



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

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Greetings from the East



What a wonderful February we had! It started with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls (IORG) Installation and all had a great time. Those girls know how to have FUN! Then came a Super Bowl won by cornish game hens. We attended "Brothers Night" at Legacy Chapter and even got to participate in "Family Feud." On Feb. 16th Las Palmas hosted the Grand Lecture's Ritual Seminar. About 90 Masons from around the state came and listened to the Grand Lecturer Jack M. Rose as he showed us and many others how it is done. Many questions were answered and all who attended enjoyed an *outstanding breakfast* and very informative and positive seminar. On the 18th we attended the Job's Daughters Bethel No.49 initiation and witnessed excellent ritual and amazing floor work. These girls were *meaningful* and *elegant*. What a *pleasure* it is to support today's youth groups. Today's youth, tomorrow's leaders!

Our February Stated Meeting Dinner celebrated "Sweethearts Month" and was a special celebration for the ladies and Masonic Widows. As I look around our organizations (Star, IORG, Job's and more) I see how *giving* and *supportive* these wonderful women are. Masons are truly blessed to be surrounded by such love and kindness. February should be *every month*. Thank You ladies for so much!

March will bring to us warmer weather and even put a "Spring" in our step. From **St. Patrick's Day** to **Palm Sunday**, **Good Friday** and even **Easter**, March brings many celebrations and opportunities to spend with friends and family. Mark your calendars now and plan ahead, call that special someone and tell them how much you miss them. Go ahead, make their day!

So how many know what is behind the March (Martius) meaning? Is Mother Earth feeling the initial kicks from inside the womb? Countless creation myths start with a cosmic egg... now we know what the Easter Bunny is for! Clear as 15th century mud. Nothing that curiosity and a Google search engine can't clear up... maybe.

Las Palmas has brought so much to my family. My wife and I will be attending the Masters Retreat in Monterey in March and look to bring back a lot of inspiration and information. What the future holds for all of us is never found by looking back. It begins from "this moment on" and is determined by each action we choose. Smiling and being a positive role model can bring warmth and enlightenment even before the weather does. Life Law No.6: "There is no reality, only perception". Acknowledge your history without being controlled by it. Ten Life Laws hold residence on the most sacred of places for my children, the refrigerator door. Valuable lessons like No. 5: "Life rewards action" and No.8 "We teach people how to treat us" are basic fundamentals for life that our schools simply don't have the time to teach. Life law No.1: "You either get it or you don't" explains guite a lot actually. This is why Nanette and I got married. This is why my kids do excellent in school (Family comes first). Even why I became a Mason (Demand more of *yourself* and others). I wanted to surround myself with "smarter, more caring" individuals. Enter Masonry. This is why my father became a Mason... because my mother insisted! Weldon (Jake-my dad) Sherrod loved Masonry and Scottish Rite! It was my mother's family that had all the great outfits and swords in those old photos. Who were those guys? What did they do? It sure looked like they had fun! Like those great big smiles at **Youth Group** installations and initiations which **you too** can attend. Go ahead... make their day!

Have a wonderful March! Richard Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West



This month, We have had many great things going on, By far the best was seeing all of the brothers that came to visit us for the Grand Lecture's Seminar, hosted by Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. It always amazes me how brotherly love prevails in all things. During the seminar our Officers did an amazing job proving that practice makes perfect and received high praise from our brothers from all over the Division, I know it makes me proud to be a me a member of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge and proud to call myself an Officer. We all answer different calls in life and we are all here to support each other in our triumphs Thank you again my brothers

Nathan, Senior Warden

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY













Salutations Ladies...

We had a splendid February. I cannot thank our wonderful widows group enough for a great evening. Thank you to Lisa for doing the blood pressure screenings after dinner. We are so fortunate to have you as part of our Lodge family. Our ladies were going to play games but we had an enjoyable evening just getting to know one another. We kind of adopted Josh, Nathan's guest prospect and had an enjoyable evening.

March will be an exciting month. I enjoy this luck month! For our family, the youngest member Chance has a birthday and will be 13 years old. This year we celebrate St. Patty's day. For us, this is the day Richard and I first met as I sang St. Patty's day songs at Brother's night for our Eastern Star Chapter. That was 2 years before our first date. So for us it is a very special day; a bit o' the Luck of the Irish for sure! We are beginning spring on the 21st with a full moon close behind as we celebrate Easter on last day of the month! This will be a busy month!



Ladies please bring your bonnets to our Stated Meeting dinner. I would like all the ladies to join an Easter Parade. Decorate it in spring colors and frills upon it. I was requested to sing... so... if you will join the fun... I will sing "Easter Parade!" Everyone will get a prize and we will have the Master and the two Wardens choose for three special prizes. Thank you ladies for making our meeting night fun and for all of your support! We will have tea in the card room and do a mystery activity. I look forward to having another great night of fun and fellowship!

Greetings from the South



What a great night, being installed as Junior Warden. I want to thank our Officer's Coach, Chuck Bersani, P.M. Larry Bennett and our Inspector, Worshipful Coleman for their time and effort with my Junior Wardens work. Our Chef, Richard Vitz and his crew prepared a wonderful dinner, with a great salad bar and many tasty appetizers. It was a special night honoring our Widows. As always we were able to serve everyone, we had many without reservations, so please

remember to call our Secretary for the March Stated Meeting Dinner, we try not turn anyone away! We

have a busy month scheduled for March, practices, degrees, widows luncheon and meeting, School of Instruction at Selma Masonic Center and lots of fine dining! So checkout our Calendar, call or e-mail to socialize and dine with us.

Again thanks for attending our events

Freddie, Junior Warden



February Stated Meeting Dinner









P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives

All it takes is one black cube to keep a good man from becoming a Mason. Mistakes can happen, and sometimes the tragedy can be remedied as in May, 1918.

"May 16, 1918 WHEREAS at the Stated Communication of Las Palmas Lodge, held on Thursday evening, April 18, 1918, the Petitions for Degrees of Messrs. William Lee Matlock and Robert Udell Sibley were rejected, and

WHEREAS, there was in attendance at the meeting a member, who, a few days later was committed to a sanitarium for a mental ailment, and

...said brother had dealings with Messrs. Matlock and Sibley and

WHEREAS, it has been intimated that said member in his incompetent condition was responsible for the ballot being unfavorable, and

WHEREAS, if said Brother was in anyway responsible for the rejection of the two above mentioned citizens, we feel a great injustice has been done these two men, who are above the average of the citizenship of our community, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we request the grand Master for a dispensation to receive and act upon the petition for the two above named parties, as provided in Section 106 of the Grand Lodge Constitution."

The Dispensation was granted and they were elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry at a Called Communication on June 6, 1918 when third Degrees were conferred on two other brothers. Messrs. Matlock and Sibley received their First Degrees on June 27, 1918.

Tricks on a new Master have also taken place at the ballot box. If there is 1 black cube, there must be a second ballot to remove a possible mistake. However, if there are 2 black cubes in the ballot box, there is no reballot. At my first stated meeting there was voting on 1 petition and the ballot box contained 2 black cubes. Therefore no re-ballot. While no member of the Lodge ever came up to me with a confession so that the problem could be resolved, I always felt that two members, independently, decided to see if I knew how to conduct a ballot. Unfortunately a good man from our community was probably rejected by two brethren who were testing my knowledge on how to conduct a ballot. Such actions are not an example of Masonic conduct.



Left to right; Just installed, Freddie E. Thiel, Junior Warden, Worshipful Sherrod, Installing Officer, Patrick K. Martin, Junior Steward and John A. Hopper, Chaplain



Michael Lewis, Fresno Scottish Rite Does a presentation.









Grand Lectures Seminar Breakfast Las Palmas Masonic Center















2013 Secretaries and Treasurers Retreat San Ramon



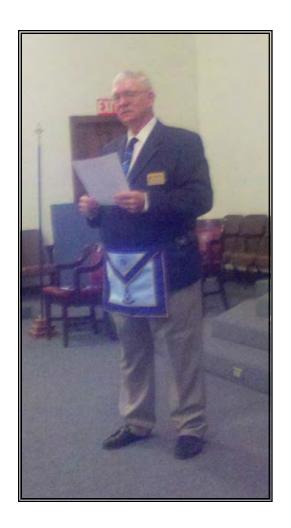
Pictured above, left to right; Treasurer, Richard L Ehorn, Assistant Secretary, Joe D. Sallee P.M.; Secretary, James C. Clark all from Las Palmas-Ponderosa No 366, Secretary, Michael G. Lewis P.M. Mariposa No. 24.

2013 Secretary and Treasurer Retreat held at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel was a great learning experience for all who attended. Change is coming! Sessions for both beginning and advanced iMember classes, Intacct, the accounting and reporting systems, Digitization of Lodge files, Renewedc

Pictured below, left to right; Grand Secretary, Allan L. Casalou, visiting with the brothers, Assistant Grand Secretary, James E. Banta, Inspector 602 District, Christopher T. Rucker







February 27, 2013 School of Instruction
Hosted By Sanger Lodge No. 316.
at the Sanger Masonic Center.
Selma Exemplified the First Degree.
Worshipful Coleman Inspector614it District,
conducted the school, great
interaction with the Officers and Coaches.
614th District
Sanger Lodge No 316
Selma Lodge No. 277
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366





International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Heart of the Valley Assembly

Heart of the Valley Assembly started 2013 with mixed feelings. Emily Fink received the Majority Degree at our January 23rd meeting. Emily's Mom, Karen, performed the Majority Degree and Josette Losurdo served as Faith. We'll miss Emily as an active Rainbow Girl. We know Emily will hold Rainbow forever in her heart!



After the majority degree, the Assembly presented Worthy Advisor Samantha Jones with a beautiful scrap book filled with memories from her term of office.



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



Heart of the Valley Assembly held its 36th Installation of Officers on February 2nd. Julia Holman was installed as Worthy Advisor. Julia wore her mother's installation dress!



International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Treasurer, Recorder and Advisors attended Treasurer/Recorder Workshop in Oakland on February 17th. Excellent presentation providing lifelong lessons for our girls. These are our leaders of the future!



Julia, Assistant Grand Musician and Briana, Grand Choir Member for Grand Assembly 2013 attended choir practice at Oakland Scottish Rite Center on February 17th.



International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Don't miss our February 27th meeting. Jessica Regier is receiving her Majority Degree. The Assembly is sad that Jessica will no longer serve as a Rainbow Girl, but know in their hearts that she will continue to serve our beautiful order.



Future Events:

February 23 rd	Epic Craft Day III	Clovis Masonic Center	10:00 -1:00 Membership
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Party

February 27th Initiation and Jessica Regier Majority

March 2nd Ritual Contest 10 AM Tulare Masonic Center

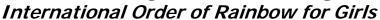
March 13th St Patrick's Day Stated Meeting, Clovis Masonic Center March 21 Masonic Family Dinner Hosted by Legacy Chapter O.E.S.,

Las Palmas Masonic Center

March 23–26 Grand Assembly – Selland Arena, Fresno

March 27 No Stated Meeting

April 10 Stated Meeting (Grand Assembly Theme)





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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from the WIDOWS CLUB March Meeting and Luncheon

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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



Today is Chef Richard Vitz

Birthday!

He and P.M. Chuck Bersani
prepared two kinds of soup
and

A tasty fresh Salad Bar
with all the trimmings!

The widows enjoy a game of
cards following lunch.



More from the Widows Luncheon









Sharon Temple No. 92 2012-2013 Officers

Queen Bonnie Gorden
Jr. Past Queen Dale Obernolte P.Q.
Princess Royal Jeri Rouch
Princess TirzahLenore 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 Zuliema Marlene Gardner
Princess Musician Virginia Bergeron
Attendant Eria Hildebrand
Attendant Louisa Bowron







Queen, Bonnie Gorden

Pearls of wisdom from the East;

As my year as Reigning Queen of Sharon Temple is quickly coming to an end, I am very grateful to everyone for the love and support that I've been blessed with. It has been a very eventful year filled with meetings, luncheons, dinners, trips and fundraisers to support the wonderful philanthropy of helping the children of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. I have had a fantastic year and fulfilled my dream. I am looking forward to our Installation of Officers for the 2013-2014 year when Jeri Rouch will be crowned our new Queen. She has a full slate of officers and I know she will have a wonderful year. I look forward to working with her as Jr. Past Queen. It will be a special year as Daughters of the Nile is celebrating it's 100th year anniversary. The Supreme Session will be held in Grapevine Texas in June and I'm sure it will be a celebration

NILE MARCH 2013 CALENDAR

March 6, 2013; 11:30 A.M. Tulare-Kings Nile Club

Queens Official Visit Installation of Officers

Lamp Liter Inn

3300 W. Mineral King, Visalia

March 13, 2013; 7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Session

Las Palmas Masonic Center

Elections and Farewell

Banquet Room, Sharon Temple Choir

March 16, 2013 Queen's Farewell Luncheon

TBA

Dale Obernotle, PQ Chairman

March 20, 2013; 11:00 A.M. Nile Sewing

Tehran Shrine Center

Salad Bar-Dessert Luncheon Hostess: Jeanne Esheim PQ

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Susan Morris PQ

March 22, 2013; 6:00 P.M. Installation Practice

Las Palmas Masonic Center

March 23, 2013 2:00 P.M. Installation

Queen and Sharon Temple Officers

Las Palmas Masonic Center

we won't forget cause "Ya All" know how those Texans do everything in a BIG way. If you know a lady who would like to know more about what we do, send her our way. She will be surprised at the fun and fellowship that the Ladies of our Household share and we will welcome her to join us.

In Love of Friendship Pearls, Oueen Bonnie

Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.



Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron

March Calendar
March 6, 2013
LOL in the OO's
Deputy Grand Matron's Official Visit
Dress; Formal
Chairman; Becky Davis
Co-Chairman; Bob Davis
March 20, 2013
2nd Annual Masonic Family Night
Anteroom Meeting, Dress-Casual
Chairman; Donna Herring

2013 Officers					
Worthy Matron: Susan Quinville					
Worthy Patron: Gordon Keeton					
Associate Matron: Kathy Lee					
Associate Patron: John Herring					
Secretary:					
Treasurer: Kurtis Docken					
Conductress					
Associate Conductress: Darlene Henderson					
Chaplain:Judith Healy					
Marshall:Frieda Cazier					
Organist: Carol Littleworth					
Adah: Jeanette Foote					
Ruth: Kay Docken					
Esther:Beth Abate					
Martha:					
Electa: Lynn Haggerty					
Warder: Stephen Healy					
Sentinel: Bob Davis					
Prompter: Dick Haggerty					
Flag Bearer: Stan Littleworth					
Electrician:					
Photographer:Linda Rodie					

Legacy Chapter is having a very busy and productive year so far and the fun is just beginning. This spring brings us many fun activities. It is our hope that you will join us for some of them. On March 20, 2013 we will be holding our 2nd Annual Masonic Family Night. This will be a fun evening where we will be enjoying out time together as a Masonic Family as well as a wonderful Italian dinner with all the trimmings. We will be joined by members of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and two Job's Daughters Bethels. We will again be having our Chinese Auction so remember to bring your quarters. Tickets are available from all members of Legacy Chapter as well as from the youth organizations. Tickets are \$10 each, and all profits for the evening will be divided between our youth groups.

Also coming up quickly is our 9th Annual Dinner Theater on April 20th. This year we will be having a Hawaiian theme so please come dressed in your best Hawaiian attire. Appetizers and Silent Auction will start at 5:30pm. The play and steak dinner will start at 6:30pm. Tickets are available from members of Legacy Chapter or if you have any questions please contact Donna Herring. This is a great event and we look forward to all of you joining us.

This year we are honoring all of our members during our meetings. We have already had the pleasure of honoring those who were initiated during the 1980s. Upcoming is those who were initiated in the 2000s (March 6th meeting) and the 1960s (April 3rd meeting). If you have received a postcard from us please come to Chapter so that we can honor you. Also, even if it isn't your decade please come and join us as we honor all our members. It has been fun to learn a little more about each of our members.

We hope that you will join us throughout the year as we create a Legacy for the future.

Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron

Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron Legacy Chapter No. 555

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

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Happy \$\mathscr{H}\$ St. Patricks	Day

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	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Ellery Kirkbride	3/14	1/26	Jack J. Ouzounian	3/20	3/30
Richard T. Stilwell	3/26	5/27	James C. Forshey	3/12	6/16
Billie J. Murray	3/9	10/10	Dwight N. Clark, Jr.	3/25	8/4
Walter Rube	3/17	3/22	Gerald H. Peloian	3/18	10/9
Truman F. Campbell	3/26	11/6	Denton H. Hollifield	3/18	10/29
Rollin C. Hitchcock	3/21	4/15	Robert D. Crossland	3/5	7/24
William M. Coughran	3/2	6/6	Theodore L. Marsella	3/31	4/18
Kay K. Cloud	3/23	6/6	Clifford M. Carrigan	3/18	6/11
Norman Meachum	3/19	9/25	Franklin P. Lewis	3/3	10/9
Edward L. Esheim	3/20	3/25	Timothy E. Jurkowski	3/18	9/19
Richard L. Haggerty	3/30	7/27			

IN MEMORIAM

Roger A. Miller

Born 12/10/1944- Raised 06/02/1988 Called from labor December 21, 2012

IN MEMORIAM

William R. Freeman

Born 12/21/1959– Raised 07/20/1991 Called from labor February 9 2013 MASTER 2000



IN MEMORIAM

Avedis P. Bogosian

Born 12/08/1916 – Raised 07/06/1943 Called from labor February 9, 2013 Golden Veteran's Award July 15, 1993





March Stated Dinner Menu

Chef Vitz's and his cooking crew will prepare a tasty group of appetizers and a full salad bar. Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes with a Mushroom Gravy with Green Peas and another wonderful Dessert. Wow, thank god, no Corned Beef and Cabbage! Come join us for March Stated Dinner and socialize!

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

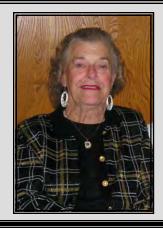
Reservations Required

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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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



What a great month, February, Grand Lectures Seminar, Saturday, March 16th started with a tasty full breakfast, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, potatoes and juice enjoyed by eighty plus Brethren! What a great learning experience provided by our Grand Lecture, Very Worshipful Jack Rose! February Stated Dinner was fantastic, honoring our Widows!

Join us for coffee week day mornings!!

March Lodge Calendar of Events

March 7, 2013 6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Practice. Second Section, Third Degree

March 12, 2013 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Meeting

LPP Officers Meeting to follow

March 14, 2013 6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Tim Taylor

March 21, 2013 6:00 P.M. Appetizers

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

March 27, 2013 12:00 P.M. Widows Club Luncheon and Meeting

Card Room, Las Palmas Masonic Center

March 27, 2013 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Selma Masonic Center

7:30 P.M. Second Degree Las Palmas

