



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
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Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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## Greetings from the East



Spring is in the air and it seems as if Mother Earth is waking from her long winter slumber. The flowers are starting to bloom and we have the return of birds and insects. It is indeed a fantastic time to witness this splendor. As we witness this we too should follow the ritual of Spring. We should allow ourselves to restart our habits and start rebuilding ourselves. We should look inwardly and seek the information we need to help us decide what we are doing and where we are going.

We sometimes get caught in a rut and we don't even realize it. We just get used to doing the same thing over and over until it becomes so mundane, that it eventually becomes boring. It is times like these that we need to ask ourselves, "Why is this happening and why don't we change it?" Change is sometimes easier said than done. To make a change requires effort and sometimes thoughtful discussion is necessary. Things will never change unless we become the one's that make the effort.

We are the same way, and we have to realign ourselves to start anew. To change the habits we have become accustomed to, and begin to steer ourselves out of that rut. Once you decide to make the change, the rest becomes easier. It is then that we realize that it is good to make some changes once in awhile. So instead being afraid of change, learn to embrace it and learn to enjoy it, and just remember, if you try the change and decide you don't like it, you can always change back. But if you don't make the change, you will never know.

Fraternally;

Richard Sherrod PM  
Worshipful Master

## Greetings from the West:



I would like to start by congratulating our brother Michael Behlen on delivering a brilliant Third-Degree Proficiency in Lodge on March the 7th. Brother Behlen has accomplished a challenging lecture as a Master Mason, a journey which is well worth completing in my opinion. I'm sure many would agree with me when I say, we look forward to brother Behlen's continued growth as an Officer of Las Palmas-Ponderosa.

Whenever I'm present for a brother's proficiency, it makes me reflect on my own journey through Masonry. Those very real-life lessons and those benefits hidden within each degree, intended to layout or outline a better way to conduct ourselves in our daily life's. When I attended degrees at Scottish Rite, my eyes were further opened. Discovering my true self not from an external point of view but from a spiritual perspective, causing continued examination of myself.

Learning just because it looks good on the surface, it doesn't necessarily mean I was doing the right thing in my daily life. Therein the lesson, make a difference in the lives of others and don't just talk the talk but walk the walk. Promote the right values in public as well in private. Knowing it's what we do when no one is around that counts.

What are the core values that best define the kind of person you want to be? And what do you most desire?  
shape our Lodges future.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones.

Sincerely,

Senior Warden  
Joshua Harmon



From the South:

Congratulations to Bro. Behlen who delivered an amazing 3rd degree proficiency. For those of you who have hesitated to complete your proficiencies because of uncomfortable feelings or believing that it's too difficult for you, allow me to humble you with a bit of education.

For those who attribute our mysteries to those ancient mystery schools of Egypt, Greece, etc. - to be even considered for probation into these mysteries, the seeker would have to undergo near-death experiences. Other forms of probation included several days of isolation in dark caves or chambers. The purpose of these traumatic trials wasn't purposeless sadism, it was a means of experientially teaching the seeker the great truths of immortality.

The initiate's heart and mind must both be enlightened. The heart uses the senses during our degrees to communicate meaning to the spirit. The mind uses intellect which is exercised through the memorization of the work.

Advancements of technology and industry has caused us to believe that our wants should be granted immediately. Our ancestors spent all day looking for food while we spend a whole 3 minutes asking someone to deliver food to us. The same trend should not go for initiation towards enlightenment.

We are here to help and serve you in the memorization and ritual work. If you do not ask us for help then you are your own obstacle. Only you can answer the question whether or not you are prepared to receive Light.

In Light,  
Mark C. Stroup  
Junior Warden

## From the Archives:



In 1973, my first year in the Las Palmas Officer's line, our Temple was busy just about every night of the week. In addition to Las Palmas meeting every Thursday night, we had several Eastern Star Chapters, Daughters of the Nile, three Jobs Daughters Bethels, and Las Palmas DeMolay. For the Fourth of July, some of the youth groups had a fireworks stand.

For Christmas our DeMolay Chapter sold Christmas Trees in what was then a vacant lot just west of our Temple. The Lodge would purchase its Christmas tree from the DeMolay's and the Lodge officers and their wives would decorate the tree which was on display in the banquet room. At that time, Lodge meetings were so well attended that some members would park in front of the Lodge on Clinton and enter through the front door.

In February of 1973 the Dates informed us that due to the increase in the cost of food, the cost of our dinners would be increased to \$2.50. In today's dollars that would be \$14.75.

At this time there was no "Social Media" and every week in the classified advertisements of the Fresno Bee, Las Palmas and some of the other Lodges in the area, would post a notice as to what was to take place at that week's meeting. Occasionally, Las Palmas would post a similar notice about a fallen brother's funeral.

In the April edition of the Las Palmian our Secretary, Bro Norm Foley, informed us that we had 1,015 members. April was also Public Schools month and every member was encouraged to visit a public school. During April of some years, Las Palmas would go dark during the week of Fresno Schools Open House.

In addition to our annual Easter Egg hunt at the Lodge, in June of 1973 we held our annual Lodge picnic at Woodward Park. While the Lodge would provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, members were encouraged to bring a side dish making it pot luck.



*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.*

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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.

From the Desk of the Secretary ,

Hello all,

Check your dues card and make sure it is valid through Dec. 2019. If it isn't that means its time to pay your dues. If I have to send out second notices it raises the cost to the lodge.

Please be considerate and pay before that happens.

Hope to see you all soon!

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**Feb. Calendar**

April 4, 2019	1st degree practice 6:00 PM
April 11, 2019	LP MBA Meeting 6:00 PM
April 18, 2019	6:00 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
April 25, 2019	1st degree 7:00 PM



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