



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



# The Las Palmian

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## Greetings from the East



**Mothers Day** and the special ladies of our lives made the month of May shine like the stars. Our tables looked great, the food was outstanding and we got to spend some quality time with our loved ones and Brothers. The **Past Masters** really go all out with their wonderful gourmet dinners and it truly shows. We enjoyed **Masters Night Out** at the Shepherd's Inn for an evening to "Basque" in the sunset and smiles. We have had culturally diverse foods each month and look forward to Mexican (Sal's) in June followed by Japanese (Mitsui) in July. Come join the fun!

On May 1<sup>st</sup> we had the honor of raising our newest Master Mason Brother **Stuart Hoskins** who was initiated in June of 2003. That is almost 11 years in the making! Persistence is one of the tenets of Masonry... well not officially but it is for Stuart. Congratulations to Brother Hoskins! We have high hopes for this enlightened individual.

**June** is named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well being of women. Figures it is also the month for **Father's Day** as well. The school year is winding down as we give away the last of our 16 bicycles this year. Scholarships have been handed out and the weather is heating up. What are your plans for this Summer? Start planning now for that one big family event. If you serve food they will come...

We will be holding an Official Summons Meeting and dinner for all Master Masons and Interested others on June 5th as we meet to discuss the Officers for next year's line. The list of petitions and affiliations is getting longer and we have been investigating many new faces who wish to enter into our ranks. Many young men are making their way into California Freemasons and we are finding new ways to educate, engage and excel. The future of Masonry is starting at a younger and younger age these days and we are blessed to have many of them reading this right about now.

Wishing you all well in the warm and sunny days of June. Thanks for the smiles!

Peace and long life...

From the East

Richard A. Sherrod



Brother Chavez, Worshipful Sherrod and Brother Finks, Initiated Entered Apprentice Masons 5/22/2014

*Greetings from the West*



Past Master Sallee preparing dinning for our degree, Worshipful Sherrod with Stuart Q. Hoskins, Master Mason May 1, 2014



John Sayers III, Financial Advisor for the Mutual Fund Store, who is the Advisor for our Trustee Funds, joined Past Master Richard W. Frey, Lodge Trustee for our May 15th Stated Meeting Dinner.

Mr. Sayers is working with our Trustee's on our Lodge investments. They meet Quarterly to discuss our investments and track the results of their efforts.

*Greetings from the South*



*May, 15, 2014  
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366  
Stated Meeting Dinner*



*Past Master's, Joe Sallee, Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace with Chef Mark prepared a wonderful gourmet dinner. The Appetizers and Salad Bar were fantastic with several new additions. The entrée was a special blend of chicken, with two chicken patties in a gravy sauce with creamy mashed potato's, baby carrot's with a very special sauce and garnish. The dessert was a special Filipino dessert. Thanks to Kurt Docken and Richard Sherrod for help with the table settings!*

*Join us for June 19th Stated Meeting Dinner, understand it will be meatloaf with a little pork mixed in for those who don't do pork, chicken breast will be available by request only before June 17th.*



*May, 15, 2014  
Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366  
Stated Meeting Dinner*



May 22, 2014  
Entered Apprentice Degree's  
Douglas James Finks and Alejandro Chavez



Thanks to all the Brothers to helped  
with the Degree!

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

### *Las Palmas Lodge and the WW II years.*



April, 1941 At the Public School program Bro. Weldon gave an interesting talk on the activities of the Technical High School war defense participation.

July, 1941 There were only 3 members suspended for Non Payment of Dues.

August, 1941. It was moved and passed that the secretaries salary be increased from \$100 to \$125 a month effective September 1. That equates to \$2,000.00 per month in today's dollars. At this time we had about 750 members. Today we have about half as many members and our Secretary is paid half as much.

December 18, 1941 The Master reported that all of the Masters in the Fresno area got together and were to appoint a committee of 3 from each of the Masonic bodies to work on planning a new Masonic Temple for all bodies to use. This was only 11 days

after the Pearl Harbor attack and the start of the US in WW II. They certainly didn't know about the immediate future.

February, 1942 Stated meeting "The proclamation from the Grand Master regarding National Defense Activities was read and the W. M. appointed Bro Oscar Olsen, Junior P.M. as chairman of the committee for that purpose."

April 9, 1942, After a first degree was conferred, "In observation of Army Week, the W.M. made appropriate remarks and the Secretary read the names of our members in the Armed Forces of the U.S., which was followed by a moment of silent prayer for our members."

May 21, 1942, The Masonic War Relief Fund was given \$340.00. from Lodge collections.

June, 1942, Las Palmas Lodge purchased \$2,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds.

July, 1942 No suspensions for non-payment of dues. "P.M. Olsen reported on the activity of the committee appointed to write our members in the armed forces of the U.S." (At this time, the Lodge suspended members for nonpayment of dues only at the July Stated Meeting.)

October, 1942 Stated Meeting "Bro. Connors was introduced and gave an interesting talk on Fresno's war industries and P.M. Olsen reported on our members in the U.S. services and appealed for attention to the coming War Chest campaign."



Kyle N. Elsalhi Grandson of Charles S. Bersani, Past Master of Ponderosa Lodge No. 700 was raised a Master Mason September 11, 2008, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366. Kyle transferred from California State University Fresno to

Washington State University to receive his Degree in Computer Science. Microsoft was very impressed with his work, they interviewed him twice and has hired him as a project manager, Kyle will relocate to Settle Washington in June. Pictured to the right, is proud Grandfather Charles Bersani known as Pop to Kyle. Pictured above is Kyle on the letter S. Kyle, received a Scholarship from Las Palmas-Ponderosa and Eastern Star to help with his studies.



Ladies of the Lodge;

May was a wonderful month. We love honoring our Sweethearts for Mother's day. Betty Veffredo treated us by teaching the ladies "Spite and Malice." We look forward to playing this game again in the future. Delores Keeton was the big winner for the evening. The men got out so quickly we only had time to play one time.

June is here and summer is soon upon us. It is summer vacation time. I hope all our Masonic family have fun and safe adventures. Our dinners will continue through the summer. We are sure to have fun. Summer brings baseball, swimming, travel and site seeing. We hope that everyone can squeak out some time to share with us. We all look forward to hear about your summertime adventures!

Father's Day will soon be here. Dads are so important for our families. They set the family standards for work ethics and so much more. There are seven duties of a father that I would like to share.

**Availability** - A great Dad is Present usually – Dad's work hard but they need to be around when the kids need dad too. Don't be too busy, Richard always says, family comes first.

**Goodliness** - A great Dad lives righteously – Be a good example in word and deed.

**Leadership** – A great Dad leads the Family – Dad is not a sideliners but is actively working with his children and family. Lead a child in the way he should go... this is an act of doing not just telling.

**Provision** – A great Dad provides responsibly and security. Dad is often thought of as the provider. Many home depend on division of this as couple are the provider together. Dad's provide the laughs and fun too. Dad who play with their children are the most treasured dads. They provide the most important thing for their families, memories.

**Love** – A great Dad loves unconditionally – Love is what it is. It is the sure thing. Children and spouses should never wonder about their man's love they should know it. Dad's need to take time to show it too! A hug is a very important thing between a father and child no matter how old they get.

**Protection** – A great Dad protects regularly- Dad's make sure the doors are locked and shelter is provided for. They keep up the cars so the family can get where they need to go surely and safely.

**Discipline** – A great Dad disciplines consistently –The root for this word is disciple. A disciple is a student. Dad need to teach consistently. This does mean the beating child with a rod. For a shepherd the rod was used to teach lambs where not to go. The shepherd would throw the rod between the lamb and the danger to bring it back into the group. This is what is meant by spare the rod and spoil the child. Give a child boundaries and guidance.

We have new Dad's in our Lodge. I hope as you watch your little ones grow you will always know how important you are in their lives. The number 7 is a perfect number symbolically. It is a Masonic number. It is also prime... so as you ponder these duties



*Enjoy the Summer  
Break !*



Queen, Lenore Stork

Greetings All:

It seems that the time is just flying by! Our first light supper before our Stated Meeting on May 14 was a success. We had pizza and salads, served by our Pageantry Unit. Thank you, ladies, for your hard work!

The Pageantry Unit also held their Fiesta on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Shrine Center; and it, too, was a success. The Margaritas and the food were excellent; and we got to watch California Chrome win the Preakness Horse Race while we were there.

The next event coming up is our Ice Cream Social, put on by the Past Queens and the Patrol Unit of Sharon Temple. There is a flyer with all the details, included in this notice, Put it on your calendar now, July 9, 6:30 pm at Las Palmas Masonic Center on Clinton Ave. Tickets are only \$5.00, a real bargain.

Shortly after that, we will be having a Bunco Party/Salad Bar on August 2 at the Shrine Center at 5407 Olive Avenue. It will start at 12:30, and the cost is only \$10.00. There will be lots of food, fun and Prizes. Bunco is a dice game that can be learned very easily, so even if you've never played before, come and join us. For tickets contact Carole Soutas, 313-6659, or myself, Lenore Stork, 299-4495.

When you receive this, fifteen of our Nile Temple members will be in Omaha, NE, for our Supreme Session. It is always an exciting time, meeting members from all over the United States and Canada Our members will get a full report when we return.

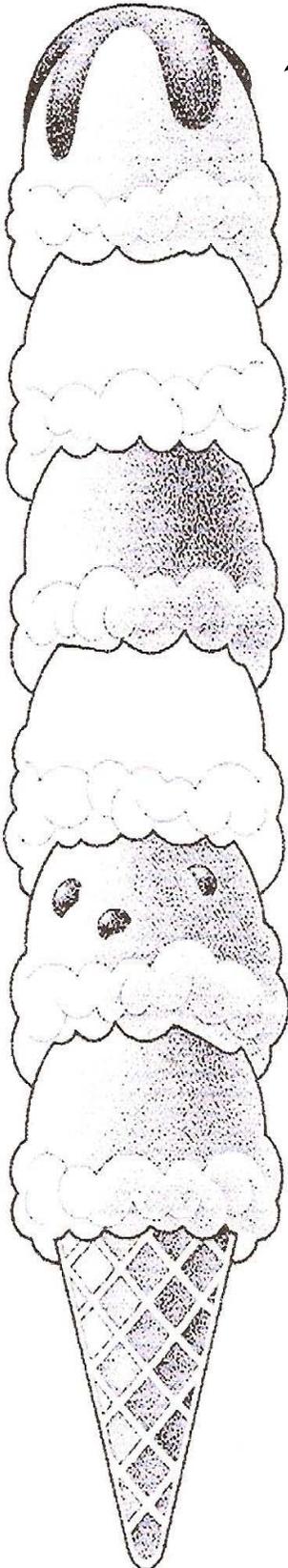
I hope you all enjoyed your Memorial Day weekend; and that you remembered to thank the Lord for those who made the supreme sacrifice to keep our country free.

Blessings to all of you,

Lenore Stork, Queen  
Sharon Temple No. 92

**Sharon Temple No 92, Daughters of the Nile**

*Here's the Scoop.....*



**Everyone is invited!!!**

**To  
the Past Queen's and Patrol's  
Ice Cream Social  
and Opportunity Drawing**

Wednesday, July 09, 2014  
6:00 PM

Las Palmas Masonic Center  
2992 East Clinton Avenue  
Fresno, CA

Admission is \$5 per person

Opportunity tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5  
(Proceeds go to their General Funds)

Eat some ice cream, cake and/or pie, meet your friends,  
and try your chance at winning an  
opportunity prize.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

Tickets available from any Past Queen or Patrol Member  
Make checks payable to Sharon Temple No 92, DON



# Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



## Visalia Initiation May 18, 2014

Congratulations to Visalia Assembly on their Initiation. We are glad that we could be there to share in your day! All of the young ladies did such a beautiful job.



# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



## *Hope's Bunco Party* *May 17, 2014*

Congratulations Sister of Hope and Heart of the Valley on a very fun & successful fundraiser. We want to thank everyone who supported our Bunco Party and came out to play! Please note all proceeds benefit our 2015 Grand Service Project. See you all next year



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## *Fresno Lodge Masonic Youth Orders Dinner May 7, 2014*

The Officers and Members of Fresno Masonic Lodge #247 held its annual Masonic Youth Orders Dinner prior to their stated meeting. Members and guests were treated to a delicious Polynesian Dinner followed by ceremonies in the Lodge Room. Worshipful Master Larry Loring presented Youth Leaders from DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow Girls with proceeds from the O'Bryant Youth Group Fund. In addition, the 2014 Fresno Lodge Scholarship was presented. Thank you to Fresno Lodge for your generous and continued support of our youth groups.



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## *Legacy Chapter Annual Dinner Theater*

Thank you to Mikayla and Austin for being performers at the Legacy Chapter annual dinner theater!! We appreciate the wonderful support from Heart of the Valley and State Center!!



## *Stated Meeting/Elections May 14, 2014*



I was so impressed tonight by everyone....this assembly is the best in the west!! Congratulations to all who have achieved so much. I had tears in my eyes with each of the flag tributes. I would have never attempted to do something like that when I was your age!! Congrats to Cynthia-may your journey up the line be fantastic.

**Karen Flink**

**"ALL OUR DREAMS CAN COME TRUE, IF WE HAVE  
THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM."  
-WALT DISNEY**

HEART OF THE VALLEY ASSEMBLY #217  
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND  
THE 30<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SATURDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2014  
2:00 PM  
CLOVIS MASONIC LODGE  
375 S. DEWITT AVE.  
(CORNER OF 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. & DEWITT)  
CLOVIS, CA 93612

MISS JOY MANION  
WORTHY ADVISOR ELECT

MISS JESSIE BEAVERS  
RETIRING WORTHY ADVISOR

MRS. CHANDRA BLASQUEZ  
MOTHER ADVISOR

MRS. SHIRLEY REDMAN  
AREA GRAND DEPUTY

ATTIRE: LADIES, PLEASE WEAR FLOOR LENGTH OR TEA  
LENGTH DRESSES.  
GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WEAR DRESS PANTS WITH A SHIRT AND  
A TIE, A JACKET IS OPTIONAL.

## *Heart of the Valley Calendar of Events*

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May 28	Stated Meeting/Farewell	7:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
May 31	Installation of Officers	2:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
June 3	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
June 11	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Clovis Masonic Center
June 14	Official Visit	2:00 p.m.	Visalia Masonic Center
June 25	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!!

### **Heart of the Valley Contact Information:**

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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!*



## Ramada University

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*Las Palmas-Ponderosa May 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*





Thursday, July 10, 2014  
 We are again visiting the  
 Grizzlies Den  
 (559) 268-2303

## JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Kenneth M. Bratcher	Curtis C. Jack
Edward M. Bufford	William B. Lee
Neil A. Camin	William H. Lyons
Elie N. Choufani	Ronald H. Markarian
Dennis R. Claborn	Joseph E. Perry, IV
Vernon J. Gaylord	Justin D. Robinson
Hamo Hamamjian	Michael J. Sahakian
Richard W. Hopper	Bassem A. Saredidine
Matthew M. Houk	Alan Steven
Henry W. Howard	Vernon S. Ullstrom
Nicholas P. Ionescu	



### IN MEMORIAM

*Edward H. Daves*  
 Born 10/10/1922 - Raised 12/02/1967  
 Called from labor  
 May 2, 2014



*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 and Chef Mark will prepare Meat Loaf, with sausage, creamy mashed potatoes with gravy and vegetable. Chicken on request by Tuesday the June 17th.*

*We need a few Brothers to help at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 19th, to help with the linens and the place settings, about an hour of your time. This will allow our wonderful kitchen staff time in the preparation of dinner. Call (559) 268-2303 or e-mail; lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net*

### Fresno Masonic Widows Club

June 24, 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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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*



May was a very exciting and rewarding month, May 15th Stated Meeting, we balloted on two applicant's, read one application for degree's and one application for affiliation, we will be very busy! June 19th, Chef Mark will again with help from Past Master's, Sallee, Bersani and Wallace prepare another wonderful gourmet Stated Meeting Dinner, join us in the Lodge Room for our Golden Veterans Awards Presentations to honor our Brothers who have been Masons for fifty years! I would like to remind the Brethren, we have ten Brothers delinquent with their dues for 2014, please call or e-mail if you require

assistance! Check out our web page [www.lpp366.org](http://www.lpp366.org), is updated continually! Watch for our e-vite for Stated Meeting Dinner and please respond to the e-vite. Looking forward to visiting with you in Lodge or stop by for a cup of coffee and socialize weekday mornings!



*June Calendar*

June 5, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Roll Call Meeting
June 10, 2014	6:30 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting LPP 366 Officers meeting to follow
June 12, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Second Degree
June 19, 2014	6:00 P.M. Appetizers 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
June 25, 2014	12:00 P.M. Widows Luncheon, Denny's 1110 E. Shaw
June 25, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner, O.S.I Sanger Masonic Center 7:30 P.M. Selma, Stated Meeting. Jewel march and open.
June 26, 2014	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Degree

