



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



# The Las Palmian

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## Greetings from the East



Wow, where did the time go? I cannot believe December is here and another year is almost done. I have to admit being a little excited, as I always look forward to December, it being a magical time full of wonderful memories with family and love ones past. December is typically the busiest month, with all things Christmas, shopping, school events, putting up decorations, wrapping presents, Elf on the Shelf, Advent calendars, Christmas trees and more.

In the Lodge it's a busy time as well. There is much preparation required of many, getting ready for our next Masonic year. The election and installation of our Officers for 2020, as new and returning Officers assume their positions in Lodge, with a renewed commitment to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required of them moving forward. With our current officer line, I am so full of enthusiasm looking forward to next year. I am also deeply grateful and thankful to all those who volunteer their time at Las Palmas. Their labors which are so essentially necessary to maintaining and fostering a thriving Lodge such as ours.

As we look forward to 2020, may it be with a renewed commitment to continue to build on the work of all our predecessors, with god in our hearts and a grateful spirit. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones.

Fraternally,  
Joshua Harmon  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Brethren, I want to take the time to congratulate Bro's Joshua Harmon and Mark Stroup for being elected to Master and Senior Warden respectively. I also thank you for electing me as Junior Warden. I am looking forward to a great Masonic year.

The November stated meeting is in the books and several of you listened to my call for you to come to Lodge. After several lengthy talks for and against the new lodge air conditioning system, it passed by almost a unanimous vote with only one person voting against. Also, the Lodge decided to keep the life membership as it has been and that vote lost.

I am also pleased to hear that several brothers are making great progress in their proficiency training and also that we have received a new petition for membership. With this encouraging news before the years end we should hope to see several degree presentations.

I wish all of you a warm and happy Christmas holiday, and hope to see you at lodge soon.

Fraternally,  
Andrew A. Miller  
Senior Warden





From the South:

I was happy to see all the brothers in attendance at November's stated meeting. Despite everyone's different perspectives about the lodge's future, the common ground that we all share is that we all ultimately want the best for the future of the lodge.

A fundamental fact about human beings is that it's plain and simple stressful for us to have one idea about something and for someone else to have a different one - this causes cognitive dissonance or conflict. As passionate as we all are about the lodge's future, we did not allow these passions to overtake us, instead we remained thoughtful and considerate of everyone's thoughts and feelings about the subject. It makes me honored to be in the presence of so many great role models.

Installation is right around the corner, so I hope all incoming officers are preparing for their advanced stations. If there are questions about the ritual or floor work, do not hesitate to ask a brother.

Fraternally,  
Mark C. Stroup  
Junior Warden

December Birthday's

Rasmussen, Gerald S.	01
Stumpf, Edward C.	01
Taggard, Derek A.	01
Littleworth, Stanley F.	02
Mc Clain, James C.	03
Pearce, Daniel L.	04
Peloian, James H.	04
Swank, John B.	04
Smith, Lawrence H.	05
Guy, Matthew C.	06
Dick, Michael D.	07
Wadkins, James S.	07
Sherwood, Elvin M.	08
Bien, Dewayne R.	09
Shute, Steven W.	09
Gomez, Charles R. Jr.	10
Boudakian, Douglas C.	11
Bleak, Devon F. III	12
Ogden, Leonard T.	12
Pavlovich, George M.	13
Clark, William E. D.D.S.	14
Lewis, Benjamin F.	14
Parker, Christopher D.	18
Casey, Kevin P.	20

(Birthday's cont.)

Garabedian, Charles E.	20
Kitchel, John D.	20
Lewis, Dee T.	20
Weiner, Ronald W.	20
Mc Colaugh, Robert E.	22
Elia, Kenneth J.	23
Mirigian, Mitchell L.	23
Harshman, Johnnie E. Jr.	25
Lowe, L. Dean Ph.D	25
Blosser, Don J.	27
Burton, Gregory T.	27
Redondo, Paul E.	27
Smith, Kenneth H.	29
Bryson, Kenneth C.	31
Roberts, Robert W.	31
Wellendorf, Rex F.	31

## From the Archives:



While the number of candidates for the degrees of Masonry was starting to slow down by the mid 1970's, Masonic activity at Las Palmas was still very active. Lodge was opened every Thursday evening for either degrees or our Stated Meeting and Dinner with our Dates. Advertisements were placed in the classified section of the Fresno Bee to inform both members and sojourners of degrees and Stated Meetings.

The Master would appoint a Sickness Committee to visit sick brethren and give a report on their condition at every Stated Meeting. If a Brother was hospitalized, he was probably sent a plant for his hospital room. When a Brother passed away, a notice of the funeral was placed in the Bee so that the Brethren would be informed and could attend the funeral. A flower arrangement in the shape of the Square and Compass was also present at the funeral, whether it was a masonic funeral or not. The Lodge stopped sending flowers when the cost got so prohibitive.

Normally on the Sunday before our Installation of officers, there would be an article in the Fresno Bee about the incoming Master as well as mentioning the other officers that were being installed. I don't know why this practice of The Bee printing articles about our Installation and upcoming officers no longer exists. Perhaps it was due to lack of interest by the Bee or a failure on our part by not providing the information to the Bee.

Ever since I was initiated in November of 1967, lack of attendance at our degrees and Stated Meetings has been a concern of the Master. It was very common for the Master's message in our Las Palmian to encourage more members to attend. All kinds of reasons to attend were used by the various Masters. During the 1970's a Stated Meeting would have between 100 and 200 people eat dinner, but only 20 or so sideliners would be at the Stated meeting. In recent years, 5 or 6 sideliners would be the norm.

HOWEVER, at our November, 2019 Stated Meeting we had 25 sideliners. This was because there were important business matters to be discussed and voted on. They approved the replacement of our Heating and Air Conditioning system by a 30 to 1 vote. By a split vote, the Lodge elected to keep our current Life Membership program. I wish that this number of members would attend our upcoming degrees and future Stated Meetings.



*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.*

*Deaths:*

*John Swank*

*Jack Constance*

*Richard Haggerty PM*

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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,

Dues were sent out and what a mess. Fresno State mis-printed the envelopes and a lot of you had them come back to you. I have talked to Fresno State and they offered to mail out new ones, but with some already coming in, I felt that would also be a problem. They have assured me that this would not happen again, so I will just have to suffer through this year.

May you all have a blessed Christmas season

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

December Calendar

December 5, 2019	Degree or practice
December 12, 2019	Management Board 6:00 PM
December 19, 2019	6:00 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
December 26, 2019	Merry Christmas



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