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Greetings from the East



July was an "Inferno" here in Fresno. We had a great time at our stated meeting with authentic Mexican food prepared by the Moreno family along with some very

wonderful guests. We traveled to **Fresno Lodge** for an Eastern Star event and spent a wonderful evening with the Ladies and Brothers. Congratulations to **Priscilla Manfredi** as she has done a wonderful job this year!

As we roll into August it is hard to believe that Summer (for the kids) is almost over. Most kids go back to



school on August 20th. "Back to School Night" and "Open House" are right around the corner. Shoppers, grab your carts (maybe sterilize them first) and let the specials begin! My, how time flies...

The **Grand Lodge of California** and other local fraternal organizations are now beginning the move into the "technology era." More and more groups are created each day on Facebook. Over 1 billion people are now on the Facebook website. This technology can be a huge asset as it has the potential to open the doors to many new members and allows Masons around the world to communicate and share ideas. If we wish to engage the youngest members in our ranks, we must be willing to be open to new ideas and these amazing tools. Like the light saber (or fire) these tools can be used for both good and evil. Keeping our websites and information secure should be one of our top priorities. I had the pleasure of hooking up a projector system for a concordant body of Masonry and stream video wirelessly to a 6.5' x 12' screen. Let us use these "technologies" to have more family events and more fun together!

As our family floated in the pool this evening and watched the sunset (just before being pounced upon by my dunkful daughter) we realized that *so many of us* are truly blessed. As friends of our family fight for their very lives in the hospital (and soldiers fight across seas for our freedom) I realized that too many of us take this freedom for granted. This freedom is quite simply *a choice* and touches on several life laws including Life Law No.2: You create your own experience and also Life Law No.6: There is no reality, only perception. If we choose to let talk radio worry us, it will. If we choose to let the "news" be bad, it will. *Life is what we make it!* I choose to avoid talk radio and obtain my news selectively. There is a reason they call TV "programming." Skip the commercials and go hug your significant other. Tell them and show them how much they mean to you. This is what life is all about!

This Mason is truly blessed to have the honor of being Master this year (and Patron as well) and it just takes something as simple as a purple sunset and "dunkful daughter" to remind us. So go take off your shoes, wiggle your toes in the sand and grass and enjoy the most gorgeous sunsets in the solar system. Rise and retire with the sun and read a good book before bed. It stimulates the imagination and gives the brain what it needs... attention. This month I recommend "*Life Strategies*" as well as "*The Secret*" and also "*Who Moved My Cheese?*" Great books for dealing with the eccentricities of life while teaching us strategies and secrets! And who here doesn't like secrets...

Have an Amazing August and see you for steak soon...

From the East RA-2069

From the West



It's the time of year when we go dark; it goes hand and hand with baseball, hotdogs, and BBQ's. What this means is that it's the season where friends, family and brothers can all join in the celebration of friendship. Last week I sat in a lodge in Los Angles and with another Senior Warden, as we sat and talked, he told me that they had a man that had asked to take the Degree's of Masonry thinking that is was a charitable organization, but after doing some online "reading" he decided that it wasn't. I looked at the Senior Warden and said, did you explain to him all the things that Mason's do? He thought for a moment and then asked what I meant. I simply asked, did you tell him about the Language Centers of the Scottish Rite or the Shiner's Hospitals? He simply said no,

but then replied maybe I should have. The reason I'm telling you this story is simple, in many cases all the Masonic Organizations think of each other as a totally different organization. The truth of the matter is when we are teaching our candidates or talking to our prospects we should truly give them the whole idea of Masonry and what we believe in and how we support each other through a larger community. The prospects of today are the future Masters of Lodges, Thirty Second Degree Masons, or Potentates of the Shrine and as a Blue Lodge, we should help them find the path that calls them. As all of us move between our different affiliations we should think about all the people we come into contact with and in this time of rest we should think about our friends who may join in a different part of Masonry.

I missed a really great dinner last month; the July Stated Meeting Dinner prepared and served by the Moreno Family, checkout some pictures from the dinner.

Nathan Senior Warden











Greetings from the South

Our July Stated Meeting Dinner was a great dinning experience, the



Moreno Family did an outstanding true Mexican Dinner, best of all the Officers got the night off, were able to sit and enjoy being served for a change, the dinner started with as you see in the photo, chips, salsa, homemade guacamole, fresh fruit and chrimp cocktail. Fresh calad, beaps and



shrimp cocktail. Fresh salad, beans and shredded beef with flour tortillas were served followed with

strawberry swirl ice cream for dessert. We had prospect Raymundo

A. Gonzalez Jr. and a guest attend dinner and an applicant Arnel Clemente and his wife were introduced to Masonry by Worshipful John Herring. We are looking forward to our August Stated Meeting Dinner,





Worshipful Bersani, Worshipful Wallace, Worshipful Sallee will be preparing a tasty salad bar, appetizers and wine . Richard Ehorn will bar-b-que 10 oz. New York Strip steaks to perfection with a baked potato and mixed vegetables followed with a tasty dessert. Join us by making your reservation today with our Secretary, call (559) 268-2303 or

e-mail; lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net .

God Bless

Freddie Junior Warden

Join us August 15, 2013 for the Hiram Award presentation to; Worshipful Richard W. Frey



July Stated Meeting Dinner





Color crayons, pencils, notebooks, and math kits are all a part of back to school season. Children all over Fresno are getting signals that they will be going back to school soon. Each will count down the weeks and days that they have left before that school bell rings. Last minute vacations days will be taken to make those great summer memories. Camp seasons will be ending soon and things will regain that familiar grind.

For the Masons their own hallowed halls will be brighten with the march toward the year end transitions. This is often when the gents prepare to move up and the hum of mumbled ritual work emerges once again from the other side of a closed door. Well it is in our home. Degrees are prepared for and new members will be joining us for Stated Meeting dinners. Let's make our guests feel welcome.

It is great to come back to apple season. I had a neighbor that brought me all her windfalls. I put up jars and jars of apple butter. After I put the kids to bed I would take down my roaster. Put a cup of apple cider vinegar into a roaster half full of water. My dad gave me an apple peeler corer and I would spin those windfalls pare out brown spots and the occasional worm and plop that peeled apple in my water bath. I would be done in about an hour. I would rinse the apples, break them up, sprinkle sugar and cinnamon/spice mixture and some fresh apple juice and put the roaster in the oven on 275 degrees covered and let it cook all night long. In the morning I would blend it up in all its brown yumminess and put it in boiled jars. Finally, I would pop the jars in a water bath boil the seals to vacuum and them let them cool. It was like apple pie on toast. That is the smell of summers end.

Make special memories as the summer day's finish flying by. Richard says that family comes first. So before we get back into the swing of things at Lodge, love each other... make an amazing memories... try something new. Sleep outside under the stars. Count the space junk or find a new constellation. If you have never done this it is easy. You need sleeping bags, pillows, flashlights and a large piece of plastic sheeting. Open the sheeting lay out the sleeping bags and pillows. Dad covers everyone up as they nuzzle in their bags of course dad get in his sleeping bag last. Flash lights go off and enjoy. Happy storytelling, sky watching and have a happy night. By the way if you do this in the back yard don't forget to turn off the sprinklers. That could be fun too...

Here was my recipe:

2 qt. water 2 tblsp. Salt 6 lb. apples, covered, peeled and sliced 2 qt. sweet cider 3 ½ to 4 c. sugar 1 tsp. ground cinnamon ½ tsp. ground cloves ½ tsp. ground allspice

Combine water and salt. Add apples. Drain well but do not rinse slices. Put through food chopper, using finest blade. Measure pulp and juice (there should be 2 qt.). Combine with cider. Place in large enamel pan. Center pan in moderate oven $(350^{\circ}F)$. Let mixture simmer about 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours until cooked down about half and is thick and mushy. Stir thoroughly every half hour. Put mixture through sieve or food mill; it should yield $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ qt. (I cooked longer at lower temp.)

Combine sugar and spices; add to sauce and return to oven. Continue simmering about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours or until thick, stirring every half hour. To test, pour small amount onto

cold plate. If no liquid oozes around edge, apple butter is cooked. Pour into hot jars; adjust lids and process in boiling water bath (212°F) 10 minutes. Remove jars and complete seals unless closures are self-sealing kind. Makes 2 qt.

--Farm Journal's Country Cookbook, revised edition (1972) I love this cookbook! In CA use and electric roaster on the porch. It is cooler on the house!



International Order of Rainbow for Girls





Help Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls save the environment and collect funds without spending a dime! Joy (Pictured Right) is collecting your used aluminum cans and plastic bottles as her Hope Project. Please place used cans and bottles in separate trash bags and let us do the rest. We can come and collect the cans and bottles from you or you can bring them to our stated meetings. Saving the environment and helping our assembly is as easy as that. If you have questions, please contact ; Assistant Mother Advisor: Chandra Blasquez <u>Chandra.blasquez@gmail.com</u> 559-862-4152 Mother Advisor/Area Grand Deputy: Dana Regier <u>jdjregier92@aol.com</u> 559-289-6536 Masonic Liaison: Jim Redman <u>dolphindad2012@yahoo.com</u> 559-437-0101/559-779-6687







Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 International Order of Rainbow for Girls





Flamingo Flocking

By Josette Losurdo

I have a confession, after seeing Hitchcock's The Birds as a child, I am afraid of flocks of birds, but tonight after a long day as chairman and Worthy Matron for our Deputy Grand Matron's reception, I came home to find the friendliest flock of flamingos in my yard! Thank you for flocking me, it capped off a wonderful tiring day and made me smile. It made me think of all the wonderful young ladies of the assembly and the amazing crazy adults. Here are some pictures!



International Order of Rainbow for Girls





Catholic Charities Food Distribution

Members and Advisory Board Members participated in Catholic Charity's Food Distribution Program on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Over 30,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables were distributed to nearly 700 needy families in the Fresno Area.





International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Summer Fun in the Sun!

Mystery Trip (Pismo Beach) June 29, 2013



Founder's Day Swim Party July 20, 2013



International Order of Rainbow for Girls





Mrs. Brenda Sullivan's Farewell ~ Wednesday, July 24th

Heart of the Valley Assembly sadly said goodbye to Mrs. Brenda Sullivan, Assistant Mother Advisor at their July 24th meeting. The Sullivan's are relocating to Johnstown, Pennsylvania after living in Fresno the past three years. Mrs. Sullivan is a Past Grand Drill Leader from Florida. California Rainbow will forever hold Mrs. Sullivan in our hearts for her dedication to Rainbow and her Epic Craft Days. We wish you and Mike safe travels and know Pennsylvania Rainbow is waiting with open arms. We're going to miss you!





Calendar of Events

- August 3 Northern Instructional ~ San Francisco August 14 Stated Meeting (Initiation) August 24 Rainbow University ~ Clovis Masonic Center August 28 Stated Meeting (Back to School Night) September 11 Stated Meeting (Veterans Night) September 24 Our Official Visit ~ Clovis Masonic Center Stated Meeting ~ Farewell September 25 October 5 Installation of Officers
 - (1 pm Clovis Masonic Center)

If you have not attended a Heart of the Valley meeting in some time, please join us any 2nd or 4th Wed of the month, 7:00 pm. at Clovis Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring bodies to come out and attend our meetings – We have a stellar group of young ladies who LOVE Rainbow and it

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?

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Princess Tirzah Carol Rae Littleworth
Princess Badoura Joyce Richardson
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Princess Marshall JoAnn Evans
Princess Chaplain Jeanne Esheim P.Q.
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Lady of the Gates Jeanette Foote
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Princess Zulieka Jean Denton
Princess Zenobia Elaine Lewis
Princess Zora Debbie Sanborn
Princess Zuliema Marlene Gardner
Princess Musician Karen Lasky
Attendant Brenda Matias
Attendant Jeanne Cunningham

NILE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 04 Tulare-Kings Nile Club, 11:30 A.M. Home of Pr. Verna Crabtree 644 Village Green, Porterville
- 08 Choir Luau 4:00 P.M.-Social, 5:00 P.M. Dinner Tehran Shrine Center
- 11 Nile Stated Session 7:30 P.M. Las Palmas Masonic Center Banquet Room, Temple Patrol
- 18 Nile Sewing 9:30 A.M. Tehran Shrine Center



I can't believe that the month of July has almost expired. This summer is just flying! We've had Supreme Session and the Ice Cream Social. They were both very successful. The Social had some of the best yummy desserts. Sorry if you missed it!! See the attached pictures

By the time you read this, we will have had the Queen's Dinner. I am really looking forward to this occasion. A good dinner and lots of conversation with friends. Time to catch up with what everyone has been doing.

Then, we move into the month of August. Wow! It is packed with several events and I hope you'll be able to attend at least a few of them. August 3, is the Patrol Luncheon for the Queen. This will be held at the Spike and Rail in Selma. August 10 is the Jewelry Party (more about that). August 19, is the Queen's Trip to Morro Bay. We will board the paddle-wheeler for a two hour tour and lunch. There are a few spaces available, so if you're interested, give PQ Tina Adams a call. It should be a wonderful break from the Valley heat!

The "Love for the Children Tour" Jewelry Party will be held at the Shrine Center on August 10th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. All proceeds, including the representative's commission, will be given to the "Tour." This is a special project for the 100th Anniversary of Daughters of the Nile. The jewelry is by Premier Design. Hope you're interested enough to come see us. We will have snacks and refreshments.

It won't be long and we'll be getting back into our usual routine. I am hoping that we can gain a few more of our current members, as well as add to our membership. Ladies, all you have to do, is get into the habit of attending on the second Wednesday of every month. If you need a ride, give one of us a call. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you in September!

Sparkles of Nile Love, Queen Jeri Rouch

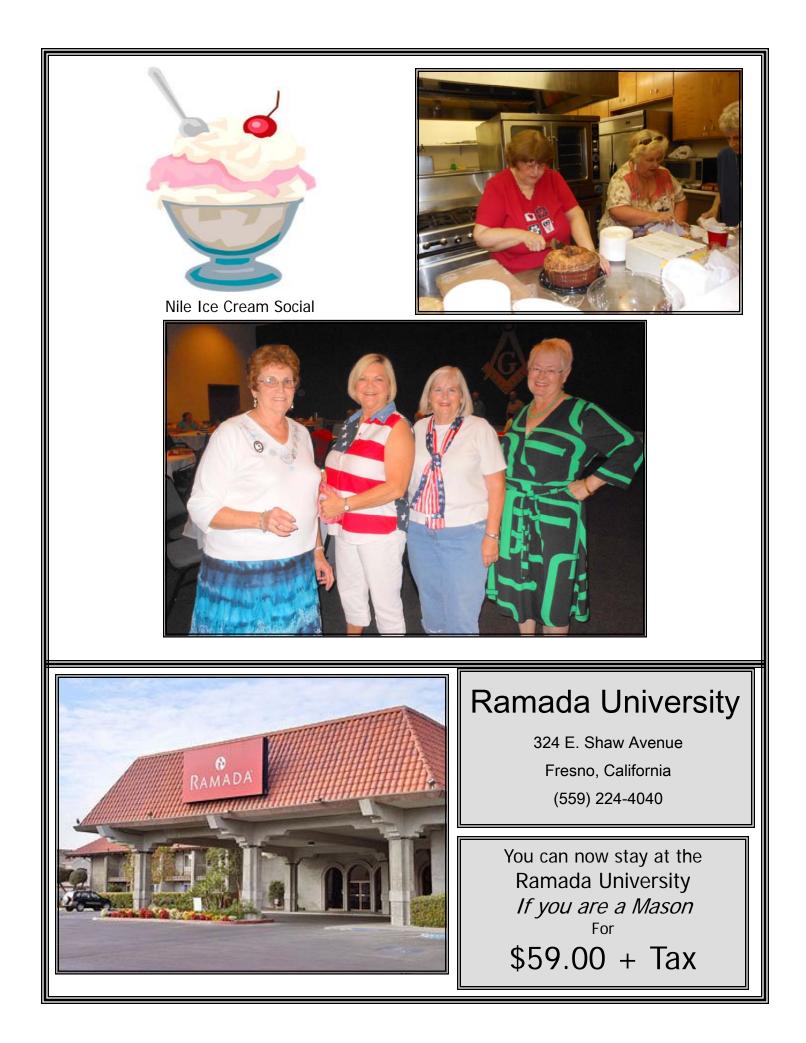




Nile Ice Cream Social







from the WIDOWS CLUB Las Palmas-Ponderosa JULY Stated Dinner

JOIN US

Come join us and enjoy great fellowship with kindred friends. We meet the last Wednesday of each month. * at 12:00 o'clock noon for lunch at Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 East Clinton Avenue, Fresno CA.

Looking forward to seeing you! R.S.V.P. Ethel Day, President (559) 276-2631 • Bobbi Cabbie Carder, Vice President, (559) 322-6851 • with exception of July, August and December DARK July and August







<image/>	2013 OfficersWorthy Matron:Susan QuinvilleWorthy Patron:Gordon KeetonAssociate Matron:Kathy LeeAssociate Patron:John HerringSecretary:Donna HerringTreasurer:Kurtis DockenConductressBecky DavisAssociate Conductress:Darlene HendersonChaplain:Judith HealyMarshall:Frieda CazierOrganist:Carol LittleworthAdah:Jeanette FooteRuth:Ruth SterryElecta:Lynn HaggertyWarder:Stephen HealySentinel:Bob DavisPrompter:Dick HaggertyFlag Bearer:Stan LittleworthPhotographer:Linda Rodie

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State Center Chapter DeMolay International

MEETING DATES First and Third Mondays 7:30 P.M. Fresno Masonic Center Contact; Bryan Schmalll



Bethel No. 49 Jobs Daughters

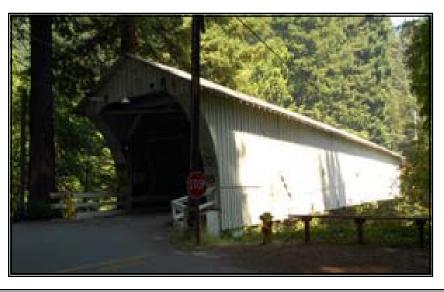
MEETINGS DATES Second and Fourth Wednesdays 7:30 P.M. Fresno Masonic Center Contact; Jayne Harmon (559) 299-4385



Paradise Park Masonic Club is the best kept secret in Masonry! Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc. is located about 2 miles from downtown Santa Cruz, California along the San Lorenzo River. This area was once dotted with saw mills in the early 1800's, followed by a short lived San Lorenzo Paper Mill in 1860, and then finally the California Powder Works in 1861. The company ceased operating at this location in 1914.

In 1924, the land was purchased by a group of Masons seeking a place to get out of the heat of Fresno. Their vision was a place for campsites and family recreation. Today the 138 acres of land are jointly owned by 391 members belonging to the Freemasons or the Order of The Eastern Star. On a walk around Paradise Park,

besides the numerous places to live, one would find historical structures and markers, a covered bridge (1872), picnic grounds and a social hall for all our many activities and various recreational facilities. With all this, it is the fellowship of our Masonic members that makes Paradise Park Masonic Club, a paradise.



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No 366 has several Brethren who own allotments in Paradise Park. Below is one allotment that is for sale in Paradise Park today;

381 Hiram Road

Located in Section Two, Approximately 1,275 square feet, two bedrooms, one and one half baths on a 50' X 110' foot allotment with after noon sun and room to add on. Updated kitchen, spacious living room, with efficient propane fireplace. In addition to forced heat throughout. Large laundry and pantry areas with lots of storage. New laminate wood floors, efficient windows and treatments. Newer washer and dryer and electric range, All appliances included, plus generator for power outages. Back side patio for entertaining. Attached single car covered parking and woodshop area.



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge does Degrees in Paradise Park Social Hall





Brothers from the Park and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 come together to raise a Mason!



P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives

When my father died in March of 1967 our Lodge not only conducted his funeral, it sent a beautiful standing flower arrangement in the shape of a square and compass. When I became a Master Mason in 1968 and started to attend the stated meetings, I remember the secretary reading the bills for funeral flowers as well as flowers that had been sent to brothers who were sick at home or in the hospital. Over time this practice was stopped due to the cost. In the early days of our Lodge, there was a different practice.

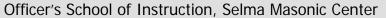
On October 31, 1927 Lodge was opened for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Bro. Jacob Franklin Niswander. The Masonic Funeral was held at a local funeral home. In the bills that were paid at the November Stated Meeting there appears: "Chas. S. Shirreff

(Quartett-Niswander) \$12.00" A month later there was a similar bill because Ernest Henry Verble, a PM of Traver Lodge in Kingsburg and now member of Las Palmas Lodge as well as Inspector of the 60th Masonic District had died. By May of 1928 the cost for a quartet for the funeral of Charter Member Duncan Donald Allison PM had gone up to \$15.00. Only two months later the funeral quartet in Oakland for our organist, George Henry Taylor cost \$30.00.

At the December 1927 Stated Meeting the following appears: "Jas. R. Erskine presented many problems confronting the Masonic Fraternity of Fresno in regard to the building of the new Masonic Temple and after considerable discussion by the various members a motion was regularly made, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to canvas the members of Las Palmas Lodge as to the amount each member would pledge to the purpose of erecting a suitable Masonic edifice in the City of Fresno, with the understanding that in case of a member's death the full amount the member had paid would be immediately refunded to the family of the deceased member." (Remember that the existing Temple was only 16 years old at this time.)

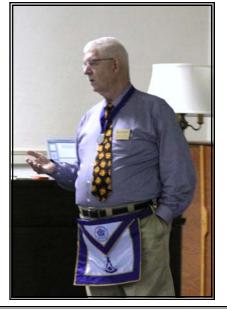
On motion a committee was to be appointed by the W. M. to distribute Christmas cheer among the poor in Fresno and the Secretary was instructed to draw a warrant for \$50.00. The W. M. appointed Bros. Meyering, Jones and Leas. That \$50.00 in 1927 would be worth over \$650.00 today.











AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S



	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Jack M. Afonin	8/26	9/5	Dick J. Manoogian	8/7	8/30
William H. Ahlenslager	8/16	2/9	Patrick K. Martin	8/3	6/11
Eugene L. Bos	8/22	10/3	Robert M. Preston	8/10	11/18
Linley P. Cole	8/5	12/16	Robert F. Reid	8/17	11/12
Jack E. Constance	8/13	3/29	Brian K. Richburg	8/2	2/24
Benjamin F. Davis, III	8/16	3/23	Frederick A. Richburg, M.D	. 8/12	5/12
Bill M. Ennis, Sr.	8/7	9/1	Richard A. Sherrod	8/4	3/1
Leonard A. Gottner	8/7	4/18	Richard D. Silva, Jr.	8/6	1/29
Bernard R. Hollenbeck	8/28	10/20	Jack M. Snauffer	8/12	2/27
Alvin L. Hopkins, Jr.	8/12	4/2	James O. Sutherland	8/26	4/24
Earl M. Hudson	8/24	1/26	Roger E. Telegan	8/27	5/10
James M. Keeton	8/11	9/25	Charles R. Vaughn	8/1	5/1
S. S. Krikorian, Jr.	8/2	2/13	James W. Wilson, II	8/18	2/25
Walter E. Kron	8/21	9/29			



The pictures in the Las Palmian are by our outstanding Photographer Brother Courtney Bacom

IN MEMORIAM

Kendrick M. McKinley Born 11/09/1935-Raised 12/19/1956 Called from labor July 11, 2013

August Stated Dinner Menu

Our August Stated Meeting Dinner will be as always our outstanding Salad Bar and Appetizers and dinner prepared by Worshipful Bersani, Worshipful Wallace and Richard Ehorn with wine provided by our generous Brethren. Dinner will be New York Strip Steak, Bake Potato, Chives and sour cream, Vegetables, rolls and

butter.







Fresno Masonic Widows Club

July/August DARK Las Palmas Masonic Center

President;Ethel DayVice-President;Bobbi CarderSecretary;Betty VeffredoTreasurer;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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From the Secretary's Desk



We still have a few Brethren who have not paid their dues, Please call or e-mail the office if you have a problem paying your dues, we may be able to help. Thursday, September 5, 2013 is Past Master Night, last year we had twenty-one P.M.'s in attendance, hopefully we can honor even more this year with a tasty New York steak. Many thanks to the Moreno Family for the wonderful Mexican dinner, was enjoyed by all. With much regret we cancelled the August 1, Grizzlies' Game, will again do our regular game next year.

Join us for coffee week day mornings!!



August 13, 2013	August Calendar 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Meeting LPP Officers Meeting to follow	
August 15, 2013	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Hiram Award 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting	
August 28, 2013	6:30 P.M. Dinner, Las Palmas Masonic Center 7:30 P.M. 3 rd Degree Advanced Stations, Selma Exemplify with two raps to obligation. 20	Richard W. Frey P.M.