



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

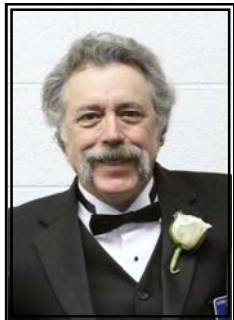
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Greetings from the East



Welcome to Flight 2012! This is your captain speaking.....I will be piloting you through this leg of your journey and back to Fresno.....by the end of the year. Feel free to move about the cabin and enjoy our fine in-flight cuisine.....

Yes, indeed. As the new Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge I look forward to getting to know more of you and letting you get to know me. It is my sincere hope that more of you Brothers are reading this than come to lodge on Thursdays – so that is who I will direct my thoughts to.

First of all, a bit about me. I am 55 and have been a Mason since 2006. Prior to applying to LPP I had been a “student” of masonry for 9 years. My interest in Masonry began as an offshoot of doing my family genealogy, which I was able to trace on my mothers side back to 809AD in Dalriada, today the area known as

Scotland. I applied for membership in the Clan Keith Society and was accepted – as the requirement was to prove ones pedigree for a minimum of 3 generations, which I had more than exceeded. In doing this not only did I find the Clan still had 3 castles in the family (which I yet hope to visit) but that also my ancestors had chartered Masonic Lodges in France, Germany, Austria, Prussia, Nova Scotia, Australia, and even St. Petersburg. So I began to get curious. The rest is, as they say, history.

My greatest pleasure in being an officer and doing the ritual in Lodge is that I am connecting and even walking in the footsteps of my very own ancestors. It helps me feel my roots, so to speak. I am also continuing to learn as I now have access to Masonic literature that I was NOT privy to as a non-Mason.

And I don't consider myself alone in this. Being as the average age of our members is in advance of my own, I am certain many of you have indeed more interesting stories and wisdom to impart to the Brothers. I, for one, would like to hear about it. With that in mind, I invite you to share your stories/life lessons with us here in the trestle board. You can submit it to Brother Clark, the Lodge Secretary. Or if it is more private you can contact me directly online through Facebook (use my name: Steven Randall High) or email me at fourtoed2@gmail.com. I can also be reached at (559) 696-9170. Or what is more fun, just come on down to the river and visit. I am manning and running the bait shop and park at Sycamore Island each Friday through Monday, the times MOST of you get to come out and play.

As Master I will be busily engaged in the Lodge and bringing up new Masons and strengthening my fellow officers, whom I have the utmost confidence in. But there is always time for new OLD faces as well as fresh and zealous ones!

Now it is your turn. (smile) I now return you to your regular flight program. Enjoy.

Fraternally,
Steve High



Jesse M. Smart
Master Mason
January 12, 2012

Greetings from the West



The new Masonic year is off to a **great start** here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa! With new officers and **no fear** the newly Installed Officers and Brethren put on a fine performance for our newest Master Mason of 2012, Brother **Jesse Smart**. It is always a great feeling to be surrounded by such **talented** and **inspiring** youth, both in the candidates and in the Officers themselves! Congratulations to Worshipful Steven High and our Junior Warden Brother Nathan Williams as well as our new Stewards Brothers Kaz and Sonny.



The symbol of the Senior Warden is the "level" and comes from "labella" which is the root word for libration and equilibrium. These terms denote "balance" and our working tools lead us toward a principal moral teaching of equality. As no two men are *truly* equal, neither by nature nor by grace, our working tools are used to remind us that we are all created from that same dust. It helps remind this Mason that each man has the ability (and responsibility) of education and bettering oneself, to shape that rough ashlar into a more smoothly polished working stone and to one day share that wisdom and knowledge to help others. How we help others is quite individual but like good worker bees or ants, we should never sit idly by while others could be helped. Even Confucius knew that many hands made light work...

As we all head toward Super Bowl Sunday and Groundhog Day let us not forget the important holidays like National Freedom Day, Presidents Day and Valentines' Day. Valentines' day was added to the calendar by one Pope (Gelasius I in 496 AD) and deleted from the General Roman Calendar by another Pope (Paul VI in 1969). National Freedom Day commemorates the date February 1, 1865 when Abraham Lincoln signed the proposal of the 13th amendment which outlawed slavery. This February 29th, 2012 holds "Leap Day" which officially throws of the Mayan calendar, or so we hope. Here is to wishing we were all born on Feb 29th so that we could *honestly* subtract 75% off our age.

With all the political commercials airing for the next 10 months or so, be sure to stay tuned in right here. We will keep you Masonically educated, socially updated and you won't have to use Twitter or MySpace...we promise. Have a fabulous February! Keep smiling and keep them guessing. Be good to those around you and to our Mother Earth. From your Warden in the west...

Richard A. Sherrod



2012 Installation of Officers



2012 January Stated Meeting Dinner



Sharon Temple No. 92
2011-2012
Officers

Queen Dale 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 Marshall JoAnn Evans
Princess Chaplain . Jeanne Esheim P.Q.
Lady of the Keys . . Barbara Lockwood
Lady of the Gates Jo Ann Morse
Princess Zulieka Brenda Matais
Princess Zenobia. Carol Rea Littleworth
Princess Zora Adrienne Cantrell
Princess Musician . . Virginia Bergeron
Attendant Eria Hildebrand
Attendant Louisa Bowron

Calendar:

February 1, 2012, 11:30 A.M.

Tulare-Kings Nile Club
Birthday Celebration
At the home of
Pr. Margie Mylander

February 5, 2012,
Ceremonial Practice
Las Palmas Masonic Center

February 10, 2012
Supreme Queen Official Visit
10:00 A.M. Business Session
5:45 P.M. Social
6:15 P.M. Banquet
Open to all Ladies of the Household,
Nobles and Escorts, Reservation
Required by January 31, 2012
7:30 P.M. Ceremonial

February 15, 2012, 9:30 A.M.



Queen, Dale Obernolte

Queen's Message:

It was wonderful to have so many of you and your Nobles attend the Queen's Holiday Open House. My Noble, **Past Potentate Ron** and his able assistant **Noble Roger Wethey** had a great time talking to all of the ladies and spreading Holiday Cheer.

We are looking forward to the visit from **Supreme Queen Laura Richardson** on Friday, February 10th. Our regular business meeting is moved from Wednesday evening to Friday morning at 10:00 A.M. The banquet is at 6:15 P.M. and our Ceremonial is at 7:30 P.M. All activities will be at Las Palmas Masonic Center. Come and socialize at 5:45 P.M. and meet our Supreme Queen.

We have many fun activities scheduled before the end of the Nile year including the Bunco Party February 4th and the Farewell Luncheon on March 18th.

Please send me your nominations for the **2011-12 Exemplary Member Award** prior to January 23, via email to: dalesullyo@sbcglobal.net or snail mail to c/o The SUMMIT Group, 5407 E. Olive Ave., Suite 102, Fresno, CA 93727-2500. We look forward to presenting this new award at the Farewell Luncheon in March.

My heartiest congratulations go to the new **Potentate of Tehran Shrine, Noble Mike Nella** and his lady **Judie Houston**. They have plans for many fun and interesting activities during 2012. Keep your eyes and ears open and join in the fun. Ron and I will be attending the Potentate's Masonic Trip to the Washington D.C. area just prior to attending the Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nilé and Sea Treasure Love,
Dale Obernolte, Queen



Happy Valentine's

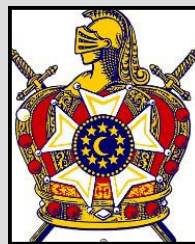
2012 Officers

Worthy Matron.....	Lena Cook
Worthy Parson.....	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



Masonic Family Dinner
 Hosted by La Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555
 Italian Dinner

With all the trimmings
 Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6:30 P.M.
 \$10.00 per person
 Profits will be divided with our youth groups





23rd Installation of Officers – Saturday, February 4th

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217, cordially I Invites you to attend the 23rd Installation of Officers on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Clovis Masonic Center at 375 South Dewitt Avenue in Clovis at the corner of 5th Street and Dewitt. "Trust Your Dreams To God" is the theme for Worthy Advisor Elect, Miss Julia Holman.

Retiring Worthy Advisor is Miss Corey Titman, Area Grand Deputy is Mrs. Tina Thomason, and Grand Deputy is Mrs. Dana Regier. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon. Formal attire is appreciated.



*Happy Valentine's Day
Raisnia Fresno O.E.S No. 89*



*Happy Valentine's Day
Masonic Widows Club*



February Birthday's



		<i>Raised Date</i>			<i>Raised Date</i>
Virgil E. Ahlberg	2/21	10/4/1967	Wayne E. Lindsley	2/7	3/13/1965
John K. Baird	2/6	5/18/1970	Philip W. Maher	2/13	2/23/1971
Gaylaird K. Bissell	2/22	5/26/1994	Robert A. Papazian	2/4	6/1/1985
John S. Bjorge	2/9	5/9/1991	Michael W. Reynolds	2/29	5/2/1968
Richard D. Childs	2/16	6/13/1974	Rodney B. Rowlett	2/21	4/10/1958
Farrell B. Collins	2/27	1/27/1951	John R. Scott	2/16	6/6/1978
Earl J. Cousins	2/5	3/21/1988	William B. Shelly	2/11	12/10/1959
Harold C. Cox	2/10	10/11/1956	David J. Sorge	2/15	10/26/2006
Richard M. Donaldson	2/10	6/9/1977	Jerome A. Thormann, Jr.	2/9	11/6/1975
Mike N. Ellis	2/6	6/11/2005	Dennis G. Tyler	2/4	10/11/1962
Kyle N. Elsalhi	2/14	9/11/2008	Timothy R. Tyler	2/10	11/5/1981
Richard W. Frey	2/21	4/11/1968	Richard E. Vitz	2/27	2/4/2010
Ali R. Hatamaria	2/19	12/11/2008	Jason I. Weiner	2/17	3/5/1992
Steven R. High	2/22	9/14/2006	Myron E. Winch	2/27	11/22/1989
Cline C. Jack, Jr.	2/23	10/31/1963			

Nathan A. Williams, our Junior Warden Elect. Nathan was born in Concord, California, May 21, 1989, resides in the city of Kingsburg . Nathan was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason October 27, 2011. Nathan is a student enrolled at California State University at Fresno. Currently is employed at Starbucks in Kingsburg. Nathan will open and obligate in the First Degree at the O.S.I January 25, 2012 at Las Palmas Masonic Center.



IN MEMORIAM

Alford P. Dichinson

Born 06/28/1924– Raised 12/28/1967
Called from labor
December 31, 2011

IN MEMORIAM

John J. Kaser Sr.

Born 06/17/1925– Raised 09/29/1953
Called from labor
January 10, 2012
Golden Veterans Award
March 10, 2004

FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 Noon
Las Palmas Masonic Center

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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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. As 2012 has arrived please check your dues card as you may be delinquent. Please keep Brother Sallee and the Lee families in your prayers. We had a very nice 2012 Installation of Officers. Please try to attend Lodge to support our new Officers, they are working very hard!

Join us for Coffee weekday mornings .



February Lodge Calendar of Events

- February 2, 2012 6:30 P.M. Grand Lodge Classes, Fresno Masonic Center
Lodge Management and Hall Association Management
- February 9, 2012 6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
- February 14, 2012 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting
L.P.P. Officers meeting to follow.
- February 16, 2012 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
Widow's Month
- February 23, 2012 6:30 Dinner
7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice

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.