



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



To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. The December holiday season is upon us. Decorations and holiday lights create many reasons to count our blessings. Coronavirus cases increasing has unfortunately prompted changes to our holiday season events. Many Counties are taking extra steps to increase safety and reduce the rapid spread of COVID-19.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, but the celebrations will look a lot different in 2020 as coronavirus case numbers prompt major changes to some of the biggest holiday events. Many traditional Christmas parades will be replaced with drive-through events, allowing us to still celebrate the Christmas season and continue to social distance. California has started building a framework for how it will obtain and distribute the COVID-19 vaccine once approved by the FDA. I'm hopeful the vaccine may help return our country to some state of normalcy.

Please continue to look out for those in need. May we continue social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing everyone in our Lodge Zoom Stated meeting for December. A Zoom invite will be sent out soon.

It remains unclear with the current state of COVID-19 pandemic when we will be permitted to conduct regular Lodge functions in person.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Fraternally,  
Joshua Harmon  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

I hope that you all have been well and will have happy holidays. Holidays are usually a time that we look forward to the hugs and kisses from family and friends, so it's naturally disappointing that the virus might infringe upon the intimacy and connectedness we usually have during holidays.

It remains unclear when or how masonry will conduct functions in the future. Although we may not be meeting in a physical lodge room, the spirit of masonry lies not in the lodge building or its dinners but in our hearts, minds, and actions. The heartbeat of freemasonry continues as long as we continue to live by its virtues and teachings. May you be well and happy holidays.

Fraternally,  
Mark Stroup  
Senior Warden

**STATED MEETING:**

Topic: December Stated Meeting

Time: Dec 17, 2020 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81017829915?pwd=OFNITW1EZExYU29KZTVFN2lPbUhicz09>

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From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Well the 2020 year is coming to a close (thankfully), I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends as we now begin the busy winter holiday season.

Though probably not quite the same as the hectic holiday shopping seasons of past years it still brings a bit of cheer and anticipation, even if you can't see the smile under the mask.

I would like to congratulate our Senior Warden Bro. Mark Stroup on being elected to the office of Worshipful Master at our November Virtual Stated Meeting. While the 2021 year will undoubtedly start off a bit different, I'm sure that Mark will make it an enjoyable and rewarding time.

Please all continue to stay safe and having a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we prepare to welcome 2021 with all the promises and long anticipated fresh starts we've needed.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Miller PM  
Junior Warden

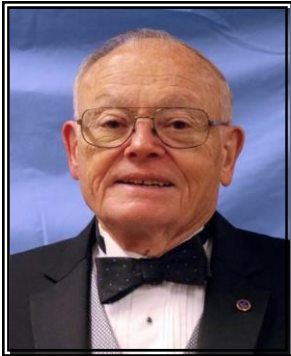
## December Birthday's

Edward	Stumpf		1
Gerald	Rasmussen		1
Stanley	Littleworth		2
James	Mc Clain		3
James	Peloian		4
Daniel	Pearce	PM	4
Lawrence	Smith		5
Matthew	Guy		6
James	Wadkins		7
Michael	Dick		7
Elvin	Sherwood		8
Dewayne	Bien		9
Steven	Shute		9
Charles	Gomez	Jr.	10
Douglas	Boudakian		11
Leonard	Ogden		12
Devon	Bleak	III	12
George	Pavlovich		13
William	Clark	D.D.S.	14
Benjamin	Lewis		14
Christopher	Parker		18
Ronald	Weiner		20
Dee	Lewis		20
Charles	Garabedian		20
John	Kitchel		20
Kevin	Casey		20
Robert	Mc Colaugh		22
Kenneth	Elia		23
Mitchell	Mirigian		23
L. Dean	Lowe	Ph.D	25
Johnnie	Harshman	Jr.	25
Don	Blosser		27
Gregory	Burton		27
Paul	Redondo		27
Kenneth	Smith		29
Randall	Cox		30
Robert	Roberts		31
Kenneth	Bryson		31



From the Archives:

On May 15, 1978 our Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone for the State Capital. Las Palmas Lodge chartered a bus so that our members and ladies could attend.



How many of you remember the membership rosters that the various Lodges in the Fresno/Clovis/Sanger area published every couple of years? While the earlier ones just had the names of an individual Lodge's members listed by Lodge, the later ones included phone numbers and addresses of the members. Also listed were the names and years that each Master served his Lodge. For those PM's who were deceased, it was so noted. The earliest copy that I have is from 1928 and the latest one that I have is from the mid-1980's. They were free for members. About a week ago, our Lodge got an e-mail, via our website, from a Mason who lives in New York and who wanted to find out about his grandfather's Masonic affiliation in Fresno. From one of these books, I was able to determine that this brother's grandfather was a member of Sun Garden Lodge.

While these rosters were being published, a man desiring to petition Las Palmas Lodge had to personally know both of his recommenders. If you wanted to petition Las Palmas, but didn't know any members, the Lodge Secretary might give you a copy of this membership roster and tell you to go through the names of our members and find two of them that you knew. Odds are that out of a thousand members, you would find several members that you knew.



*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.*

From the Archives: *continued*

In 1978 I was the Jr. Warden and in my September Trestleboard article, I wrote the following: ***From the South*** *I hope that all of you enjoyed the summer vacation. The kitchen crew informs me that they are anxiously waiting for the next degree night so they can show off their skills. All lodges serve refreshments at the conclusion of degrees, but Las Palmas is the only Lodge in this area to serve cookies and coffee during the break. We do this for a very important reason. Fellowship is one of the major reasons for attending Lodge, and the fellowship is greatly improved when you can talk to one another at the break with a cup of coffee in one hand and a cookie in the other (if you talk with your hands, you've got a problem). Don't you want to partake of the fellowship? Join us at Lodge this fall and also see the officers at advanced stations. Fraternally RICHARD FREY, J.W.*

Now we have our fellowship before Lodge opens with a light dinner. This way we get home much earlier than we did in 1978.

The City of Fresno came into existence in 1872 and prior to Fresno Lodge's formation in 1878; there were only two lodges in the central valley. Yosemite Lodge No. 99 in Merced and Visalia Lodge No. 128 which were chartered in 1856 and 1857.

On November 11, 1978, Fresno Lodge No. 247 celebrated its centennial. There was a large celebration at the Fresno Convention Center. I remember attending this pageant and all GL officers and committeemen being introduced. Since I was on the Juris Prudence Committee, I got to stand. The Grand Master gave the main address.

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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,

Well here we are, finally, the end of this crappy year. I personally thought it would never get here. I hope your Thanksgiving was as well as it could be. I hope this message finds you all well. As I type this, they are considering shutting down our state once again to try and slow the progress of this virus. Good grief. Have a Merry Christmas and a better New Year.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

December Calendar

Zoom Stated meeting on 12-7 7:30 PM



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