



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



My brothers it is my honor to be installed in the East of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for another masonic year. It is truly wonderful working with all of our newly installed Officers. We are luck this year to have two Past-Masters comprising our officer line for 2020. Two time Past-Master Andrew Miller has once again been installed in the south as Junior Warden, along with our Past-Master Scott M. Fichtner is taking on the role of Senior Deacon for the ensuing Masonic year.

Our remaining Officers are a terrific group for gentleman who have been so supportive of me and the Lodge. I hope to repay all of them in future, filling a supporting role under them as Master of Las Palmas. – Ponderosa. We are looking forward to multiple first degrees in the coming months, which we hope to see every member in Lodge for these men's initiation in to our ancient and honorable fraternity. Stay tuned to the website or app for times and updates will be posted the future events.

We have many other events to look forward to in February, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, President's Day, and wonderful Mardi Gras. Also, we can't forget the largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl! Sunday February 2nd the Kansas City Chiefs and Forty-Niners will face off in Miami at Super Bowl 54. May we all enjoy the festivities this month and continue to grow in Lodge.

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

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon
Worshipful Master



From the West,

In January we had our closed installation. By doing so this enabled us to save some money that we would have ordinarily spent on meals afterwards.

I'm excited that we'll be putting on some degrees really soon. People come to us in search of something more than what the everyday mundane world has to offer and it's a privilege and honor for me to provide that to our candidates. I'm grateful for those brothers who stepped in to the officer line. Whatever your station may be, each plays a very meaningful role in our ceremonies.

I am excited to see more and more brothers coming back to Lodge when they have the opportunity. Thank you to our lovely ladies we make sure we are always so well fed each month.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Senior Warden





From the South:

Last month I had both the honor and privilege of being installed as your new Junior Warden for the 2020 Masonic year. Though this is not my first turn through the chairs of our lodge each new brings new challenges and experiences and it always feels like an opportunity for a fresh start, not only for our officers but for the members of our lodge.

If you haven't been attending lodge regularly, I encourage you to come back and begin to retake your Masonic journey. In recent months our lodge voted to participate in the Grand Masters membership restoration program begun by the Grand Lodge this year. If you are unfamiliar with this initiative, I encourage you all to go to freemason.org and read more about it. This program I believe provides an exciting opportunity for masons of all ages whose memberships in the past may have fallen by the wayside to return to lodge and begin again, and hopefully through this initiative we will begin to see faces long missed at our dinners and meetings.

Our lodge over the past year has not been the most active in our area, however in the past month we were pleased to ballot upon several new applications and have several more waiting to be voted upon. In the coming we will be pleased to host several first-degree initiations and hopefully some advancement to higher degrees as well, I encourage you all to attend and welcome these new members to our fraternity.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Junior Warden

February Birthday's

Garcia, Edmond M.	03
Papazian, Robert A.	04
Pattee, Gene H.	04
Baird, John K.	06
Spoelstra, Gary P	06
Johnson, Lonny G.	07
Thormann, Jerome A. Jr.	09
Donaldson, Richard M.	10
Pretzer, Byron A.	10
Tyler, Timothy R.	10
Bernier, Richard C. Sr.	13
Nichols, Daryl G. Jr.	14
Rios, Ruben	14
Sharp, Gerald L.	14
Sorge, David J.	15
Childs, Richard D.	16
Scott, John R.	16
Khan, Omar A.	17
Weiner, Jason I.	17
Hartman, Jeremy J.	18
Kincade, Bryan K.	18
Mc Cown, James J.	18
Hansen, Alan A.	19
Hatamaria, Ali R.	19
Le, Khoa V.	19
Davenport, Robert L.	20
Frey, Richard W.	21
Rowlett, Rodney B.	21
Ewing, Robert R.	23
Jack, Cline C. Jr.	23
Lee, Larry B.	27
Minasian, Larry C.	27
Lyons, Jared B.	29
Reynolds, Michael W.	29
Skunca, Joshua B.	29

It's time for breakfast!

We are starting a new lodge breakfast and it will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month starting in March of 2020. We will serve from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM. We are asking you to bring your spouse and your children so that they can experience the same lodge that you do. We hope it will turn into a fun time that our families can get to know one another and make friendships that will last a lifetime!

The Menu:

You can order eggs of any kind, we may not be able to cook them, but you can order them. We will have bacon, sausage and ham. We will have fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, in the summer months when available we will have fresh fruit. We will have pancakes and French Toast sticks for the kids. We will have coffee, milk, orange juice and some other canned fruit drinks that will be served ice cold. It will be all you can eat....at some point we will say OK, that's all you can eat!

The Cost:

We are going to try and hold the cost as low as possible. It may take a few months to get the price adjusted but we are not looking to make a profit. We are trying to keep the cost as low as possible so that everyone can afford to come and enjoy the non-meeting atmosphere. The initial cost should be around \$10.00 and will either go up or go down depending on how well we are able to purchase and the kind of response we will get from people attending.

I hope that you can all make a little time to come by and check it out and enjoy good food and fellowship at the same time.

Work Party

I would like to have a Saturday work party before the breakfast. I would like to get all of the round tables out and give the tops a good cleaning before we start the breakfast. They are not eye candy at the moment with your help and some elbow grease, they can be. It should only take maybe 4 hours and they would be ready to go for the breakfast. If that is not your cup of tea, I do have some other maintenance items that need to be attended to. All help is welcomed and lunch will be provided.

Thanks, Bryan



From the Archives:



Las Palmas Lodge was definitely active in 1974. For Past Master's Night, we served 70 dinners to Master Masons and had 19 Past Masters confer the Third degree. The candidate was John Troy Hutson. He was an educator. Brother Hutson took a demit from Las Palmas in June of 1981. Do any of you remember Brother Hutson?

In January of 1975 Brother Green Young was installed as our Master. Brother Young was a retired Greyhound Bus Driver and had served in virtually every Officer's position before being formally installed in the Officer's Line. He was an excellent ritualist. The main reason that he waited so long to start in the line was because of his job.

New to the Officer's Line for 1975 was Brother Harry E. Sager, Jr. as Marshall and Brother William Wharton as Treasurer. Brother Sager left the line after one year but remained a Mason as I remember giving him a Masonic Funeral in 1993. Brother Wharton had served in many non-ritual positions at Las Palmas, the most memorable to me being our Masonic Education teacher. In 1975, I was the new Senior Steward. At this time, Brother Harvey Wimer, a retired City of Fresno fireman, was our Tiler. Brother Harvey lived in the apartments across Clinton from our Lodge and on Lodge nights he would come early and set up the Lodge Room. Since Lodge met at least once every week, this job of setting up and taking down the equipment for our Lodge Room got him a monthly salary of either \$50 or \$75. Our Organist, Paul Shelly got the same amount of pay. In February of 1975 we honored our Valentines as guests of the Lodge, with the Brethren serving their wives. At this time Mary Perch prepared a fabulous dinner for each of our Stated Meetings. The menu for this evening was Swiss steak.

At our February stated meeting Worshipful Sam Pavlovich, Inspector of the 416th Masonic District presented 50 year golden veteran buttons to five of our worthy brothers



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 - Fall

Sean Ford - Mini stroke

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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 February. Soon we will start to see flowers popping up and buds returning to the trees. I for one, can't hardly wait. Please join us for the stated meeting dinner on the 20th, we will be having Swiss Steak over noodles. It should be a fantastic meal for all to enjoy! Please email or call for reservations.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

February Calendar

February 6, 2020	First Degree
February 13, 2020	Management Board 6:00 PM
February 20, 2020	6:00 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
February 27, 2020	First Degree



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