



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. As we get closer to the end of year, and the ongoing pandemic continues, the presidential election nears, upcoming nominating and elections of Lodge Officers, Thanksgiving, the month of November is a busy one. In November we also observe Aviation History Month and there's plenty to celebrate. From the first balloons sent up into the atmosphere to every device invented that elevated humans above the earth, our imaginations have been captured by the idea of flight. Aviation History Month recognizes the achievements of the men and women who make it happen. Looking back, many of us quickly identify Wilbur and Orville Wright. However, long before the brothers took to the air, others were lifting off in other devices. In fact, the Wrights were inspired by these inventive pioneers in aviation.

For example, Otto Lilienthal built gliders and flew them near Berlin, Germany. His very invention aided the Wright brothers in the design of a powered aeroplane.

Another notable figure in aviation history many will name is Amelia Erhardt. While she earned many records, the one record she never successfully circumnavigated the globe. The first woman to gain that honor was Geraldine Mock. In 1964, Jerrie Mock completed her feat in twenty-nine days, eleven hours, and fifty-nine minutes. She flew a Cessna 180 named the "Spirit of Columbus."

In 1941, The 99th Pursuit Squadron was activated at Tuskegee comprised of black pilots and ground crews. They became known as the Tuskegee Airmen, a segregated military unit. Because the NAACP had forced the military's hand, the airmen were undertrained and expected to fail. Though they did not perform at the same level as their counterparts, they completed their missions and met demands while overcoming obstacles. As a result, they led the way for integrated units in the U.S. Air Force.

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 meeting on November 5th.

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

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

Fraternally,

Joshua Harmon

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Many of us are anxiously awaiting our new Grand Master's decision on how we might proceed with officer's installation. Many of us are speculating if this might also be conducted virtually from an audio-video platform such as Zoom, etc. In any case it's time for the officers to begin learning their work for their advancing position.

Again, if you are of at-risk health and needing groceries or supplies please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you do not feel comfortable going to these large stores for food.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Senior Warden

ATTENTION:

Please join us for a Zoom meeting on November 5th at 6:30 PM.

LPP 366 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Catching up

Time: Nov 5, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85903008576?pwd=RHI5eUd3TVRTOTFpNHdzRVJtdzRYQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 0300 8576

Passcode: 844664



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

This past month our Grand Lodge held its first (and hopefully only) virtual Annual Communication.

I and your other delegates were pleased to join in via the online forum to render the votes on behalf of our Lodge. This being a somewhat limited virtual environment only a few matters were discussed such as the usual necessary ones like approving budgets and ect.

The other main topic approved was granting all individual lodges the authority to hold Stated Meetings via Zoom or other virtual platforms. Up until now the business of your lodge has been conducted solely by the elected officers and limited to approving necessary and unavoidable expenses.

Following the Annual Communication our newly installed Grand Master issued orders continuing the directives of our previous Grand Master limiting Masonic activities to a certain extent and allowing for some necessary exceptions, as well as allowing for virtual elections and installation of officers.

This last part should prove quite interesting to see, and though it may take a brief bit of time for us all to get our virtual toes wet I'm sure our 2020-2021 leadership will make a smooth transition to this new online methodology.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next virtual gathering, until then stay safe, stay healthy and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

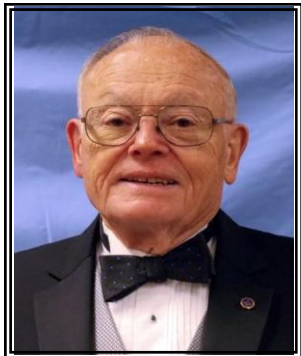
Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Junior Warden

November Birthday's

Leroy	Boos		1
Lawrence	Hagopian		1
Knut	Steinnes		2
Jeremy	Kern		2
Brenton	Weiner		3
John	Sorge		3
Donald	Williams		5
Karekin	Khatchadoorian		5
John	Denton	PM	6
James	Omer		6
Michael	Jensen		6
Scott	Pearce		8
John	Lane		8
Thomas	Morris		9
Bret	Lyons		9
William	Bissell		10
John	Herring	PM	11
Billie	Pool		12
Tyler	Faruzzi		12
Gene	Page		15
Sean	Ford	PM	16
Thomas	Ewing	III	18
George	Knapp		18
Ryan	Barnes		18
Garroll	White		21
Richard	Ehorn		22
Raymond	Miksch		24
Lawrence	Bennett	PM	24
Joseph	Perry	Jr. PM	24
Michael	Bowman		25
Brandon	Munsey		26
Jon	Acosta		28
Brian	Rowland	PM	28
Stuart	Hoskins		28
David	Hiatt		29
David	Mc Coy		29



From the Archives:



1977 started off with the installation of John Reynolds as our Master. Brother John's father, Bob Reynolds, had been Master in 1959 and with PM Moyer oversaw the building of our new Temple. (It wasn't until January of 1961 that the first meeting of Las Palmas took place in our new Temple.) Brother John and his brother, Mike, were raised on the same day in May of 1968. At that time I was a newly raised Master Mason and Lodge opened about 5:00 pm so the first brother to be initiated and raised. Since there were very few brothers present for this first candidate, I was asked by then Master, Len Gottner, to sit in as Chaplain. What a thrill it was for me. Many of our Past Masters participated in the evening degree. I believe it was also the first time I got to witness a third degree from the sidelines. In 1977 Las Palmas was still relatively busy. In order to spread out the work, a different chairman was assigned the duty of providing refreshments for each of the three degrees. Mike Reynolds served as Chairman for all 3rd Degrees (of which there were eight); Larry Thull was Chairman for all 2nd Degrees. Don Hoskins was Refreshment Chairman for all First Degrees. Assisting these brothers was Ted Kitamura, and all newly raised Master Masons who were automatically assigned to the refreshment committee.

Before Brother Reynolds could finish his year as Master, he was taken seriously ill and would continually battle his illness until his death in 2018.

In March, our Widows club made a bus trip to Death Valley which included a stop at the Children's Home in Covina and an over-night stop in Los Angeles.



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*

Paul Ford was our Master in 1978. He was a retired Greyhound Bus driver and definitely made use of bus transportation during his year. In April, we went to Columbia, had lunch at Twain Harte, and conferred the Third Degree on Brother Jim Hall who was our Master ten years later. In September, we did an overnight trip to Los Angeles where we visited and had lunch at the Masonic Home for our children at Covina and conferred a degree at the Old Masonic Temple in Los Angeles Saturday evening. Our Ladies joined us on both of these bus trips.

Our new Marshall was Larry Duba. Bro. Duba was employed by P.G. & E. as a communications Supervisor. He planned, engineered and supervised installation of systems. Larry is married to Alice Lynn, they have three children, two daughters, Kim and Christina, a son, Doug, who is a member of Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay. (Yes, Las Palmas sponsored a DeMolay Chapter back then.) Bro. Duba received a B.S. degree at San Jose State and an M.S. degree at the University of So. California. He was born in Seattle, Washington in 1943 and has lived in Washington, Oregon, and California. He served our country in the U.S. Military from 1968 to 1972 as an officer in the Air Force Command. In 1978 he was a Captain in the Air Force Reserves at Travis Air Force base. He was also a member of the Pacific Coast Electrical Assoc. I.E.E.E., Etta Kappa Nu E. E. Honor Society, co-chairman of Las Palmas DeMolay Advisory Council. His hobbies were gardening, wine making, fishing, woodworking, swimming, and tennis.

On March 2, 1978, Phillip Ford, the son of WM Paul Ford received his first degree in Las Palmas. Brother Phillip Ford was raised a Master Mason by his father in the Old Masonic Temple in Los Angeles as part of the overnight bus trip to Covina and Los Angeles in September.

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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,

I hope you are all well. Please join us for a Zoom meeting on November 5th at 6:30 PM.

The code that you will need to get in is under Mark's article. We have room for 100 people and we just want to catch up with everyone and let you all know what is going on in your lodge. I hope you can make it. There is a tutorial on how to use zoom at [Zoom.com](https://www.zoom.com)

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

November Calendar

Zoom meeting on 11-5 6:30 PM



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