



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Brethren and Friends,

April has been an exciting and enjoyable month, several new prospects awaiting acceptance of applications, candidates waiting to receive their first degrees and many young members working on their proficiencies toward their advanced degrees. Although the year began with few degrees, it enabled us to spend more time practicing for what is coming, the weeks ahead are going to be busy for us all.

This year has blessed Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge with many new officers filling the stations and it has been great to see everyone hone their skills as they become more proficient in their positions. Two of our brother, Guillen and Kincade, did a great job presenting their 1st degree proficiencies and we were honored to watch brother Ryan Marrett give the 2nd degree lecture with brother Mark Stroup giving the 2nd degree staircase lecture for the first time, congratulations and well done Ryan and Mark.

As we look ahead toward the many degrees to come, I hope to see many more members return to lodge. The future of our lodge shines bright as the Great Architect continues to shine his light upon Las Palmas-Ponderosa and blesses us with many new and young members, let us all come and show our support as we welcome the new members to our lodge and help to guide those who will be the future officers of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

Sincerely;

Scott M. Fichtner

MEMORIAL DAY



Greetings from the West



I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather while it last. Unfortunately we never seem to get much of a spring here in the valley. However here in our nice cool lodge this month we had the honor of passing two brothers to the degree of Fellowcraft . It was a great honor to sit in the east for both degrees that was my first time in the east for a second degree. Also it was our Senior Deacons first second in lodge and I must say the job he did well it keeps setting the bar higher for all those who follow.

Also in this month I was able to attend the Masters and Wardens retreat which I am very thankful to be able to partake in. There was so much useful information not just for us but for all of us as Masons

a lot of which I will be sharing. I was asked several tough questions when I was there. One of the questions which I will ask you now is "what does Masonry mean to you" This question is harder then its seems. The underlying question here is are you getting out of masonry what you believe you should be? If not why?

I ask this question to you to challenge all brothers to answer this question not only within themselves but to us the lodge and your lodge officers. What does it mean to you? And are you getting what you thought out of masonry? If not why? After you have given this some thought please come and speak with the other officers or myself. I truly see each and everyone of you as my brother and want to see us all grow and improve ourselves as Masons and as brothers. I also want for all of us to find our path as Masons.

As always whenever you can please come to support are brothers on their journey in any way you can. To any brother or widow who wants to come but has any trouble getting around please reach out to us at the lodge we are here for you and will help in anyway we can.

Sincerely

Brother Ryan Marrett
Your Senior Warden



Greetings from the South



If you didn't attend our stated meeting dinner you missed the finest stuffed flank steaks ever, along with all the sides, appetizers, salad bar and desert. Many thanks to all our kitchen staff and all those who help with preparation and clean up.

We have lots of degree work this month, which I'm very much looking forward to. Upcoming we have two Second Degrees alone with possibly two First Degrees in May. I hope to see all our Brothers in Lodge for those degrees and moreover to see everyone in attendance for our next stated meeting. I can't help but feel while in the company of our brothers, it's makes our degree work so much more meaningful and hopefully you as well.

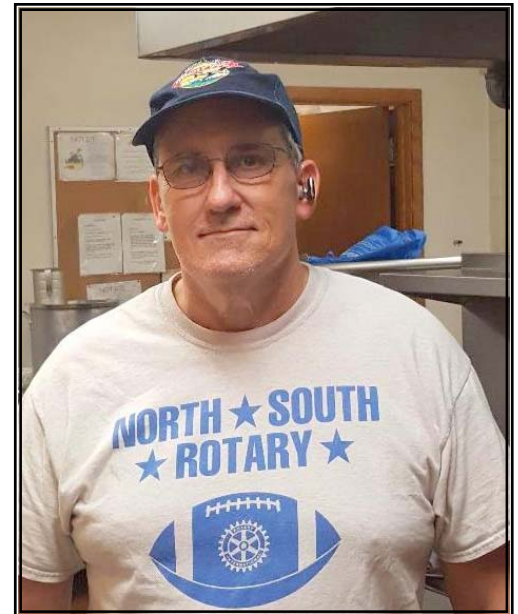
So please join us if possible.

Until next month may the blessing of heaven rest upon you, all our friends and loved ones.

Sincerely,

Junior Warden
Joshua Harmon

Pictured to the right; Chef Richard Jones
Below, Heart of the Valley Rainbow leaders and
girls helped serve!



From the Archives



While Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge is currently very fortunate to have as many candidates as it does, things were quite different 50 years ago. On September 12, 1968 a total of 4 men were initiated Entered Apprentice Masons.

Lodge opened at 7:30 and all four candidates were obligated in sequence. The order of this sequence was based upon the date when the Secretary received their petitions. Normally the officers would rotate stations for each candidate so that every officer got a chance to take an advanced station and/or keep fresh on an assigned station from a prior year. This also gave sideliners a reason to learn some of the floor ritual so that they could perform what they learned.

After the last candidate for the evening was obligated, a break was taken with "light" refreshments and for those who smoked, to have a cigarette. While smoking was not allowed in the Lodge room, it was allowed in the foyer and banquet room.

The newly obligated candidates were then returned to the Lodge room for the lecture from the appropriate officer, in the case of the First Degree, the Jr. Warden. With 4 candidates, Lodge would probably close about 11:15. After Lodge closed, everybody would return to the banquet room for "heavy" refreshments before going home. On a good night, we were home by midnight.

On April 11th, I reached a milestone in that it was 50 years since I was raised a Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge. On May 17, at our Stated Meeting, Most Worshipful Richard Hopper PGM will confer upon me the Golden Veterans Award. It is fitting in that Most Worshipful Richard Hopper was the Senior Steward when I received my first degree in Masonry. I hope that all of you can attend and help me celebrate this occasion.



We have many brothers who need your support, be it their wives or family members, a call, a note or stop by just to remind them we are there for them in their time of need..

*Stuart Hoskins, Stacy
Hoskins
Alvin Hopkins Jr
Jake Sexton
Larry Bennett
Ralph Medeiros*



MAY BIRTHDAY'S

	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Anthony M. Barba	5/30	12/8	Allan L. Melikian	5/12	5/27
Alan B. Burnham	5/6	6/30	Donald L. Milligan	5/26	11/3
David C. Clark	5/25	6/1	Gaby S. Nakad	5/11	9/4
Shawn P. Clark	5/12	4/9	Richard L. Payne	5/13	3/23
David P. Coss	5/6	10/29	Andrew C. Peerson	5/8	6/3
Robert L. Davis	5/7	6/7	Jonathan L. Pierro	5/3	10/9
Larry L. Finfrock	5/12	4/23	John S. Schmidt	5/12	4/19
Bert A. Flores	5/12	5/1	James V. Schultz	5/5	10/30
Phillip C. Ford	5/11	9/30	Warren D. Sonnenburg	5/18	11/12
John Gahvejian	5/21	3/14	Gary A. Starr	5/30	3/1
Frank L. Gann, Jr.	5/4	3/3	Jerry F. Tabor	5/8	6/24
Eldon L. Garrett	5/17	3/24	James A. Tarver	5/3	4/18
Fred M. Haines, Sr.	5/19	5/10	James M. Vaughan	5/17	9/27
Gordon D. Keeton	5/14	9/26	Dean S. Walker	5/28	5/28
Nikhil S. Kohli	5/24	3/29	H. A. Weldon	5/25	11/15
John P. Lamborn	5/21	12/29	Nathan A. Williams	5/21	10/27
Ryan C. Marrett	5/20	11/10	Robert N. Wills	5/20	4/3



April Stated Meeting Dinner

Fresno Masonic Widows Club

Marie Callender's Restaurant
 1781 East Shaw Avenue
 May 30, 2018

President; Lena Cook
 Vice-President; Judy Gross
 Secretary; Barbara Corter
 Treasurer; Pat Westphal

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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Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated.

From the Desk of the Secretary



April Stated Meeting dinner was fantastic as always, Richard and Lisa Jones prepared stuffed flak steak, roasted red potatoes and vegetables. Andrew Miller's salad bar and appetizer tables were outstanding with many choices. Brothers Guillen and Kincaid were examined by P.M. Andrew Miller in the Entered Apprentice Degree. They were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree April 26, 2018. May 17th, Past Grand Master, Dick Hopper will present Richard W. Frey P.M. with his Golden Veterans Award, a Mason for fifty years!

May Calendar

May 3, 2018	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Fellow Craft Degree
May 10, 2018	6:00 P.M. L.P.M.B.A Board LPP Officers Meeting
May 17, 2018	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
May 24, 2018	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree
May 31, 2018	6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree



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