



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



The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star
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Greetings from the East



September is here and many students are returning to school after the summer break. My family was able to enjoy a trip to Orlando Florida this summer visiting the Universal theme park, as our children are huge Harry Potter fans. September also marks the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere and the start of spring in the southern.

Traditionally considered the month that marks the transition between seasons, it also marks the transition and resignation of Worshipful Brother Matthew W. Ross as our Assistant Grand Lecturer. Worshipful Grand Master Stuart A. Wright has announced the appointment of Worshipful Brother Robert G. Beeson III as Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division V. A Past Master of Simi Valley Lodge No. 806, Worshipful Brother Bob was previously the Inspector of District 546. Our Grand Master has also announced that Worshipful Brother Ryan A. Phillips, a Past Master of Channel Islands Lodge No. 214, has been appointed Inspector of District 546. These appointments are effective immediately. I congratulate our brethren on their advancement in our fraternity.

Another day of reflection this month, and may we all remember the more than 3,000 lives lost on September 11th 2001. The deadliest ever, terror attack on U.S. soil. The Twin Towers in New York City being hit by multiple commercial aircraft, American Airlines Flight 11 and Flight 175. While American Airlines Flight 77 was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth airplane, United Airlines Flight 93, was thought to have been headed for the White House, but passengers overtook the hijackers and the plane later crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania. The 9/11 Memorial Museum now occupies the site where the Twin Towers once stood. It is a painful memory for all freedom loving people. May we all stand in solidarity committed to the future, remembering and honoring those victims lost.

Unfortunately this month we lost another member of the Lodge, Past Master Wayne Adams. There will be a service handled for our brother on September 15th, 2019 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at Las Palmas. Please attend, all are invited.

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

Fraternally,

Joshua Harmon

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Now that summer is wrapping up its time to get back into the swing of things at lodge. The fall usually brings the busier time in all Masonic bodies throughout the valley, we here at Las Palmas however haven't been as busy as in some years past, we may not be doing degrees every week but ritual practice is still important especially as fall approaches and we all need to qualify. Any of our newer officers that want to practice please don't hesitate to shoot us senior officers a text or post on our lodge app, we're happy to help you brush up anytime we can.

A congratulatory note to our local Scottish Rite Bodies who over the summer hosted their annual Dinner Auction to benefit our local Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. This year with the help of our local brethren, friends and family they were able to raise a record setting Fifty Seven Thousand Dollars for this worthy cause.

An additional congratulatory note should be added to one of our Past Masters the Worshipful Jim Wilson II who was recently elected to receive the 33rd Degree, a well deserved honor for his years of service as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Childhood Language Center. And last but not least to our own Junior Warden Bro. Mark Stroup I'm proud to welcome into our KCCH family for all his efforts in revitalizing Masonic education throughout the valley.

Continue to have a good summer brethren and hope to see more of you at our upcoming Stated meeting.

Fraternally,
Andrew A. Miller
Senior Warden



From the South:

I hope everyone is well after our dark months because it's time for us to go back to work in our Craft.

Our International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) ("Rainbow Girls" for short) have had many events and I've recently learned so much about them. Notably, there is a type of walking that is done during their ceremonies which gives the audience the impression that they are actually floating instead of walking. When I heard of this, I wondered about its symbolism. To walk this way would mean that one would need to be in precise control of her limbs. Could this symbolize being in control of one's conduct and actions? Their founder was Rev. W Mark Sexson (Freemason) who was employed with the duties of writing their ritual. I'm hoping to witness their ceremonies soon to support them, look for correspondences that their ceremonies might have to ours, and see this really cool "floating" thing I keep hearing about. I really hope that my daughter will pursue this path when she comes of age so that she might learn their virtues.

Zoo Boo is in October. For those that are unaware, it is a fun opportunity to come out to our Fresno Chaffee Zoo to see everyone's fun costume, give out candy, and do fingerprints. This program of ours needs brothers who are able to donate some time and energy. I'm hoping that we can restore this program.

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

Spending Your Dash?

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone - From the beginning ...to the end.
He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. (1930 -199B)
For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth ...
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own; the cars ...the house ...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.
To think about this long and hard ...Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left. That can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand the way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.
So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash ...
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

NOTICE:

WIDOW'S CLUB, as of Mon, Aug 5th, Our Meeting place at Marie Calendar's at Shaw & Cedar has closed Both of their locations, therefore I will try & get in touch with all of you before our next Scheduled Meeting on the LAST Wednesday of September, where we will meet to decide as a group where we will be meeting after that!!

You can call me at (870)847-0818, for further info as I get it, remember you miss a lot of calls, like mine if you" DON'T ANSWER YOUR PHONE" because of Area Codes!

Thanks & have a "Good Day"
Lena Cook: President.

From the Archives:



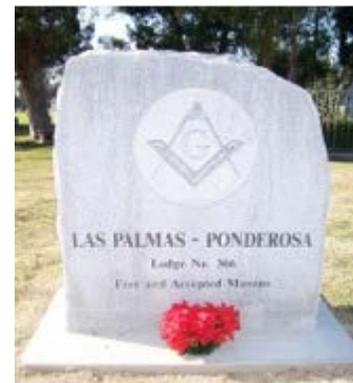
Back in 1935, a young member of Las Palmas Lodge named Jesse Pittman passed away. It being in the middle of the Great Depression, his family asked the Lodge if it had land for his burial. Up until this time, Las Palmas Lodge did not have any burial property, but because of Brother Pittman's family's request, the Lodge bought several plots at Mountain View Cemetery.

Within a month or two, a sojourner passed away and his family made a similar request. This time the Lodge had sufficient space for the burial of this sojourner. Seventy-five years later, I discovered that Las Palmas Lodge had ownership of many empty plots at Mountain View Cemetery and together with then Master, Bob Davis, the Lodge purchased a large granite rough ashlar to mark our Lodge's burial property.

The initial plans were for the Lodge to purchase a second marker for the names of those interred in this space. Several months ago the Lodge approved the design of such a name marker. The marker is currently on order and the cost includes the engraving of all of the names who are interred at that time. Currently we only have three names, Jesse Pittman whose current marker is unreadable, Anthony Atkission and Jim Clark. This Marker is 24" tall and 36" wide and is of the same kind of granite that our rough ashlar is.

This picture is of a proposal for the placement of the names on the marker. If any of the Las Palmas-Ponderosa family have cremated remains of members and you do not know where to have their final resting place, now is the time to consider our Las Palmas-Ponderosa burial site. The reason is that if you do this before this marker is engraved, you will save the \$250.00 cost of having their named added to the marker. You will still be out the cost that the cemetery charges, currently about \$700.00, but you will save the \$250 engraving fee. While I do not have a cutoff date, I would assume that it will be around September 15, 2019.

Contact the Lodge Secretary at (559) 268-2303 if you have questions or are interested.



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.

David Clark - Knee

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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,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are doing well. The lodge is starting to get busy once again and we will soon have plenty to do. It won't be long before we are looking for our jackets. Please join us on the 19th for stated meeting dinner, we will be having a great meal supplied by our janitorial company.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

August Calendar

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



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