

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

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Greetings from the East



Dear Brethren, I am pleased to be sitting in the East for another year. We had a short and sweet Installation and we are busy practicing and performing degrees. The officers are becoming quite good on their ritual work. I want to thank them for their hard work and determination.

The weather will be getting better and the trees will be budding and the flowers blooming. Spring will be in the air and we always get in better moods in the spring. Except for maybe allergy sufferers, they may not like it. It's almost as if we are being reborn again.

I have hope and aspirations for everyone of us this year. My hope is that we all practice out of the lodge those lessons which are taught in it and I hope we all aspire to become better men.

I hope to see most of you in lodge this year, it would be nice if you each elected to come to a meeting and meet our newer brethren.

Fraternally;

Richard Sherrod PM Worshipful Master

Greetings from the West:



I am sorry that I missed Installation and I am looking forward to being installed in February's stated meeting. I understand that it went well and I wish I didn't have to work. But those are the things we have to endure to live a fruitfull life.

I want to make contact with all of our candidates to touch bases with and see how you are progressing with your memory work. If you are having any problems at all, please reach out to me or our brother the Secretary and we will find a solution to the problem and get you progressing on your path.

To all officers, please if you can, attend the practices that we will have. It really makes us better and it will make you personally feel better about your performance. We will all be better together.

I guess I have to start getting ready for my big role next year. If there is anything you would like to see or do, please bring it to my attention. Together we can work on it and see if we can make it happen. I am looking forward to having a great year.

The lodge is coming together and with all of your help it will be OK. Please try and attend to visit with friends and make new friends.

Fraternally:

Joshua Harman Senior Warden (Elect)



From the South:

I hope that you all had a great holiday season and that you didn't gain to much weight! Now with the Season behind us, it is time to get back to work.

We will be doing degree work throughout the year. I know we can ace this part of lodge, and together we will be a better team. I want to thank all of you officer's for your participation at the practices.

I want to thank Richard and Lisa Jones for their hard work and dedication to our stated meeting dinners, we thank you. I also want to thank Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls for your efforts in being here to serve the meals. Thank you ladies.

I want to thank everyone for showing the confidence in me to be installed as Junior Warden for the ensuing Masonic year. I hope to strive to be the best that I can be and I hope to not let anyone down.

Hope to see you all in Lodge!

Sincerely, Brother Junior Warden Mark Stroup

> "New Year's Greetings from Masonic Widow's Club" God grant me...
> Courage and Hope for every day.
> Faith to guide me along my way, Understanding and Wisdom, too and Grace to accept
> What life gives me to do.
> We meet the "Last Wednesday" of each month at 11:30 AM, at Marie Callender's Shaw & Cedar
> All Brothers are welcome to come to any of our meetings.
> Thank you Lena Cook: President

From the Archives:



As the Marshall of Las Palmas Lodge in 1973, I was the newest line officer in our Lodge. My ritual functions were that of giving the charge in the First Degree as well as all other duties officially assigned to the Marshall. This means that in the second and third degrees all I had to do was sit in my chair and do nothing. It was during this time that I started to closely observe the floor work of the officers ahead of me as well as memorize the parts that these advanced positions required.

At this time, Las Palmas Lodge had a custom of silencing the junior Past Master. This was to give the new Master an opportunity to govern his Lodge as he saw fit. In order to silence the junior PM, he was required to wear piece of neck ware that included a large diaper pin that was not to be opened unless a minimum of two past masters in Lodge that night agreed that he could open the pin and speak.

Las Palmas Lodge was busy. We met every Thursday night to either confer degrees or have our Stated Meeting. The conferring of three to five First and/or Second degrees was the norm. The Las Palmas Temple was also busy just about every night with three Jobs Daughters Bethels, Las Palmas DeMolay, Daughters of the Nile and one or more Eastern Starr Chapters. Many weekends were also busy with other Masonic Related functions.

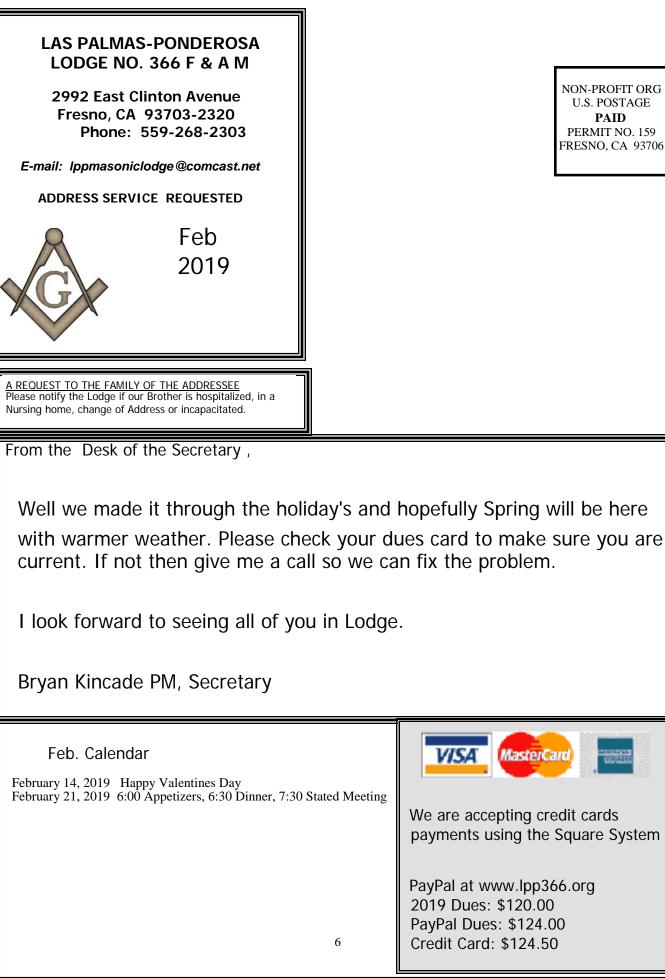
On degree nights, Lodge would open at 7:30, followed by an intermission with light refreshments after the last candidate was obligated. When Lodge was closed, there would be more heavy refreshments. Depending on the number of degrees conferred in an evening, Lodge might not close until after 10:30. While smoking was not allowed in the Lodge Room, it was allowed in the foyer.

At the January, 1973 Stated Meeting Dinner, the Dates celebrated their 12^{th} anniversary. They also informed the Lodge members that due to the rising cost of food, the cost of the dinners would be raised to \$2.50 per dinner.

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We have many brothers who need you r 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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