



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



# The Las Palmian

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## Greetings from the East



My friends and brothers' greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge in this beautiful month of June. We move into the first month of summer with a wave of new state orders, easing restrictions and allowing certain businesses such as restaurants, stores, museums and libraries to reopen.

The announcement is a cautious but serious step toward removing some of the most severe restrictions that California has placed on our everyday life. Store owners will be allowed to open only if they alter their workplaces, and they must enforce social distancing. I remain cautiously optimistic that with the precautions taken by our state, we will continue to see a decline in new coronavirus cases, thus returning our lives to as normal as possible.

The third Sunday in June also brings us Father's Day. I take it as a day to honor not just my own father but the many great father's we have in society. Those good men who have impacted our lives. To reflect on fatherhood, paternal bonds, as well as the influences we have on our children and all the young people we come in contact with.

Let us continue social distancing measures and everyone stay safe.

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

Fraternally,  
Joshua Harmon  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

I hope all of you and your families are well. Our Bro. Secretary has informed us that we have not been informed of any brothers having COVID-19 and I hope for it to stay that way. Society appears to be growing frustrated with the shelter in place and we see that frustration manifest as carelessness from people failing to protect themselves or others when out in public.

If you are in need of supplies, please don't hesitate to inform our Worshipful Master and Bro. Secretary. Those of us that are younger and do not have compromised immune systems or other health risks can come together to pick up resources that you might need and deliver these to you.

I'm really hoping to seeing everyone's faces real soon for a degree or physical stated meeting. Stay safe!

Fraternally,  
Mark Stroup  
Senior Warden



From the South:

I hope all are doing well in these continually odd and in certain times. While many of our local and statewide activities slowly regain a tempered sense of normalcy Masonry still faces a bit of dilemma.

Getting a haircut while wearing a mask or maintaining social distancing while shopping may be relatively easy, but I dare any brother to come up with a way to maintain social distance while conferring the third degree.

For this difficult reason and many others our Grand Lodge has yet to determine a concrete timeline for reopening our California lodges.

Hopefully however it won't be long now.

As we slowly continue to normalize please continue to stay as safe as possible. And remember just because things may be looking up it's never too late to fall on your face.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Miller PM  
Junior Warden

## June Birthday's

David	Pitts		01
John	Gandy		02
William	Lee		02
Raymond	Reyes		02
Justin	Robinson		02
Hamo	Hamamjian		04
Arthur	Johnson		04
Vernon	Gaylord		05
Richard	Hopper	PGM	05
Devin	Hanson		07
Curtis	Jack	PM	08
Henry	Howard		10
Michael	Behlen		11
Timothy	Bezzarides		11
Joseph	Perry	IV	11
Vernon	Ullstrom		11
Edward	Bufford	PM	14
Dwayne	Farrow		14
Terrance	Haun	II	15
Milburn	Holt		15
Richard	Mets		16
Allen	Munroe	Jr.	16
Nicholas	Ionescu		17
William	Lyons	PM	17
James	Marshall	PM	17
Michael	Sahakian		17
Alan	Steven		17
Matthew	Houk		18
Joshua	Hughes		18
James	Welch		18
Elie	Choufani		21
Anthony	Rodriguez		21
Sidney	Cox		22
Kenneth	Bratcher		23
Daniel	Valdez		25
Dennis	Claborn		26
Dennis	Ward		26
Albert	Petersen		27
Brent	Calvert		29

From the Archives:



Since Las Palmas Lodge is actually closed for the first time in its history due to the COVID-19 flu, I thought I would mention several other flu epidemics that have occurred during my lifetime and which did not result in business closures, or stay at home orders. In 1976, there was a flu epidemic that was not widespread enough to qualify as a pandemic; however, fearing that it might spread and be as bad as the 1918 flu, on the advice of scientists, President Ford ordered a nationwide vaccination effort. This was a descendant of the 1918 Flu (H1N1) and was a swine flu, so it was called Swine Flu. It started to spread at Fort Dix in New Jersey (pig farmers hated the name and said it should be called the New Jersey flu). That fall, Therese and I went to the Fresno Fair and there we got vaccinated with a gun that injected the vaccine without a needle. As I remember, the Swine Flu never amounted to much. That same year, there was a mild flu called A/Victoria because it started in Victoria, Australia. In 1997, an avian flu again began in Hong Kong and spread through China; it was a H5N1 strain of Influenza flu. Enough about the flu, let us all practice social distancing and stay well. In January of 1975, Brother Green Young was installed as our Master. Brother Green had been doing the ritual for all of the officer stations for many years. I am sure that he would have been our Master several years earlier, but for his job as a Greyhound Bus Driver and being out of town frequently.

In our January, 1975 Trestleboard, our Secretary, Bob Paden, informed us that Las Palmas Lodge had 966 members. WM Young informed us that he calculated that only 2½% of our members showed up at our meetings. That would be about 25 sideliners. With today's membership, that would be between 10 and 12 sideliners which is just about what we have at meetings. When Lodge re-opens, let us see if we can't increase the number of sideliners so that the candidates for degrees will know that we really care about them joining Las Palmas-Ponderosa and starting a life in Masonry.



*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** (con't)

We had been asked by Livingston Lodge No. 658 to confer courtesy degrees upon Bro. George Chisolm. We coached Bro. Chisolm and after he passed his 2<sup>nd</sup> degree proficiency in Las Palmas Lodge, we arranged for a visitation and took Bro. Chisolm to get his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree in Madera Lodge on April 1, 1975 so that Livingston Lodge could also visit Madera Lodge at the same time. On Saturday May 17, 1975, Burbank Lodge chartered a bus and brought a candidate to Las Palmas Lodge so that they could confer the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree upon their candidate.

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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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 this is certainly not what I thought 2020 would be, but we will deal with it. I hope everyone is well and staying safe. There is nothing going on at the lodge, we are in a holding pattern on the air conditioning, the parts have been ordered and we are waiting for them to get here. Check your dues card and see if your up to date.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**June Calendar**

All meetings are canceled until further notice.



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