

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

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### Greetings from the East



Where did the Summer go? Hopefully you all had good times and great memories with friends and family. Now that the kids are back in school it reminded this Mason how short our Summers are and how truly valuable all our time is.

We are **all** given the same amount of time each day. One of my favorite movie

lines says, "You are what you do." Our *actions* define who we are, the friends we have and which directions we choose in life. This incredible journey is much more enjoyable when surrounded by amazing and fun people just like You!

We had an amazing Hiram Award as Past Master and 45 year veteran of Masonry, Worshipful Richard Frey

received this prestigious award in August. He was joined by family from out of state and Worshipful Richard Frey has worked very hard this year with the Past Masters Biographies for our website as well as becoming our new Webmaster for www.LPP366.org. It has been splendid in the too many funeral services we have done this year to have Worshipful Richard Frey perform the Masonic Funeral Service. Thank you Richard and congratulations!

**BEYOND** 



September looks to be a busy month. Past Masters Night kicks off the fun

and we will have a great evening and some delicious food as well. Our Junior Past Master Steve High will be giving the Entered Apprentice lecture and we look forward to seeing Steve in action once again. On Thursday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> will be our Stated Meeting. Grand Lodge is right around the corner (October) and I look forward to representing Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for the first time as its Master. I am sure many new changes await...

It is hard to believe that in just a few years Masonry will be celebrating its **300<sup>th</sup> year**! The first Grand Lodge was formed in London in 1717 by amazing men who were inspired to set into motion good deeds and good actions. Our founding fathers created the first "Masonic Experiment" on such a grand scale that the United States of America was formed and its cornerstone laid as a foundation of better things to be built upon. They believed that we were capable of governing ourselves. The age of "Enlightenment" was upon this great country we live in today. Maybe we should elect a few more Freemasons into office (no not Skull and Bones like Bush and Kerry) and see if *selflessness* might help to govern just a little.

I hid a small secret in the very end of last month's article and not one word was asked about it. There will be more "Easter eggs" in upcoming articles so keep your eyes open. Once we are informed of these wonderful anomalies (like the Golden Ratio) we begin to see them everywhere! Sacred Geometry surrounds us all each day. Thank goodness so does Brotherly Love and even on weekends a little "relief" as well. Have a stellar September everyone!

From the East...

-Richard

### From the West



This next month is the month that we get to look back to the past. Over the last thirty day we have had the honor to give a Hiram Award to the man that has shined a light on our history as a lodge. We are reminded that masonry over the last hundred years has changed dramatically, We have gone from a society that was never talked about among family and friends to a society that passes on the tradition of masonry to our children and grand children and is in the communities supporting schools and hospitals. September 5th we will have the pleasure of hosting Past Masters Night, which is one of our annual traditions that gives us the opportunity to look back and recognize our Past Masters as counselors and

honored members of our lodge. I encourage everyone to attend and support a wonderful First Degree put on by our Past Masters, It historically is one of the best degrees all year. This year is a change from tradition, normally we have a Third Degree. This year we will be doing a courtesy First Degree, Matthew Solorio for Sanger Lodge No. 316.

We will be doing courtesy Second Degree's, September 12th for Sanger Lodge No. 316. Join us for our September 19th Stated Meeting Dinner, our new chef, Brandon Williams will be preparing Baked Teriyaki Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Green Beans and a tasty Peach Cobbler with oatmeal topping. Call to day for reservations!

Your Senior Warden from the Southland Nathan

August Stated Meeting



Brother Copp and wife, Martha, Brother Miksch Worshipful Keeton and wife, Delores



Worshipful Frey

### Greetings from the South



If you missed our August Stated Dinner and Hiram Award presentation, Worshipful Sherrod did a great presentation of the Hiram Award to Worshipful Frey. I



was in the kitchen, helping Brother Ehorn with BBQing New York strip steaks, Worshipful's Bersani and Wallace were busy preparing dinner. Check out the pictures below, We really need help in the kitchen from early afternoon until serving time. There are many tasks to be done in preparing these dinners. We are one of the few Lodges in this District serving a Stated Dinner like we do. September will be a very busy month for all of our Officers, we will do a courtesy Second Degree for Sanger Lodge No 316 on

September 12th, our Stated Meeting Dinner, September 19th will have a new chef for our Lodge Stated Dinner. Please call our Secretary for reservations today! We will still need brothers to help with table set-up, a little help in the kitchen and with serving. September 25th Officers School of Instruction and September 26th will be a First Degree.

See you in Lodge, God Bless!

Your Brother, Freddie





Brother Ehorn with the tongs



Mr. & Mrs. Mike Reynolds and Worshipful George Pope and wife, Grace



Worshipful Lyons. Member of LPP 366 and Clovis Lodge No. 417, with Brethren from Clovis Lodge No. 417 and their wives



# U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

# **FRESNO BATTALION**

## C.O. LTjg. John Ferretti

X.O. LT. Lance Wheeler

LPO. PO2 Kasani Wise

September is National Sea Cadet Month. This is an exciting month for our family as our daughter is now LPO of the Fresno Battalion, U.S. Sea Cadet unit. This is the highest ranking position that the cadets can achieve. Her goal is to be able to sew on her Chief Petty Officer by next year.

Our Sea Cadet unit has the support of many fine Masons that act as mentors to our cadets. Chief Hudson is a long time member of Selma Lodge. Damon Israel is the Tyler from Clovis Lodge. Robert Sisson is also from Clovis and is their Jr. Deacon. Richard and I are from Las Palmas-Ponderosa. Finally, Captain Skip Dyck is also from Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. Capt. Dyck has been so inspiring to many of the cadets. He has given military instruction as well as taught map, chart and compass reading. He is a fine example of honor, courage and commitment for our cadets as he lives these values throughout his life. He is preparing to move on to other activities in his life and will be missed as a Sea Cadet officer! The Fresno Battalion will miss his humor and his dedication to our unit! October will be his last month working at our unit.

Ladies... September is the last month of Summer. Fall is just around the corner. It is the end of our grape season but the beginning of the raisin season. Fresno is known for its raisins



all over the world. A word about this fruit. Raisins are great for your health. They can be high in sugar so you might want to mix them with peanut butter to lower the glycemic impact of them if you are a diabetic. Raisins are great for your alimentary canal. They keep everything in tip top shape. They have anti-inflammatory properties and have anti-bacterial properties as well. They lower acidity levels which make the body more uninhabitable for cancer. They are great for adding iron and calcium as well as boron for bone health. These little raisins are great for a variety of vision problems like cataract prevention and aiding in preventing Macular Degeneration. The big one for me is they are rich in **resveraol** and **anthocyanins** which are two of the most important nutritive substances you can have.

Bon appetite... and enjoy some extra raisins this month.

# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217





International Order of Rainbow for Girls September News





August 3, 2013 Northern Instructional - San Francisco



## <u>Calendar of Events</u>

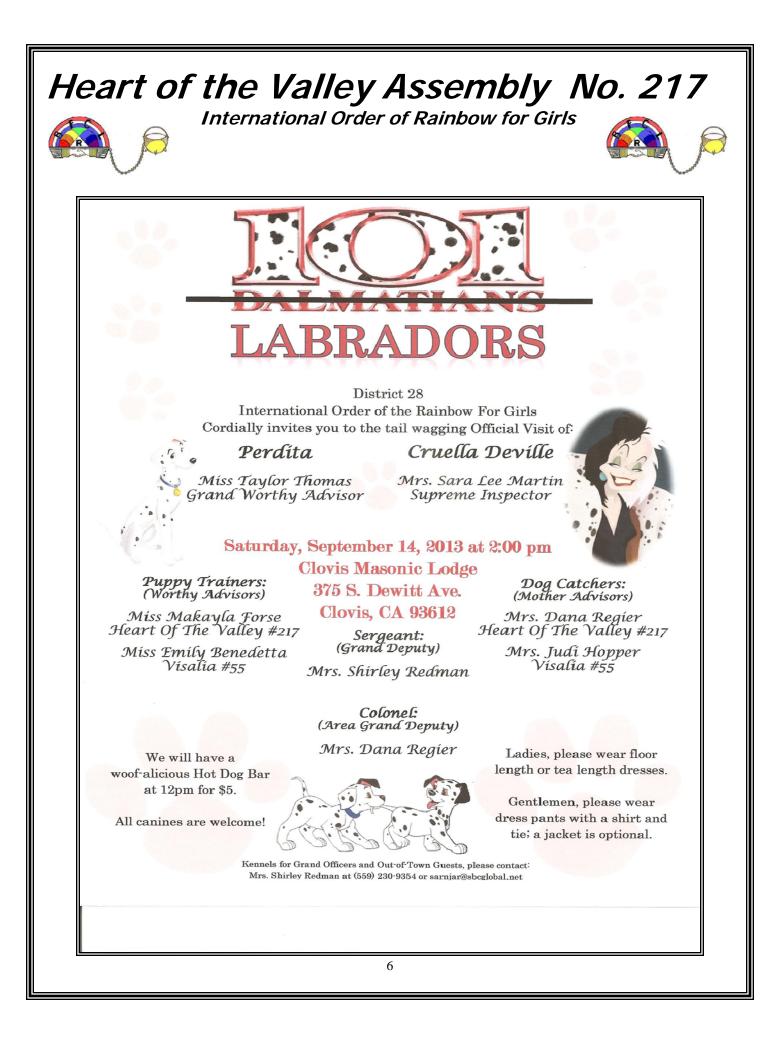
Help Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls save the environment and collect funds without spending a dime! Joy (Pictured Right) is collecting your used aluminum cans and plastic bottles as her Hope Project. Please place used cans and bottles in separate trash bags and let us do the rest. We can come and 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 ;

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September 11, 2013	Stated Meeting -Veterans Night			
Honor Flight guest speaker and presentation of donation. Honor Flight provides free				
flights to Washington, DC for WWII Veterans.				
September 14, 2013	Our Official Visit (2:00 p.m. Clovis Masonic Center)			
September 25,2013	Stated Meeting - Farewell			
October 5, 2013	Installation of Officers (1:00 pm Clovis Masonic Center)			
October 6, 2013	Grand Lodge of California Youth Orders Day – San Francisco			
October 11, 2013	Stated Meeting – Instructional			
October 19, 2013	O.E.S. Masonic Youth Seminar - Fresno			
October 20, 2013	California JO-RA-DE Senior Bāll – Union City Masonic Home			
October 25, 2013	Stated Meeting			



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





August 14, 2013 Stated Meeting – Initiation

Worthy Advisor, Makayla and Faith, Julia with initiates Dominique and Mariah. Welcome to Heart of the Valley Assembly.



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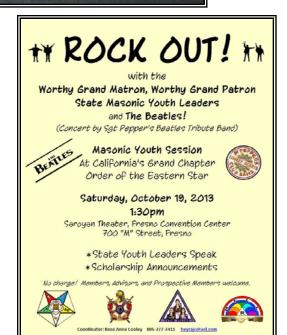
You are invited to attend the September 11, 2013 meeting of Heart of the Valley Assembly

We will have a guest speaker from Honor Flight. This is a non-profit organization that helps veterans visit their memorials in Washington D.C. We have been collecting coins to donate and there will be a "pass the hat" opportunity for all in attendance.

Please arrive at 6:30 p.m.

Clovis Masonic Center 375 5th Street Clovis, CA 93612

Our meeting attire is formal. We would be thankful if you could attend.



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Founders Day Swim Party



Members and Advisors of State Center Chapter join Heart of the Valley at its founder's day swim party. We enjoyed a day in the sun swimming, eating hot dogs and making new friends.

# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



**College Bound** Congratulations Julia and Jessie on starting your college careers



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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Officers				
Queen Jeri Rouch				
Jr. Past Queen Bonnie Gorden 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 GatesJeanette 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				

# CAUCHTERS of the NILE



Queen, Jeri Rouch

#### 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

Queen's thoughts for September;

Summer is rushing by, and before you know it, we'll all be back in session. The past thirty days have been very busy, but enjoyable. The Queen's Dinner was held at "Cattlemen's" in Selma and we had a wonderful evening. Lots of good fellowship and a terrific meal.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> took us to the "Spike and Rail" for the Patrol Luncheon. We spent time visiting and catching up with one another. A very special lunch! Later in the afternoon, we

found out that Past Queen, Helen Kovacevich had fallen and broken her hip. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Our Jewelry Party, to benefit the Supreme Queen's project, didn't have a huge turnout, but we did earn some extra money. Thanks to all who participated.

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, we boarded a bus and headed for Morro Bay for the Queen's Trip. We began the day with coffee and doughnuts, then had snacks, drinks, Bingo and a rest stop on our way. We boarded the "Chablis Cruises" boat for our lunch and a cruise on the bay. Mother Nature even parted the fog so that we could have a little sun while we were cruising. (see pictures on following pages) And Our Choir is having it's annual Luau on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at 4:00 PM and have dinner at 5:00 PM. There will be entertainment, great food, fun and lots of time to visit. We all like to

socialize!! Come join us!!

Our regular sessions begin on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars and let's get going again!!

Sparkles of Nile Love, Jeri, Queen











# from the WIDOWS CLUB

# Las Palmas-Ponderosa August Stated Dínner

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





Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.



Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron





State Center Chapter DeMolay International

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

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2013 Officers Worthy Matron: . . . . . . . . . Susan Quinville Worthy Patron: . . . . . . . . . . . Gordon Keeton Associate Matron: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Kathy Lee Associate Patron: . . . . . . . . . . . John Herring Treasurer: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Kurtis Docken Associate Conductress: . . . Darlene Henderson Chaplain: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Judith Healy Organist: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Carol Littleworth Adah: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jeanette Foote Electa: .... Lynn Haggerty Warder: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Stephen Healy Prompter: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Dick Haggerty Flag Bearer: .....Stan Littleworth 



Bethel No. 49 Jobs Daughters

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

# Worshipful Richard Frey's form the Archives



When our Grand Lodge met in October of 1979 it adopted a new form of recognition for a brother who had freely given many years of service to his Lodge. This recognition was called The Hiram Award. There were no specified requirements for the recipient, just that he had given years of faithful service to his Lodge. In 1979, I was the Senior Warden and together with Master Bobby Bingham we selected Paul Chandler Shelly as our first Hiram Award recipient. Brother Paul had been our Lodge Organist

since 1955 and had also served on our Public Schools-Education committee for many years. The following year I, as Master, selected our second Hiram Award recipient—Wallace Raymond Scott. Brother Wally had been our Chaplain since 1970 and had served on many Lodge committees including the Bicentennial and Public Schools-Education. You can check out all of our Hiram Award recipients by going to our website <u>www.lpp366.org</u> and clicking on the tab on the left side of the page for Hiram Award Recipients.

In the ensuing years, the selection of a Hiram Award Recipient at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge has gone from the Master to a committee. One thing has not changed, however, the recipient has always given much to his Lodge. In the 33 years since its inception, Las Palmas and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge have bestowed only 28 Hiram Awards. At our last Stated Meeting, I was placed in that distinguished group of Brothers as our Lodge's 29<sup>th</sup> Hiram Award recipient.

I believe that I can speak for all 29 of us in saying that we gave our service to our Lodge not in anticipation of receiving a Hiram Award, but out of love and respect for our Lodge and the Brother Masons who make up our Lodge.

For those of you who did not attend the dinner and presentation, you missed a great steak dinner and a wonderful presentation by Master Richard Sherrod. For those 70+ brothers, friends, and family who attended I thank you!



Worshipful Frey and Worshipful Sherrod

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
James A. Carney	9/8	3/31	Gary G. Lewis	9/30	6/16
Stephen D. Clifton	9/8	4/1	Paul L. Locker	9/24	12/6
Craig R. Constance	9/17	3/9	Leonard L. Mazorra	9/29	7/20
Joe D. Crider	9/25	10/28	Sonny Mehrtash	9/12	9/1
Homer D. Davis	9/8	6/7	Kasra K. Monazzami	9/22	9/8
Kurtis L. Docken	9/21	9/8	Bruce A. Morrow	9/25	11/17
Loy L. Earles	9/29	12/14	Thomas J. Musto, Jr.	9/28	9/2
Stephen M. Harrelson	9/3	5/25	Charles A. Oliver	9/25	3/24
Robert P. Hupp	9/27	11/6	Rufus T. Price	9/4	7/10
Ara M. Karkazian	9/24	3/28	Frederick A. Richburg, II	9/2	10/29
Sahrad K. Kerkochian	9/9	9/13	Don W. Scott	9/1	6/18
William M. Kidd	9/27	11/19	Robert W. Thomason, Jr.	9/22	6/26
Hollon O. Kinney	9/26	9/25	Melvin A. Welch	9/27	9/18

## IN MEMORIAM

Marsden L. Willingham Born 11/07/1925-Raised 11/19/1948 Called from labor July 26, 2013 Golden Veteran's Award November 11, 1998



Check out lpp366.org Site

September Stated Dinner Menu

*Our September 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.

Our new chef, Brandon Williams will be preparing Baked Teriyaki Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Green Beans and a tasty Peach Cobbler with oatmeal topping.



## Call to day for reservations!

# Fresno Masonic Widows Club

September 25, 2013 Las Palmas Masonic Center

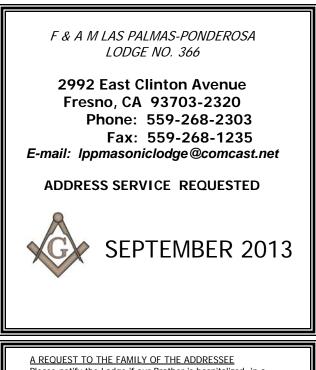
President: Vice-President; Bobbi Carder Secretary; Treasurer;

Ethel Day **Betty Veffredo** 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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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



Congratulations to Worshipful Richard W. Frey on his Hiram Award at the August Stated Dinner, it was wonderful dinner and presentation. September will be a very busy month after a two month break. It appears the top five Officers will remain the same if elected for 2014. We have a few very exciting events coming to Las Palmas Masonic Center in the near future, including a visit from the 2014 Grand Master of California. Our September Stated Meeting will feature our new chef, Brandon Williams, check out the menu. Call for reservations !

Join us for coffee week day mornings!!



September Calendar				
September 5, 2013	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Past Masters Night 7:00 P.M. First Degree, Matthew Solorio Courtesy Degree Sanger Lodge No. 316			
September 12, 2013	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Second Degree's, Courtesy Sanger Lodge No. 316			
September 19, 2013	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting			
September 25, 2013	12:00 P.M. Widows Club			
September 25, 2013	6:30 P.M. Dinner Officers School of Instruction, Reservations Required 7:30 P.M. Sanger Exemplify with two raps to obligation			