stated Meeting Dinner





Allen Tanielian Third Degree, November 29, 2012



*from the WIDOWS CLUB
November Meeting*



Sharon Temple No. 92
2012-2013
Officers

Queen Bonnie Gorden
 Jr. Past Queen Dale Obernolte P.O.
 Princess Royal Jeri Rouch
 Princess Tirzah. Lenore Stork
 Princess Badoura. Carole Rae Littleworth
 Princess Recorder Marilyn DeCamp
 Princess Banker Susan Morris P.O.
 Princess Marshall JoAnn Evans
 Princess Chaplain Jeanne Esheim P.O.
 Lady of the Keys Barbara Blackwood
 Lady of the Gates Jeanette Foote
 Princess Nydia Adrienne Cantrell
 Princess Zuliaka Jean Denton
 Princess Zenobia. Carole Soutas
 Princess Zora Debbie Sanborn
 Princess Zuliema. Marlene Gardner
 Princess Musician Virginia Bergeron
 Attendant Eria Hildebrand
 Attendant Louisa Bowron



Pearls of Wisdom
from
Sharon Temple 92

The Holiday Season
has quickly arrived
and a chill is in the
air. I hope everyone
enjoyed
Thanksgiving with
family and friends
and gave some
thought of what you are thankful for. I am thankful for



Queen, Bonnie Gorden

the love of my family, for the friendships I have made, my health and the Freedom we all have in America.

At the October Session we celebrated "Founders Night" at which we acknowledged the Founders who founded Daughters of the Nile in 1914. Twenty Five year pins were presented to Donna Haggerton and Melene Ouzounian who were in attendance and a 50 year pin was sent to Norma Jean Nixon, who now resides in Oregon. She responded with a nice letter and a donation to Sharon Temple No. 92. Also I want to thank Pr. Tirzah, Lenore Stork and her committees for a very nice and successful luncheon/fashion show on October 27, 2012.

On November 14th, we held a ceremonial to bring in our two newest members. Judy Houston, First Lady of the Potentate of Tehran Shrine and Karen Lasky. Welcome ladies, I know you will both be an asset to Daughters of the Nile.

During this very busy time of the year, we have several events happening. On December 9th, will be the Queen's Holiday Open House to be held at the Shrine Center from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Then our "Annual Soup Supper" will proceed our Stated Meeting on Dec. 12 .

January 9, 2013 will be a Memorial at session at which we will honor our departed members. On January 23, 2013, we are looking forward to the Official Visit of Suzie Schumacher, Supreme Queen Daughters of the Nile.

Queen Bonnie's bus trip will be February 1, 2013 to the Shriners' Hospital for Children of Northern California in Sacramento for lunch and tour with the Supreme Queen, Suzie Schumacher. I am really looking forward to this fun filled day. I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

In Love of Friendship Pearls, Queen Bonnie

Merry
Christmas



NILE DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 05, 2012 , 11:30 A.M. Tulare-Kings Nile Club
Christmas Luncheon
Lamp Liter Inn
3300 W. Mineral King, Visalia

December 09, 2012, 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.
Queen's Holiday Open House
Shrine Center

December 12, 2012 6:00 P.M. Soup Supper
Banquet Room; Pr. Royal, Chairman
7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Session
Las Palmas Masonic Center

December 2012, No Nile Sewing



Judy Houston, Queen Bonnie Gorden and
Karen Lasky
the newest of members Sharon Temple



Melene Ouzounian and
Donna Haggerton
Twenty-five Year Receiptients

Rainbow Girls Strike Again!



Heart of the Valley is working hard to bring the holiday spirit throughout our area! Our Worthy Advisor, Samantha Jones, organized a canned food drive at our last meeting in November and our fantastic supporters brought in 135 canned goods that were delivered to the Fresno Rescue Mission!



Members of Heart of the Valley also spent a chilly Saturday morning volunteering at Sports Saturday - an event held during the spring and autumn at Addams Elementary to allow the children in that area an outlet and someplace safe to spend their Saturday mornings while working on crafts or engaging in sports.



Coming up in December, Heart of the Valley is participating in Be a Santa to a Senior - monitoring donation trees at area Walgreens and gathering donations to be delivered to the gift wrapping session later this month. All items donated will go to area senior centers to bring the holiday spirit to their residents. If you're in an area Walgreens before 12/10/2012, please pick an ornament off of the tree and pick up a little something extra to place under the tree to spread Holiday Cheer.

We are delighted to announce that we are in receipt of three applications for membership - we're growing and can't wait to work with our Masonic Family in 2013!

Brenda Sullivan

Merry 
Christmas 

Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.



Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron
Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron

2013 Officers

Worthy Matron: Susan Quinville
Worthy Patron: Gordon Keeton
Associate Matron: Kathy Lee
Associate Patron: John Herring
Secretary: Donna Herring
Treasurer: Kurtis Docken
Conductress Becky Davis
Associate Conductress: . . . Darlene Henderson
Chaplain: Judith Healy
Marshall: Frieda Cazier
Organist: Carol Littleworth
Adah: Jeanette Foote
Ruth: Kay Docken
Esther: Beth Abate
Martha: Ruth Sterry
Electa: Lynn Haggerty
Warder: Stephen Healy
Sentinel: Bob Davis
Prompter: Dick Haggerty
Flag Bearer: Stan Littleworth
Electrician: Cliff Henderson
Photographer: Linda Rodie

December Calendar

December 3, 2012; Estrellita Progressive Dinner
December 5, 2012; 6:30 P.M Refreshments
Holiday Extravaganza
7:30 P.M. Meeting
December 15, 2012; Fund Raiser
1:00 P.M.— 4: 00 P.M.
Las Palmas Masonic Center

In an evening full of fun and fellowship, Legacy Chapter No. 555, Order of the Eastern Star held its 2nd Installation of Officers on November 28, 2012. This is the beginning of a new year full of many ideas and much enthusiasm.

One of the many projects that we will be undertaking this year is coming up quite quickly. On December 15, 2012 we will be holding a fundraiser dinner from 1pm – 4pm at the Las Palmas Masonic Center to benefit our Masonic Family victims of Hurricane Sandy. Tickets are \$5 per person. Please join us so that we can show some love from the central valley.

We also will be honoring our members throughout the year, so plan to join us as we make our way through the decades. Each member within a 100 mile radius of us will be honored during the decade they were initiated. Join with us as we celebrate all of their hard work and dedication to our Order.

Newly installed Worthy Matron Susan Quinville and Worthy Patron Gordon Keeton along with their 2013 officers would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

2013 Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Eastern Star



Merry 
Christmas 



Legacy Installation Reception



2012 Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 Committees

Audit

Charles S. Bersani P.M.
Robert L. Davis P.M.
Allen Stevens

Budget and Finance

James W. Wilson II P.M.
Richard L. Haggerty P.M.
Kevin P. Casey

Charity

Steven R. High, . . . Master
Richard A. Sherrod. .Senior Warden
Nathan A. Williams . .Junior Warden

Child I.D.

Gordon D. Keeton P.M.
Raymond W. Miksch
Charles S. Bersani P.M.

Dinner

Richard E. Vitz
Charles S. Bersani P.M.
Marvin E. Wallace P.M.

Hiram

James W. Wilson II P.M.
Richard L. Haggerty P.M.
Charles S. Bersani P.M.

Funeral Committee

James W. Wilson II P.M.
Lawrence D. Hopper P.M.
Richard W. Frey P.M.
Charles S. Bersani P.M.
John W. Herring P.M.
Richard L. Haggerty P.M. (Chaplain)

Membership Retention

James C. Clark Secretary
Joe D. Sallee Assistant Secretary

Scholarship Committee

Steven R. High. . . . Master
Richard A. Sherrod. . Senior Warden
Nathan Williams. . . . Junior Warden
James W. Wilson II P.M.
Richard L. Ehorn. . . . Treasurer
George R. Forrester P.M.

Public Schools Program

Cline Cub Jack Jr. P.M.
Robert L. Davis P.M.
Charles S. Bersani P.M.
Richard L. Ehorn
Harry M. Dyck Jr.

Please call the
Master Elect;
Richard A. Sherrod
If you would like to serve
on a committee in 2013

We need a
Junior Steward
and
Tiler
for 2013

If interested please call
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or e-mail

Richard_Sherrod@hotmail.com

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

MERRY CHRISTMAS

		<i>Raised Date</i>			<i>Raised Date</i>
Bradley F. Lockwood, Jr.	12/23	12/6/1946	Stanley F. Littleworth	12/2	5/1/1975
Avedis P. Bogosian	12/8	7/6/1943	James C. Clark	12/19	4/12/1997
William E. Sawtell	12/25	4/22/1948	Roger A. Miller	12/10	6/2/1988
Edward C. Stumpf	12/1	1/26/1950	Dee T. Lewis	12/20	9/8/1983
Daniel W. Stone	12/2	11/4/1954	Dewayne R. Bien	12/9	7/13/1970
Russell J. Witt	12/12	3/3/1951	William E. Clark, D.D.S.	12/14	7/3/1980
Lawrence H. Smith	12/5	2/23/1951	Scott D. Kallam	12/29	12/12/1991
Charles E. Garabedian	12/20	10/18/1951	Mitchell L. Mirigian	12/23	4/1/1976
Robert B. Buchanan	12/7	1/28/1975	James H. Peloian	12/4	12/15/1976
George M. Pavlovich	12/13	7/9/1959	Maher M. Saber	12/5	10/5/1995
Thomas E. Topjian	12/7	6/10/1982	William R. Freeman	12/21	7/20/1991
James S. Wadkins	12/7	11/16/1960	Douglas C. Boudakian	12/11	4/5/1984
Ronald W. Weiner	12/20	11/1/1957	Bryan P. Lee	12/30	11/11/2006
Don J. Blosser	12/27	10/6/1956	Kevin P. Casey	12/20	9/4/2008
Thomas E. Cole, M.D.	12/25	5/13/1965	Ronald C. Bautista, II	12/9	3/25/2010
L. Dean Lowe, Ph.D	12/25	6/12/1975	Paul E. Redondo	12/27	11/8/2007
Kenneth J. Elia	12/23	10/27/1960	Benjamin F. Lewis	12/14	5/27/2010



Chef Vitz

Merry Christmas

December Menu

*Salad Bar and
Appetizers
Rolls and Butter
Prime Rib
with
Horse Radish and Au Jus
Bake Potato, Sour Cream
and Chives
Greens Beans and Toasted
Almonds
Dessert*

IN MEMORIAM

Gordon G. Scott

Born 01/12/1923– Raised 02/13/1958
Called from labor
November 08, 2012,
Golden Veterans Award 2008

IN MEMORIAM

Leopold Bopp

Born 04/16/1923 – Raised 05/28/1958
Called from labor
November 4, 2012
Golden Veterans Award 2008

FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB



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



Merry Christmas

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December 2012

Merry
Christmas

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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 Secretary's Desk



November Stated Dinner was outstanding, Chef Vitz did a salad bar and appetizers, everyone seem to really enjoy this concept, December will be the same, with a Prime Rib Dinner. November brought election of Officers; Master, Richard A, Sherrod, Senior Warden, Nathan A. Williams, Junior Warden Freddie E. Thiel, Treasurer, Richard L. Ehorn, and Secretary, James C. Clark. Our Installation will be 12:00 P.M., January 6, 2013. We now have Monthly Planners for 2013 for \$2.50 in the Lodge Office. Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Join us for coffee and cookies in December!



December Lodge Calendar of Events

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| December 6, 2012 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner |
| | 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice |
| December 11, 2012 | 6:00 P.M. Hall Association |
| | LPP Officers meeting to follow |
| December 13, 2012 | 6:00 P.M. Officers Dinner |
| | Shepherds Inn |
| December 20, 2012 | 6:00 P.M. Appetizers |
| | 6:30 P.M. Dinner |
| | 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting |
| December 27, 2012 | DARK Christmas Week |



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus