



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



My **Father, Grand Father** and even **Great Grand- Father** were **Free Masons**. They told the REAL stories of Masonry that went something like this:

A married couple had just departed their plane and were headed toward the baggage area when they felt the "call of Nature". As the gentlemen finished early and patiently waited outside for his wife, a young mother rushed up, looked around with haste and then said the oddest thing...

"Would you watch my child please?" She quickly left her baby and stroller with an unknown gentleman as she went into the Ladies restroom. The wife came out just after the mother entered, and the man and wife watched the baby as they discussed what had happened. The husband thought it was "irresponsible" for a mother to leave her child with a complete stranger. The wife agreed and so they waited...

The young mother then came out of the restroom and thanked the couple with a big smile. The older gentlemen just had to ask the question. "Young lady, are you in the habit of leaving your child with complete strangers?"

Of course not she replied. I had to use the restroom so very badly and yet there is no room in the stalls for my child's stroller. I was about ready to shed tears as my day has been a terrible one, but then I saw your Masonic Ring. It so reminded me of my Fathers ring. He wore it with Pride and met the most giving people from all over the World. My Mother was in Eastern Star and she wore a ring and necklace very similar to yours, she said as she gestured toward the wife. Simply, I knew that there were no better or trusting people to leave my child with for a moment and I thank You both.

As the young mother hugged the wife and shook the husband's hand, a tear began to swell up...

And all three had the most Beautiful day filled with warm memories and remembrances!

Remember: Smile Big! Help Others! Look to make a Difference! It only takes one simple act of kindness...

Thank You to all who make us feel like home at Las Palmas-Ponderosa! Spring was here... but that just shows us how fast this year is moving. Look to make a difference and learn something new each and Everyday!

Fraternally,

Richard Sherrod PM
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West:

As a product of public school, I remember daily reciting the Pledge of Alliance. Being taught American history and having a sense of Patriotism, which I later learned an important virtue of Masonry. However today, I think about how Freemasonry and its teachings are reflected in society today? From what I've observed, there is a lack of those Masonic values of freedom, tolerance, charity, fraternity and love for one's neighbor.

Lodges unfortunately are declining along with our membership. As we look towards a more progressive, modern era, we must remember what has been truly entrusted to our care. To preserve, grow, inform and inspire those fraternal bonds. I believe citizens today take for granted the hard work of those who came before us. Further not realizing how we all reap the benefits of that diligent work of so many who created and believed in American.

I also believe that all Freemasons are responsible to be Stewards, accountable for promoting with admiration love of our country and serving to its cause. A commitment to strengthen the bonds of friendship and brotherly love between all men. It will remain with us our duty to step up and act with these principles. Principles which should be a known by all to exist in the character and hearts of all Freemasons. Be true, be faithful and let us not fail to contribute our part Brethren.

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

Sincerely,

Senior Warden
Joshua Harmon



From the South:

Hello Fraters,

April has brought lots of activity for us. Thank you to Bro. Ehorn, Guillen, and Bersani for your support in the bike program. If any of you are available to help during weekdays to assemble bikes, please contact Bro. Ehorn (I wish I was able to). It's been wonderful for me to have the privilege of coaching others to learn the work - their enthusiasm brings me nostalgia of when I was memorizing proficiencies. Please contact the Master or either of the Wardens if you wish to give back by coaching others.

For those of you that celebrate - I hope that you enjoyed your April holiday. For those of you who may be of Judeo-Christian faith, Easter may remind you of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, have any of you stopped and wondered what this word "Easter" actually means or where it has come from?

Fun fact: The celebration of "Easter" was originally called the celebration of "Ishtar" (sound similar?) the Babylonian goddess of fertility and sex. Ishtar is the goddess of fertility and sex for many cultures and she is called by different names in different pantheons. Her symbols are that of the egg and rabbit. Easter also occurs in Spring - The Book of Nature shows Spring as the season of fertilization, abundance, and new life. There are interesting tales of Babylonian children painting eggs to express the reverence and gratitude they had that this goddess brought life back into nature after the frigid winter. How amazing that these primitive and ancient traditions have survived so many centuries.

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

From the Archives:



In addition to Public Schools Month and Youth Orders Month, October was recognized as Constitution Observance Month. At the Stated Meeting, we would have a brother give a talk about our Constitution. Occasionally, we would invite an outside guest, such as local Judge or elected official, to give the speech.

October was also when our Grand Lodge met in San Francisco. In 1973, there were two hotly contested resolutions. The first was to lower the age of admission from 21 to 18. The second was to admit candidates with certain physical handicaps. After much debate, both resolutions were defeated. Then as well as now, it took a super majority to pass a resolution.

December marked the end of the one year term of Brother Phil Lewis as Master. Brother Phil, and his wife Evie, were the owner of Parsons-Boucher Flower Shop which they had purchased in the mid-1960's from Ralph Boucher, a member of Las Palmas Lodge. Brother Phil petitioned Las Palmas Lodge in 1966 and was raised in 1967. The flower shop was initially located in downtown Fresno on Van Ness across the street from Dale Orr's Colonial Chapel. Brother Dale was our Treasurer for many years. By the time Phil was Master, he had moved the flower shop to Ashlan and Fresno Streets.

1974 marked the installation of Craig Shaw as our Master. At the time I knew him, he was a maintenance engineer for Valley Medical Center. Like most Masters, he wanted to make Las Palmas Lodge the best and friendliest Lodge that it could be.

At this time in our history, all Lodge meetings started at 7:30. This meant that officers and members had their dinner at home with their spouses and families before they got dressed in their tuxedos and came to Lodge. Many of the officers would arrive just before the 7:30 starting time. Brother Craig thought that visiting members and sojourners should have a chance to meet and converse with the officers before Lodge opened. Therefore, Brother Craig directed that all officers were to be at the Lodge no later than 7:00 for Lodge 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.

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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 ,

Hello all,

All is well at the Lodge. We are moving along nicely and things are falling into place. If you haven't been here in a while, come back and see what your missing, reconnect with old friends and enjoy the fellowship! The lodge is ever changing, and so is the membership.

Hope to see you all soon!

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

May Calendar

May 2, 2019	3rd degree with food 6:00 PM
May 9, 2019	LP MBA Meeting 6:00 PM
May 16, 2019	6:00 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
May 23, 2019	degree or practice 7:00 PM
May 30, 2019	degree or practice 7:00 PM



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