



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 for the lovely and warm month of July. In addition to picnics, outdoor recreation and other celebrations, July is a great month to get out and enjoy nature by seeing some of our National Parks close by.

For the fans of the upcoming fireworks shows to celebrate our Nations Independence Day, this Fourth of July may feel somewhat of a subdued affair. Many traditional outdoor events in California have been canceled due to the ongoing pandemic. This should not take away from this very patriotic holiday, for which we should be celebrating the positive aspects of the United States, sometimes forgotten. Many appear at public events to show their support for the history, heritage and people of our country. Above all I pray in light of recent events, that the great people of the United States will express and give thanks for the freedoms and liberties so many have fought and died for. Many of were first generation Americans.

Let us continue social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone safe and healthy, and may we enjoy the 4th safely celebrations with our friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge.

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

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Most importantly, I hope that all our brothers and their loved ones have been well. To our brothers that have compromised immune systems or underlying medical conditions that put them at greater risk of COVID-19, please reach out to us if you are in need of assistance. I would be happy to pick up groceries or supplies for anyone and transport them to the brother's house instead of having our at-risk brothers go into busy stores at this time.

I'm anxiously awaiting to hear when we receive permission from both the Grand Master and our state to meet, even if it is with several precautions. The Brotherly Love that we express with warm handshakes and hugs is a component of our fraternity that is certainly missed.

Please stay well and reach out if you are in need of help or support.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,
I hope all is well and you are doing fine in these uncertain times.

This past month was a welcome refreshment for myself and family vacationing in Alaska. While in Anchorage I was pleased to have the opportunity to attend Glacier Lodge No. 10, and I must say sitting in lodge once more was long overdue. It was also quite an interesting experience observing the ritual of another jurisdiction as this was my first time doing so. While all of masonry is similar enough that you know what's going on there were certainly enough differences that you're glad that didn't ask you to sit in an empty chair. Our California secretaries would probably also be jealous that that they don't have to read all the minutes out loud!

Vacations are fun but happy to be home, and hope we'll all be able to share lodge together soon.
In the meantime, have a safe and fun 4th of July.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Junior Warden



July Birthday's

George	Richmann		02
Kenneth	Abell		03
Morris	Bradshaw		04
George	Freige	III	04
Gary	Goyette		04
Tommy	Hyatt		04
Stanton	Walker		05
David	Cunha	PM	08
Richard	Smith		08
Thomas	Heckel	II	10
Lawrence	Hopper	PM	12
Armen	Keledjian		12
Daniel	Hanson		13
Andrew	Zaninovich		13
Martin	Gann		14
Mark	Thornton		14
Trevor	Clark		16
Raymond	King		17
Ron	Gadberry	PM	19
Larry	Goeringer		19
John	Prichard	Jr.	19
Dennis	Schlundt		19
Bradley	Smith		19
Franklin	Champ		21
Ryan	Duty		21
Christopher	Greeley		21
Jeffrey	Olsen		21
Hrant	Serabian		21
Edgar	Tanassi		23
David	Manion		24
Saul	Mendelsohn	DR	24
Larry	Duba	PM	25
Robert	Gonzalez		26
Elvin	Cox		27
John	Gentle		27
Matthew	Pascua		27
Anthony	Ratkus		27
Arlen	Tanielian		27
Thornton	Davidson		29
William	Halsey		31
John	Moore		31
Wallace	Richey		31
Ronald	Ulrich		31

From the Archives:



By now it has become clear that what we are experiencing with our daily activities is something that nobody alive has ever experienced before. When we were first told to stay at home, it was for only two weeks, then it was extended for many more weeks. It was then made a suggestion for those with weakened immune systems to continue to stay at home. Face coverings were discouraged, now they are required every time we go outside of our home.

Covid-19 has also affected the way that Masonic Lodges operate, or don't operate. Our Grand Master has decreed that no Lodge, or affiliated body, in California can hold actual meetings of any kind. In a Masonic Lodge, business meetings can only be held in "open Lodge". This means that the required number of officers must assemble in Lodge and with the prescribed ritual, open Lodge, hold the business meeting and then close Lodge with the proper ritual.

One of the purposes of our Stated Meeting is to approve and pay our bills. Our Grand Master has set forth a procedure whereby the Master conducts a virtual mini Stated Meeting. On the day and time for our Stated Meeting, the Master and five members, over the phone, approve the bills and vote that they be paid. What we can't do is read petitions for membership, vote on petitions for degrees or affiliation, have candidates give their proficiencies or conduct any other Lodge business. These latter items will have to wait until California allows Fresno County, and perhaps all counties, to open up as Phase 4. This may or may not be until a Covid-19 vaccine is available for everybody. Then we may be allowed to have Stated Meetings while following safe meeting rules.

As for the conducting of degrees, Our Grand Lodge is looking into ways that our existing ritual can be modified to conform to safe meeting protocol. As for the serving of food at a Lodge, I am sure that many changes in our prior procedures will have to be made to keep us all safe. In short, our life at Las Palmas Lodge will definitely have major changes once we open back up. During the interim, our brother the Secretary, Bryan Kincade, is at the Lodge every weekday morning at 9:00 to open the mail, respond to e-mails and send out dues cards when dues are received. He is normally there for only a few minutes so if you need to contact him, it is best to send him an e-mail or call him at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

Until we can meet again, stay safe, stay well and make the best of your life.



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,

Well 6 months down and 6 to go. Hopefully these next 6 will be easier to deal with!

I hope everyone is well and taking care of themselves. There is very little going on in lodge.

As parts for the HVAC system come in, they are being installed. It has been a slow Process that is not being helped by this virus. Stay safe!

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

July Calendar

All meetings are canceled until further notice.



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