



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



The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star
Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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Greetings from the East



I hope you and your loved ones are well. There's a few Masons In other states that have told me that they have reopened and this has given me hope that the same might be true for us. We've also been given a recent update from our Grand Master that makes us hopeful that once local churches start opening up that we too might be next in line.

Nonetheless, I look forward to the day that we can put on our ceremonies and continue to make good men even better.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

As we move into the spring and summer months, we slowly see covid restrictions beginning to relax bit by bit across the state, this sends the hopeful message that soon we will be back to having some form of in person gatherings, even if not quite what it used to fully be like it's still a bright spot on the horizon and something to look forward to.

I encourage all of our officers to stay fresh on their ritual work as we will have much to catch up on once we're back, and I'm sure we all have to admit we've let that slide a bit over this past year.

And to all of our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft as well it's certainly a good time to buckle down on those pesky proficiencies, if being apart this long has taught us anything certainly the benefits of full membership and involvement is one.

In the meantime, everyone stay safe, stay happy, get those vaccines and we'll see you soon.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

April is upon us and a mix of hope and fear accompanies us in most of the world. Scientists have created several vaccines for COVID-19 hopefully signifying the worst period of the pandemic is behind us. I pray that the shadow of Covid may begin to lift, suggesting optimistically that life might be returning to normal by Easter and we can start rebuilding our shattered economy. Perhaps the Lodge can begin planning for degree work again and Stated Meeting dinners.

As we depart, may we be reminded that all Freemasons are responsible to be Stewards, accountable for promoting love and admiration for our country. A commitment to strengthen the bonds of friendship and brotherly love between all men. It will remain with us our duty to step up and act with these principles. Principles which should be known by all to exist in the character and hearts of all Masons. Be true, be faithful and let us not fail to contribute our part Brethren.

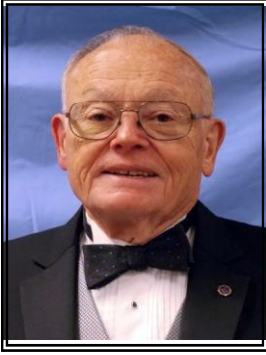
May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones.

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

April Birthday's

Robert	Sloan		1
Matthew	Ford		2
Timothy	Taylor		2
Joshua	Harmon	PM	2
Michael	Bowman	II	3
Daniel	Koontz		5
Richard	Iknoian		6
Charles	Bersani	PM	7
Howard	Pickle		7
Jeffrey	Banks		8
Chad	Schmidt		8
Scott	Fichtner	PM	8
Kenneth	Crum	Jr.	9
Clifford	Henderson		10
Robert	Scott		11
Fred	Lindeman	Sr.	12
Newell	Dodd		12
Steve	La Ferrera		14
Shawn	Erwin		18
James	Keeton		19
Hans	Holt		21
Herbert	Johnston		22
Ervin	Kinchen	Jr.	23
Harry	Dyck	Jr.	23
Edward	Brown		23
Earl	Jennings		23
David	Helwig		25
Gary	Pullings		25
Mark	Stroup		26
Kurt	Martin		27
Thomas	Crossland		27
Shane	Burkhart		28
Walter	Hibbard	D.D.S.	29
Troy	Johnson	Jr.	29
Gary	Jacobsen		29
Glynn	Polacek		30





From the Archives:

When I was progressing through the officer's line at Las Palmas, there were two things set in stone. We wore black tuxes from September to the following Easter. From Easter to summer break, we wore white dinner jackets and baby blue bow ties and cummerbuns. The second thing was that when we came back from summer break (July and August) the officers were in advanced stations. However, if you learned your work early you could do an advanced station earlier if there were several degrees in a given night. There was also a requirement from Grand Lodge that every incoming Master be qualified in the Masonic funeral ceremony. While it was not always possible, the normal practice was for the Master to be the Funeral Master and the Sr. Warden to be the Funeral Chaplain for the fallen brother.

On June 23, 1977 I was officially the Sr. Deacon, but since I knew the Master's part for the first degree, I advanced that night for one candidate. That candidate was Ray Mitsch. Ray and I have discussed the fact that he was the very first candidate that I ever obligated and presented the lambskin apron to. It was with much sadness when I learned that Ray passed away on February 26. I was also very honored by the fact that his widow, Eleanor, asked me to be Funeral Master for his funeral. Over the years, Ray has been a constant participant at Lodge and has held several offices and filled in for many absent officers. Ray, you will be sadly missed.

As my year as Master started in January of 1980, I wanted to include the youth organizations that we shared our Temple with to have an opportunity to exemplify their degree work with our members and spouses. Even though Thursday nights were busy with Lodge degree work, I chose to have our youth join us. On Thursday, March 13, 1980, Bethel 243, Jobs Daughters put on their actual initiatory ritual. In addition to Master Masons, their female relatives, who were over 20 years of age and otherwise eligible to join the Order of Eastern Star, were also invited. The only problem was that Dress code prohibited women from wearing slacks or pant suits.

On April 3, the Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay exemplified the DeMolay Degree for our members. On April 24, Golden Realm Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls exemplified their ritual.

Dues: This year the Grand Lodge is sending out due's notices. This year was optional and next year is mandated so I elected to start now and get the bugs worked out of it. There is a link on their emails to pay them or you can drop by the lodge and pay however you like, or like in years past, you can mail it to the lodge. If you need help, please don't hesitate to call the lodge.

STATED MEETING: April 15, 2021 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84190345955?pwd=NXc5Z2p6MmVYQS9kOGINMmZvWERGQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 9034 5955

Passcode: 783157



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,

April is now upon us and the weather is getting warmer, the birds are out and the sounds of spring are in the air. This is my favorite time of the year. It is like our earth is being reborn. Hopefully soon our Lodge will be reborn and we will be allowed return to our labors in person. I for one am ready to resume our meetings and feel the fellowship.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

April Calendar

Zoom Stated meeting on 4-15 7:30 PM



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