



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



# The Las Palmian

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## Season's Greetings from the East



We gave thanks in November for all the wonderful blessings we have been bestowed with. Our Creator has given us purpose and ability to help those around us. We offer our thoughts and prayers for those who live in the Philippines and wish them the best in their time of need. Masons of California has made it convenient for you to help financially if you are able: <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?jsessionid=6B80B80063716E07D05548DC51C1E1FC.node2?id=10640> The Beehive is a symbol of industry for all Masons and teaches us that we should never sit idle when it is in our power to help those around us. Whether it is the Philippines or closer to home, Masons take pride in helping out in their local communities. We recently received a very generous contribution from the **Leon S. Peters Foundation** toward our Masonic Child ID and also our Bicycle Program. Mr. Peters was a man of high values and ethics and greatly loved his community. With this contribution Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge will continue to encourage and protect the youth of Fresno County for years to come.

November was a noble month as we helped to confer degrees at **Scottish Rite** and our own **Patrick Martin** was made a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason. Congratulations to the Scottish Rite's graduating class of 2013. **Legacy Chapter OES** had their Installation of Officers and **Concordia Chapter** is now a part of that wonderful Order. We look forward to **Cathy Lee** and **John Herring's** upcoming year as Matron and Patron. On November 7<sup>th</sup> we raised Brother **Sean Flanagan** to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Congratulations Brother Flanagan! On November 14<sup>th</sup> we passed our own Brother **Cory Hulsey** to the degree of Fellow Craft. It is a wonderful adventure as we witness and participate in these young men's journey through manhood and help them discover all that awaits.

Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is right around the corner. The chill of a new Winter Solstice (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>) is just weeks away. **Saint John the Evangelist** has his day on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that December also includes Human Rights Day (Dec 10<sup>th</sup>), Hanukkah and even Boxing Day (Dec 26<sup>th</sup>)? Boxing Day is also known to many as *re-boxing* to return gifts day. What to get that special loved one for Christmas?

Installation for many Lodges and organizations is right around the corner. What a wonderful pleasure it has been to serve with the Officers and Past Masters who guide and support Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. Many Past Masters such as **James Wilson II**, **John Herring** and **James Vaughan** as well as others serve behind the scenes on boards and committees without all the upfront glory and **to them** this December is dedicated. Thank you gentlemen for your continued service and support in this and so many endeavors!

Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 1 PM and all are invited to attend. Have a safe and happy holiday and **smile big** to keep that loved one warm during these chilly December days. Be sure to visit our website at <http://www.lpp366.org/LPP/Home.html> to keep up with and learn more about all that is happening here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge! Great pictures of many friends and loved ones are included in the link above and are sure to bring a smile to all who visit. Have a delightful December!

Richard  
Worshipful Master

*Merry*   
*Christmas* 

Happy Holiday's *From the West*



*November Stated Meeting was Election of Officers*  
*Master Elect; .....Richard A. Sherrod*  
*Senior Warden Elect;.... Nathan A. Williams*  
*Junior Warden Elect;.... Freddie E. Thiel*  
*Treasurer Elect;.....Richard L. Ehorn*  
*Secretary Elect;.....James C. Clark*  
*Trustee;.....James W. Wilson II P.M.*  
*Hall Association.....George R. Forrester P.M.*  
*Joe D. Sallee P.M.*  
*Kevin P. Casey*

Courtesy Third Degree, Sanger Lodge No. 316  
Sean Flanagan



*Christmas Greetings from the South*



December Stated Meeting Dinner





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

*Cordially invites you to  
Attend the*

*One Hundred Tenth  
Annual*

*Installation of Officers  
Sunday, January 5, 2014,  
1:00 P.M*

# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



## Merry Christmas

Briana's mystery trip was a behind the scenes tour of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. We met our guide, Tim, at the Zoo's Educational Center and headed for our first adventure with Reptile Robb. We entered the Reptile House and where we were close to some of the world's most fascinating animals. After visiting these rainforest inhabitants, we went on a Safari to visit Giraffes, Zebra & Wart Hogs. We enjoyed feeding lettuce to the Giraffes and learning how the keepers work with many different animals. Our tour was capped off by viewing a training session in the Sea Lion Cove Lagoon and touring the back stage area and talking to the trainers. Our guide Tim bid us farewell and we had some free time to wander through the zoo before heading for a delicious pizza lunch.



Briana is frightened by the many reptiles on display



Sea Lion Cove training session



Behind the scenes at the Sea Lion Cove



Delicious pizza for lunch

# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



*Initiation and Welcome Luncheon – November 2, 2013*



*Welcome Gwen & Kaylyn*



*Four generations of Rainbow Girls!*



*Worthy Advisor Briana & Faith Rhiannon*



*Heart of the Valley Assembly*

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*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



## Supreme Challenge

By Dana Regier – Mother Advisor

Look who won the Supreme challenge!!!! Way to go girls an honor for your efforts in helping Williams Elementary with back-to-school supplies. A big thank you to Joy for submitting our assembly in the Supreme challenge. I am so proud of you!!! Now for the pizza party

**C H A L L E N G E**

### November Supreme Challenge

Congratulations to Heart of the Valley Assembly in California and Moline Assembly in Illinois for winning the September and October Challenges! Enjoy your pizza party, courtesy of Supreme Assembly!

As we give thanks for our many blessings this November, let's be sure to give thanks to those who protect us and put their lives on the line - especially those who are serving in the United States Armed Forces. For great support ideas, type "support military troops" in your search engine and you will find that there are many great ways to show them your thanks. Share how you and your Rainbow sisters are supporting our brave heroes by entering pictures here this month. Never forget our troops in the years to come, but the deadline to win a pizza party for your assembly is Nov. 27 - so get your entries in!

**Click here** to submit your photo!

The bulletin board features several decorative elements: a small circular photo in the top left, a large colorful flower in the top right, a cross-stitch pineapple in the middle right, a circular necklace of colorful beads in the center, and a photo of three girls smiling in the bottom center. There are also several colorful markers scattered around the board.

# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



*District 28 Grand Cross of Color Observance – November 9, 2013*



By Sarah Doyle

You know you're a Rainbow girl when....(not necessarily all at the same time)...you can eat breakfast, drink your coffee, have a phone call, brush your teeth, put your lipstick on, watch out for the highway patrol because you're really bookin' it AND say your part at least another 3 times in the hour plus drive from home to your next event.

What a great morning we had for Grand Cross of Color observance in Clovis California! I am PROUD to share this photo on my own page just in case you don't subscribe to [CA Rainbow Girls](#). That's me in the middle with the black jacket hugging my favorite Grand Officer of all time, Bernice Dyck (yellow shirt). The Grand Cross of Color Observance, organized by Mrs. [Dana Regier](#), Area Grand Deputy and Mother Advisor of Heart of the Valley Assembly.

We had a wonderful time and I proved to myself that I can still learn memory work. We've formed a loosely organized alumni association with one goal - Assist and help the current girls of the Central Valley. Our intent will be to meet once a quarter and make up a talents list to put the "old guard" to work on special events such as OVs, prep for GA, crafts and whatever may come up.

A few of us tripped thru some old scrap books and BD had a bunch of comments about this clipping or that handwriting. {\*\* PLEASE find the time to have her share more of her memories before we lose this treasure. \*\*}



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



## Recycle Project

Help Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls save the environment and collect funds without spending a dime! Joy (Hope) 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:

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## Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

Nov 27	No Meeting		Thanksgiving
Dec 4	Family Masonic Dinner	5:45 pm	Fresno Masonic Center
Dec 10	Fort Millerton OES	5:45 pm	Fresno Masonic Center
Dec 11	Stated Meeting	6:30 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Dec 18	Christmas Pot Luck	6:30 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Dec 25	No Meeting		Christmas
Jan 8	Stated Meeting	6:30 pm	Clovis Masonic Center
Jan 22	Stated Meeting	6:30 pm	Clovis Masonic Center

## State Center Chapter Calendar of Events

Dec 2	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm	Fresno Masonic Center
Dec 4	Fresno lodge dinner serving	6:00pm	Fresno Masonic Center
Dec 8	Scottish Rite Installation	1:00 pm	Scottish Rite Center
Dec 14	DeMolay Day of Comfort		(Valley Children's Hospital visit)

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 shows!!

**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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Sharon Temple No. 92  
2012-2013  
Officers

Queen . . . . . Jeri Rouch  
 Jr. Past Queen . . . . . Bonnie Gorden P.Q.  
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 Princess Tirzah. . . . . Carol Rae Littleworth  
 Princess Badoura. . . . . Joyce Richardson  
 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 Zulioka . . . . . Jean Denton  
 Princess Zenobia. . . . . Elaine Lewis  
 Princess Zora . . . . . Debbie Sanborn  
 Princess Zuliema. . . . . Marlene Gardner  
 Princess Musician . . . . . Karen Lasky  
 Attendant . . . . . Brenda Matias  
 Attendant . . . . . Jeanne Cunningham



Queen, Jeri Rouch

*NILE OCTOBER CALENDAR*

- 04 Tulare-Kings Nile Club, 11:30 A.M.  
Christmas Luncheon  
Lamp liter Inn  
3300 W Mineral King, Visalia
- 11 Nile Stated Session 7:30 P.M.  
Las Palmas Masonic Center  
Soup Dinner 6:00 P.M.  
Banquet Room, Elected Officers  
Pr. Royal. Chairman
- 15 Queen's Holiday Open House  
Tehran Shrine Center 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

**No Nile Sewing in December**

*Merry Christmas*

*November has been a great month for Sharon Temple. First, we had a beautiful and successful Luncheon and Fashion Show. A "Big" thank you to all who helped and attended. Next, we had a wonderful Ceremonial and welcomed nine new Princesses into our Temple.*

*On November 15<sup>th</sup>, a group of eight Supreme Appointees, Past Queens, Officers, and Princesses traveled to Reno to the Official Visit of the Supreme Queen. This was a night for Ammon-Ra Temple to shine. It was also a special night for Sharon Temple. We had three generations present, and Supreme Queen Margaret Ann Risk was ready for pictures!!*

*Our December 11<sup>th</sup> Session is our annual Soup Supper. Members, Nobles, and guests will be treated to some good "eats!" On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Queen will host an Open House from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Shrine Center on East Olive.*

*The Officers and members of Sharon Temple would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Sparkles of Nile Love, Jeri, Queen*

# Merry Christmas

*Legacy Chapter No. 555  
Order of Eastern Star*



## Ramada University

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Fresno, California  
(559) 224-4040

You can now stay at the  
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*If you are a Mason*  
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**\$59.00 + Tax**

*from the WIDOWS CLUB*  
*Las Palmas-Ponderosa November 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  
Denny's Restaurant 1110 East Shaw 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*



*As one of the several Masonic widows enjoying the benefits of Las Palmas Ponderosa members - I thank you for ALL THE COURTESIES. The special table you set for us, the favorable responses to our requests, the dinners, the little favors we find on our table - it is all greatly appreciated.*

*Our husbands would be proud to know that tradition lingers on - protecting the widows.*

*Fraternally while wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday,*

*Anonymously, one of the widows.*

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*E-mail received at the office*



## *Worshipful Richard Frey's form the Archives*

Las Palmas Lodge has had a long history of having law enforcement and military personnel as its members. Unfortunately, some of these brothers have given the ultimate sacrifice while on duty. Over 50 years ago my father told me that in his "class" at Las Palmas Lodge there was a brother who was killed in the line of duty shortly after being raised a Master Mason. While I never forgot this conversation, I never pursued looking into the details until now. It turns out that brother Frank Grant Campbell received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on November 20, 1929 and, as a member of the Fresno Police Department, was killed in the line of duty on January 15, 1931. As we approach this Holiday season, we should

be thankful that we have brothers who have, and continue to, put their life on-the-line for our safety and freedom.

On March 12, 1931 Lodge was opened in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and two brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, a 3<sup>rd</sup> brother was then examined as to his proficiency in that degree. Lodge then closed and everyone repaired to the banquet room where "Bro. Chas. R. Barnard gave a very interesting talk on the subject 'A Layman Watching his Case through the Courts' which was followed by a brief discussion."

July 16, 1931-- The Lodge had been informed that the money it had on deposit with The United States Building and Loan Association of Fresno was now in jeopardy as the Building and Loan Association was now in the hands of the Building and Loan Commissioner of California.

On the same date it was reported that the Sanger Masonic Temple was destroyed by fire earlier in the month and that Sanger Lodge was in desperate need of Lodge paraphernalia. Las Palmas Lodge moved that our Secretary secure new aprons for all of our officers so that our old aprons could be donated to Sanger Lodge. September -- the Secretary announced that he had procured a new set of aprons for the officers at \$10 each.

November 14, 2014, Cory Allen Hulsey, Fellow Craft Degree



*Merry  
Christmas*





# DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthdate	Raised	Birthdate	Birthdate
Ronald C. Bautista, II	12/9	3/25	Bradley F. Lockwood, Jr.	2/23
Dewayne R. Bien	12/9	7/13	L. Dean Lowe, Ph.D	12/25
Don J. Blosser	12/27	10/6	Mitchell L. Mirigian	12/23
Douglas C. Boudakian	12/11	4/5	George M. Pavlovich	12/13
Robert B. Buchanan	12/7	1/28	James H. Peloian	12/4
Kevin P. Casey	12/20	9/4	Paul E. Redondo	12/27
James C. Clark	12/19	4/12	Maher M. Saber	12/5
William E. Clark, D.D.S.	12/14	7/3	William E. Sawtell	12/25
Kenneth J. Elia	12/23	10/27	Lawrence H. Smith	12/5
Charles E. Garabedian	12/20	10/18	Daniel W. Stone	12/2
Bryan P. Lee	12/30	11/11	Edward C. Stumpf	12/1
Benjamin F. Lewis	12/14	5/27	Thomas E. Topjian	12/7
Dee T. Lewis	12/20	9/8	James S. Wadkins	12/7
Stanley F. Littleworth	12/2	5/1	Ronald W. Weiner	12/20

## IN MEMORIAM

### Phillip W. Maher

Born 02/13/1937-Raised 02/23/1971  
Called from labor  
October 31, 2013

## Congratulations

to  
Brother James Finks Sr,  
100th Birthday  
October 31, 2013

Our December Stated Meeting Dinner will be as always our outstanding Salad Bar and Appetizers. Our Past Masters Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace will be helping with food preparation and drinks. Will have Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, rolls and butter and desert. Joe Sallee P.M. will be purchasing and cooking again.



Call today for reservations!

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

January 29, 2014  
Denny' Restaurant  
1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Ethel Day  
Vice-President; Bobbi Carder  
Secretary; Betty Veffredo  
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;

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DECEMBER 2013

Merry  
Christmas

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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*



*The Stated Meeting dinner for November was outstanding, we had delicious appetizers and a fresh and tasty salad bar prepared by Past Master's, Bersani and Wallace, Joe Sallee with his wife, Linda prepared wonderful deviled eggs, creamy mashed potatoes, yams and green beans! Many thanks to those who helped set-up the Banquet Room and those who helped serve dinner. Election of Officers has been completed, Join us for Installation, 1:00 P.M., January 5, 2014 at the Las Palmas Masonic Center.*

*We have a very busy month planned for December, please check the calendar.*

*Have a Wonderful and safe Holiday Season!*

*Join us for cookies and coffee weekday mornings in December!!*



*December Calendar*

December 5, 2013;	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree
December 10, 2013;	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LPP Officers Meeting to follow
December 12, 2013;	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Second Degree
December 19, 2013;	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
December 26, 2013	DARK, day after Christmas
January 2, 2014	DARK
January 5, 2014	1:00 P.M. Installation of Officers



Join Santa at the  
December Stated  
Dinner for pictures