



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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## Greetings from the East



Although the month of November is the last full month of autumn, many parts of the country are beginning to experience colder temperatures and even snow during this month. The days grow shorter, especially once the majority of the U.S. "falls forward" an hour, exiting Daylight Saving Time on the second Sunday of November.

November has to be one of my favorite months of the year. Perhaps due to the upcoming celebration of Thanksgiving, followed by Black Friday marking the start of Christmas and the holiday season. More importantly November marks Veteran's Day, when we honor those who have served in our Armed Forces.

In Lodge we look forward to the nominating of our Officers who will comprise our Officer line for the 2020 Masonic year. We sometimes talk about "advancing through the officer line." We commonly say this because there are certain positions that a Brother traditionally "advances" through as he makes his journey through the Officers chairs. With your assistance brothers, I will do everything I can to best ensure that all appointed positions in our Lodge are filled and look forward to the challenge and promise of a productive Masonic year in 2020.

Unfortunately this month we lost two brothers, Brother Ronald H. Markarian and Brother Raymond "Bud" Baird. Please their families in your prayers and contact our Secretary for our brother's funeral services.

Fraternally,

Joshua Harmon

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Brethren, this past month I was pleased once again to represent our lodge at the 170<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California in San Francisco. As always this was an eventful and fulfilling experience and saw the chartering of several new lodges in California, the adoption of some new legislation and the election of our new Grand Master. While no dramatic changes or shift in policy occurred most notably however the adoption of a resolution that allows lodges to meet and confer degrees on Sundays is no doubt worthy of mention.

This November we will once again be electing our officers to serve in the upcoming 2020 year as well undertaking some important discussions and key votes to the future physical betterment of our lodge building and also the long lasting financial security of its membership. I encourage all members to attend this upcoming stated meeting to express your concerns and have your votes counted so that the current as well as the future generations of our lodge may have their voices heard and feel secure in the financial stability of their lodge membership.

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 Thanksgiving holiday, and hope to see you at lodge soon.

Fraternally,  
Andrew A. Miller  
Senior Warden



From the South:

I hope all is well for everyone. If Thanksgiving food wasn't enough, I know there's going to be so many tasty dinners at all our Masonic bodies this month.

Officers - if you haven't already done so, please study your part in our rituals as you change officer position. Someone took the time and energy to do this for you, what better honor than to give the Light back for someone else.

This part of the year brings with it travel and visits to family for the holidays. Be safe brethren.

Fraternally,  
Mark C. Stroup  
Junior Warden

Masonic Temple in Great Lakes, Michigan



  
Michael Lopez  
Worshipful Master



  
Chris Unti  
Secretary

The Master, Wardens, and Brethren of  
**Visalia-Mineral King Lodge #128**

Cordially invite you to participate in the Annual



**Table Lodge of Fellowship**



To be held  
**Friday, December 13, 2019**

Lodge will be opened on the 1st<sup>o</sup> of Masonry at 6:00 pm.  
Dinner and Festivities will commence in the dining hall following the lodge opening.  
All brethren (Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, & Master Masons) are invited to attend

Please RSVP no later than  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

Call Bro. Chris Unti (559.395.2061) with questions or by email: [chris@sungrapeusa.com](mailto:chris@sungrapeusa.com)

Please send payment at time of RSVP  
Visalia Mineral King Lodge 128  
PO Box 128  
Visalia CA 93279  
Only confirmed Reservations will be accepted

Cost: \$45 per person

Menu TBD but will be amazing!

Appetizer  
Salad  
Main Dish – Prime Rib (most likely)  
Sides  
Dessert

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. WE'RE SURE TO HAVE A GREAT TIME**

## November Birthday's

Boos, Leroy T.	01
Hagopian, Lawrence S.	
Kern, Jeremy E.	02
Steinnes, Knut O.	02
Sorge, John D.	03
Weiner, Brenton R.	03
Khatchadorian, Karekin K.	05
Williams, Donald H.	05
Denton, John L.	06
Jensen, Michael L.	06
Omer, James L.	06
Lane, John B.	08
Lyons, William B.	09
Morris, Thomas E.	09
Bissell, William B.	10
Herring, John W.	11
Faruzzi, Tyler D.	12
Pool, Billie R.	12
Page, Gene R.	15
Ford, Sean W.	16
Barnes, Ryan M.	18
Ewing, Thomas J. III	18
Knapp, George B.	18
Mc Michael, Leroy D.	20
White, Garroll E.	21
Ehorn, Richard L.	22
Bennett, Lawrence T.	24
Miksch, Raymond W.	24
Perry, Joseph E. Jr.	24
Bowman, Michael V.	25
Munsey, Brandon J.	26
Hoskins, Stuart Q.	28
Rowland, Brian K.	28
Wilson, James W. III	28
Mc Coy, David C.	29

## From the Archives:



I will jump to 1979 as this was the year that Bobby Bingham was our Master. Brother Bobby got his degrees in Las Palmas Lodge in 1969 and in 1972 he was appointed Marshall by then Master, Ralph Saroyan. At that time, Marshall was the start of the officer's line. Brother Bingham passed away on September 21, 2019 at the age of 84.



Brother Bingham was a Lieutenant with the Fresno Police Department. I had the pleasure of serving Brother Bobby as his Sr. Warden. The last time that I saw Brother Bobby in Lodge was for the funeral of Past Master John Reynolds which was in February of 2018.

Brother Bobby was a quiet person who accomplished a lot. He had guest speakers at many of our Stated Meeting dinners. For the March Stated Meeting dinner, 230 meals were served. In April, we and our dates filled two Greyhound busses and went to the old Columbia Masonic Temple to confer a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Also in April, he invited the Las Palmas DeMolay Chapter to confer a DeMolay degree on one of our regular Lodge nights so all of our members could witness a DeMolay degree. Although the nights where we conferred 4 or 5 first or second degrees were dwindling, he did raise twelve brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

A personal high for Brother Bingham's career in the Fresno Police Department was on March 22, 1976 when then President Gerald R. Ford visited Fresno. Brother Bingham was in charge of the Presidential motorcade. Gerald Ford was our last President to be a Master Mason.



We lost another Past Master on October 15 when Clovis Lodge's Master, in 1970, Ray Shilling passed away at the age of 90. Brother Shilling took his degrees of Masonry in 1965 in Clovis Lodge. When I was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in Las Palmas Lodge in November of 1967, I had a friend who was gracious enough to take me to First and Second Degrees being conferred by the other Lodges in the Fresno-Clovis area. I probably saw more First and Second Degrees at Clovis Lodge than I did at Las Palmas before I was raised in Las Palmas in April of 1968. During these visits to Clovis Lodge, I got well acquainted with several of their officers, including Ray Shilling.

I remember Ray telling me that he had been a sheet metal worker for 20 years before becoming the Business Agent for his local Sheet Metal Workers Union. He was very active in Union affairs and I also remember hearing him several times being interviewed on local radio stations. Ray took a demit from Clovis Lodge in 2011.



*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.*

*Marvin Wallace - pinched nerve*



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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,

It is hard to believe that the year of 2019 is almost over and we are facing a new year again. Fall is upon us and the air is getting crisp. Dues notices for 2020 will be out in the mail next week, I know you will all be excited about that. Please plan on joining us for dinner on November 21st for the stated meeting, it will be good!

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**November Calendar**

November 7, 2019	Degree or practice
November 14, 2019	Management Board 6:00 PM
November 21, 2019	6:00 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
November 28, 2019	Thanksgiving



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2019 Dues: \$120.00  
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Credit Card: \$124.50