



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



To my friends and brothers' greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. August is upon us along with those wonderful triple digit temperatures. It remains unclear with the current state of COVID-19, when the Lodge will be permitted to conduct regular business and functions.

Our Lodge officers and I have been meeting via conference calls to approve essential bills only. We also met recently to review and approve seven wonderful applicants, applying for resources through our scholarship program at Las Palmas. I'm pleased to report the Lodge awarded all seven applicants scholarship funds and we all wish them a successful and bright future.

A few updates from our Worshipful Grand Master John E. Trauner, the Grand Lodge has been reviewing the recommended applicants to serve as Junior Grand Warden for the State of California. This was unfortunately due to the untimely death of Worshipful Brother Frederick A. Kao, a Past Master of San Leandro Lodge No.133 and was the Junior Grand Warden recommendee.

The Grand Lodge Executive Committee met and has selected Worshipful Brother G. Sean Metroka for election as our new Junior Grand Warden at the next Annual Communication to be held in October of this year. Worshipful Brother Metroka is a Past Master of Nevada Lodge No. 13 in Nevada City. He was raised a Master Mason in Table Mountain Lodge No. 124 in Paradise 41 years ago on October 23, 1979.

Please look out for those in need. May we continue social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone healthy and safe. I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge when permitted.

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

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon
Worshipful Master



From the West,

I hope you all are well. Another month goes by and we still haven't been able to meet. Despite us not meeting, we are still a brotherhood and doing our brotherly duties of looking out for one another during these times. Let us imitate the divine to the best of our ability by being there for each other the same way that the divine makes itself available for us during our prayers.

There's more and more research coming to light about this virus each day and I hope that everyone is keeping up with this news by learning about all of the newfound symptoms.

There's been some really interesting Masonic lectures by some very educated Masonic scholars on the Freemason.org website. These are called the "Masonic Speaker Series." There's one happening about every 2 weeks, and you should've received emails about them from Freemason.org. There's a little bit of something for everyone and their interests. I'm looking forward to a lecture called "Freemasonry and the Rosicrucian Stream" by Dr. McIntosh, a world authority on Rosicrucianism and editor of many Rosicrucian texts.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Traditionally in the valley August is the barest and thinnest month for Masonic functions, nothing can be truer than at this time.

I can encourage you however to stay active with one another (6feet apart) and support those causes we all cherish.

Annually August is the time of the Scottish Rite Auction to benefit the Childhood Language Disorders Clinic, this year (like so many things) it will have to be held virtually.

As none of us can be involved in our local lodges in person I encourage you to contact the Fresno Scottish Rite and see how you can participate in this virtual activity remembering that though the ability to practice brotherly refreshment may have been temporarily suspended the ability to practice charity never is.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Junior Warden

August Birthday's

Charles Vaughn	1
Brian Richburg	2
Jack Mattox	3
Richard Sherrod PM	4
Aulta Sexton Jr.	5
Linley Cole	5
Albert Blumer	6
Dick Manoogian	7
Leonard Gottner PM	7
Andrew Miller PM	8
Edward Spangler PM	10
Robert Preston	10
James Keeton PM	11
Jeffery Woods	11
Henry Alcantara	12
Howard Ford	15
James Holley	16
James Wilson II PM	18
Richard Avila	19
Walter Kron	21
Robert O'Dell	21
Wayne Newquist	23
Milton Snavely	24
Earl Hudson	24
Jack Afonin	26
Thomas Dean	26
Derek Olsen	26
Bernard Hollenbeck	28
Rodney Horton	30



On the occasion of the President Gerald Ford's visit to Fresno on March 22, Bro Bobby Bingham, our Senior Deacon, was in charge of the President's motorcade.

From the Archives:



Ever since we moved in to our current Temple in 1960, we have preceded our Stated Meetings with a "Dinner with our Dates." For our June, 1975 dinner we had Shish-Ka-Bob which was cooked by some of our Brothers of Armenian descent under the supervision of Mary Perch. According to Mary, the price of lamb had got so high, that the dinner cost would be \$3.50.

At the August, 1975 stated meeting we voted that we would no longer insert Lodge notices in the Fresno Bee. However, we would continue to place notices in the Fresno Guide which was delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays. We had to pay for our notices in the Bee, but there was no cost from the Guide. How many of you remember Fresno' second newspaper, the Fresno Guide or Fresno Shopping Guide?

All of our Stated Meeting dinners were set up and prepared by our dates. If there was any profit from the dinners, the outgoing master got to select what he wanted to do with that extra money. Outgoing Master Green Young decided to purchase some book cases and a display case so that a library could be established in our card room. Today there are several book cases and a display case. Brother Green was the driving force for our current library.

January, 1976 started off with an increase in the cost to take the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge. The old fee was \$80.00 and the new fee was \$100.00. The reason for this was because the Las Palmas Temple Board increased our rent by 10%.

In March of 1976 Brother Bob Paden reported that on March 1 there were 972 members of Las Palmas Lodge. We had the same number a year ago. This was an increase of ten members over July 1, 1974. The number of deaths during the past year offset the number of new members raised. The increase was mainly due to affiliations of sojourners from other lodges.

The Lodge's picnic was held at Woodward Park (Mountain View area) on Father's Day. The menu was Barbecue Beef, Cole Slaw, Peda Bread and "Dake" Beans (prepared by Danny Dake) with hot sauce, ice cream and soda pop. We had as our guests our own chapter of the DeMolay. I remember attending this picnic as our daughter Erica was a newborn and everybody got a chance to see her for the first time.



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,

Welcome to Fresno in August. It feels more like Death Valley with humidity.

I hope everyone is safe and trying to remain in good spirits. The HVAC project is continuing and is nearing completion, hopefully sooner rather than later. It gets really warm in here and hard to concentrate. Hopefully the virus ends soon and we can get back to lodge.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

August Calendar

All meetings are canceled until further notice.



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