



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
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## Greetings from the East



To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. Usually October in California is a beautiful time, whether you're seeking sunny beaches, fall festivals, or off-the-beaten-track hikes, the Golden State normally has you covered. Unfortunately *much of California has been ravaged by wildfires affecting so many* residents and our masonic families.

So far, five of the largest wildfires in the state's history are currently burning with more than 5,600 square miles have been charred, an area larger than the state of Connecticut. Evacuation orders are in place for thousands of residents in the foothills.

In the creek fire Worshipful Brother Clint Shelton was camping near Courtright Reservoir had to displace from his campsite, receiving help from Camp Edison and through their assistance was able to make it home safely. Worshipful Brother Ron Oberlnote who lives in Bass Lake had to be evacuated from his home and is safely staying in the Fresno area. Even though these wildfires can threaten our lives directly, the smoke from these fires can affect us all, spreading air pollution not only nearby, but thousands of miles in all directions causing breathing difficulties in even healthy individuals, not to mention children and older adults.

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 Lodge or perhaps via a Zoom meeting in the near future.

It remains unclear with the current state of COVID-19 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,

We still haven't had much going on with Masonry these past months. We will have to see what ideas our new Grand Master will have in store for us.

Every industry and organization is doing its best to devise a plan that allows for some type of engagement while still maintaining safety. As difficult as it is to be without our usual Lodge engagements, I am happy to hear that most of us have been safe.

Fraternally,  
Mark Stroup  
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Another month has come and gone, unfortunately we're still not able to say when we will be able to meet in open lodge once more but hopefully things will begin progressing towards increased fraternal involvement in the coming months.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we will hold our first ever "Virtual" Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge,

I would encourage all Master Masons that are available to register online and attend.

During this online event will vote on only one item which if passed will amend our rules to allow us to much more business via virtual apps such as Zoom. Unfortunately this still won't give us a way to confer degrees and other hands on activities but we will continue to adapt.

Our Grand Lodge has started being a bit more understanding in certain areas giving special permissions to groups such as Jobs Daughters to hold outdoor activities and the Scottish Rite has developed a way for interested Master Masons to receive their degrees virtually which will happen for the first time in November. In much the same way as our community learns to adapt and develop alternate strategies for business such as outdoor dining ect it's my belief that or fraternity will do the same.

The unfortunate reality is institutions as old as ours get a bit more set in their ways than your local fastfood restaurants so it may take some time.

Please all continue to stay safe and well,

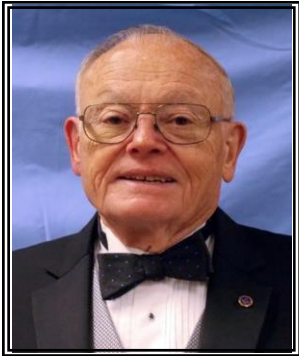
Fraternally,  
Andrew Miller PM  
Junior Warden

## October Birthday's

Harry Manoogian	1	Stanley Antranikian	1
William Crossland	1	Steven Howell	4
Timothy Newcomb	5	William Clem	6
Richard Peters	8	Mark Eisenberg	10
Shon Abell	10	Wade Woolsey	11
Hussian Alhashimi	12	Stan Burton	13
Edward Kaye	13	Blair Cunnings	13
Ronald Phillips	14	Clark Elgin	16
Abel Herroz	16	James Cummings PM	18
Chuck Alstrom PM	18	Charles Jones	20
Randy Forrester PM	20	Don Lenz	22
James Clare	22	Scott Coleman	23
Casey Sagmaquen	23	Ed Kerber	26
John Green	26	Saul Aguirre	26
Perry Smith	28	Frank Merrill	28



## From the Archives:



By 1976 I had been back home from law school for 4 years and was the Jr. Deacon. Before Lodge opened and during the breaks, I developed a good friendship with several of the older brethren who were "Lodge Regulars." One was Brother Lawrence Myers. Brother Myers was a semi-retired attorney who practiced out of an office in his home. His home was one of those beautiful homes on the east side of Van Ness Ave. between Belmont and Olive. Brother Myers and I would talk about the practice of law in Fresno long before I became an attorney. One evening, Brother Myers told me that he had been diagnosed with cancer and that the doctors had convinced him to let them do surgery. He had misgivings about the surgery, but finally let the doctors do it. He was absent from Lodge for several weeks and when he returned, he told me that the surgery was a big mistake. Besides the pain from the procedure, he felt that it caused the cancer to spread even faster. Brother Myers, a 50 year member of Las Palmas, died on September 3, 1976.

In 1976 Grand Lodge took place on October 11, 12 & 13. That year, Las Palmas Lodge announced its program for masonic widows, which we believed was the first of its kind in California. The ladies paid their own way on a chartered bus to visit the Home for the elderly at Union City on Monday afternoon. That night they will had dinner together at Mama's, on the ground floor of the apartment complex next to Grand Lodge. They attend the entertainment show at Grand Lodge later that night, where they were introduced as a group and a short resume of our program was told. The ladies returned home Tuesday. Past Master Green L. Young was helping the ladies with their organizational problems. Mrs. Leona Comstock was president and Doris Lewis was secretary of the group.

Some of our Past Masters stay active in Masonry and Las Palmas. It is always interesting to know about them when they first started in the Officer's line. Here is the 1976 bio of Brother John Herring.



*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*

OUR NEW MARSHAL John Herring

Born in Kansas City, Mo., he was raised in Reedley, California. He attended public schools and graduated from Reedley High and then to Fresno City College. He received his teaching Credentials from University of California at Berkeley thru Calif. State Fresno. He is employed with the Fresno Police Department and has been since 1966. He is currently in Community Relations work for the Department. In addition to the Police work he is also employed by Reedley Junior College as a teacher in the Administration of Justice Department. He has been there for four years. John is married and has three children. His wife, Donna is employed as a bookkeeper for McMahons Furniture. The children, Lisa, 9, John, 6, and Susanne, 2, all attend school in Fowler. The Herring family enjoys camping, water skiing and travel in general. They also raise beef cattle and horses at their home in the country. The Herring family is involved in the Masonic family. Donna is the Worthy Matron of La Sierra Chapter No. 555 O.E.S. John is also a member and is a trustee of the chapter.

Brother Herring is still active as he is the President of the Las Palmas Temple Board. Several years ago he was our Grand Orator. How many of you remember McMahons Furniture?

Some of us old timers may remember that when Brother Moyers gave us the 2 ½ acres for our beautiful temple in 1958, he retained the remaining 2 ½ acres to the west. Brother Moyers died in 1970 and we do not know who got title to this vacant land. In December, 1976 Master Dan Eckland informed us the property next to the Lodge (West Side) is trying to get it rezoned in order that it can be sold to a developer for an apartment house (Multi story) complex. The plan was to build a 42 unit multi-story set of apartments on the site. The plan had met with very stiff opposition from the surrounding neighbors and the vote taken at the last meeting of the Planning Commission was 3 for and 3 against with one abstention. This meant it would go before the City Council to be resolved. Obviously, we know that the City Council did.

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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 this finds you all well. I sometimes feel as if we will never get back to Lodge. The HVAC project is nearing completion. It will be nice when it is done. I hope you are all doing well. I hope that this will soon come to an end. Please stay safe and keep going forward, we will meet again.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

October Calendar

All meetings are canceled until further notice.



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