



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



# *The Las Palmian*

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## Greetings from the East



Before launching into the noble month of November, let us reflect on the many wonderful outings and events which took place in October. It started with the **Annual Communication** at **Grand Lodge** in San Francisco. Many fine Masons from all over CA attended and participated in making Masonic Law and designating change for the future. The ladies of our leaders toured the **Disney Museum** (Walt Disney was a Mason!) and had a wonderful time. It



was a great weekend and we saw many familiar faces from all over California.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> we initiated Brother **Arnel Clemente** and the Officers performed a fabulous first degree. Congratulations Arnel! On Oct 17<sup>th</sup> we had roasted pork loin and great guests at our stated meeting. On Oct 19<sup>th</sup> we had the honor of performing the **Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony** for the new **Veterans Home of California** which was presided over by many Grand Lodge Officers including the **Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III**. The new facility is beautiful and what a treat (not a trick) it was to have **Grand Lodge** join us here in **Fresno** in October.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> we attended the **OSI** (Officer School of Instruction) in Sanger. We also help protect children with our Child ID at the Zoo Boo on four days. On Oct 24<sup>th</sup> we performed a courtesy 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for Brother **Thatcher Dougherty**. Congratulations Brother Dougherty! As if this was not enough... on Halloween itself we had the Grand Master of California, the **Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III** in our home presenting four Master Masons their **Golden Veteran Award**. This award is for 50 years of service! The Grand Master of California presenting the Golden Veteran Award to our **Past Grand Master Richard W. Hopper** and also to our own **Assistant Grand Lecturer Div. VI** worshipful **Cline "Cub" Jack**. What an event this was... *50 years in the making!* This is going to be an incredibly difficult Masonic event to top! Congratulation to **all four Masons** who received their 50 year Golden Veterans Award.

We have another third degree on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> followed by second degrees on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our stated meeting on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> will be... (You guessed it) Turkey! The Brethren will be with families and loved ones on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the feast gents, you have definitely earned it!

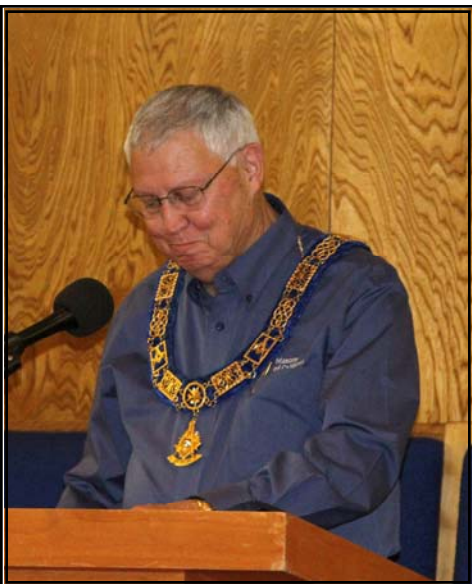
**What encourages and inspires Masons?** Kind gestures, thoughtful words and noble actions go a long way. That praise one Brother receives from another when doing a fine degree or proficiency is always a great start. Being surrounded by men (and intelligent women) who better themselves while helping and caring about others is what motivates many. Good friends (as are loyal employees) are extremely hard to find these days. Many good men and women can be found right here... in the many organizations which frequent *our* Masonic Home. Come join us for dinner on the third Thursday of *any* month and see what makes **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** a place of friends and fraternal family. Have a noble November!

Richard, Worshipful Master

## Golden Veteran's Awards



P.G.M. Richard W. Hopper, Harry "Skip" M. Dyck Jr.,  
Most Worshipful, John L. Cooper III,  
A.G.L. Cline "Cub" Jack Jr. and Robert L. Ulrich









John Sullivan Bible  
Presentation and Signing  
Hanford Lodge No. 279  
Las Palmas Masonic Center, during the Golden Veterans Awards



Worshipful DW Venturella Reading the history of the John Sullivan Bible Story



Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III signing the bible with  
616th District Inspector,  
Worshipful Peter L. Cunningham



Most Worshipful Frank Loui signing the bible and  
Worshipful Peter L. Cunningham



Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III, Grand Master  
and 616th District Inspector,  
Worshipful Peter L. Cunningham



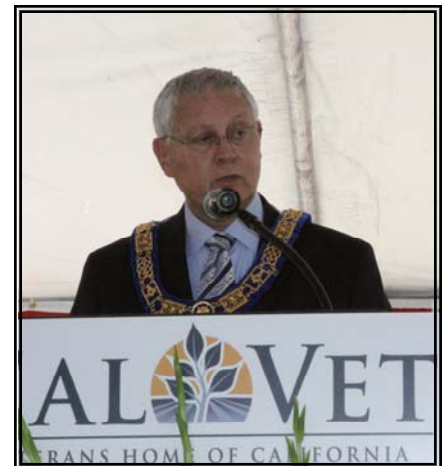


On the left; Worshipful Sherrod, new Entered Apprentice, Arnel G. Clemente and Junior Warden Freddie E Thiel.

On the right; Worshipful Sherrod and Sanger Lodge No. 316 newest Master Mason, Thatcher C. Dougherty, was a courtesy degree at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366.



## V.A. Corner Stone





## Greetings from the South



What a month this has turned out to be. Truly a wonderful month indeed. I wish to thank all the officers for their help and participations in all the degree work we have been assisting in. What a wonderful job well done for our newly obligated brothers.

A special thanks to brothers who assisted in our stated meeting dinner. With their help we were



able to enjoy a wonderful meal well prepared, as always here at Las Palmas/Ponderosa on our October Stated Meeting. And a special thanks to all our members here that contribute to our lodge in so many different ways.

November is ahead and I look forward to the continuance of the friendship and brotherly love that abounds in this lodge, our lodge. There is an abundance of degree work planned 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees, if you wish to attend please contact brother Jim Clark at the lodge office for date and times. It is always a joy to have members here to support the candidates and officers.

I would also like to wish all the officers and members of Las Palmas/Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 a Wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving for 2013.

God Bless, Freddie

## October Stated Meeting Dinner



# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



## ***Pot of Gold Article by: Joy Manion***

Heart of the Valley has been doing exciting projects and fun events. In April, we had many fun things happening. First our Worthy Associate Advisor did a fundraising project where we served "rainbow pancakes." Then a week later, we had my Faith membership party where we went ice skating.

Our first project, where we made and served "rainbow Pancakes", was so much fun! First we started off by all arriving at our Masonic Lodge. We had a table set up to collect tickets and money and we passed out flyers about Rainbow Girls. The tables were covered in rainbow colored tablecloths and we made pancakes of every color. It was good experience for girls to serve and refill customer's drinks so if they need a job later, like working in restaurant, they would have some experience. It was so much fun and we got many compliments on how good our pancakes tasted and our service was very pleasing.

The pancake fundraiser was an overall success! We made around 300 dollars and we were all very proud of our girls for putting so much effort into this event. We can't wait to do something like this in the future.

The following week we had my Faith membership party where we went ice skating. The day started with all of us meeting at the Gateway Ice Center at 12:45. We got our skates on and we were ready to get on the ice at 1:00, which was the start of our session. We all got on the ice! For most of us it was really difficult to stay up on our feet or we were glued to the side rail. But there were some that were able to get on the ice and start skating instantly. We skated until our feet were tired then took a break. We could get candy from the vending machines or get hot chocolate. We all had so much fun!

Once our session time was over, I gave a little speech telling the prospective members that we do these kinds of activities pretty frequently and how much fun being a Rainbow Girl is. The membership party was a huge success. We had a total of fifteen girls and seven of them were prospective members.

Heart of the Valley had fun this term doing fundraising projects and membership parties. We hope to keep up all the fun.

## ***Installation of Officers***

Heart of the Valley Assembly held its 28th Installation of Officers on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Miss Briana Jones was installed as Worthy Advisor. Congratulations to retiring Worthy Advisor Makayla Forse and the Installing Officers on a beautiful ceremony.

Outgoing Worthy Advisor Makayla and  
Worthy Advisor Briana with their mascots.





# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



Makayla was presented with the Miss Service Award for the past term.

Joy received the Outstanding Rainbow Girl Award for her outstanding participation in all term activities this past term.

Each was presented merit bars for their continued service to our community this past term.





# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



*Heart of the Valley Assembly and DeMolay guests.*

## ***Instructional/Super Hero Night***

Worthy Advisor Briana presided over her first stated meeting tonight. Grand Deputy, Mrs. Redman, assisted the new corps of officers with their floor work. Briana chose "Comic Book Night" as her theme. The members and advisory board dressed in their super hero tee shirts. We celebrated winning the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls website September Rainbow Girls Challenge. fun and exciting start of a new Merit and Ritual Awards were presented and we celebrated a Birthday. What a fun and exciting start of a new term.



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



Heart of the Valley Super Heroes



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Rhianon was presented with the Ritual Award for the past term.



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



## ***Back to School Night***

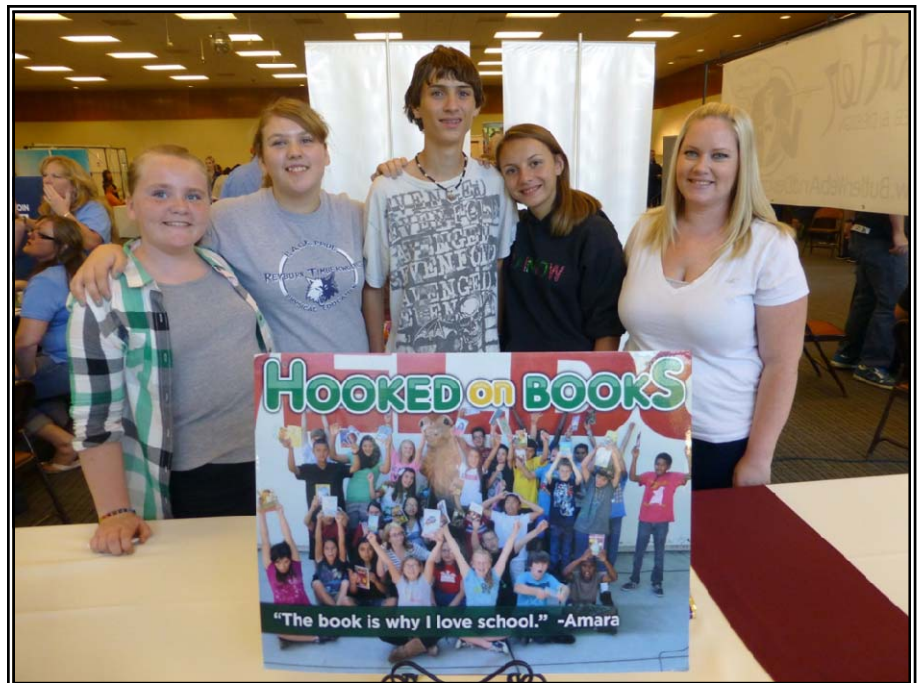
It is my great pleasure to inform you that Heart of the Valley assembly has won the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls website September Rainbow Girls Challenge! The real reward comes from knowing that their assembly helped the less fortunate with their back-to-school supplies. Supreme Assembly wants to recognize that effort with a free pizza party! Way to go Heart of the Valley!!



## ***Hooked On Books Service Project***

Heart of the Valley Assembly is assisting the Clovis Chamber of Commerce goal to put a book in the hands of every elementary school child in Clovis through Hooked on Books. By the end of 2013, we plan to have visited six campuses. The assembly sold candy bars at the Clovis Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. In addition, the Assembly sorts and bags books for distribution.

When the distribution team visits each school, it is greeted by students with excited eyes who value their book as a precious gift. For many, this is the first book they have ever owned. Being asked, "Do you mean I get to take this home and keep it?" by a grateful child brings tears to the adults' eyes.



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

## International Order of Rainbow for Girls



2014 O.E.S. Grand Chapter State Dinner – Friday, Oct 18

By: Josette Losurdo

Thank you to the girls and adults of Heart of the Valley Assembly for the amazing dinner tonight! The food was great, the service was amazing and I know you impressed everyone there. Thank you State Center DeMolay Chapter and Sweetheart; Autumn Amerman; for helping out. Thank you Las Palmas Masonic Center for the use of your dining facilities. We served 238 guests with a delicious tri-tip, chicken or vegetarian dinner with all the trimmings ~ Yummy!



### Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

- Nov 2 Initiation 10:00 am Clovis Masonic Center
- Nov 13 Stated Meeting 6:30 pm Clovis Masonic Center
- Nov 27 No Meeting Thanksgiving
- Dec 11 Stated Meeting 6:30 pm Clovis Masonic Center
- Dec 18 Christmas Pot Luck 6:30 pm Clovis Masonic Center
- Jan 8 Stated Meeting 6:30 pm Clovis Masonic Center
- Jan 22 Stated Meeting 6:30 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 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 Gordon P.Q.  
Princess Royal . . . . . Lenore Stork  
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.  
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Lady of the Gates . . . . . Jeanette Foote  
Princess Nydia . . . . . Adrienne Cantrell  
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*



Queen, Jeri Rouch

*NILE OCTOBER CALENDAR*

- 02 Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon  
TorNino's Banquet Facility  
5080 N. Blackstone Avenue  
Country Store 10:00 A.M.  
Luncheon 11:30 A.M.
- 06 Tulare-Kings Nile Club, 11:30 A.M.  
La Fiesta  
1323 E. Prosperity, Tulare
- 09 Nile Stated Session 7:30 P.M.  
Las Palmas Masonic Center  
Banquet Room, Past Queens
- 20 Nile Sewing 9:30 A.M.  
Tehran Shrine Center

Blink once, and the kids have started school. Blink twice, and the holidays are almost upon us. This is a happy time (and busy) of year and we all need to slow down a little so that we can enjoy ourselves and others.

The Ladies of Sharon Temple are looking forward to their major fund raiser. Our Luncheon and Fashion Show is on Nov. 2, and I know it will be a wonderful day. We will have door prizes, baked goods, books, jewelry, country store, silent auction, opportunity table, lunch and fashions. With this variety, we should have an enjoyable afternoon!!

October was Founder's Month, and I was proud to receive three Proclamations acknowledging our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an organization. We were recognized by Fresno County, the City of Fresno, and Tulare County. Our Supreme Queen, Margaret Ann Risk, will receive a copy of each one.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is a day to honor and remember those who have served our Country through the years. We also must remember the men and women who are serving today. And don't forget the families who are waiting at home. If you should encounter any of these people, stop and say "Thank you!"

Okay, it's time to get the holidays rolling! Remember to not "spread yourself so thin," that you won't be able to enjoy yourself or those around you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sparkles of Nile Love,

Jeri, Queen





*Fresno County Board of Supervisors*



*Tulare County Board Of Supervisors*

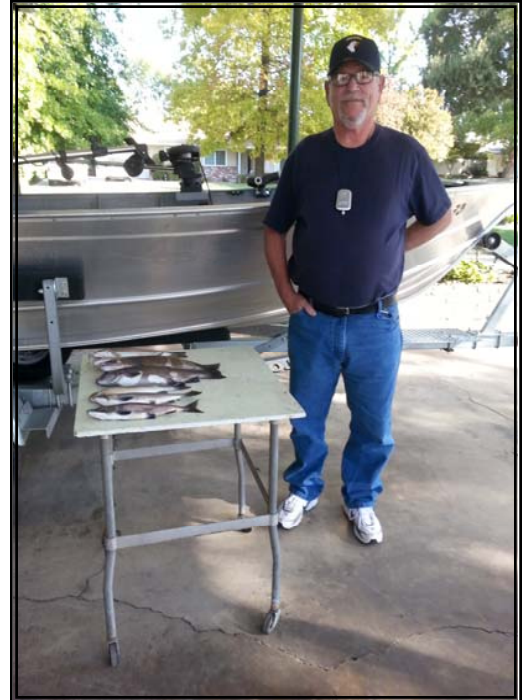


Fresno City  
Fresno County  
Tulare County  
Proclamations acknowledging our  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





Richard Ehorn  
Richard Frey  
and  
Freddie Thiel  
Fishing at  
Shaver Lake.



The snow is starting  
to fall, the boats will  
be parked or trying  
other lakes, have  
you been successful  
fishing this year?  
Send a picture of  
your fish!



## Ramada University

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Ramada University  
*If you are a Mason*  
For  
**\$59.00 + Tax**

*Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 Public Schools Bicycle Program*



***Powers Ginsburg Award Dates:***

October 21st  
January 21st  
March 31st  
June 11th

***Wilson Award Dates:***

November 1st  
January 24th  
April 4th  
June 11th



*For our October Stated Meeting Dinner and the Golden Veteran's Awards Events, Richard Ehorn had a bicycle display for all who attended these events to view. There were many positive comments as to the results of our program. As for all programs, there is a need for volunteers! Brother Ehorn works with a Target Store Manager for a good price on sixteen bikes in the boxes, so they can easily be stored in our facility. Each year he works with the store manager to have sixteen bikes and sixteen helmets ready for the new presentations. The first two presentations have been done. In advance of the presentations, Brother Ehorn assembles bikes and puts together presentation materials, Two bikes, two helmets, ten back packs and ten pencil pouches for each school.*

*We really need Brothers to attend the presentations, at the present time our A.G.L. Worshipful Cub Jack Jr. has been doing most all the work at the schools. Worshipful Sherrod, Worshipful Bersani and Skip Dyck have attended when possible.*

*Again, Many thanks to these Brothers who have stepped up and worked to make this program successful! Please call or e-mail if you are available on one of these dates!*



*from the WIDOWS CLUB*  
*Las Palmas-Ponderosa October 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*





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

When I was raised a Master Mason in 1967 I immediately started to visit other local lodges to view their work. I soon found out that if the candidate was employed by either PG&E or So. Cal Edison, they were conferred their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree by a degree team made up of their fellow employees. This practice started many years ago and the following list is of the degree teams that participated in conferring 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees at Las Palmas Lodge in the 1920's and up until the mid- 1950's: **Pacific**

**Telephone, Southern California Edison, San Joaquin Power and Light (now PG&E), Standard Oil Company, employees of Fresno County, employees of Fresno City, Fresno County Public Schools, Fresno Realty Board, Kiwanis Club, Fresno Lyons Club, California Grays of San Francisco, Shaver Lake Fishing Club. Sun Maid Raisins, Fresno Bar Association. Superior Ct. Judges and attorneys, Greyhound Bus Lines, Santa Fe Rail Road, Fresno Bee, California Highway Patrol, Langendorf Baking Co., Belmont Christian Church, North American Aviation, Sears Roebuck & Co.**

Currently, when a candidate receives his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge presents him with a Masonic Bible. When I was raised, the practice was a little different; you got the Masonic Bible when you gave your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree proficiency. The presentation of a Masonic Bible by Las Palmas Lodge didn't start until January 24, 1929 when "copies of the Holy Writings" were presented to several members who had just given their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree proficiency.

Our Lodge has always been a good neighbor. September 18, 1930 "The American Tree Association asked our cooperation in planting ten million trees throughout the country in memory of Geo. Washington whose two hundredth. Anniversary of his birth will be celebrated February 22, 1932."

### ZOO BOO Child ID



October 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 was at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo for the annual Trick or Treat Child ID. Worshipful Gordon Keeton has put together two sets of Child ID equipment in travel cases. We have a new banner, with a rack to display it. Over the four days we ID 1,000 plus children, gave 1,400 plus pieces of candy. Many thanks to Gordon and Dolores Keeton, the Sherrod family, Charles Bersani, Marvin Wallace, Don Williams, John Hopper, and Robert Gonzalez. It was really nice having all the help with making this event a real success! Lots of great kids and parents!







# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Raymond R. Baird	11/17	3/25	Leroy D. Mc Michael	11/20	6/12
Lawrence T. Bennett	11/24	3/11	Raymond W. Miksch	11/24	4/6
William B. Bissell	11/10	1/18	David E. Miller	11/26	3/12
Leroy T. Boos	11/1	11/13	Paul R. Morrison	11/1	7/10
Kenneth B. Budd, Jr.	11/10	10/25	James L. Omer	11/6	9/22
John L. Denton	11/6	3/12	Gene R. Page	11/15	3/27
Norman J. Dick	11/12	12/29	Joseph E. Perry, Jr.	11/24	11/2
George E. Dildine	11/17	11/26	Billie R. Pool	11/12	2/25
Richard L. Ehorn	11/22	12/6	Miles M. Rainwater, Jr.	11/17	10/30
Jack W. Enos	11/16	11/5	Patrick A. Riley	11/16	5/1
Thomas J. Ewing, III	11/18	5/2	Robert L. Rosenthal	11/27	12/1
Tyler D. Faruzzi	11/12	9/13	Brian K. Rowland	11/28	1/13
Sean W. Ford	11/16	12/3	Marion A. Schaeffer	11/3	11/7
Lawrence S. Hagopian	11/1	10/22	John D. Sorge	11/3	4/23
John W. Herring	11/11	10/4	Knut O. Steinnes	11/2	2/1
Theodore T. Kitamura	11/29	3/12	Brenton R. Weiner	11/3	4/2
George B. Knapp	11/18	12/22	Garroll E. White	11/21	5/9
David C. Mc Coy	11/29	1/28	Donald H. Williams	11/5	12/16

## IN MEMORIAM

### Robert F. Edwards

Born 07/12/1927-Raised 03/27/1962  
Called from labor  
July 4, 2013

### Shiro Minabe

Born 06/16/1922-Raised 10/05/1978  
Called from labor  
August 6, 2013



*Our November 21st Stated Meeting Dinner will be as always our outstanding Salad Bar and Appetizers. Past Masters Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace will be helping with table settings, food preparation and drinks, and Joe Sallee doing the purchasing of food, ordering linens and helping with the table setting.*

*Our new chef, Brandon Williams will be preparing a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Call today for reservations!*



## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

November 27, 2013  
Denny's 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;

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*



*The dues receipts have been mailed, I received the first payment Friday. November will be very busy, Bicycle presentation, Wilson School on the 1st, Degrees the 7th and 14th. November 21, 2013 Stated Meeting will bring the annual election of Officers, Trustee and Hall Association, anyone interested in serving as a Trustee, Hall Association Director or a Lodge Officer, please call the Lodge Office. Our Child ID was a huge success at the Zoo Boo, processed 1000+ Children and gave about 1,400 pieces of candy. Worshipful Keeton has done a great job in putting together two travel ready programs. It was a long four days at the Zoo. Thanks to all to helped!*

*Join us for coffee week day mornings!!*



<i>November Calendar</i>	
November 7, 2013;	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Courtesy Sanger No. 316
November 12, 2013;	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LPP Officers Meeting to follow
November 14, 2013;	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Two Second Degree's
November 21, 2013;	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
November 28, 2014	DARK, Thanksgiving <sup>20</sup>

