



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

# *The Las Palmian*

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## Greetings from the East



My fellow Masons.....As the sun slides past its zenith and the days shorten, so we too will be "dark" till September. We will however continue to hold the Stated meetings and dinners in both July and August. Be sure to call Brother Clark with your reservations as it will be MOST important to Brother Vitz, the cook, to know how many to prepare for.

The Lodge began 2012 with the slogan: Engage, educate, excel. In keeping with this motto, we were pleased to honor teachers and educators at both our May and June Stated Meeting Dinners. We have supported the youth through the bike program – the donation of bicycles and backpacks to deserving students at various elementary schools. We have awarded several scholarships to high school students to help in furthering their education and careers. We have saluted and honored the Masonic Youth Orders and even the Boy Scouts at one of our dinners. And the Lodge investments are prospering. We have even seen the Trestle Board grow with new photos and articles. (And the Masonic Widows have continued to attend the Stated Dinners and give me awesome support during my mind-numbing speeches!) All this has largely happened due to the participation and involvement of the Officers, Past Masters, and members of the Lodge. And these people are to be commended. The officers, in particular, are continuing to improve in their ritual work and are active with our new members. We are particularly pleased with the growth of Robert Gonzalez, our newest Master Mason and star of the Paradise Park Third Degree – who will soon be helping out as the Lodge Organist. And also, Alan Hansen, who has said he wants to be the first Master Mason raised when we come back this fall. (which will be Thursday, September 6th, Past Masters Night) So, the first half of the year has been terrific. We even had time out for a great Men's Night Out where over 35 of us took in a Grizzlies ball game.

In the second half of the year we start preparing for 2013. Officers accepting the next position in the line – it is time to start working on your parts! We still have openings for Stewards and Chaplain for next year as well. It is one of the best ways to be - and stay - involved with the Lodge and Masonry. If interested please contact myself or Richard Sherrod.

Steven High, WM



## Greetings from the West



**June** was an incredible month... incredibly hot! We had Grizzlies baseball, attended a Rainbow Installation and even celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist on June 24<sup>th</sup>. I had the pleasure of giving away two bicycles at **Woodrow Wilson Elementary** and even got to be Chaplain at two Masonic Funerals. We also had a great time recognizing **Kindergarten Teachers** at our June Stated meeting where our Master Chef **Richard Vitz** and crew served up a phenomenal feast.



**Richard Vitz** along with **Marvin Wallace** and Officers Coach **Chuck Bersani** put in vast amounts of time and effort and it always shows. We truly have some of the best meals (and company) around. Thank you gentlemen!

With graduations, celebrations and perspiration we now enter into the Summer months. Many areas of our great country are already feeling the heat. The kids are entering the pool and fireworks are right around the corner. Our "Independence" will soon be celebrated once again. How many people know that this is actually the wrong date? The resolution of Independence was approved in a closed session of Congress on July 2, 1776 and most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed *nearly a month after* its adoption, on August 2, 1776. Conspiracy theorists will also be stewing about how two presidents (John Adams and Thomas Jefferson) who signed the Declaration of Independence died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the Declaration. Oooh...

This year we will be doing some things different here at Las Palmas. We will **continue** to have our Stated Meeting Dinners each month and they will be more of a Summer menu. We are working hard to plan ahead for next year and are looking forward to attending Grand Lodge in September. We had such an incredible time at the Masters/Wardens retreat. We entered into history as we got to hold (and be part of) the "**True Traveling Gavel.**" This gavel has been in the hands of **thousands** of Masters and Wardens in numerous countries. It went through the hands of about **100 different Lodges in just one night** last March alone! Worshipful Steve High even got his picture taken swinging it at his Senior Warden, Ouch!

Las Palmas-Ponderosa has an incredible "**Bicycle Program**" where we give away 16 bicycles, helmets, backpacks, pencil pouches and more each year to kids with perfect attendance. Thank you to Brother **Richard Horn** for his incredible talents in assembling these coveted beauties. Children all over our cities swoon for these. What a pleasure it was to see and enjoy their smiles. One of our winners not only had perfect attendance all year but was honor roll all year as well. It definitely pays to be in attendance! Well done to all those students who worked so hard all year!

No matter how you choose to celebrate your independence this July, be safe and sane. Water before and have precautions ready. Keep an eye open and be a good neighbor. Charity can extend even from the grave. Let us **be giving** with our love and our friendship to all those around us. "**Masonry represents a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community...men who are endeavoring to be better citizens and make our country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly.**" – Harry S. Truman (*President of the United States*)



Have a Great Summer –  
From your Warden in the West...  
*Richard Sherrod*



*June Stated Meeting Dinner*



Sign-in, have tasty appetizers and BBQ'ed tri-tip



Master, Steve High presents Marylynn Topoozian And Tammy Sarr Kindergarten Teachers from Woodrow Wilson Elementary Certificates



Richard Sherrod presents a certificate Honoring Scott Kallam, a Veteran.



P.M.'s Forrester and Wallace



Kaz Monazzami And Richard Sherrod



Widows Club



Juliet Vitz and Richard Haggerty and the Casey Family



## *Richard Frey's from the Archives*



Last month my question was: "We started with only 15 members in January, 1905, how many members do you think we had when we received our Charter in October of 1905?"

From the original meeting, while Under Dispensation, until Chartered on October 12, 1905, Las Palmas Lodge admitted 36 Master Masons by affiliation (in addition to the 15 Charter Members). They Raised 9 men, and had 4 Fellowcrafts waiting to be Raised and 1 Entered Apprentice waiting to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Within 10 months of its start, Las Palmas Lodge went from 15 Charter Members to a total of 60 dues paying members. Dr. Angus B. Cowan, a noted physician in Central California, was the first petitioner for degrees.

To join a Masonic Lodge and maintain membership costs money in the form of application fees and dues. At the original meeting of our Charter members, the yearly dues were set at \$6 per year. In today's dollars that would be equal to \$145. It is amazing how close that is to our current yearly dues of \$105.00.

In 1916 the application fee was \$75.00 plus six months dues in advance. In today's dollars the application fee would be \$1,643.24. In 1931 the application fee was \$100 plus 6 months dues paid in advance. In Today's dollars that \$105.00 equals \$1,470.00. In the middle of the great depression, Grand Lodge sent out a letter requesting that no Lodge reduce its application fees. Today our application fee is only \$230.00. What a bargain Masonry is today.

The question for next month is how many dues paying members did Las Palmas Lodge have in December of 1916 and in December of 1928?

## CHUKCHANSI PARK



# July Birthday's



	<i>Raised Date</i>			<i>Raised Date</i>	
Walter M. Kasabian	7/8	6/16/1953	Hrant Serabian	7/21	10/26/1987
Leland M. Edman	7/1	5/9/1946	Ronald L. Ulrich	7/31	11/7/1963
Elvin L. Cox	7/27	9/10/1953	Tommy W. Hyatt	7/4	10/5/2000
Raymond R. King	7/17	11/2/1957	Larry L. Duba	7/25	2/10/1977
Roy A. Gibbs	7/22	3/29/1973	George R. Richmann	7/2	9/17/1983
James D. Currie	7/9	4/3/1953	Samuel S. Linares	7/23	11/6/1986
Robert F. Edwards	7/12	3/27/1962	Larry R. Goeringer	7/19	2/8/2001
Bert D. Baker	7/13	5/19/1971	Jeffrey A. Olsen	7/21	6/24/1993
Donald L. Green	7/27	1/24/1960	Lawrence D. Hopper	7/12	6/10/1976
Richard J. Smith	7/8	3/18/1964	Matthew A. Pascua	7/27	11/6/1980
Dan L. Eckland, Jr.	7/22	2/13/1964	Bradley C. Smith	7/19	10/6/1983
Donald P. Dick	7/10	12/29/1956	John D. Moore	7/31	11/30/1984
Joe D. Sallee	7/14	11/18/1969	William R. Halsey	7/31	5/6/1993
Saul M. Mendelsohn	7/24	7/22/1974	Thomas A. Heckel, II	7/10	11/12/1987
Thomas A. Haley	7/30	2/24/1983	Armen G. Keledjian	7/12	4/8/1999
Sterling P. Coldren	7/7	12/17/1985	Ryan A Duty	7/21	4/14/2007

## July Menu

Salad Bar  
Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
and all the trimmings  
Vegetarian Beans  
Lots of flavor  
no meat  
Ice Cream

Woodrow Wilson School  
Bicycle Awards Presentation  
Principle Kelly Force  
Angel the Bicycle winner  
Richard A. Sherrod



## IN MEMORIAM

### Andrew R. Tipton Jr.

Born 08/1/1921– Raised 04/06/1957  
Called from labor  
May 30, 2012

## IN MEMORIAM

### Dan L. Eckland Jr.

Born 07/22/1932– Raised 02/13/1964  
Called from labor  
June 17, 2012

## FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

### JULY/AUGUST NO MEETINGS

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

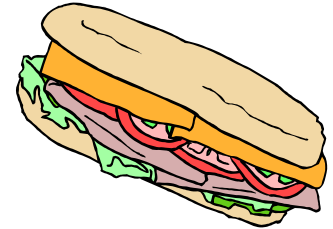
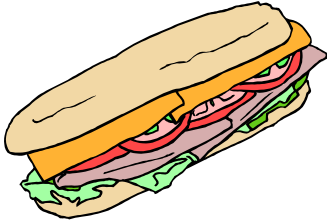
Deli Bar

(make your own Sandwiches)

Salad and Dessert

*Reservations Required*

*\$5.00*



June Widows Luncheon Meeting  
Las Palmas Masonic Center



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:

No Stated  
Sessions in  
June, July  
and August



Queen, Bonnie Gorden

### Pearls of Wisdom from the East,

The 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile was held in Portland, June 8-14. Eighteen from Sharon Temple No. 92 attended. I, Queen Bonnie Gorden, my daughter, 6 Past Queens, Pr. Royal, Jeri Rouch, Pr. Tirzah, Lenore Storke, 6 ladies of the household and 2 Nobles.

There was much to see and do in Portland including the Festival of Roses Parade, lunch cruise on the Wilamouth River, tours of the city, wine tours, and a tour of the Shriners Hospital for Children which was a highlight of the week. It was on top of a hill with a beautiful view of the city, rivers and bridges. What a sight to see. They even had their own sewing room to make quilts, dolls, pajamas, and misc. items for the children.

Our business sessions included 16 pieces of legislation, with much discussion. Monday morning was Memorial in memory of Past Queens. I placed a rose for PQ Evelyn-Selkirk Metzen, PQ Sidney Borgstrom and PQ WillieMae McCrumen. Tues. and Wed. evenings we were entertained by performances by the many Pageantry units, Patrol units, clowns and our own Temple dancer, Jane Gamoian. Thursday evening, the night we were all waiting for, was the night Pr. Suzie Schumacher was crowned Supreme Queen of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile.

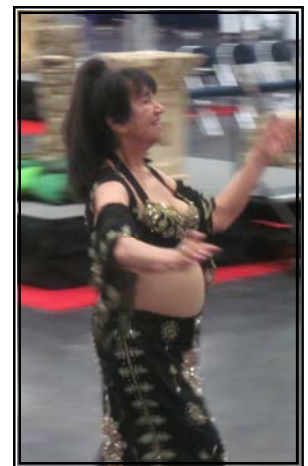
I was very proud of Sharon Temple No. 92 for our accomplishments last year. Out of 143 Temples in the U.S. and Canada, Sharon Temple No.92 place 3<sup>rd</sup> with 329 quilts donated to the Hospitals for the Children. Good Job ladies!! We donated 536 books and magazines putting us in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and with our cash contributions of \$16,000.00, we remain in the top 20 in 12<sup>th</sup> place. The total contributions of The Daughters of the Nile Foundation to the Shriner's Hospitals was an amazing figure of \$2,493,867.11. It makes one feel proud to be a part of this wonderful philanthropic organization when you see how it has changed the lives of so many children.

In Love of Friendship Pearls,

Queen Bonnie



# 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile





SHARON TEMPLE NO. 92  
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



**CHOIR'S 34th ANNUAL LUAU**



**Sunday, August 26, 2012**

at the

**SHRINE CENTER**

5047 E. Olive / Fresno, CA

*He Anaina O Ka Lani: 4:00PM / Luau: 5:00PM*

**Fabulous Hors d'Oeuvres/Desserts  
Hawaiian Dinner  
Entertainment**

**\$ 22.50 Per Person**

*Tickets from Choir Members  
or send reservation by August 20<sup>th</sup> to:*



**Door Prizes**

**Opportunity Tickets Available**

Pam Forrester  
8539 N. John Albert Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93720-1976  
**Make check payable to: Sharon 92 Choir**

**To Win \$100, \$75 or \$50**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

Net proceeds to benefit the general fund of Sharon Temple Choir

**Make check payable to: Sharon 92 Choir**



## Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.

### *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 Dockin
Martha: . . . . .	Ruth Sterry
Electa: . . . . .	Lynn Haggerty
Warder: . . . . .	Freda Cazier
Sentinel: . . . . .	Jim Wilson

### Members of Eastern Star:

This will probably be my last chance to write in the Las Palmian as Worthy Matron of La Sierra-Venus Chapter. We had a wonderful consolidation meeting with Raisina-Fresno Chapter No. 89 on Wed. June 6<sup>th</sup>. With a great dinner served by Sisters Marty Jauss & Jeanette Foote. Our Worthy Patron John Herring was so pleased to present 2 Scholarships from the Order of Eastern Star to two very deserving students, Sister Katie Neilsen from Ripon, the co-coordinator of consolidations presided over the joint meeting and after all voting was finished, a break was taken to prepare for Installation of Officers of the newly formed Chapter. Name-Legacy Chapter No. 555. Sister Linda Rodie from Raisina-Fresno Chapter was installed as Worthy Matron, and Brother Cliff Henderson dual member of both chapters was installed as Worthy Patron, with Sister Susan Quinville & Brother Gordon Keeton, as Associate Matron and Associate Patron, Donna Herring P.G.M. as Secretary & Bro. Kurt Dockin, as Treasurer, and Sister Becky Davis as Associate Conductress from La Sierra-Venus as the elected officers. Other appointed officers were: Sister Jean Hodge: Chaplain, Sister Ethel Day: Marshal, Sister Virginia Bergeron-Organist, Sisters Jeanette Foote: Adah, Kay Dockin: Ruth, Ruth Sterry: Martha, Lynn Haggerty: Electa, Freda Cazier: Warder & Bro Jim Wilson: Sentinel. 2 officers will be installed later. This is a new beginning for five chapters that have been consolidated in the past. A Wonderful History can be told about each chapter and will be kept in the History books of our Eastern Star World. We are proud of all members of the chapters and have worked together many years and are now One Family. I was pleased to have a part in the Installation and will promise my support in the future. We invite all Brothers and their wives to seek membership in our new chapter. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday nights at 7:30, with refreshments at 6:30 at Las Palmas Masonic Center. Thank you Bro Jim Clark for all you do for our order.

Lovingly, Lena Cook:  
Last Worthy Matron of La Sierra-Venus Chapter 2012.



COME ONE – COME ALL - JOIN US FOR AN **OES/MASONIC FUN NIGHT!**



## A PICNIC AND THEATER IN THE PARK



### "A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE"

Tuesday - July 24, 2012 at Woodward Park

Dinner Provided: 6:30 PM - Show: 8:00 PM (Free - Donations Accepted)

**Entrance to the park:** Free to Seniors and Disabled

For others: \$3.00 per car (good reason to carpool)



The Shakespeare Theater is in the back of the park (near the Japanese Gardens). Follow the small signs. Drop you passengers off and park in the designated area (a bit to the side). There are places to sit but you can bring your own lawn chair or sit on the lawn. Bring mosquito repellent just in case.

RSVP to: Diana Gardner (559) 978-0706 or  
Dorothy Heskett (559) 299-8538

For Theater Seats and so we know how much food to prepare

## Rainbow Girls Shine Through Benevolent Service

In every assembly, girls are constantly being reminded about the value of service, but it's really amazing when the girls take it upon themselves to serve their community without being nagged by the advisory board. The Heart of the Valley Assembly has spent the past term devoting their time, unselfishly, to service. The girls participated in benevolently helping out at a senior center, picking fruit for the homeless



and lending a hand at a turtle rescue. Not only did the assembly dedicate their time to the less fortunate but they had a blast doing it.

At the start of the term, our worthy advisor set up a service project at Gentle Hearts Senior Center. The girls that attended planted flowers, played music for the ladies living there and kept them company by simply talking to them. The girls used their wonderful talents to put a smile on the faces of those in need.

Another project done this term, the Charity pure service project was called Fruit



Picking for the Homeless. Throughout the term, the girls went out to pick fruit, which was then donated to the local rescue mission. Even in the brutal Fresno heat, we managed to have a great time. I loved seeing the smiles on the volunteers at the Fresno Rescue Mission when they saw the

trunk full of fruit.



Finally, a great way to end a term of service is with a project that really inspires the girls. Our worthy advisor planned another project that she was truly passionate about: the turtle rescue. The girls had terrific time learning about and caring for the



turtles. The meeting afterward was filled with hilarious stories of the girls' and adults' fun-filled experiences and misadventures.

If actions speak louder than words then this term was an enthusiastic shout out for Heart of the Valley. The altruistic actions and service of the girls made wonderful impacts on the community and revealed a spotlight on the hard work of rainbow girls everywhere.

*Samantha Jones*

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*Have a Safe Fourth of July*

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*



We had such a great time in the Grizzlies Den at Chukchansi Park we are scheduling another game, August 30, 2012, call for your reservation early.

Per Capita bill has arrived, please check your dues card, if it does not have December 31, 2012 your are delinquent. We have twenty members who are delinquent. This year we are going to have Stated Meeting Dinners in July and August. Check out the menu on page five. Richard Vitz, our fine chef and his staff continue with the excellent food.

Join us for coffee most week day mornings!



*July Lodge Calendar of Events*

July 10, 2012	6:00 P.M. Officers Meeting
July 19, 2012	6:00 P.M. Appetizers
	6:30 P.M. Dinner
	7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
August 30, 2012	5:30 P.M. Grizzlies Den, Sky Box



GRIZZLIES BASEBALL  
CHUKCHANSI PARK  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012  
LAS PALMAS-PONDEROSA LODGE NO. 366  
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
(GUYS NIGHT OUT)

