

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

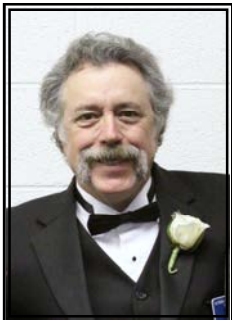
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Greetings from the East



I hope this terrific, hot, Fresno weather is finding you all in good health! It has certainly slowed down the number of people coming outside to play, and I have put off a number of strenuous chores until things cool down a bit. Fortunately, it is cool in the lodge! And this last Stated Meeting we had a PLETHORA of members attend. It was great to see so many in the lodge and made for a great ballot as we voted on the application for Larry Minasian, who was duly elected to receive Degrees.

Also at the Stated Meeting Dinner we were pleased to see a FULL widows table! Nice of you ladies to grace us with your presence.

We were also pleased to present two 10 year awards to Bros. Gordon Keeton and Jack Afonin who were accompanied by their wives Delores and Lily, respectively. Good show, brothers!

The lodge looks to be busy for the remainder of the year. The kick-off as we come back from being dark will be a Past Masters Night on September 6th, where Alan Hansen will receive his Third Degree. For those who haven't been to lodge in awhile, this is a must see! The following Thursday, September 13th we will put on two - yes 2 - degrees: a First Degree for Larry Minasian followed by a Second Degree for Arlen Tanelian. Officers - please note, these are both tuxedoed events and we need ALL of you present and ready to work.

The end of the month, September 21-23 is the Annual Communication. This will be the first that I have attended and I am looking forward to it. For those of you who don't know it is the ONCE a year event in San Francisco where the senior officers of ALL lodges in California meet and make their voices heard with their votes on the issues pertaining to

Masonry. Our wives are also looking forward to shopping in the City while we conduct business. Remember, Brothers - though it may be HOT outside, it is cool in the lodge. So come and enjoy it with us each Thursday evening. And see you at the ball game.....



August Stated Meeting Master's Table

Greetings from the West



What an incredible Summer we had this 2012! Any who missed the August Stated Meeting Dinner, just know this... it was incredible! The food was *OUTSTANDING* and almost as good as the company. We had the pleasure of sitting with a wonderful man and Major in the United States Army, our soon to be Brother **Larry Minasian** as well as Master of Clovis Lodge, Worshipful **Bill Lyons** and a member of our Lodge. Dinner was half the price and twice the fun.



September brings to us International Chocolate Day (Sept. 13th), the first day of Fall (Sept. 22nd) and even Labor Day (Sept. 3rd).

Richard Sherrod, Larry Minasian and Worshipful Lyons

We have one of the best degrees in town this **Sept. 6th** which is LPP's Past Masters Night. Last year's was one of the best degrees I have ever seen. Don't miss out on this one gentlemen.

September will be quite busy as we are planning on doing 4 degrees this month, plus a savory stated meeting dinner. The candidates are coming along quite well and we look forward to closing out this year with a few more Masters in our midst.

It was truly a pleasure to have the **Widows Table** full in August. Let's see if we can keep that going again in September (wink,wink). Thank you ladies for sharing your smiles with us and for the wonderful warmth that you bring.

Night out with the Fresno Grizzlies was fantastic as always. This is the reason that so many good men come to join Masonry. "Brotherhood" and good friends! Isn't that what we are all searching for? I came to Masonry because of family tradition and also in search of "**Sacred Geometry**" yet I found a wife, daughter, several best friends and many, many Brothers. This was wonderful considering I am an only child. On many occasions (birthday or otherwise) I wished for a brother. "*Mom, I am eating my peas...*" Now living the dream!

We all come to Masonry with slightly different expectations. It is wonderful individuals like **John Herring** who are never shy; Masonry gives them the confidence to go right up to a complete stranger and introduce themselves. **Larry Bennett** is another who will go anywhere, anytime to help educate and raise our newest Brethren and also **Kevin Casey**, our new elected Trustee who always brings a smile and then shares it with everyone. Friends always seem to lighten the load and ease our burdens when we need it the most.

Thank Goodness for the friends and extended family we have so close to us here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

From your Warden in the West...



Worshipful Lyons and Larry Bennett P.M.



Kevin Casey & Marvin Wallace P.M.



Our Chaplain, John W. Herring P.M.

Greetings from the South



Traveling this summer I have seen different traditions and history from our past. I was lucky enough to visit different lodges and meet many new people. That experience has opened my eyes to how people are different and similar at the same time. I have left with ideas and inspirations. One thing that I know for certain, is that I have a home with many different friends that I consider family; and that is my lodge.

This month brings the changes associated with fall. As the leaves change in color, our lives change in schedule. Normalcy resumes with work for some us and school for others. Beloved baseball is

ending as fanatic football begins. With these changes,

I would like to personally invite all brothers of the lodge to come and enjoy our September 6th, Past Masters Night and wonderful September 20th Stated Meeting Dinner, Chef Vitz and staff will be preparing a tasty Steak dinner for both. Call (559) 268-2303 or e-mail lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net for your reservations! That way we can share all life's changes and excitements together. I know that I take pleasure in hearing what is going on in every one's life. We are here to support and help each in all of our endeavors. As always if there is anything that we can help you or your family with feel free to let any of us know.



Fraternally;
Nathan



Above; Chef Vitz cooking steak.
To the left;
Nathan William, Junior Warden
Worshipful Bill Lyons
Larry Bennett, Past Master
James W. Wilson II P.M.
Explains to Nathan, in the old days we.....

Ten Year Awards, presented by Worshipful Steven R. High, Jack M. Afonin and Gordon D. Keeton P.M.





Joe D. Sallee P.M.
Assistant Secretary

Bakersfield Masonic Center
Grand Lecturer Ritual School
August 4, 2012

Very Worshipful, Jack M. Rose, Grand Lecturer and Worshipful Cline "Cub" Jack Jr., Assist Grand Lecturer conducted an outstanding ritual school of the Entered Apprentice Degree. We were treated to a tasty breakfast. Was a really great day for Masonry!!



Very Worshipful, Jack M. Rose instructs about 85 attendees in the Entered Apprentice Degree

from the WIDOWS CLUB
Las Palmas-Ponderosa August Stated 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 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



Queen, Bonnie Gorden

Pearls of Wisdom from the East,

Elvis and Jane Gamoian

What a fantastic & busy summer it's been for Sharon Temple No. 92, Daughters of the Nile. Since the Ice Cream Social in July, on July 22, thirty four of the officers, Past Queens, Ladies of the Household and Nobles honored me by attending a lovely dinner for my Queen's Dinner at the Cattleman's in Selma.

On Aug. 8, the "Fifty's Party" was great fun for all with the menu being hamburgers, chili, fries, and brownies. The flavored sodas and fifties music set the mood and took us back many years. There was great participation for the costume contest, bubble gum blowing, dancing and the hula hoop (they were small so the kids did it).

The Choir's annual "Luau" was on Aug. 26. If you didn't make it this year, you missed some fantastic hors d'oeuvres, a delicious Hawaiian dinner and entertainment. Hope you will think of coming next year. OCT. 6TH is our "BUNCO PARTY" hosted by Pr. Adrienne Cantrell and I know it will be a *BLAST!!*

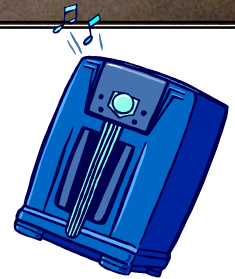
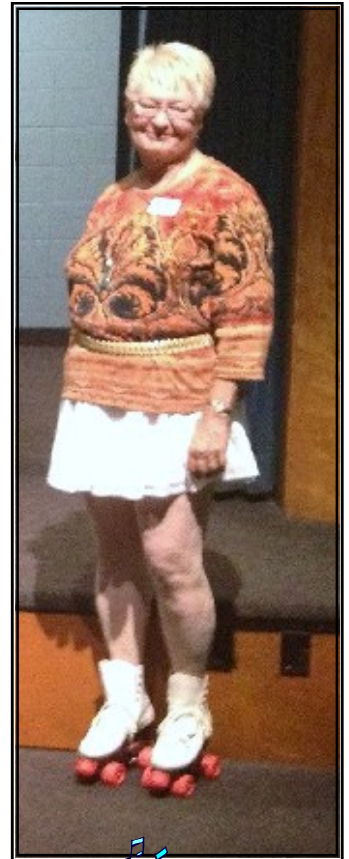
SAVE THE DATE: Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile's *ANNUAL LUNCHEON/ FASHION SHOW* will be held on *OCT. 27* at Tornino's in Fresno. Watch for the flyer to follow in the Oct issue of the Las Palmian. Nile members will be receiving it in the Sept. Nile Notes, along with tickets. Everyone is invited, so you may contact any Nile member for tickets.

I am looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings and I hope to see many of you. If you do not drive in the evening, just give me a call and we'll find you a ride. If any lady is interested in joining a wonderful, group of Ladies who are all working together to help the children of the Shriner's Hospitals, you may contact me, Bonnie Gorden, Queen at 559-281-6471 or any Nile member.

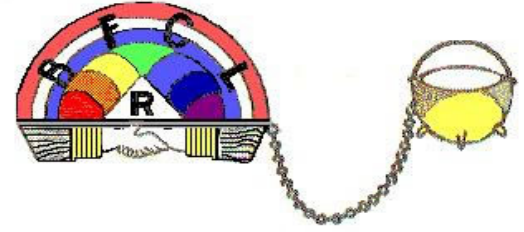
In Love of Friendship Pearls,
Queen Bonnie



*Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile
Fifties Party*



Rainbow Girls Strike Again!



Heart of the Valley is back in action as a new term starts up. The assembly has spent this term sharing the message of rainbow and doing service in their community. The flamingos took off again for the grand service project and the girls made dog treats for the local animal shelters. Heart of the Valley also became an exponent for rainbow girls everywhere. The girls spoke on a local radio station and also attended a homeschooling convention in Modesto, Ca. to share their wonderful message. It's been a busy term but we had tons of fun.

The flamingos took flight as the Heart of the Valley Girls flocked houses to raise money for the grand service project – the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary and Educational center. The project went so well that one family asked the assembly to flock a house on a little girl's birthday. The assembly also tried out a new idea of Flocking by Mail, where small rubber flamingos were sent across the state to family and friends, asking for donations.



Another project that the girls participated in was baking dog treats for the local dog shelters. The assembly spent Saturday morning baking adorable treats and later that day, they got to feed and play with the dogs. By the end of the day everyone wanted to take a dog home. Meanwhile some of the girls and adults were up in Modesto, at a homeschooling convention, informing people on rainbow. Other than a hilarious misunderstanding with the law, the drive to Modesto went smoothly. Upon arrival, the girls definitely caught people's attention in their pretty dresses and wiglets. The

girls talked to people from all over the state and met tons of potential rainbow and pledge. One family even asked for a picture with the "pretty princess." Ultimately the trip was a success in every way.

Along with this, the assembly also spoke on the radio. Two girls, an advisory board member, the mother advisor and one of the parents were interviewed, and they all agreed:

Rainbow gets girls ready for life! Both girls surprised the radio host with their confidence during the interview and the adults talked about the change they've seen in girls. Now Heart of the Valley challenges all other assemblies in California to make their presence known to the community and share the rainbow experience.



***Worthy Associate Advisor,
Samantha Jones, age 15:***

Heart of the Valley plans to hold a special Initiation on Saturday September 8th at 9:00 A.M.. We would love to have your support on the sidelines!

Our Stated Meetings in September will be September 12th and September 26th 7:00 P.M. at Clovis Masonic Center. We will be working on our donations to the Grand Service Project on the 12th and bidding Farewell to our outgoing Worthy Advisor, Miss Jessie Beavers, on the 26th. **SAVE THE DATE!** *Heart of the Valley's Installation of Officers* is slated to be held October 6th at 2:00 P.M. at the Clovis Masonic Center. This is a scheduling change from our original announcement. We'd love to see you there!

On October 21st, Heart of the Valley will be holding a glorious Yard Sale in the parking lot at Clovis Masonic Center. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact us and let us know. Also, we encourage you to come by and shop...it is the same day as Glorious Junk Day in Old Town Clovis, so there will be great deals everywhere!

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!

Heart of the Valley Contact Information:

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

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

Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.



Sisters and Brothers;

As the first Worthy Matron of the newly consolidated "Legacy Chapter No. 555" let me introduce myself, My name is Linda Rodie and I have been a member of the Order since 1955 when I was initiated into Raisina Chapter No. 89. My first office was Martha, which I held for a couple of years. I have held the offices of Ruth, Chaplain, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron in 2003, with Bob Moore as my Worthy Patron. I had the privilege of being this District's Deputy Grand Matron in 2008.

I am honored to be the first Worthy Matron of our new chapter and find it interesting that my mom, Sister Ruth Dawson was the first Worthy Matron when Raisina consolidated with Fresno Chapter in November of 1995. Brother Cliff Henderson as Worthy Patron and I will serve in the East for the remainder of the year. We are both excited to start on this new venture. We will serve to the best of our abilities and invite any member who has a question or concern to contact us.

Thank you to all the out going and incoming Officers of both chapters. We are honored to represent our newly consolidated chapter with a history of almost 200 years. Consolidation means to join together-to UNITE .

The preservation of our Order must be the common goal of the entire membership. Consolidations can build stronger, healthier and more viable active Chapters. If we work together we can renew interest and gain new members which will preserve forever the Order of the Eastern Star. If we don't know each other , I would love to meet you when you attend the next meeting of Legacy Chapter and I hope that will be our first meeting in September.

Your Worthy Matron,
Linda Rodie

2012 Officers

Worthy Matron: Linda Rodie
Worthy Patron: Cliff Henderson
Associate Matron: Susan Quinville
Associate Patron: Gordon Keeton
Secretary: Donna Herring
Treasurer: Kurtis Docken
Associate Conductress: Becky Davis
Chaplain: Jean Hodge
Marshall: Ethel Day
Organist: Virginia Bergeron
Adah: Jeanette Foote
Ruth: Kay Dock
Martha: Ruth Sterry
Electa: Lynn Haggerty
Warder: Freda Cazier
Sentinel: Jim Wilson

Calendar

September 5, 2012 6:30 P.M.
\$5.00 Red and White Chili Party

September 15, 2012
Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
5:30 P.M. Appetizers and Silent Auction
6:30 P.M. Dinner and Play
\$25.00 per person
\$200.00 table of eight
Reservations;
John and Donna Herring
(559) 298-6042 or (559) 352-6904
donnawgm05@aol.com

September 19, 2012 6:30 P.M.
Refreshments and Fun
Dress; Hawaiian
7:30 P.M. Guest Officers will open
Information;
Becky Davis Associate Conductress
(559) 297-9335

P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives



I have been trying to paint a picture of Las Palmas Lodge in its early days. In June I asked you to guess how many members we had in 1916 and then in 1928. On January 1, 1916, only being 11 years old, we had a membership of 332. Of these, 140 were by affiliation and 192 were Raised in Las Palmas. On January 1, 1928 we had 620 members. These figures do not include members who demitted out or died.

At the December, 1916 Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to raise the secretary's salary from \$25 per month to \$30. The Tiler's salary and the organist, Professor George H. Taylor, stayed at \$15 per month. In today's values the secretary's \$30 per month would equal \$580.00 and the organist and Tiler would be getting \$290.00. Don't forget that for many years we paid our Tiler to show up to the Lodge early and set up all of the equipment needed as well as put it away after Lodge closed.

In 1916 the Lodge was busy. It was common for there to be several degrees on the evening of a Stated Meeting. It had to be late in the night before Lodge closed after a Stated Meeting and 2 Third Degrees.

In December, 1928 the Secretaries salary was raised to \$100 per month. In today's dollars that would be \$1,300.

August Stated Meeting Dinner



Benjamin Lewis with his new wife



Widows Table



Moreno Family prepared a wonderful Mexican Dinner

September Birthday's



		<i>Raised Date</i>			<i>Raised Date</i>
James A. Carney	9/8	3/31/2001	Gary G. Lewis	9/30	6/16/1981
Stephen D. Clifton	9/8	4/1/1993	Paul L. Locker	9/24	12/6/1984
Craig R. Constance	9/17	3/9/1989	Leonard L. Mazorra	9/29	7/20/1951
Joe D. Crider	9/25	10/28/1953	Sonny Mehrtash	9/12	9/1/2011
Homer D. Davis	9/8	6/7/1961	Kasra K. Monazzami	9/22	9/8/2011
Kurtis L. Docken	9/21	9/8/2005	Bruce A. Morrow	9/25	11/17/1954
Loy L. Earles	9/29	12/14/1967	Thomas J. Musto, Jr.	9/28	9/2/2010
Stephen M. Harrelson	9/3	5/25/1983	Charles A. Oliver	9/25	3/24/1988
Robert P. Hupp	9/27	11/6/1952	Rufus T. Price	9/4	7/10/1962
Ara M. Karkazian	9/24	3/28/1996	Frederick A. Richburg, II	9/2	10/29/1987
Sahrad K. Kerkochian	9/9	9/13/1973	Don W. Scott	9/1	6/18/1983
William M. Kidd	9/27	11/19/1985	Robert W. Thomason, Jr.	9/22	6/26/1997
Hollon O. Kinney	9/26	9/25/1975	Melvin A. Welch	9/27	9/18/1984

September Menu

Appetizer's
Salad with Dressing
Rolls
Grilled Steak
with hotel butter
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Chocolate Pudding



My menu for September Stated Dinner

As Junior Past Master, I invite all Past Masters and Master Masons to join us for Dinner and Alan Hansen's Third Degree, Sept 6th

IN MEMORIAM

Anthony L. Atkission

Born 01/30/1943– Raised 11/06/1968
 Called from labor
 June 29,, 2012



FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

September 26, 2012 12 Noon
 Denny's Restaurant, 1110 E. Shaw 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. 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



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September 2012



*Past Master's Night
September 6, 2012*

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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



September 21-23 is the 163rd Annual Communication in San Francisco. There is a lot of exciting possibilities in the 2012 Legislations. Changes in the Life Membership Funds, Possibility of Opening Stated Meetings in the Entered Apprentice Degree, Charging dues for Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Members. You may review all 2012 Legislation by signing on to freemason.org. We have five Brothers one year delinquent and one Brother three years delinquent. Appears Per Capita will be \$35.00 for the coming year, 2013 Dues \$105.00
Join us for coffee most week day mornings.



September Lodge Calendar of Events

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| September 6, 2012 | 6:00 P.M. Appetizers, Past Master's Night
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Alan A. Hansen |
| September 11, 2012 | 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting
Following the Hall Association, LPP Officers Meeting |
| September 13, 2012 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. First Degree, Larry C. Minasian
Second Degree, Arlen J. Tanielian |
| September 20, 2012 | 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Twenty-Five Year Awards (3)?
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 13 |
| September 21, 2012 | 163 rd Annual Communication |
| September 27, 2012 | 6:30 Dinner, Second Degree, Larry C. Minasian |



Hollon
Kinney
at our
August
Stated
Meeting

Brother Kinney plays the bugle at services for our Veterans. Please keep the Kinney Family in your prayer's as his wife is struggling with her health.