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Greetings from the East



My friends and brothers' greetings from Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for the month of March. I would like to start by congratulating our newly obligated Brother Brent Calvert on him taking his first steps in Masonry. No doubt we all remember that night, when we were made an Entered Apprentice Mason. We all look forward to your progress in Lodge Brother Calvert.

As our Masonic year continues to roll on with a breathtaking pace, we are looking forward to the month of March Las Palmas will continue to confer First Degrees along with a Second Degree for our Brother Daniel Valdez who returned to Lodge a wonderful First-Degree proficiency. I invite everyone to attend our future degrees and show your support of our brethren.

In the month of March there were many historical events that occurred in Masonry. To name a few, on March 3rd 1753, George Washington received his Fellow Craft degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. On March 6th 1775, several black men including one named Prince Hall, were initiated into Freemasonry in Boston. This marked the beginning of what became a huge movement or organization in the United States known as Prince Hall Masonry, composed mainly of African Americans. Also, on the 9th of March 1822, a National Masonic Congress was held in Washington DC, in the U.S. Capitol building for the first time and in London on March 25th 1902, Sir Winston Churchill received his 3rd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591. We sometimes forget that we are part of a great history and a much larger world.

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

Fraternally,

Joshua Harmon

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Welcome to March, the start of new beginnings, when all things that have been dormant, start their period of re-growth and become a beautiful and viable plant again. This kind of reminds me of ourselves. Over time we tend to get dormant in our Lodge activities. We don't want to attend because it is easier to stay in our comfy homes. It is a burden to go back out after we have gotten home from our daily toils. Have you ever considered that if our older brethren would have felt this same way, there may not have been enough people present to put on your first degree?

Our new members show up at the door and do not know what to expect. I think they are looking for knowledge, fellowship and want to be a part of something better, just like we all did. When we perform a degree in a big lodge room and there are so many empty seats, I think they may feel disheartened with the attendance. Maybe if more of us showed up to prove to them that they are welcomed and are going to be a valuable asset to the lodge, they will indeed become a a valuable asset to the lodge.

When we do degrees, we always have food beforehand. It is difficult to judge how much to prepare because we have no idea who is going to attend. This leads to more cost for the lodge because there is normally waste, be we fear that if we do not have enough and the planets align and a lot more members show, we would not have enough. It is quite the double-edged sword.

This year we are going to make a concerted effort to contact all of our entered apprentice masons and our fellow craft masons and try to encourage them to continue on with their degrees. As of this writing, we have 23 entered apprentices and 4 fellow crafts. We have no way of knowing why you have stalled unless we call and bug you. When we call, please be honest and give us your reasons for not continuing on with your Masonic education.

Stay safe and enjoy the nice weather, warm weather will be here before we know it.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Senior Warden



From the South:

February was quite a productive month for our lodge, a nice sign for the rest of the coming year. We were pleased to welcome two new brothers with their Entered Apprentice degree conferrals. I was also especially pleased to have Brother Daniel Valdez, whom I have been coaching, pass his Entered Apprentice Proficiency and will soon be receiving his Fellowcraft Degree. It's been sometime since we have had the pleasure of conferring a Fellowcraft Degree so I encourage you all to attend if possible.

In recent months attendance at our dinners has lessened a bit both at our Stated Dinner and for degrees. While our degree activity in past months was less than in years before we have started to become much more active recently, and I can't eat all the leftovers by myself so come chow down and have a great evening.

Degree dinners are always served at 6:00pm and if you're unsure if there's a degree that particular evening remember to check our website calendar at www.lpp366.org

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Junior Warden

March Birthday's

William	Coughran	02
Jordan	Bachman	03
Franklin	Lewis	03
Mike	Hamzy	04
Robert	Crossland	05
Lyle	Evans Jr.	06
Michael	Garrett	06
Robert	Rohan	07
LeRoy	Foote PM	08
Stephen	Harlan	12
Jeffery	Whitener	13
James	Grabner	14
Ronald	Letterman	17
Michael	O'Connell	17
Trenton	Smith	17
Clifford	Carrigan	18
Denton	Hollifield	18
Timothy	Jurkowski	18
Gerald	Peloian	18
Norman	Meachum	19
Jack	Ouzounian	20
Herbert	Spencer	21
Michael	Chapman PM	24
William	Gover	24
Andrew	Kincaid	25
Sean	Rutledge	25
William	Woolman	26
Boyd	Whitener	27
Donald	Pribble	28
Donald	Mroz	29
Joshua	Crane	31

ATTENTION WIDOW'S CLUB:

We will be meeting this month Feb. 26th: Last Wednesday of Month at "New City Chinese" on Shaw next to Red Lobster at 11:30 A.M., Please come and help us "Install New Officers" (hopefully!!) I would like for someone else to be President, because you may have new ideas that will get our Ladies, off the couch & at the Luncheon!!, If you don't attend, we might as well quit trying!! this is Serious!!!

March meeting will be moved because a couple of members want to try the Waffle House on Cedar, left side, just North of Herndon, hope to see you there too!!
Lena Cook, Pres.

Work Party

I would like to have work party of Saturday, March 7, 2020 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 ready to go for the breakfast.

Thanks, Bryan

Breakfast

I am looking for volunteers to help with the breakfast. I will be buying the groceries on Saturday the 7th to have them here for Sunday March 8th. We will need to be here at 6:00 AM to start the coffee and start preparing the food. We are going to serve breakfast from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. I need cooks and people to help clean up. We will not be leaving a mess for the janitor to clean up as that will just cost the lodge more money. The initial cost of the breakfast is going to be \$10.00 and then we can adjust it from there, either higher or lower, hopefully lower. Please let me know if you are able to help. Thanks, Bryan



From the Archives:



Masons vigorously support our public schools and every April we are asked to support our local Public schools. Our Grand Lodge Public School slogan for April, 1974 was "Public Education, The Foundation of Democracy"

In Worshipful Master Craig Shaw's message in the Las Palmian, he stated:

April has been again designated as Public Schools Month. A time for all Master Masons to visit the public school of their choice, on the schools Open House Night. When you attend the school make yourselves known; that you are a Master Mason and that you are in full support of our Public School System. And also that you are behind our great leaders who are trying so desperately to keep this Public School System from being infringed upon.

At that time in our history, many of the Principals and teachers were members of the fraternity. There was even an Education Degree Team for those in education who were getting their 3rd Degree.

For many years, we have had a program at our April Stated Meeting where student and educators were invited.

Over 20 years ago we started a program of giving new bicycles, back packs and other items to students in grammar school who have had perfect attendance for the quarter. These prizes are presented at the school assemblies at the end of each quarter and are attended by several members of the Lodge as well as many of the parents and grandparents of the students. If you have available time, you would be very welcome to attend and help give some of these prizes to the worthy students. These prizes are given out in October, January, March and June. (con't)



*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.
Larry Hopper - Hospital visit*

From the Archives: (con't)

The next bike presentation at Wilson Elementary School (2131 W. Ashlan) and will be on March 19 for grades 1, 2 & 3 and on March 20th for grades 4, 5 & 6. The program starts at around 8:30 in the morning in the school cafeteria. If you can make it, be sure and make your self-known to Chuck Bersani and all other members who will be in the left front of the cafeteria.

The next bike presentation for Powers-Ginsburg (110 E. Swift, N W corner of Palm and Ashlan) will be on March 20 for all grades. It will start at 8:30 in the morning and be in the cafeteria. Again, make your self-known to the representatives of our Lodge who will be in the North-West corner of the cafeteria.

I have attended many of these presentations and it is always a pleasure to see these students who have not missed a day of class, nor been tardy, hear the names drawn for prizes from our Lodge.

For many years we have given these prizes at Woodrow Wilson Elementary and Powers Ginsburg Elementary. Starting with the 2020-2021 school year, we will add Birney Elementary. Birney Elementary is located at 3034 E. Cornell about 2 blocks north of our Lodge and many of its students walk past our Lodge on their way to school.



The new room for storage and assembly of these bicycles which was created from the back part of the stage in our Lodge banquet room is now completed. I thank all who participated in creating the room as well as Brother Kincade who textured the walls and painted. Many thanks also go to Brother Richard Ehorn who is in charge of Bike committee at Lodge. Brother Ehorn purchases all of the bikes as well as back packs and other gifts. Brother Ehorn and myself assemble all of the bikes so that Brother Ehorn can take them to the schools.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to help fund these worthwhile prizes, you can send a check to our Lodge Secretary (mark Bike Fund on the check) or you can make a donation via PayPal with your credit card from our website.

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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,

Welcome to March. The days are getting longer and warmer and I am glad. Please join us for the stated meeting dinner on the 19th, we will be having Chicken. It should be a fantastic meal for all to enjoy! Please email or call for reservations. If you need anything email the office and I will do my best to take care of the problem.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

February Calendar

March 5, 2020	2nd Degree Practice
March 12, 2020	Management Board 6:00 PM
March 19, 2020	6:00 Appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
March 26, 2020	Degree or practice



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