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Greetings from the East



Here at **Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge** we are truly blessed this year. The Brotherhood, the wonderful meals and the large influx of motivated young men are just a few of the reasons this is an Amazing year to become a Mason! Positive energy and enthusiasm surrounds us and our desire to become better men is quickly catching on.

July and August we would normally be "dark" as quite a few of us travel during the Summer. This year we are SO BUSY with degrees that we were just unable to do such a thing. We took our loved ones to **Georges Bar and Grill** in late June and then feasted with the ladies again in July at the **Landmark Restaurant**. All had a wonderful time and the food was almost as good as the company.

The candidates are progressing quite rapidly and many such as **Brothers Mark Stroup** and **Joshua Harmon** honour us with the Noble "long form" or standard proficiency. I beam with joy when bright young men show their incredible talents! These proficiencies test the mind and instill great Wisdom into the hearts who accept this challenge. Congratulations to all the newest Masons of LPP and we are very pleased to be a part of this "Oldest Fraternity on Earth."

I would like to thank the Officers and Brothers of the former **Clovis Lodge** for helping to make my dreams come true! My father and I were "raised" at Clovis Lodge and spent many good years there. To become the Master of Clovis Lodge was always a dream of mine... now a *dream come true!* The Officers and Brothers from that mighty vessel are of the "highest caliber" and set a Knightly standard! For Brethren to dwell together in Unity...

Like minded individuals joining together to support their community, becoming better men and to spending time learning the ways of the craft... is just the beginning. It is so hard to find and meet good people, people you can trust and be open with. From the day I walked through these doors, because of the great men around me (such as **PM John Herring** who will be receiving the Hiram Award in Sept) I knew that this was the place to be. Thank You.

A special "Thank You" to the Dinner Crew (**PM Joe Sallee**, **PM Charles Bersani and PM Marvin Wallace**) who give us great meals and a wonderful place to socialize. Thank You to **all the Officers** (like Gerard Gulgulian and Richard Ehorn) and members of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. The "premiere" Lodge in the Valley. Dreams do come true! Have a great Summer!

Richard

Worshipful Master

Greetings from the West



Well a happy August to you all.

While August is notoriously one of the dullest months of the year, and what it may lack in holidays it does make up for with heat. Despite this typical summer routine though, our lodge has proven quite active. And in July we raised two brothers to the 3rd Degree and should expect the same numbers this August.

In July we also had several brothers give excellent standard form degree proficiencies in both the 1st and 2nd degree. Sincere congratulations to them both for all their efforts in this pursuit. And we certainly encourage all our newly initiated brothers to take this path of proficiency as it will certainly be

a better and more fulfilling learning experience in the long run.

Our lodge has been blessed with many new members and many new applicants on the way yet to be made Masons. Our summer months have been filled primarily with 3rd Degree conferrals and as we move into fall we will soon see many new faces and many new Entered Apprentices. For those of you still working on your respective degree proficiency I encourage you to get with your coaches and by the end of our year perhaps we will have even more new Master Masons in lodge.

Andrew A. Miller Senior Warden



Cline "Cub" Jack Jr. Presenting Golden Veterans Awards to Jerry Tabor and Stan Burton

Greetings from the South



July Stated Meeting Dinner attendance was outstanding, many prospects, applicants, Entered Apprentices Fellow Craft and Master Masons and friends. Widows table was full as always! Cline "Cub" Jack Jr. joined us for dinner and to make the presentation of two Golden Veterans Awards, Brothers Stanley Burton and Jerry Tabor. Our Chef, Mark and Worshipful Sallee were going to prepare



boneless beef ribs, but the Meat Market delivered boneless pork ribs, which were fantastic. Heart of the Valley under the direction of Chef Mark plated another great dish.

The Heart of the Valley Rain Bow girls were very attentive in their serving, the dessert of apple pie



Our appetizer table is assembled and prepared by our Senior Warden, Andrew Miller is a tasty start to the evening. The salad bar as pictured on the left, is always first class and has many choices with fresh lettuces for the first on the plate with tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, olives, peppers, cucumbers, dry blue cheese, carrots and much more, all sliced and diced by Worshipful Bersani, with many of your favorite salad dressings to finish your salad.



July 23, 2015, Las Palmas Masonic Center, we opened Lodge early, retired to the Banquet Room, John Herring P.M. gave a blessing before we were treated to scrumptious fried chicken, chili beans, potato salad, rolls, with jello for dessert and all our usual drinks prepared by our Past Masters, Joe Sallee, Charles Bersani and Marvin Wallace. After dinner, back to the Lodge Room, we were treated to a really well done standard form Fellow Craft proficiency by Joshua Harman and Ryan Marrett. We raised Charles R. Gomez Jr. to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Gomez started his Masonic journey May 17, 2007 at Clovis Lodge No. 417. Returned to Lodge at Las Palmas Masonic Center after the consolidation of our Lodges, June of 2015 for his Fellow Craft proficiency. And on July 23 a Master Mason!

Congratulations, Brother Gomez we look forward to your attendance in Lodge!









Worshipful Sherrod presents the bible which Brother Gomez took his obligation.



Another degree night at Las Palmas Masonic Center, raised Joshua Harmon to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Had prospects, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts attend for dinner and to socialize with the Brethren!. Airways before we confer a degree, we dine in style due to the work of our Past Masters Joe Sallee, Chuck Bersani and Marvin Wallace who spend the day working in the Banquet Room, after a tasty dinner we are treated to some really good degree work! You should join us on a Thursday evening!









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CALIFORNIA REGISTERED HISTORICAL LANDWARK NO. 916 PLAQUE PLACED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE RICK FORESTIERE FAMILY, OCTOBER 12, 1979. Saturday, July 18, 2015, Boy Scout troop 417 did a field trip to Forestiere Underground Gardens, inviting all Masonic groups to attend. Word has it was a fantastic day with Richard and Lee Ellen Ehorn, Bill And Jo Ann Lyons and Cliff and Darlene in attendance from Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

Thank You to Scout Master David Clark for wonderful event!



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Pictures arrived after Becky's article Thanks to Jim Redman



By the time you get this article the Reception for the Grande Sentinel will be past. I would love to tell you about it but our committee chairmen and members have not let us know anything that is happening! I will tell you what I know will happen. There will be a lot of friends and family attending and we will have a fantastic time. Our chapter is known for how the members pitch in to work and play to make all of our events full of fun and fellowship. The food will be amazing and everyone will leave smiling. Then we will clean up and start getting ready to start chapter in September. I would like to thank Las Palmas Masonic Building Association for letting us use the facility for this event. Their Brotherly love and support for this event really shows their support to our order.

Our first meeting will be on Sept. 2, Back to School theme. Wear school colors. Dress is dressy casual. We will be balloting on a petition.

The second meeting, Sept.16 will be Moose Night and formal attire.

Don't forget our 11th Annual Dinner Theater will be on October 3rd. It is a Racing Theme, with appetizers and Silent Auction at 5:30 and Play with Steak Dinner at 6:30. I have heard that the actors are even more amazing than previous events. Hard to believe! Buy your tickets, on sale now. Just contact a member and join the fun.

We will be looking for you at one of our meetings or events.

Star Love Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Bob and Becky Davis



Grand Sentinel Robert L. Davis July 31, 2015 Reception



International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Heart of the Valley Assembly August 2015 Newsletter Clovis Lodge Masonic Family Stained Glass Windows

Thank you to the members of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for preserving our Masonic family keepsakes. With the closing of Clovis Masonic Center, the beautiful stained glass windows were left behind. However, the members of the Clovis-Las Palmas Consolidation Team made the preservation of these window panes a reality. The windows were removed from the Clovis Masonic Center, encased in beautiful wood cases and hung along the North wall of the Las Palmas Masonic Center.

On behalf of all our Masonic Family members who previously met in in Clovis Masonic Center ~ THANK YOU!









These beautiful stained glass windows were designed and crafted by the skillful hands of Marge Machus, her artistry is greatly appreciated by all

Funds for these windows were provided by Bro. Victor Muzny. in loving memory of his wife. Peggy Muzny

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Friendship Meeting and Corey's Majority - July 7, 2015

This meeting was full of fun and excitement. Our hearts melted and a few tears were shed when we saw the beautiful stained glass windows from the closed Clovis Masonic Center hanging in the North. Then the excitement continued with the arrival of our Friendship Assembly, Central Coast, and our Honored Guest Miss Corey Titman, who received her Majority Degree that night. Thank you to Central Coast Assembly for traveling so far to join in our special ceremony.



Congratulations Corey upon receiving your Majority.





It isn't the words that would show Mr. Sexson what has become of his inspiration or vision, but the uprising of generation after generation of young girls maturing into womanhood. Along her journey living a life of fellowship and being a positive aspiration to others. Living each day with the valuable lessons of Faith, Hope and Charity. Thank you for having faith in the girlhood of our nation. Thank you for expressing the ideals of the seven colors of our rainbow. Thank you for giving us our beautiful order to teach these valuable lessons to our

girlhood.



International Order of Rainbow for Girls



Northern School of Instruction ~ July 18, 2015 Heart of the Valley Assembly met at 5:15 am for a fun trip to our Northern Instructional in San Francisco. Sixteen girls



and 7 adults attended from our assembly. The 2016 Grand Officers performed Opening March, Balloting, Initiation and Closing March with girls as their shadow. Then we were treated to a fabulous lunch where the girls sat at tables with their corresponding Grand Officer as the table hostess. After lunch, the girls returned to the assembly room where they asked questions of the Grand Officers and Grand Officer Directors. After the instructional, Heart of the Valley sang Happy Birthday to our Worthy Advisor, Maria. On our way home, we stopped by Casa deFruta for ice cream, pictures and a ride on the carousel. As you can imagine, the girls slept on the way home.









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WHAT'S STRESSED SPELT BACKWARDS? Desserts!

Come to Heart of the Valley's Ice cream party, where we'll have board games, ice cream, and hopefully you!

We will also be having an open meeting to show you what rainbow is likel :)



How did Reese eat her ice cream? Witherspoon!!

When: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M Where: Las Palmas Masonic Center 2992 E Clinton, Fresno, 93703 Who to contact: Chandra Blasquez @ 559-862-4152 Hostesses: Mary Blasquez and Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls

Come learn about Rainbow Girls and what we have to offer!!





Heart of the Valley Pledge Group and Assembly meets the 1st and 3rdTuesday each month. Pledge Group meets at 6:15 pm

and Assembly 7:00 pm. at the Las Palmas Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring orders to come out and attend our meetings.

July 22	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 P.M.
August 4	Open Meeting	6:30 P.M.
August 10	Friendship Night	7:00 P.M.
August 18	Stated Meeting-Initiation	7:00 P.M.
August 26	Advisory Board Meeting	6:30 P.M.

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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!





State Center Chapter Government Day Train Trip July 18, 2015

State Center Chapter celebrated Government Day with a tour of our State Capitol. We met at the Fresno Amtrak Station at 8:30 am. When we arrived in Sacramento we walked to the Capitol Building for a personal tour of the State Capital. We returned to Fresno by train with a renewed interest in our State Government. Happy Government Day!











Masters Night Out Landmark Restaurant

We had a great attendance, Worshipful Sherrod and his mother with a total of twenty-five guest. As always was a great social and dining experience.



In the Tower District









Carole Rea Littleworth Queen

Our summer activities are moving right along.

On July 15th we had a very successful Ice Cream Social with about 120 in attendance. Thank you to those that came.

On July 19th we had the Queen's Dinner.

A mystery will be solved on August 18th. It is the Queen's Mystery Trip and even the Queen doesn't know where we are going.

Everyone is invited to the <u>Choir Luau</u> on Sunday August 30th. Social hour and light hors de oeuvres are at 4:00 PM and Hawaiian dinner at 5:00 PM. There will be entertainment, prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Come join us for good **food**, **fun** and **fellowship**.

Do you know any ladies who would like to be a Daughter of the Nile and join us in working for the children of the Shriners Hospital? Perhaps your wife, mother, daughter, sister, or a young lady that is a Majority Member of Job's Daughters or Rainbow Girls. Sharon Temple No. 92 would love to have them be a part of our Temple. Besides doing our beautiful Ritual Work we have fun while raising money to help the children.

You can contact any Nile member with a ladies name or have them contact us. My phone number is (559) 292-1752. I hope to hear from some of you.

"Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, it may alight upon you." Nathaniel Hawthorne

Have a happy summer. Nile love,

Queen Carole Rea

from the WIDOWS CLUB

Las Palmas-Ponderosa August 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. Lena Cook President (559) 227-0690 • Betty Veffr edo Secretary (559) 431-6260 with exception of July, August and December



Greetings from the Archives



As you may remember from my prior articles, by the late 1950's the members of Las Palmas Lodge were getting frustrated with the lack of cooperation from the other Masonic bodies in Fresno to build one large Masonic Temple in Fresno which would serve all five blue Lodges as well as Eastern Star and York Rite. This Temple was to have been built on land which our PM Dee Moyers had offered either for free or at a reduced price. (Old timers had told me that the 5 acres of land was offered for free if construction started within one year. However, I have found nothing in the minutes of Las Palmas Lodge to confirm this.) In July, 1958 our Lodge directed our representatives on the Board of Directors of the Fresno Temple Association (The Fresno Temple Association was the owner of the existing Masonic Temple located at Van Ness and Merced streets in downtown Fresno) to proceed forwith toward the dissolution of the Temple Association.

November 20, 1958 "P.M. Richter reported that final dissolution of the Fresno Temple Association would soon be completed as 837 of the stockholders were in unanimity in the decision to dissolve the corporation... and that all monies would be returned to

the stockholders, but for the minimal expense incurred."

January 8, 1959 after the 1959 officers were installed, but before everybody retired to the banquet room for refreshment and fellowship, "P.M. Moyers presented W.M. Reynolds with a deed to property on which to erect a 'Las Palmas Masonic Hall' – with the express hope that plans can get under way immediately for the erection of such edifice. A standing ovation was accorded our Brother." (This land was the eastern 2 ½ acres of the original offer of land for a joint Masonic Temple.)

The terms of the deed provided that the new Temple must be erected on the site by January 1, 1962. At the January Stated Meeting, a motion was adopted to form a committee to "implement the construction and financing of a Masonic Temple on the property that Las Palmas Lodge now owned." At the February Stated Meeting, the Lodge adopted a resolution to form a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of building and maintaining the new Temple. The draft bylaws of this new corporation were read to the members.



Cline "Cub" Jack Jr. presenting Golden Veterans Awards. Senior Deacon Scott Fichtner



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Birthdays	Birthday			Birthday	Raised
Jack M. Afonin	8/26	9/5	Dick J. Manoogian	8/7	8/30
Richard E. Avila	8/19	5/17	Jack V. Mattox	8/3	10/5
Albert F. Blumer	8/6	3/9	Andrew A. Miller	8/8	5/11
Eugene L. Bos	8/22	10/3	Wayne A. Newquist	8/23	5/24
Linley P. Cole	8/5	12/16	Robert F. O'Dell	8/21	10/21
Jack E. Constance, Jr.	8/13	3/29	Robert M. Preston	8/10	11/18
Benjamin F. Davis, III	8/16	3/23	Robert F. Reid	8/17	11/12
Thomas B. Dean	8/26	5/29	Brian K. Richburg	8/2	2/24
Bill M. Ennis, Sr.	8/7	9/1	Frederick A. Richburg, M.	D. 8/12	5/12
Howard L. Ford	8/15	3/29	Aulta J. Sexton, Jr.	8/5	3/2
Leonard A. Gottner	8/7	4/18	Richard A. Sherrod	8/4	3/1
Bernard R. Hollenbeck	8/28	10/20	Richard D. Silva, Jr.	8/6	1/29
James B. Holley	8/16	6/21	Milton G. Snavely	8/24	10/3
Alvin L. Hopkins, Jr.	8/12	4/2	Edward B. Spangler	8/10	5/21
Earl M. Hudson	8/24	1/26	Roger E. Telegan	8/27	5/10
James M. Keeton	8/11	9/25	Charles R. Vaughn	8/1	5/1
S. S. Krikorian, Jr.	8/2	2/13	James W. Wilson, II	8/18	2/25
Walter E. Kron	8/21	9/29	Jeffrey R. Woods	8/11	5/6



August Menu The Moreno Family Will provide Authentic Mexican Cuisine Tortillas Shrimp Cocktail Enchiladas Beans Rice Chips and Salsa

Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Denny's Restaurant 1110 East Shaw Avenue

President;Lena CookVice-President;Judy GrossSecretary;Betty VeffredoTreasurer;Pat Westpal

Reservations Required For Information call (559) 431-6260 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;

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From the Secretary's Desk



As we begin August we have a busy next five months. We read three applications at the July Stated Meeting, will ballot on those at the August Stated Meeting, I received two applications last week. We have twenty-four Entered Apprentices, nine Fellow Craft, two Candidates in addition to those above. Our web page is generating interested prospects weekly, we are truly blessed with activity. Thursday's, July 30th, August 13th, August 27th and September 3rd we will be doing Master Mason Degrees. All the Brothers are working hard on their proficiencies These hot summer months we have put

away our tuxedos and wearing our blue lodge shirts. On another note, the Clovis Past Masters pictures have been reframed and are hanging in our club room, they look outstanding, thanks to the work of Past Master Richard Frey and brethren from Clovis Lodge!

Join us week day mornings to socialize and enjoy a cup of coffee!

Αι	ıgust Calendar	
August 6, 2015	5:30 P.M. Grizzlies Sky Box	VISA MasterCard
August 11, 2015	6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Officers Meeting to follow	
August 13, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Third Degree	We are accepting credit cards payments using the Square System.
August 20, 2015	6:00 P.M. Appetizer/Salad Bar 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Golden Veterans Award 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting	2015 dues are \$109.50 Credit Card Dues are \$114.00 Stated Dinners are \$11.00
August 27, 2015	6:30 P.M. Dinner247:00 P.M. Third Degree	Shirts, Ciphers, Monitors + \$1.00