



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



# *The Las Palmian*

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## Greetings from the East



**Gratitude!** Our family had this word which was our theme for the month of January. We are thankful for the time spent with friends and family at Christmas, New Years and our Las Palmas-Ponderosa annual Installation of Officers. Words cannot express the *heartfelt appreciation* to the 100+ individuals who attended. You all helped to make this one of the *most joyful occasions in our Masonic history!* Thank you all so very much for your show of support! Nanette, myself and all the Officers of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge look forward to serving you in 2013.

February brings to us warmer weather along with Groundhog Day, the Super Bowl, Mardi Gras, Presidents Day and the long awaited Valentine's Day. February for our family is the Month of Love! One of our favorite groups is the **Widows Club** and we Love those wonderful ladies! We will be expressing our gratitude to these lovely ladies at our February stated meeting dinner.

Most of the time Love can be found with just simple Gratitude. Being grateful for the loved ones in our lives, the sunrise and sunsets, the Earth and all her enduring wonders and *just waking up in the morning* can positively motivate yourself and those around you each and every day. I am grateful for having the opportunity to type this and being able to share my thoughts with others. My wife behind me typing her article means that I am truly blessed! Get up each morning and say, "What good will I do today?" Before bed each evening ask yourself, "What good *did* I do today?"

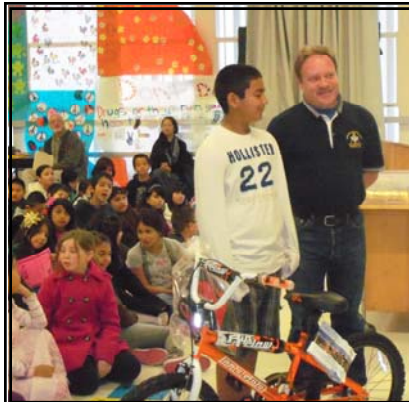
Masonry brings together families of many beliefs and cultures and helps to guide individuals in creating and using their "Moral Compass." By using the stone Masons tools as a guide, we unknowingly practice a Japanese philosophy (which America exported in 1949) known as "*Kaizen*." This philosophy of improvement is a daily process which includes praise and possibly gratitude. Be grateful for such wonderful friends and family knowing that actions speak louder than words.

*Thankfulness* was in the air at **Powers-Ginsburg Elementary School** on January 22<sup>nd</sup> as we gave away two bicycles along with backpacks, helmets and pencil pouches to students with perfect attendance. What a pleasure it was to see the smiles and feel the anticipation as we drew the names of those lucky winners. What was even better is that we got to do it again just two days later at **Wilson Elementary**. By the way **Philanthropy** (*Philos-Anthropos*) is the reason that most men state for joining Masonry.

*What brings you to Masonry?* Submit your answer to [4Wiseway@zoho.com](mailto:4Wiseway@zoho.com) as we look forward to hearing and sharing your answers. Suggestions or improvements? You are learning Kaizen I see... send those comments as well.

Enjoy the wonderful weather, give thanks for all we take for granted and LOVE those around you with heart-felt actions every day. We look forward to good times together again real soon with all of you at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge**. Have a Fantastic February!

Richard, Worshipful Master



Worshipful Sherrod and his Family attended the Powers-Ginsburg Elementary School Public Schools Program. Presented two bicycles, ten back packs and ten pencil pouches for this quarter.



This month is the month of love. I hope everyone tells their special someone how special they are. The ladies of our Widows Club this is the month we celebrate you. We love you so much. We want to give you a warm hug as we celebrate you at this month's stated meeting dinner. The Ladies of the Lodge will be having free blood pressure checks in the foyer. We will have health info available for all those who would like it.

Our Ladies will be playing a new game called Farkle. If you have never played, it is a hoot. It is similar to the game Zilch, one of our family favorites. Come and join us for this wonderful time of fun! All of our Las Palmas-Ponderosa Women and our Widows Club are always welcome to join us. Please come and share some of your visions for our group. Next month we are going to have a special speaker on scrapbooking. Come and learn some new things and get some great new ideas. Just in time for our Secret Trip that is coming up. You will not want to miss that!



## 2013 Installation of Officers





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## *P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives*



The greatest honor a Masonic Lodge can give a fallen brother is to give him a Masonic Funeral. Our Funeral is part of our ritual and portions, if not all, of it are memorized by the certified Funeral Master. From the beginning of Las Palmas Lodge and up until the mid 1950's the procedure was to open Lodge in the Third Degree of Masonry, call to refreshment, and then go to the funeral home, church, or cemetery and conduct the funeral. When the funeral was completed, the officers returned to Lodge and closed Lodge in proper form. However, Las Palmas Lodge was a very busy Lodge and on October 9, 1919 after the funeral of fallen Brother, the Officers returned to the Lodge room and conferred two Third Degrees. One of those candidates was Orval Gurnea Roberts who would be our Master in 1927.

It has been many years since our Lodge was opened for the purposes of conducting a Masonic Funeral. With the changes made at our last Grand Lodge Communication, this procedure was changed. Now if Lodge were to be opened for a funeral, it would be in the First Degree.

On November 17, 1919, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island passed the following resolution: "WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has learned from the officers and members of Overseas Lodge, No 1, U.D., of the faithful and untiring interest shown by several brethren of other jurisdictions in the formation and work of Overseas Lodge while in Coblenz, Germany, BE IT RESOLVED, that at this Semi-Annual Communication held at Freemason's Hall, Providence Rhode Island, this seventeenth day of November 1919, it be the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island that its thanks and appreciation be expressed to Brother Lieut. Ernest M. Myers, Las Palmas Lodge No. 366, Fresno, California, for his invaluable services rendered to Overseas Lodge while in Coblenz, Germany." Brother Myers became our Master in 1926.

### January Stated Meeting Dinner



Worshipful Ahlenlager was presented an Resolution for his service as a Trustee by Worshipful Frey.





# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



Heart of the Valley Assembly ended 2012 with an assembly Christmas Party. We had a pot luck dinner, gift exchange and even a visit from Santa. Two Rainbow Pledge Sisters joined the festivities and treated us to a Christmas Carol sung in Chinese. What a treat!



Heart of the Valley Assembly kicked-off the New Year with fun and excitement. At its January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had a Mystery Advisory Board Member (Mrs. Jones) and Etiquette Training afterwards in the dining room. Believe me, our Advisory Board Member, Mr. Regier, needed training!



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## *International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



On January 9<sup>th</sup>, HOV Charity, Makayla, delivered 50 bedside craft kits to Children's Hospital Central California to bring joy to children unable to leave their room for crafts due to their illness.



On January 12, Heart of the Valley held initiation for 3 new members; Haleigh, Lexis and Analisa. What a wonderful initiation! Each and every officer said their memory work clearly and proficiently! It was one of the nicest initiations in a long time. We even had Mr. Redman give a wonderful lamb skin apron lecture! Good job, HOV! After initiation, we had a delicious lasagna lunch provided by the Advisory Board.





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*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



We attended District 22 OES Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on January 19th at Las Palmas Masonic Center. Worthy Advisor Samantha Jones gave the Gavel Talk, Jobs Daughters performed their Robe Ceremony and DeMolay Master Councilor Christian Titman performed a traditional Indian Tribal Dance. After the Eastern Star Event, several of us traveled to Upland to attend California Rainbow's Last Official Visit.



**Heart of the Valley Assembly cordially invites you and your family to attend its Installation of Officers on Saturday, February 2, 2013, 2 PM at the Clovis Masonic Center.**

If you haven't been to a Heart of the Valley meeting in some time, please join us any 2nd or 4th Wed of the month at 7:00 pm. at the 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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**State Center Chapter**  
*DeMolay International*



Worshipful Sherrod  
Presenting  
Bicycles  
At  
Wilson School  
Thursday  
January 24, 2013



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*from the WIDOWS CLUB  
January Stated Meeting*



*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 Zulioka . . . . . 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

*NILE FEBRUARY 2013 CALENDAR*

February 6, 2013; 11:30 A.M. Tulare-Kings Nile Club  
Club Birthday Celebration  
Home of Pr. Margie Mylander  
1550 W. Brian Lane, Portersville  
February 13, 2013; , 7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Session  
Las Palmas Masonic Center  
Banquet Room; Pageantry  
February 20, 2013; 9:30 A.M. Nile Sewing  
Tehran Shrine Center  
Hostess; Pr. Jeanette Fraley  
Pr. Jeanette Wells

Pearls of Wisdom from the East,  
Greetings,

I have a correction from my last article. Our January 9th meeting was a Memorial in which we paid tribute to 10 of our dear members who have passed this year.

Now, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Supreme Queen of Daughters of the Nile, Suzie Schumacher on January 23rd. I am also very excited and honored to hear that there will be approximately 22 visitors in attendance from other Temples of Daughters of the Nile.

I am very proud of the great ritual work of my officers and look forward to our Ceremonial when we will be initiating one of our newest members, my daughter, Lisa Marzullo. I will be a proud "Mom" for sure.

Several of us from Sharon Temple No. 92 will be going to Burlingame to Islam's O.V of the Supreme Queen on January 28th then on February 1st, there will be approximately 45 members, Nobles and friends joining me for my 'Queens trip" to the Shriner's Hospital for Children of Northern Calif. in Sacramento for lunch and a tour of the Hospital with Supreme Queen, Suzie. I am really looking forward to a fun and heartwarming day.

That's it for now but will have lots of details and pictures in the next article. So until then, "Keep Hope's Taper Burning".

In Nile Love of Friendship Pearls,  
Queen Bonnie



*Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.*



Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron  
Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron

*February Calendar*

February 6th  
Brothers Night  
Dress; Casual  
Chairman; John Herring  
Co-Chairman; Gordon Keeton  
February 20th  
"Awesome 80's"  
Chairman; Lynn Haggerty  
Co-Chairman; Juliet Vitz

*2013 Officers*

Worthy Matron: . . . . . Susan Quinville  
Worthy Patron: . . . . . Gordon Keeton  
Associate Matron: . . . . . Kathy Lee  
Associate Patron: . . . . . John Herring  
Secretary: . . . . . Donna Herring  
Treasurer: . . . . . Kurtis Docken  
Conductress . . . . . Becky Davis  
Associate Conductress: . . . Darlene Henderson  
Chaplain: . . . . . Judith Healy  
Marshall: . . . . . Frieda Cazier  
Organist: . . . . . Carol Littleworth  
Adah: . . . . . Jeanette Foote  
Ruth: . . . . . Kay Docken  
Esther: . . . . . Beth Abate  
Martha: . . . . . Ruth Sterry  
Electa: . . . . . Lynn Haggerty  
Warder: . . . . . Stephen Healy  
Sentinel: . . . . . Bob Davis  
Prompter: . . . . . Dick Haggerty  
Flag Bearer: . . . . . Stan Littleworth  
Electrician: . . . . . Cliff Henderson  
Photographer: . . . . . Linda Rodie

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S



	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Farrell B. Collins	2/27	1/27	Richard D. Childs	2/16	6/13
Earl J. Cousins	2/5	3/21	John R. Scott	2/16	6/6
Virgil E. Ahlberg	2/21	10/4	Richard E. Vitz	2/27	2/4
Harold C. Cox	2/10	10/11	Robert A. Papazian	2/4	6/1
Rodney B. Rowlett	2/21	4/10	Richard M. Donaldson	2/10	6/9
William B. Shelly	2/11	12/10	Timothy R. Tyler	2/10	11/5
Wayne E. Lindsley	2/7	3/13	Steven R. High	2/22	9/14
Gaylaird K. Bissell	2/22	5/26	Alan A. Hansen	2/19	9/6
Philip W. Maher	2/13	2/23	Jason I. Weiner	2/17	3/5
John K. Baird	2/6	5/18	Larry C. Minasian	2/27	10/11
Cline C. Jack, Jr.	2/23	10/31	Ali R. Hatamaria	2/19	12/11
Richard W. Frey	2/21	4/11	David J. Sorge	2/15	10/26
Michael W. Reynolds	2/29	5/2	Kyle N. Elsalhi	2/14	9/11
Jerome A. Thormann, Jr.	2/9	11/6	Jesse M. Smart	2/11	1/22

## IN MEMORIAM

### *Leland M. Edman*

Born 07/01/1922– Raised 05/09/1946  
 Called from labor  
 January 7, 2013  
 Golden Veterans Award 1996



February Stated Meeting  
 Dinner  
 Menu  
 Salad Bar with Appetizers  
 Chicken Cordon Bleu  
 with  
 Ginger and Spice Blueberry  
 Chutney  
 Rolls with Butter  
 Rice Pilaf  
 Mixed Vegetables  
 Bread Pudding with  
 Spiced Cream Sauce



Chef Vitz



## *Fresno Masonic Widows Club*

February 27, 2013, 12 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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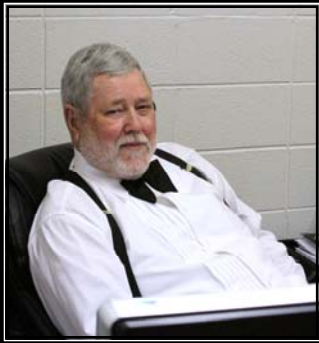


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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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*



*Check out our web site, [www.lpp366.org](http://www.lpp366.org). there is now a link to Fresno County Federal Credit Union which you can be a member. February 16, 2013, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge will host the Grand Lectures Seminar, 8:30 a.m. breakfast, 9:30 a.m. First Degree for all Officers, Officers Coaches in Division Six.*

*Join us for coffee week day mornings!!*



January/February Calendar

January 24, 2013,	6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree Practice
January 31, 2013,	6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 P.M. First Degree Practice
February 7, 2013,	6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree or Practice
February 12, 2013	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Meeting LPP Officers Meeting to follow
February 14, 2013,	DARK; Valentines Day
February 21, 2013	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Widows Night 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting Inspectors Official Visit
February 28, 2013,	6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree or Practice



*Remember  
Flowers and  
Sweets for  
your loved ones*