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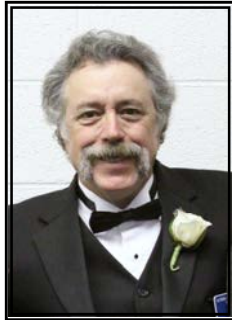
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Greetings from the East



(Continued from last month)

In desperate humiliation one evening I plucked up the courage to call my grandfather who was a wealthy man. Finally after a bit of small talk I asked him if he could send me \$600. He was silent for a long moment and then said, "All the High's have done really well – until now." I was devastated. Within a moment I went through the full gamut of embarrassment, rage, anger, pain, and tears, then slowly started to weakly chuckle. "You think I can make it?", I asked. "I know you can. You are a High. Call me again in 6 months." And he hung up.

Was he cold hearted? A scrooge? Indeed the old coot was! \$600 was chump change to him. He could have sent me the money. But the "relief" he provided me was to prove far better. With my newborn pride and dignity, and the conviction that gramps believed I could do it, I weathered the storm. Although I was evicted, and lived in my car for several months, I got a new job and made better choices. After the 6 months, I called gramps and he offered to give me the down payment for my own house. I smiled and turned it down "I think I can handle it now. I am a High, after all."

I offer this personal story not as a "rags-to-riches" tale (which it is not!) but one of example. The elder High gave me RELIEF, a lessening of my pain, a loosening of my sense of bondage, his words struck like a sword at the tyranny of my root problem, a sense of failure and hopelessness. This is something we can give to others through OUR words, our encouragement, through our votes at the polls and the choices we make daily.

Relief also implies that we may need relief. And this may tie in with Truth. Truth means more than simply telling the truth. It can mean dispelling of illusion. Fears, worries, the cares, concerns, and perceptions of others can dog-pile us and nearly obliterate the truth.

At such times we lose our footing and find ourselves on the precipice of making really bad choices – or even already did. At such times we need to stop and seek relief. A simple call to a Masonic brother (who is further down the road) or a close friend will do "Things are really dark. Give me a good word, brother" Then is the time for truth. "...whisper good counsel in his ear, gently admonishing him of his errors and in the most friendly manner endeavor to bring about a reformation".

So, by examining the precepts of our motto, by incorporating them slowly and daily what do we gain? We gain a more harmonious network of friends and brothers, we retain our dignity, and we become more capable in restraining panic and the poor choices that follow it. And in doing so, we provide more value to those around us and in our various endeavors. We do indeed become better men.

Fraternally;

Steve

Greetings from the West



What an aMAYzing month we had in May. Being that it was Masonic Youth Groups Month we showed our support strong! After our degree in Santa Cruz we had the pleasure of passing Brother Alan Hansen to the degree of Fellowcraft. We showed our support by traveling to Clovis Lodge for their stated meeting and dinner and watched a fine young man give his 3rd degree proficiency, something we ourselves will be exemplifying at our Officer School of Instruction.

Then something incredible happened! Contagious motivation and incredible timing brought many of the Brethren and Ladies together in multiple events in May. Our stated meeting celebrated the recognition of *FOUR* Masonic Sponsored Youth Groups; Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and Boy Scouts. We also had the pleasure of giving away our second scholarship in two months to Sarah Pope, an incredible young lady who was in the Fresno Bee the following day. We topped our meeting off with the Official Visit from our very own District Inspector Worshipful David

Cunha.

The youth of Masonry was infectious. We traveled to see DeMolay in action on two occasions last month. The second time they met was at Scottish Rite where Alex Hodges delivered the Flower Talk. This is a must see if you have never experienced it. We also had the pleasure of attending the Job's Daughters International Installation and watched the girls have a wonderful time that concluded with dancing, lasers, a fog machine and wonderful food. On both occasions in May, Job's Daughters were all smiles and aglow. We will be traveling to see Rainbow Girls IORG Heart of the Valley Installation on Saturday, June 9th. Show your support for these wonderful organizations and you too will feel "The Youth Come Alive."

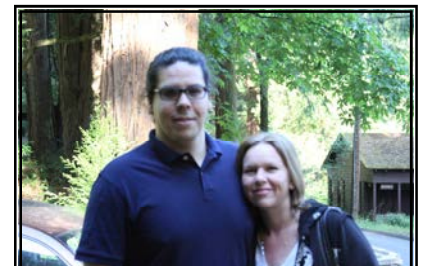
If that was not enough, we showed our support to our local Eastern Star chapter as well as we traveled to Concordia Chapter No. 93 in Clovis for their 125th Birthday. Over a dozen Grand Chapter Officers were there including the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They had a great time and the food was absolutely top notch! Melt in your mouth tri-tip and rice pilaf. They had pictures from decades before and all had an "evening to remember."

As the Summer Solstice approaches (June 20) and the Transit of Venus across the Sun (an extremely rare event on June 5 & 6) makes its way, we are truly blessed to live here in our valley, to have such moderate climate and to be so close to the Sequoias and also the beach. We seem to take things for granted; our health, our family, friends and the beautiful planet which we are all a part of. In my opinion, it is only when we don't have something that we truly begin to appreciate its value. "We live in the best of all possible worlds." – Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz. Like a love lost, we should learn to take time, even if just for a few moments each day, and do something that which we hold sacred. If it be family or a loved one, do something out of the ordinary. If it be our health, make a simple commitment to cherish our "temple" with exercise and good diet. If it be our planet please buy less plastic and styrofoam. There are many possibilities. Let us be good Stewards of our friends, family, loved ones and this incredible blue planet.

I want to say a special "Thank You" to the Youth Groups and their leaders. To have them at our stated meeting "kindled a fire" in our family that had us talking and planning at the dinner table. We are looking forward to the months ahead (and next year) as we support our Youth Groups like never before! Don't forget about the Grizzlies baseball (June 7th), the Rainbow Girls Installation (June 9th) at Clovis Lodge and Widows Club luncheon on June 27th. The festival of St. John the Baptist is held on June 24th. If you need a ride to a degree or stated meeting or want to discuss Masonry in general, please call Richard at (559) 432-6469.

From your Warden in the West...

Richard A. Sherrod



Robert Gonzalez and his friend
in Paradise Park

Greetings from the South



This month has been one long and crazy ride, with school wrapping up and Youth Orders Month, I can't help but feel that I would love a little more sleep but with that being said I wouldn't give it up for anything, this month had been an amazing time. I had the pleasure of going and visiting our local DeMolay Chapter where I got to see some of the future leadership of our lodges. We also had the pleasure of giving our last scholarship at our Stated Meeting that was also attended by all of our Youth Orders including the Boy Scouts, I just want to say that the young lady, Sarah Pope, that received her scholarship was very impressive and I would like to thank Worshipful Pope for sponsoring his granddaughter. This month I also had the pleasure of going to a wonderful Mexican Dinner at Clovis Lodge No. 417, I was able sit and talk to one of their prospects. He was a man that was in search of something better for himself and family. He was troubled with the question of how to make himself better? We all ask ourselves "how can I better myself?" and for any of us, "how do I get the promotion at work?" or "how do I get that last sale, so can meet my goals?", as I sat there I wanted to tell him that joining one group is not going to change your world completely. It is the tool that we are given as Masons that help us become better men. I know that when I became a Master Mason I never thought in six months that I would be here, but what I do know is that the tools we are presented after being raised are best used when we figure out how to use them in everyday life.

Fraternally;
Nathan A. Williams



Hello from State Center Chapter Order of DeMolay.

As we have recently had another Installation in March, we are moving forward with a summer full of fun events. June 3, 2012 we are having a paintball event at Blackbairds. We will be warming up to defend our first place win at the Nor Cal Paintball Tournament last year. Also, on June 9, 2012 we will be supporting the Rainbow girls at their Installation of Officers. And to continue the support, we will send a group of young men to Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel Installation and Dance on June 21, 2012.

Our annual lake trip will take place this summer either in July or August, More information to follow. And please remember that our meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fresno Masonic Center.



On the left, Christen Titman,
Master Councilor
on the right
proud grandfather,
Worshipful Gordon D. Keeton



Masonic Youth Orders Month and Scholarship Presentation



Sarah Pope, Scholarship Award



Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



Boy Scout Troop from Clovis Lodge No. 417



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Bethel No. 49, Job's Daughters International



Christen Titman, DeMolay



History from the Past;

Last month I asked if anyone knew what major expense, other than rent, Las Palmas Lodge had each month during its infancy. Brother Curtis Jack sent an e-mail to our Secretary with the correct answer: cigars. For the first 25+ years of our existence, it was common for the Lodge to spend \$12 to \$15 per month. At that time a box of cigars cost \$3 and if a box contained 20, the Lodge Hall must have been really smelled of cigar smoke.

The idea of starting the second Masonic Lodge in Fresno came about in late 1904 when 15 local Masons met at the home of James Cyrus Pottle. At their second meeting on December 16, they signed a petition asking the Grand Master to grant them a dispensation so that they could form Las Palmas Lodge. The dispensation was granted in early 1905 and the Lodge, under dispensation, was so successful that at the annual communication of Grand Lodge that October, a Charter was granted.

The 15 Masons that are our Charter Members are:

James Cyrus Pottle, a local merchant who was a Past Master of Sanger Lodge and Inspector. He would be our first Master in 1905 while under dispensation.

Elliott William Lindsay, the County Superintendent of Schools and member of Fresno Lodge.

Joseph Philip Bernhard, a local attorney and member of Fresno Lodge. He would be our Master in 1907.

William Angus Sutherland, a local attorney and banker and member of Fresno Lodge. He would be our Master in 1909.

Herbert Z. Austin, a local Judge and member of Fresno Lodge. He would be our Master in 1908.

John Simeon Jones, a farmer and capitalist and member of Reedley Lodge.

Alexander Marion Drew, a local attorney, state assemblyman, and member of Fresno Lodge.

Albert Bazzle Clark, a local banker and member of Reedley Lodge. He would be our Master in 1906.

John Quincy Anderson, a local realtor and member of Fresno Lodge.

Charles Sheldon Pierce, a lumberman and member of Fresno Lodge.

Briceno Amendez Fassett, a local "agent" and a past master of Hanford Lodge.

William Oscar Miles, The Fresno County Clerk and a member of Fresno Lodge.

Duncan Donald Allison, an ice merchant and member of Fresno Lodge and their Master in 1895. Bro. Allison was our Funeral Master for many years.

Albert Graves Wishon, the founder and owner of San Joaquin Light and Power Co. who was a member of Visalia Lodge.

Charles Lewis Walter, a local Real Estate agent and member of Selma Lodge.

When these 15 Masons signed the bylaws of Las Palmas Lodge as charter members, their membership in their previous lodge was automatically terminated.

We started with only 15 members in early 1905, how many members do you think we had when we received our Charter in October of 1905?



April 28, 2012, Paradise Park Third Degree, Robert Gonzalez

Paradise Park Degree



May 3, 2012 , Alan A. Hansen, Fellowcraft Degree



June Birthday's



Raised Date

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Kenneth M. Bratcher	6/23	4/9/1981	William B. Lee	6/2	11/13/2003
Edward M. Bufford	6/14	5/30/1985	William H. Lyons	6/17	4/14/1982
Neil A. Camin	6/23	2/9/1978	Ronald H. Markarian	6/21	11/21/1960
Elie N. Choufani	6/21	5/9/1996	Shiro Minabe	6/16	10/5/1978
Dennis R. Claborn	6/26	1/25/2007	Joseph E. Perry, IV	6/11	4/30/2009
Vernon J. Gaylord	6/5	12/3/1964	Justin D. Robinson	6/2	1/27/1965
Hamo Hamamjian	6/4	9/10/1998	Michael J. Sahakian	6/17	11/2/1994
Richard W. Hopper	6/5	3/5/1964	Bassem A. Saredidine	6/5	4/5/2011
Matthew M. Houk	6/18	6/1/2006	Alan Steven	6/17	4/20/1966
Henry W. Howard	6/10	10/14/2010	Vernon S. Ullstrom	6/11	9/30/1993
Nicholas P. Ionescu	6/17	10/28/2009	Nathan B. Walker	6/14	4/17/2004
Curtis C. Jack	6/8	6/6/1996	George M. Zertuche	6/20	4/5/2001

June Menu

Appetizers

Green Salad

Tri-Tip

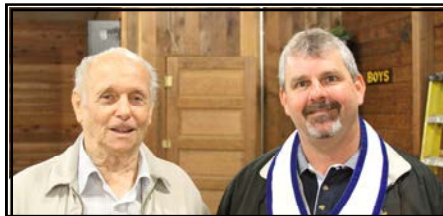
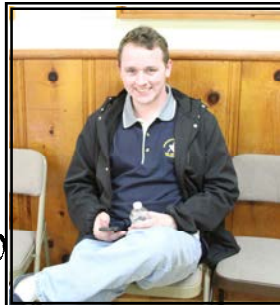
Double Stuffed

Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Strawberry

Ice Cream



More Paradise Park



FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

Wednesday, June 27, 2012, Noon

Las Palmas Masonic Center

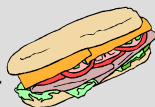
Deli Bar, Salad and Dessert

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



from the WIDOWS CLUB

Wednesday, June 27, 12:00 P.M. Widows Club Meeting
and Luncheon

Las Palmas Masonic Center
2992 East Clinton Avenue

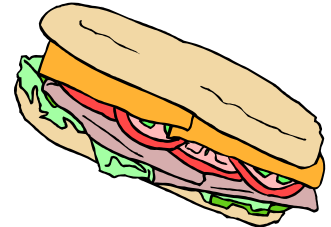
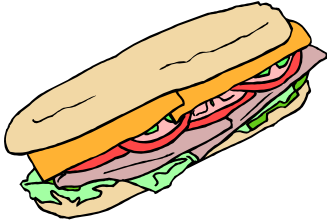
Deli Bar

(make your own Sandwiches)

Salad and Dessert

Reservations Required

\$5.00



Las Palmas-Ponderosa May Stated Meeting Dinner



*Sharon Temple No. 92
2012-2013
Officers*

*Queen Bonnie Gorden
Jr. Past Queen Dale Obernolte P.Q.
Princess Royal Jeri Rouch
Princess Tirzah. Lenore Stork
Princess Badoura. Carole Rae Littleworth
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 Blackwood
Lady of the Gates Jeanette Foote
Princess Nydia Adrienne Cantrell
Princess Zulieka Jean Denton
Princess Zenobia. Carole Soutas
Princess Zora Debbie Sanborn
Princess Musician Virginia Bergeron
Attendant Eria Hildebrand
Attendant Louisa Bowron*



Calendar:

*June 2, 2012, 12:00 P.M.
Queens Luncheon, Patrol
Bentleys
June 6, 2012, 11:30 A.M.
Tulare-Kings Nile Club
June 10-14, 2012,
Nile Supreme Session
Portland Oregon
No Stated Sessions in
June, July and August*



Queen, Bonnie Gorden

Pearls of Wisdom from the West,

Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile, held their first stated session on Apr. 11, 2012 with the new officers Queen, Bonnie Gorden, Pr. Royal, Jeri Rouch, Pr. Tirzah, Lenore Stork, and our newly elected Pr. Badoura, Carole Rae Littleworth, presiding. The pageantry, adorned in Easter bonnets, proceeded our opening. The new officers did a great job with their ritual work and they all looked beautiful in their different shades of pink.

Sharon Temple awarded the first annual "Exemplary Service Award. Four deserving princesses were nominated by the ladies of the household and the Past Queens selected Marge Machus as the winning candidate. She was presented a framed "Stepping Stones to Happiness" by P.Q. Dale Obernolte for her continuous service to Sharon Temple.

At our May 9th session, we welcomed our newly reinstated member Jean Denton. The Pageantry did a special dance, dressed in a Spanish flare, to advertize their upcoming fundraiser which was held on May 19. It was great fun and the food was fabulous!

The Sharon Temple units and the Tulare/Kings Nile Club have several other fundraisers coming up in the next few months. Beginning with the Patrol's "Ice Cream Social" on July 11. and on Aug. 8 the "Fabulous 50's Party, both being held at Las Palmas Masonic Center.

Aug. 26 is the Choir's "Annual Luau" and on Oct. 6 the "Bunco Party" both at the Shrine Center. The annual "Luncheon/Fashion Show" will be on Oct. 27 at Torninos. Mark you calendars to come out for a good time. You may contact any unit member for times and tickets to support the efforts of Sharon Temple in our philanthropy to help the children of the Shriner's Hospitals.

In Love of Friendship Pearls,

Bonnie Gorden, Queen

Nile May Stated Session



Dorothy Wethey and Betty Arnold



Tina Adams P.Q., Queen, Bonnie Gorden, Lee Ann Shults P.Q.,



Dorothy Wethey and Betty Arnold



Betty Arnold P.Q.



Jane Gamoian

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



Raisnia-Fresno No. 89 O.E.S. May Meeting



Heart of the Valley would like to invite you to our *INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS* to be held on June 9, 2012 at 2pm, Clovis Masonic Center. There will be a reception and dance to follow. We congratulate Miss Julia Holman for her successful term and our Worthy Advisor-Elect, Miss Jessie Beavers, is looking forward to a fantastic and fun-filled summer term!



Miss Jessie Beavers is hosting a SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER. It is take-out only and will be held on June 27. Please contact our Assistant Mother Advisor or Grand Deputy to obtain your tickets ahead of time! We will be cooking at Clovis Masonic Center and have your meals ready for pick-up between 5:00 and 6:30pm. Cost is \$7 per plate and you will be feasting on spaghetti in a home-made sauce, salad, garlic bread and brownies for dessert. We thank you in advance for your support!



Heart of the Valley has been busy busy busy in the last weeks of our current term. We've been working hard to help others with cleaning their garages, yards and windows so that we can raise funds for the assembly, and we've been picking fruit from trees to donate to local food banks. We're still looking to help you out - if you need windows washed, mulch spread, garages cleaned....please call us! For a donation of your determination, we'll come out and help you! And



if your fruit trees bear more fruit than you can eat, we'll be happy to swing by and pick them clean (free of charge) and donate the fruit to local food banks. So far, we've picked over 140 lbs. of fruit to donate.

We traveled down to Visalia Assembly to help them with their most recent initiation in May...it was a thank-you because Visalia came to visit us and help with our initiation in April. We're so happy to welcome our newest member to Heart of the Valley, Giovanna Cervantes!

And in the wee morning hours on May 12th Heart of the Valley Advisory Board members traveled around town to "kidnap" sleepy Rainbow Girls from their beds and treat them to breakfast! It was so much fun to rouse the girls and see the look of surprise on their faces!



We also volunteered our time at the Clovis Turtle Rescue on May 19th. Girls worked around the property to feed and weigh the turtles and learned a lot about the habits of these wonderful creatures.



FYI...Temecula is looking to start a Rainbow Assembly and will be hosting an open house on June 13, 7:00 P.M. at the Temecula Masonic Center. If you know anyone in the Temecula, CA area that could benefit from all that Rainbow has to offer, please let them know!



Do you know of a 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 7:00 P.M. 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!

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

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 Brenda Sullivan

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.

Boy Scout Troop No. 417



David Clark, Scout Master

Hello Brothers, I want to thank all of you for your kindness and appreciation of the Boy scouts. We enjoyed the dinner very much and the boys and their moms felt very welcomed at your lodge. We have a camp out planned for the end of June and a bowling trip in July. The youths of today are our leaders of tomorrow and how we mentor them will guide them in adulthood. Thank you for all that you do.

Your brother,
 David Scoutmaster



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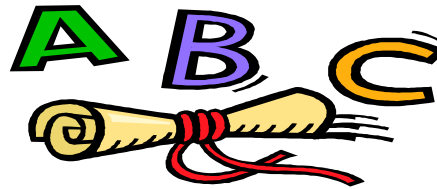
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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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



April and May has been really great months, Third Degree, Paradise Park Masonic Club, Santa Cruz, April 28, 2012, Raised Robert P. Gonzalez , with the outstanding Second Section by Santa Cruz area Masons, with a great Bible presentation by William R. Lovelace, Pacific Grove No. 331. Youth Orders Month was great as we honored , Clovis Lodge Boy Scout Troop, Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217, Beth No. 49 Job's Daughters, State Center DeMolay and Sarah Pope with a Scholarship. Join us for June Stated Dinner, we have a great menu.

Join us for coffee most week day mornings!



June Lodge Calendar of Events

June 7, 2012	5:30 P.M. Grizzlies Sky Box
June 12, 2012	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting Officers Meeting to follow
June 21, 2012	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M Kindergarten Teachers Month 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
June 27, 2012	6:30 P.M. Dinner, Selma Masonic Center 7:30 P.M. Sanger Exemplify 3rd degree open and obligate
June 27, 2012	12:00 P.M. Las Palmas Masonic Center , Widows Meeting and Lunch Reservation Required ¹⁵
June 28, 2012	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree, (Tanielian)



Applicant, Arlen J. Tanielian
Jack H. Gahvejian,
James C. Clark, Secretary