



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



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Greetings from the East



My Brothers, it is with a heavy heart that I thank you for the opportunity to service as Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge or the remainder of the Masonic year. You have all truly made this possible for me. I would not be able to assume the duties and responsibilities as Master of the Lodge, if not for the support of all our Officers. I am truly thankful for the confidence and trust that you have reposed in me.

Sadly, on May 1st due to a number of personal reasons Worshipful Richard Sherrod PM was unable to continue serving as Master of Las Palmas. We will always remember the countless contributions Worshipful Sherrod made to Masonry over the years and to our Lodge as such a driving force. Worshipful Sherrod has our love and complete support now and in the future. We look forward to seeing our brother in Lodge for upcoming events.

It's our time now to come together, to dissolve and forgive any animosity that may exist between brothers. To inspire our members to not just show up in Lodge, but to use their voice. To realize we all, have ownership of this house. We must all be a moving force if our Lodge is to continue to thrive. Let us encourage every member to have a positive effect in everything we do, in and out of the lodge.

Let us now embrace a renewed commitment to support our brothers and all those in our community. We are proud of the fact that we are Masons and good men, eager to demand much of ourselves. Seeing it as a challenge to service, to step up and meet the needs of any person.

May we all take the time to reflect on Memorial Day, remembering and honoring all those military personnel who gave their lives in the service of our country. Likewise remembering all those who must deal with the horrible wounds and the effects of battle. May we memorialize all veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Finally, I do most solemnly promise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required of me as Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. Thank you for your continued support my brothers. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all of our loved ones.

Fraternally,

Joshua Harmon
Worshipful Master





From the South:

Fresno weather doesn't seem to know what it wants to do these days, but I say anything is better than Fresno's usual summer heat. Las Palmas has had to endure a few trials lately but with trials come great lessons. I know I'm speaking for everyone when I say that we're saddened that Worshipful Sherrod resigned as Master, saddened because it's always such a pleasure to be in the presence of a great leader such as himself. We are all so thankful that Worshipful Sherrod swooped in as Master when the seat in the east went vacant. He's done more in masonry than most will ever do in their entire lifetime. Thank you Richard for being a great pillar in Masonry. If and when you're able to visit you will be welcomed with open arms and all of us would be happy to see you.

Can't be a Mason without talking about food and all the great help we get from our lovely ladies - the Rainbow Girls. Your courteousness and kindness always makes the food taste even better.

Brothers, if any of you are interested in considering an officer position in the line for the upcoming year please talk to myself or Worshipful Harmon. There's no better opportunity to understand the deeper complexities of our beautiful and ancient rituals than officership. Officership is also a wonderful opportunity to give the light back to someone else instead of sitting on the sidelines and passively watching the light being given.

Fraternally and Sincerely from the South,
Mark C. Stroup
Junior Warden

From the Archives:



In February, 1974 there was an energy shortage in our country and gasoline was rationed by limiting the days when you could purchase fuel. If your car license ended in an even number you could only fill up on an even numbered day, etc. The President asked everybody to conserve electricity and in response, WM Craig Shaw directed that we would be dark one Thursday each month.

In April of 1974 our new secretary, Bob Paden, informed us that Las Palmas Lodge had 981 members.

Speaking of Bob Paden, he played a very important role in Las Palmas Lodge for 14 years. As far as I can tell, Bob was the first Secretary of Las Palmas Lodge who was not a Past Master.

On January 1, 1927 Bob went to work for the Sanger Herald as a printer's devil. Around 1934 he purchased a small job printing plant on Blackstone Ave. in Fresno and printed about a dozen high school newspapers until he joined the U.S. Navy in 1943. After being discharged he joined the Naval Reserve and for the next 18 years he was chief in the personnel office.



In 1946 he moved to Antioch to enter a cabinet shop business due to the post WW II building boom. He returned to Fresno in 1947 and went to work for the Fresno Bee in the composing room. In 1950 he went to work for the Fresno Guide as a linotype operator. How many of you remember the Fresno Guide which came out once a week on, I believe, Thursdays? He became foreman of the composing room for eight years and during the last two of these years he converted the hot metal system of printing to computer type printing, which was almost entirely photographic. In April of 1947 Bob was raised a Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge.

He retired in 1972 after the sudden death of his wife. At this he became active in Las Palmas Lodge. Bob knew that if he wanted to survive he had to remain active and attending Lodge helped him do that. In 1973 our Secretary, Norm Foley, became ill and had to quit the post. Even though Bob had only been attending Lodge for a couple of years, he was there every Thursday night and showed lots of interest. I recommended to the Master that Bob should be appointed Secretary for the remainder of the year. Bob was also elected our Secretary from 1974 through 1987. He was also very active in the Fresno Scottish Rite and Tehran Shrine Temple in Fresno. In later years, Bob and his lady friend were at all kinds of Masonic functions in the Fresno area.

Back in the 1970's most Masters of Las Palmas spent seven years as a line officer before they were elected Master. During these seven years, they gradually learned what a Master had to do to govern his Lodge. While learning the ritual and floor work was required, governing a Lodge is akin to running a business. As the Secretary during my year as Master in 1980, I could rely on Bob to do what a Secretary was supposed to do--keep the minutes, receive dues, issue dues cards and answer many questions from both members and non-members. The actual running of the Lodge was the duty of the Master. Bob never tried to take over any of the duties and responsibilities of the Master. Bob knew that the Lodge was to be run from the East, and not the South-East. Brother Bob, thank you for your faithful and dedicated service to Las Palmas Lodge



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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Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated.

From the Desk of the Secretary ,

Hello all,

Welcome to the changing seasons of Fresno. As I write this it is raining and the forecast is showing 90 degree temperatures. We will soon be in Summer and will hopefully be traveling and enjoying our families. I wish you all safe travels and much enjoyment.

Hope to see you all soon!

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

May Calendar

June 6, 2019	2nd degree practice
June 13, 2019	LP MBA Meeting 6:00 PM / 2nd Degree
June 20, 2019	6:00 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
June 27, 2019	degree or practice 7:00 PM



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