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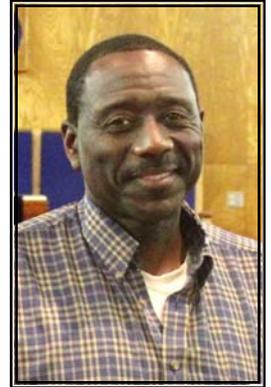
E-Mail Edition

April 2013

Greetings from the East



March was an absolutely incredible month! My wife and I had the pleasure of attending the Wardens/Masters Retreat in Monterey. This was an amazing experience and brought together Masons from across the state. On March 14th Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge held a Third Degree for our newest Master Mason Brother **Tim Taylor**.



Congratulations! The following week Legacy Chapter No. 555 hosted an outstanding **Masonic Family Dinner Night** and helped to raise a staggering amount and all proceeds went directly to **Masonic Youth Groups**. The ladies of **Legacy Chapter** know how to throw a party! Well done!

We also attended a lecture of the "*History of our Ritual*" in Los Banos which was given by the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in CA, **Right Worshipful John L. Cooper III**. He is an *amazing man* who just happened to be our Grand Secretary from 1991 until 2008.



After the stated meeting in March, we witnessed something that brought delight and enjoyment that *words cannot explain*. **So many wonderful ladies** stayed and shared their stories and tea with one another. **Those smiling faces will bring warmth and joy** to this Master over and over again. **Thank you Ladies** for making our Masonic family feel complete!



I must admit, being Master of such an incredible Lodge has its perks. I had the honor of bequeathing **Ethel Day's** husbands beautiful ring to her nephew **JT** who traveled from PA. To have the opportunity to teach 100 Masons at our Grand Lodge Ritual Seminar in February was enthralling.

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We even raised all the Brethren for a battery and salute to **Richard Vitz, Chuck Bersani** and **Marvin Wallace** for their splendid culinary skills and leading the team in making Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge a cornerstone of our own Central Valley. So what does **April** bring? **Tax Day**... wish I was kidding. The internet must be broken. The only holidays in April this year are **Earth Day** (April 22nd) and **Arbor Day** (last Fri in April). Earth Day is celebrated each year by more than one billion people in 192 countries. **Reduce, reuse and recycle.** Arbor Day was first held on **April 10, 1872** and an estimated one million trees were planted that day. Please help in doing our part by: purchasing only items made from recycled materials and buying local products first. **Let us be good Stewards of this Earth!** April is truly a month of **Education.** Giving to our community is what **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** does with great pride. It is with heartfelt appreciation that in April we will be giving away four bicycles to children with perfect attendance as well as three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. Students that obtain perfect attendance seem to incur multiple awards and those going off to college will not only better themselves, but our noble country as well. When this great country was founded, Freemasons laid the very cornerstone of our nation's capital. It was a time of enlightenment when great minds believed that education and moral values were absolutely necessary. Through merit, education and ability one could rise to greatness; **a life filled with meaning and purpose.** Masonry today is a place where young men can find a sense of being and importance and begin to assemble their moral compass while accomplished men can give something back. We can accomplish just about anything we set our mind to, but for me, being surrounded by loved ones and enthusiastic friends encourages me to **be** better, to **do** better and to never sit idle while having the ability to help others. It is **our pleasure** to be able to give away scholarships and bicycles/helmets/backpacks to those great students who may one day be a cornerstone of this great country, a country in my opinion, in need of good Masons especially today.

Have a wonderful April!

Richard Sherrod

Worshipful Master

Nan's Notes:

Spring has sprung! The birds are singing and the flowers are blooming. The weather is warming up. I hope you all enjoy our spring weather. What about April Showers? Well we had a dry fall and a dry winter and it appears that we will have a dry summer as well. The Forecasters tell us that April in Fresno is sure to be a record breaker!

Well ladies I feel that we had our own record breaker as we welcomed spring with Lee Ellen's mother's eggs. Wow, they were so beautiful. Thank you so much as you shared the evening with us! It was a JOY!

April this year will be a straight through month with no breaks. I love spring so it is sure to be a great month! I always look forward to our stated meeting dinner. It will be great fun. We are going to try a new game. And finish with our old favorite chicken foot. Join us for Huckleberry's kind of Blueberry (huckleberry- Lemonade and Tea. Reduced sugar.)

May will be an exciting month as for me I finish another semester of school. I will be planning our mystery trip which will be coming up soon. Watch for the announcements. They should be coming at our stated meeting dinner!

Don't forget to keep the VA in mind if you need a space to volunteer! If anyone wants to bring in toiletries, Crayons & coloring books as well as playing cards please do so and I will make sure they get to the right place! I will have a box made and put in the library for those kinds of donations. Thank you! Thank you Skip Dyke for sharing your new mission with us and bringing the Ladies to our stated meeting dinner!



Greetings from the South



Chef Richard Vitz and his fine staff, Worshipful Bersani and Worshipful Wallace, prepared a really wonderful salad bar and several tasty trays of appetizers. The meatloaf and mashed potatoes smothered in mushroom gravy with green peas was really enjoyed by all. We had guest's from the Veterans Hospital Volunteer Group. We received an application from Cory Hulsey, who sat at the Master's table with his fiancée, Colleen Atkission.

April Stated Meeting Dinner will be the usual salad bar and appetizers, stuffed pork chops with apple sauce, brown rice with mushrooms, green beans with toasted almonds, rolls with butter. For those who do not eat pork, roasted chicken breast will be available by request prior to April 16, 2013.

We again had a great attendance for the dinner and Stated Meeting. Looking forward to the April 18, 2013 Stated Dinner and a Golden Veterans Award.

See you in Lodge!

Freddie

March Stated Meeting Dinner





P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives

Even though Las Palmas Lodge was the second Lodge in Fresno, it was busy from its start in 1905. In 1910 Clovis Lodge was chartered and in 1916 Center Lodge started. At the May 1918 Stated Meeting, the Secretary read to the Lodge 10 applications for degrees and 2 applications for affiliation. From 1918 through 1922 our Lodge Officers raised, on average, 28 new masons each year. If you take out the two months per year when the Lodge was dark, that is almost three third degrees per month.

The new Masonic Temple which was located at Merced and Van Ness was opened in 1911. The Lodge room was on the 2nd floor and the banquet room was on the 3rd floor. At the Stated Meeting on April 19, 1923 the following took place: "On motion, our Trustee was requested to use his influence on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Co. to have the seats along the side of the temple padded or made more comfortable."

When a candidate is raised a Master Mason in Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge, he is given a trowel by the Lodge. While this practice has been in place for over 50 years it was not always done. "7/21/1921 The matter of presenting the candidate with a trowel upon becoming a Master Mason was discussed at length but no official action was taken."

At the stated meeting on April 19, 1923 a communication was received from the Grand Master requesting us to furnish our quota of \$950.00 for the Masonic Club House at Berkeley, also an invitation to attend the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the edifice on April 28th. Shortly thereafter a Masonic Club House was built at UCLA. These two facilities remained active for many years. In the early 1950's Grand Lodge decided to erect its own new Temple on Nob Hill in San Francisco. These two Masonic Club Houses were sold and the proceeds used to help construct the new Grand Lodge Temple. At the November, 1953 Stated Meeting, the W. M. read a letter from the Grand Master relative to the new Masonic Memorial Temple and requesting a days work or a days pay towards its erection. By October, 1955 Las Palmas Lodge had raised \$4,000 for the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple in San Francisco. In today's dollars that would be about \$40,000.

Nathan Williams, Worshipful Sherrod , Tim Taylor and Freddie Thiel, March 14. 2013 , Tim was Raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

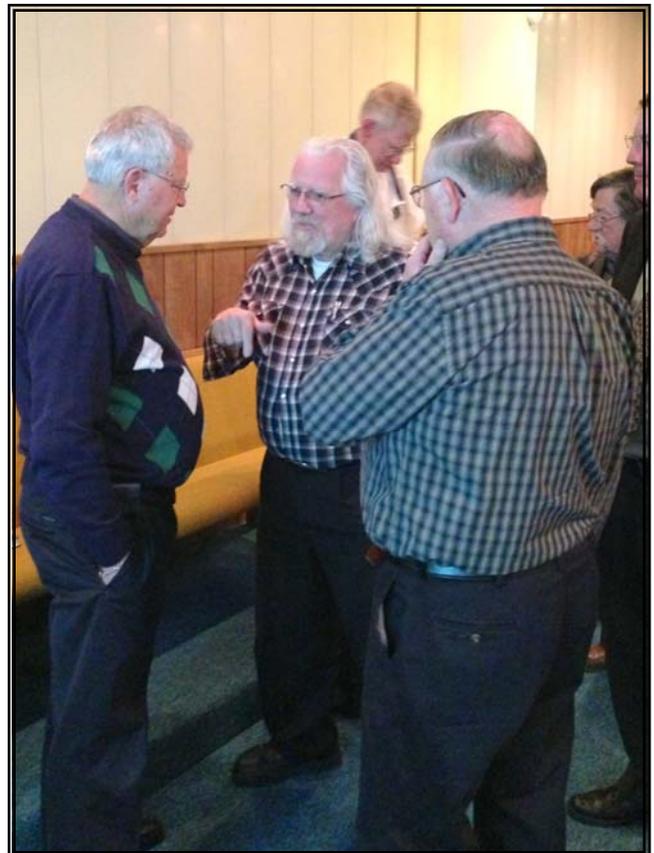


*Worshipful Sherrod, Jim Clark, Joe Sallee P.M., Richard Ehorn,
 Richard Frey P.M., Bill Lyons P.M., Kas Monazzami ,
 Courtney Bacom and Cub Jack ,A.G.L. District 6
 From Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge attended
 District 602 School of Instruction at Canal Farm Lodge No. 312
 We had a tasty dinner, Baked Rigatoni, Minestrone Soup,
 Salad, Fresh Bread and Dessert.
 Right Worshipful John L Cooper III
 Presented
 "History of our Ritual"*



Left to right

Cub Jack. A.G.L. Division Six
 and
 Christopher Rucker,
 Inspector 602 District



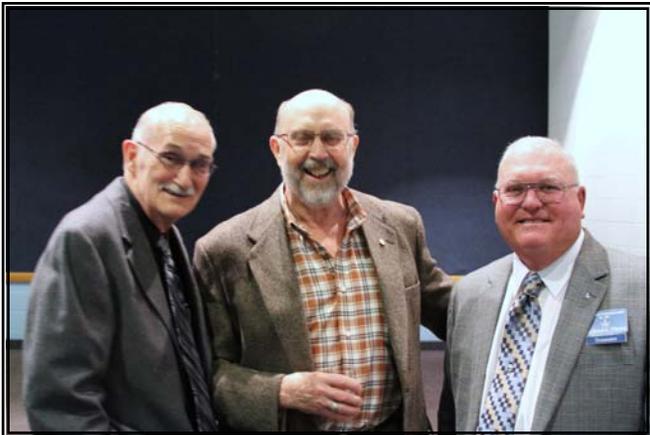
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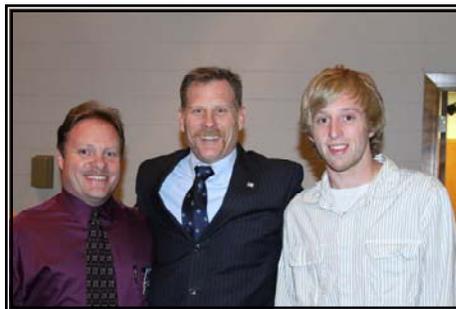
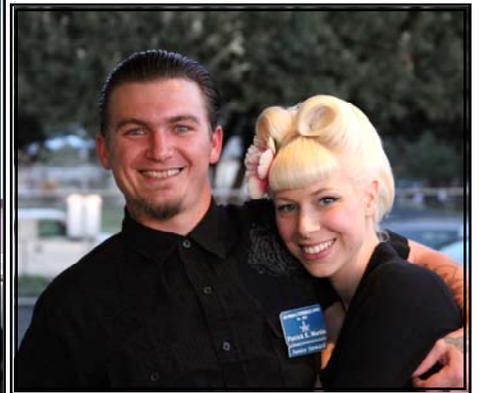
Right Worshipful, John L. Cooper III
 Worshipful Ben Davis Jr.
 and
 Worshipful Richard Frey

More Los Banos



March Stated Meeting Dinner





Selma Masonic Center
March 2013, Officer's School of Instruction
614th District



Worshipful David A. Coleman
Inspector, 614th District





Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Epic Craft Day III ~ Saturday February 23.

Thanks to [Brenda Gay Sullivan](#) for coordinating epic craft day III. The day couldn't have happened without her multi-talented skills!! 16 girls honed their craft skills in preparation for Grand Assembly. Members and friends decorated canvas shoes, beading, sewing, lanyards and lunch. They also managed to practice for initiation.



Initiation - Signing of the Bible ~ Wednesday February 27



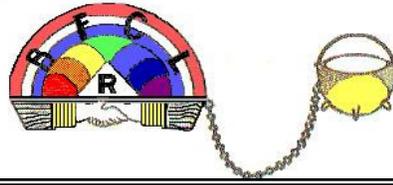
Worthy Advisor Julia with newly Initiated Gabby. Gabby, Welcome to Heart of the Valley Assembly. Samantha/Past Worthy Advisor Bible Signing Our January Initiates first ritual work serving as Love, Religion and Nature during February Initiation. We are so proud of you!

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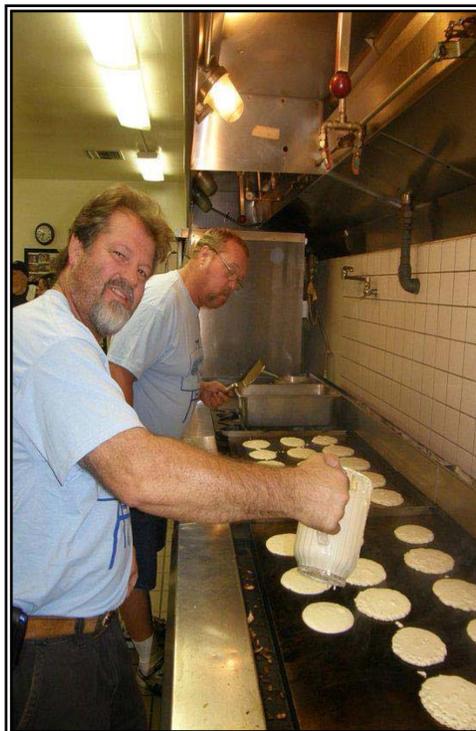


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Pancakes ~ join us at Clovis Lodge on Saturday, April 13 for a delightful Pancake Breakfast.



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Pot of Gold Spotlight Article - submitted by Joy (HOV Faith).

At the end of summer in 2012 Heart of the Valley Assembly took a trip to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. We soaked up the sun as we rode rides, ate great food, and even played miniature golf. We started out the day by taking a drive down to the boardwalk. When we got there the weather was amazing, cool, but comfortable. We got there before the boardwalk even opened so we were first in line and ready to have a great time.

We made goofy faces as the attraction took pictures of us and laughed about them when we saw them. We were brave enough to ride the water ride. Some of us ducked behind the person in back of us and let the person in the back get a big splash of water in their face as we went down the drop.

We next decided to take on the challenge of riding the Giant Dipper. We all waited in line, inching forward every minute until we finally reached the front of the line. During the ride we took on the big drops and sharp turns. I would say that this was the assembly's favorite ride. We all laughed as we saw the pictures they took during the ride, our hair in our faces and some of us screaming.

After a little bit of fun we took a lunch break. We sat at picnic tables next to the cars as we enjoyed the lunch we brought with us. Once everyone was done eating, we went to play miniature golf. The course was pirate themed. We divided up into groups as we played the eighteen holes having a great time. My group wasn't that lucky. We only got two hole-in-ones. Once everyone was finished playing golf we went back to riding rides.

We next rode a ride called the Hurricane so many times I think we lost count. As we stood in line we looked longingly at the kiddie-rides, wishing we were able to ride them. Unfortunately, we were all too tall to ride any of them.

Some of us took the challenge of riding the Double Shot. On this ride you shoot up skyward then fall back down. I would say that this was the assembly's second favorite ride after Giant Dipper. By the time we were done with that ride it was time to drive home. Instead of walking back to our cars we took the Sky Glider. Even though it took more time, it was nice to see the sights and smell all of the food. We got down from the Sky Glider, walked to the cars, and drove back home. Our assembly loved the trip to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. It was worth the three hour drive. I would say it was one of the best trips our assembly has done. We would love to go back again another day.



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Majority Degree

At its March 13th meeting, Heart of the Valley Assembly held a Majority Degree for Miss Jessica Regier. Cathy Lee served as Mother Advisor and Jolene Martin as Faith. Jessica, you learned your Rainbow lessons well.!



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International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Calendar of events

March 27	No meeting due to Grand Assembly
April 7	Rainbow Sunday (Time & Location TBD)
April 10	Stated Meeting (Grand Assembly Theme)
April 13	Pancake Breakfast-Clovis Masonic Center
April 24 th	Stated Meeting (Friendship Night)
April 27	Northern Adult Seminar
May 8	Stated Meeting
May 22	Stated Meeting (Graduation/Farewell)
May 26	First Official Visit (Surprise Location)
June 8	Installation of Officers-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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Masonic Liaison: Jim Redman dolphindad2012@yahoo.com 559-437-0101/559-779-6687



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March Meeting and Luncheon*

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*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*

Pam Wilson was the guest speaker for the
March Widows Luncheon, Topic was
Gemstones and Minerals
James W. Wilson II P.M. is member of
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366



More from the Widows Luncheon



March Stated Meeting Dinner, Widows Table



*Sharon Temple No. 92
2012-2013
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.
 Lady of the Keys Barbara Blackwood
 Lady of the Gates Jeanette Foote
 Princess Nydia Adrienne Cantrell
 Princess Zuliaka Jean Denton
 Princess Zenobia. Elaine Lewis
 Princess Zora Debbie Sanborn
 Princess Zuliema. Marlene Gardner
 Princess Musician Karen Lasky
 Attendant Brenda Matias
 Attendant Jeanne Cunningham*



NILE April 2013 CALENDAR

April 3, 2013; 11:30 A.M. Tulare-Kings Nile Club
 April 7 2013; 3:00 P.M. Practice
 Las Palmas Masonic Center
 April 10, 2013 7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Session
 Las Palmas Masonic Center
 April 17, 2013 9:00 A.M. Nile Sewing



Queen, Jeri Rouch

Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.



Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron
Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron



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

Spring is officially upon us and Legacy Chapter members are busy little bees. We love getting to see so many of our members and friends coming out to support our events and we hope to see you join us as there are more to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who made our 2nd Annual Masonic Family Night a success. This year we were able to include a 4th youth group to the mix. The proceeds of the event will be split between the Heart of the Valley Rainbow, Fresno DeMolay, Fresno Job's Daughters and the Selma Job's Daughters. Thank you to our youth for helping to make it a very successful event.

Next up is our Groovy 60s night on April 3. We will be honoring all our members who were initiated during the 1960s. Please join us as we honor these members and have a great time. Following quickly behind is our meeting on April 17th when we will be honoring those who were initiated during The Good Ol' 30s, 40s and 50s.

On April 20th we will hold our 9th Annual Dinner Theater. This year's theme is Hawaiian, so get out your Hawaiian outfits and join us. Appetizers and Silent Auction start at 5:30 pm, Dinner and the Play start at 6:30 pm. Please join us as we put the FUN in fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 and are available from our members or you can call Donna Herring at 298-6042.

April is going to be a busy month for us, please join us if you can. We look forward to seeing you.

Star Love,
Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron
Legacy Chapter No. 555

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
<i>Hans C. Holt</i>	4/21	3/31	<i>William J. Williams</i>	4/14	1/27
<i>Glynn L. Polacek</i>	4/30	6/23	<i>Earl R. Jennings</i>	4/23	8/28
<i>Neale Durgarian, Jr.</i>	4/25	9/9	<i>Daniel K. Koontz</i>	4/5	9/15
<i>Earl W. Vanderburgh</i>	4/10	12/2	<i>Thomas E. Crossland</i>	4/27	4/27
<i>Herbert B. Johnston</i>	4/22	9/12	<i>Richard C. Iknoian</i>	4/6	7/19
<i>Bernard W. Mitchell</i>	4/3	4/9	<i>Timothy W. Taylor</i>	4/2	3/14
<i>Charles S. Bersani</i>	4/7	4/18	<i>Jeffrey T. Banks</i>	4/8	10/7
<i>Fred W. Lindeman</i>	4/12	9/27	<i>Shane L. Burkhart</i>	4/28	5/25
<i>Harry M. Dyck, Jr.</i>	4/23	3/16	<i>Robert P Gonzalez</i>	4/26	4/28
<i>Robert G. Marshall</i>	4/27	11/30	<i>Matthew C. Ford</i>	4/2	12/4
<i>Ervin W. Kinchen, Jr.</i>	4/23	1/2	<i>James K. Keeton</i>	4/19	4/26
<i>John A. Hopper</i>	4/9	5/9	<i>Robert O. Scott</i>	4/11	6/9
<i>Gary P. Jacobsen</i>	4/29	9/4			

IN MEMORIAM

Ellery Kirkbride

Born 3/14/1924-Raised 1/26/1984
Called from labor
March 26, 2013



April Stated Dinner Menu

Chef Vitz and his cooking crew will prepare a tasty group of appetizers and a full salad bar.

Stuffed Pork Chops with apple sauce. Note: for those who don't eat pork, Oven roasted chicken breast will be available. You must request chicken prior to April 16, 2013. Brown Rice with mushrooms, Green Beans with toasted almonds, Rolls and butter and a wonderful Dessert. Come join us for April Stated Dinner and socialize!



Fresno Masonic Widows Club

April 24, 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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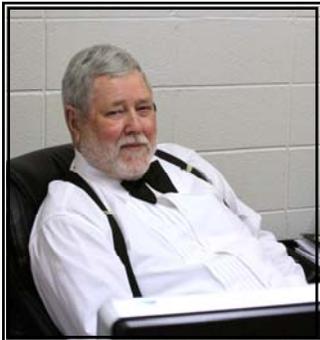


Public Schools Night
Scholarship Awards

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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



March was been a very busy month, April looks to be the same, please check out the calendar below. We received an Application for Degree's which will be read at the April Stated Meeting. We still have a few members who are delinquent and some we have lost contact with. Starting in April, the Officers will start calling all our members, we hope to contact all the Brethren to update their records. Please call for reservations for April Stated Meeting Dinner.

Join us for coffee week day mornings!!



April Calendar

April 4, 2013	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Second Degree Practice
April 9, 2013	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LP.P. Officers Meeting to follow
April 11, 2013	Dark, Officers going to Clovis Stated Meeting
April 18, 2013	6.00 P.M. Appetizer 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Banquet Room Scholarship Awards Lodge Room: Golden Veterans Award, John Gahvejian 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
April 23, 2013	6:30 P.M. Dinner, Las Palmas Masonic Center 7:30 P.M. Third Degree, Sanger Exemplify, 2 raps to obligation
April 24, 2013	12:00 P.M. Widows Luncheon and Meeting Card Room, Las Palmas Masonic Center

