



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



# The Las Palmian

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## Greetings from the East



Spring is officially upon us! What a joyous and beautiful time of year this is. We had a busy and productive March last month and look forward to all that is happening this month. **April** originally comes from the word Aprilis, originating from the word *aperire* which means "to open". Appropriate for this time of year.

We had a wonderful time at our Master's Night Out, which was held at **Viktorija's Place** on Herndon Ave. Wonderful food with great friends to boot. We look forward to doing this again soon as this

time the ladies will be choosing the venue.

Speaking of ladies, they looked "*divine*" as always at our last stated meeting. A special thank you to our dinner crew and their helpful hands for an amazing meal. It is wonderful to be part of a group that does so much for so many.

Brother Paul Vind from Fort Collins Lodge No. 128, North Dakota joined us for dinner and the Stated Meeting. Erica Weaver from Fresno County Federal Credit Union gave a presentation after dinner.

We had the pleasure of attending **Job's Daughters** Initiation as three new girls are now a part of the family. **DeMolay** also had their 100<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers last month and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to all who made the **Intacct** instructional in March such a success.

Every April, the Masons of California and communities throughout the state celebrate Public Schools Month. Masons take pride in our public school system and choose to donate their time and resources to this most important subject; our children's future. The future of our children and their education is paramount. We look forward to celebrating this April and letting all of our local teachers and facilitators know how much their efforts mean to us. Give them a hearty "*Thank You for all you do*" when you see them. **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** recently agreed to give away **160 backpacks** to students with perfect attendance as well.

We look forward to seeing you at our next stated meeting dinner honoring teachers and presenting Scholarship Awards. Have an amazing April!

Richard, Worshipful Master



Paul Vind  
Fort Collins No. 128  
North Dakota



## Greetings from the West



This month, I have had an interesting experience that has made me think about one of the principles that we hold dear. Relief is one of the great things that we charged with making sure that brother masons as well as non masons find relief of problems is a hard charge, but this week I have had the opportunity to look into some of the work that our Grand Lodge M.O.S. has set up for our brothers. I have been working diligently in in order to help a brother that is currently in my facility to get the support that he needs in order move back to his lodge. It has been a very interesting process working with Grand Lodge and the Masonic Homes in that order between finding and verifying the brother is in our system as well as looking in to what services he will need when he leaves. Under our system I know that now, whatever level of help he needs I know he will find it and receive it. Grand Lodge has helped to set up a great support network for us no matter where we go in the world and I encourage anyone that may need help to seek it our and see what is available to them.



Nathan, Senior Warden



Mike Hamzy received his Fellow Craft Degree, March 13, 2014 after receiving his Entered Degree September 30, 1999, we will do his Third Degree April 3, 2014.

## Greetings from the South

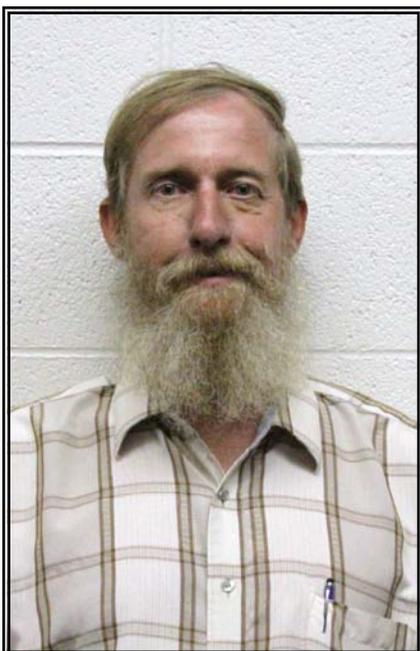
**Happy  
Easter**



With pleasure I have the opportunity again to communicate to the brethren. If you didn't attend the last stated meeting of our lodge No. 366 you missed out on a wonderful salmon dinner with quinoa, veggies and a great dessert. All prepared by our new chef. We are in hope of seeing you at the next stated meeting. If you need assistance to attend, please give us a call at the office, I am sure assistance can and will be afforded you. I am looking forward to the degrees we have coming up on Thursday. Our officers are ready and also, looking forward to your support. Remember a hand shake and smile can last a life time. I am sure each one of my brothers can remember back to their degree work. For me it was a true blessing, as I was introduced to the craft.

Our bicycle award program is in full motion for this year. At the last offices meeting and again in the stated meeting, I was privileged to hear a report from Brother Richard Ehorn on the impact the program is having on our young students here in Fresno. We are making a difference in these young peoples lives, some of which I am sure when they grow up will make a difference in others as well.

Freddie Thiel, Junior Warden



Stuart Q. Hoskins  
Received his  
Entered Apprentice Degree  
June 26, 2003  
has now returned to Lodge  
to finish his  
Degree's



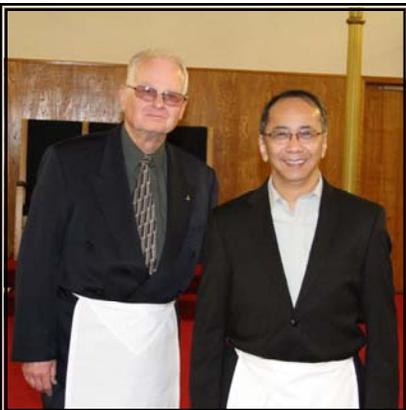
Erica Weaver,  
Fresno County Federal Credit Union  
Did a presentation for Las Palmas-Ponderosa  
Lodge as members and family can be a member's  
of the credit union as to how to utilize their many  
services, at the March Stated Meeting Dinner

March 27, 2014, Arnel G. Clemente, Master Mason



P.M. Joe Sallee prepared a Tasty Beef Stew with rice, rolls and salad.





Happy  
Easter



Queen, Lenore Stork

The year of celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Daughters of the Nile is quickly coming to an end. It has been quite a journey! Not one I will soon forget.

Thank you so much to the Past Queens, Officers, and Ladies of the Household of Sharon Temple. Without your support, this memorable year would not have been possible. We have shared many successful meetings and events.

We spent a wonderful day with our Supreme Queen, Margaret Ann Risk, in February. Having "Nila," the motorcoach, parked right outside the door, was quite a sight. We hope that people seeing this "moving billboard" will raise awareness of Daughters of the Nile and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In case some of you missed it, we were on the "Morning Show" with Kopi Sotoropolis. SQ Margaret Ann got a big kick out of this. She was also in and out of the kitchen while dinner was being prepared. Did someone say she "kissed the cook!?!"

Congratulations to Queen-elect, Lenore Stork, and her corps of officers. We will have a few new faces on the floor, and I think this is exciting. It's good to have more participation. All you new members, be sure to come join us at Temple.

My parting words are to remind everyone that we are all members of a very large Masonic family. No matter which organization we may belong to, that organization deserves our attendance and participation if it is to flourish. Good luck to them all!

Thanks again for a very special year and all your support!

Sparkles of Nile Love,

Jeri Rouch, Queen

# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

International Order of Rainbow for Girls



## Heart of the Valley Assembly Newsletter

Membership Party - February 22, 2014.

Heart of the Valley participated in the Membership Weekend by hosting a Progressive Dinner Party and Scavenger Hunt! Everyone met at Mrs. Crable's home for delicious appetizers, then broke into groups and headed to the Sierra Mall for a fun scavenger hunt! We competed in activities such as: Take a picture with a stranger, find something leopard, dance outside, etc.! Then we drove to Mrs. Regier's home where Mr. Regier barbequed hamburgers for the group! Last but not least, we drove to Mrs. Major's home for some yummy ice cream sundaes. We also watched the Rainbow Video and slideshow of pictures from our Scavenger Hunt. The party was very fun, and we are hoping to receive petitions soon! In Rainbow love, Rhiannon, Hope from Heart of the Valley!



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*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



*O.E.S. Masonic Youth Dinner – March 5, 2014*

Legacy Chapter No 555, Order of Eastern Star, held its third annual Masonic Youth Night Dinner this evening. Members of area Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow Girls had a wonderful time with their sponsoring fraternity. A delicious Italian Dinner, with all the trimmings, was served. After dessert, the youth participated in a quarter auctions for prizes donated by chapter members. In addition, grab bags were available for \$1. The room was full and all proceeds are divided evenly among the four youth groups.

A challenge was issued for all youth groups to support the Eastern Star Senior Living Center with a collection of comfort items. As you can see, there were three boxes filled to the brim!



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*Initiation, Welcome Luncheon and Epic Craft Party – March 15, 2014*

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Congratulations to the members of Heart of the Valley and Visalia Assemblies on a fun and exciting Initiation. It was an honor to witness the Initiation Ceremony joining Noelle and Jew Lisa into Visalia Assembly. After Initiation, we were treated to a Welcome Luncheon provided by our Alumni Association followed by an Epic Craft afternoon.



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International Order of Rainbow for Girls



## Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events

March 29, 2014	Grand Assembly Informal Opening	1:00 p.m.	Selland Arena/Fresno
April 9, 2014	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
April 13, 2014	Rainbow Sunday		
April 23, 2014	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center

Heart of the Valley Assembly meets the 2nd and 4th Wed each 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!!

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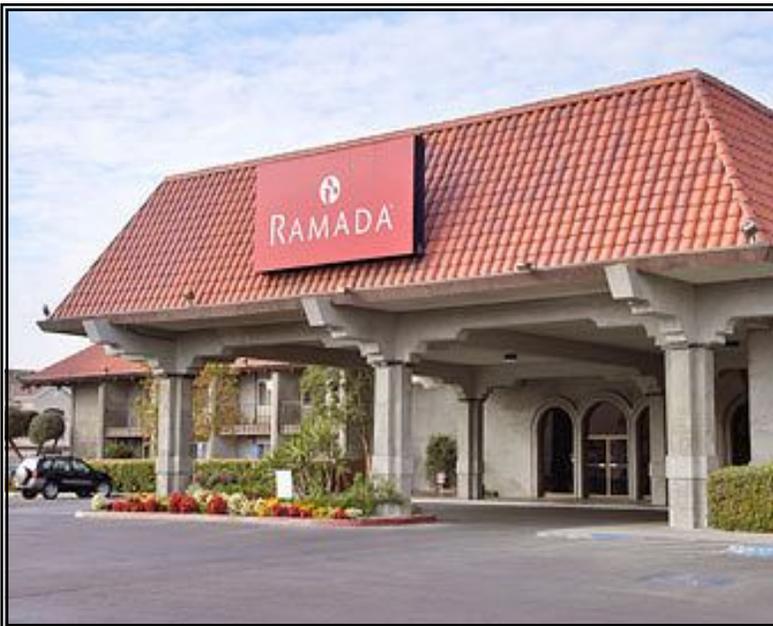
**Do you know of a girl between the ages of 8-20 that could benefit from the wonderful teachings of Rainbow and our Pledge group? Let us know! We would love to invite prospective members to our fun and fantastic events!**



*Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 Child ID  
Grand Opening of the Burlington Coat Factory  
at the*

*Market Place at El Paseo*

*Past Master, Gordon Keeton, Courtney Bacom, Past Master  
Charles Bersani, Dolores Keeton and Jim Clark (not pictured)*



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Fresno, California

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*from the WIDOWS CLUB*  
*Las Palmas-Ponderosa March 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!*

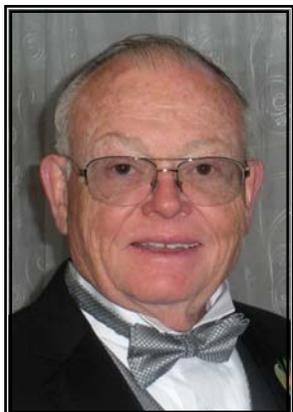
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• with exception of July, August and December*



*Happy  
Easter*

*From the WIDOWS CLUB*

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



Up until 1936, if a Lodge was to perform a Masonic Funeral for a brother, the first thing the officers had to do was assemble in the Lodge room and open Lodge for the purpose of conducting the funeral. Lodge would then be called to recess and the funeral ritual was conducted at the location of the funeral. After the funeral, the Lodge officers had to reassemble in the Lodge room and then close Lodge. Starting in 1936 Grand Lodge made this procedure optional. If you haven't visited our website recently, do so and click on the tab on the left side of the home page entitled *MASONIC FUNERALS*. Here you will find links to the text of the old funeral rituals used by Lodges in California. The earliest dates back to the late 1800's, next is the 1929 revision and then the 1946 revision. Currently we use the 1955 version. The most interesting ritual is the oldest one where the whole Lodge got involved and had a procession from the site of the funeral to the final resting place. Pay special note to what the Master did with the fallen brother's Lambskin Apron. Our Lodge website is [www.lpp366.org](http://www.lpp366.org)

May 1936 bill: Walter Byde Co. wax for dance \$.88 Do any of you remember the Walter Byde Hardware Company? It was a local company with a main location on Fulton Street in downtown Fresno and a second location in the Tower district where the Chicken Pie Shop is now located.

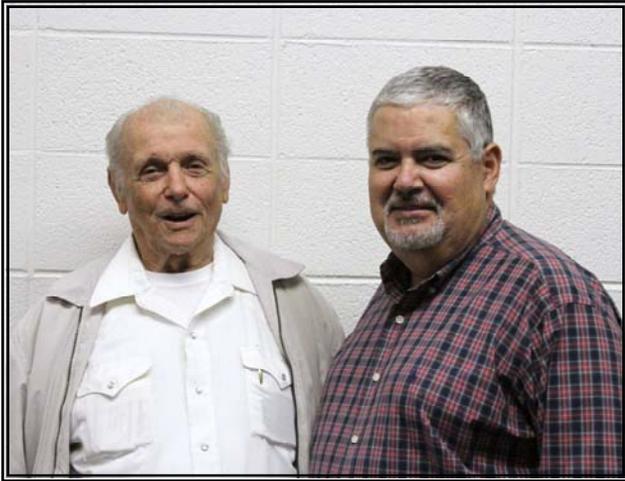
January, 1937 "A communication from Grand Lodge relative to the Social Securities Act was read." At the March, 1937 stated meeting there appears for the first time a bill to the U.S. Treasury for Social Security tax on employees. Total \$2.78.

After the close of the January, 1937 stated meeting, "Dr. Milholland, a member of this Lodge gave us an interesting discourse on X-Ray and radium." In the bills that were paid in February, there is a bill from Valley Van Co. "Moving X Ray machine \$4.00." That would be about \$65.00 today.

On April 1 of 1937 a total of 3 candidates were initiated. "The lecture was given by Bro D.A. Fisher, a Past Master of Fresno Lodge No. 247 and illustrated by stereopticon slides shown by Bro Fred Roullard, also a Past Master of Fresno Lodge No. 247." While I never saw these stereopticon slides, I do remember seeing an easel mounted chart that had been stored in the archives of our Lodge. When I asked then tiler, Jimmy Tucker what it was used for, he said it used be part of the First Degree Lecture. In October of 1977 our Grand Lodge approved the use of a series of 35mm color slides to enhance the lecture of the First Degree. In 1978 I was Jr. Warden and I used these slides several times when I gave the First Degree Lecture. Several years later our Grand Lodge shortened this lecture and the part that was enhanced by the slides was made optional.



Our Lodge Trustee's have been good stewards of our Lodge Investments, our Scholarship Fund has grown to enable us to offer \$6000.00 in Scholarships this year. Scholarship applications are available from the Lodge Secretary, call (559) 268-2303 or e-mail; [lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net](mailto:lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net) Scholarships will be awarded at the April Stated Meeting Dinner, which we will also be honoring teachers from Power-Ginsburg and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School's as part of Public School's Month observance.



Candidate Coach Larry Bennett and  
Fellow Craft Mike Hamzy

## APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Jeffrey T. Banks	Herbert B. Johnston
Charles S. Bersani	James K. Keeton
Shane L. Burkhart	Ervin W. Kinchen, Jr.
Thomas E. Crossland	Daniel K. Koontz
Neale Durgarian, Jr.	Fred W. Lindeman
Harry M. Dyck, Jr.	Robert G. Marshall
Matthew C. Ford	Glynn L. Polacek
Hans C. Holt	Robert O. Scott
John A. Hopper	Timothy W. Taylor
Richard C. Iknoian	Earl W. Vanderburgh
Gary P. Jacobsen	William J. Williams
Earl R. Jennings	



### IN MEMORIAM

#### *George D. Winterburg*

*Born 05/28/1919 -Raised 09/24/1958  
Called from labor  
February 28, 2014  
Golden Veteran's Award  
June 16/2015*

### IN MEMORIAM

#### *Jack M. Snauffer*

*Born 08/12/1921-Raised 02/27/1958  
Called from labor  
February 25, 2014  
Golden Veteran's Award  
April 14, 2008*



*Our Past Masters, Joe Sallee, Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace will be preparing our outstanding Salad Bar and Appetizers, helping with food preparation and drinks. Past Master, Joe Sallee will be working with our Chef for another outstanding dinner. Beef Caldereta, rice and vegetables. and a tasty dessert.*

*We need a few Brothers to help at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 17th, to help with the linens and the place settings, about an hour of your time.*

*Which will allow our wonderful kitchen staff time in the preparation of dinner.*

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

April 30, 2014  
Denny's Restaurant  
1110 East Shaw Avenue

President; Ethel Day  
Vice-President; Bobbi Carter  
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



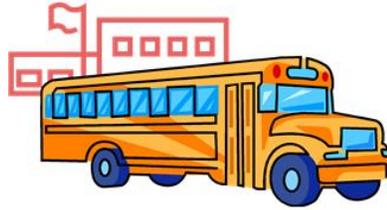
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Public Schools Month

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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*



Join us for our April Stated Meeting Dinner, Chef Mark has a special treat in store for you. April, we will honor teachers from Powers-Ginsburg and Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools at our Stated Meeting Dinner. Our Lodge voted to purchase 160 back packs for our Bike Program, enough for two years. We have a few Brothers we have lost contact with, if you have talked with or know how to reach these Brothers, please call or e-mail the Office, Hussain S. Alhashimi, Hamo Hamamjian and Roger Telegan. We will be doing Degrees most every Thursday night, join us for dinner at 6:30 P.M., socialize for a time, then join us at 7:00 P.M. for some great Degree work in the Lodge Room. We had a great Master's Night Out at Viktoria's Place Restaurant in March, the Master is planning another for April, details coming, join us for another great social lodge event.

Join us weekday mornings for coffee!



*April Calendar*

- April 3, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Hamzy, Third Degree
- April 10, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Hoskins, Second Degree
- April 17, 2014 6:00 P.M. Appetizers  
6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting  
Public Schools Month
- April 24, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
- April 30, 2014 12:00 P.M. Widows Luncheon,  
Denny's 1110 E. Shaw
- April 30, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dinner, O.S.I Selma Masonic Center  
7:30 P.M. Las Palmas- Ponderosa, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Open & Jewel March.



May will be Youth Groups  
 Observance Month



Scholarship  
 Presentations  
 April Stated Meeting