



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



The world is getting back to some semblance of normal and I'm happy that we are back in the swing of things at Lodge.

In July we kicked things off with our first degree in more than a year which is our long-awaited 2nd degree for brother Valdez. Once we're back to serving food things will really start to feel as they once were.

We need our officers to attend practices as we have lots of work to do for people knocking on the door for their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree. I look forward to seeing you all.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

As I type this article we are preparing to confer our first degree since reopening from the covid shutdown. By the time you read this we will most likely have already made Bro Daniel Valdez a Fellowcraft Mason and I would personally like to be the first to congratulate him on this. Bro. Valdez has become a close personal friend to myself and my family over the past few years and he had the unfortunate timing of becoming something of the poster child for the Masonic shutdown, having the misfortune of giving his Entered Apprentice proficiency a week before shutdown and scheduled to receive his Fellowcraft the week after, so I'm sure you can all join with me in congratulating him on something very long overdue.

Our overly warm summer months here in the valley as always are a somewhat slow time for Masonic bodies but as we look forward to our full return in September and the possibilities for increased degree conferral and fellowship I encourage all our officers to be thinking of where they plan to be next year, it's never too early to get started on your qualification work for advancement and have a clear plan in place for the coming year.

Brethren, stay well and stay cool.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brother's greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. August is upon us along with those wonderful triple digit temperatures. With the current state of COVID-19 it appears for now we can reopen with in person meetings and conduct Lodge business once again.

The Lodge having been mostly dark these past months, I've truly missed my brothers. I've missed conducting ritual, further continuing to navigate the path towards finding a better version of myself. Finding the possibilities within us and seeing those potentials we often never recognize or exploit. Thus, hindering our own achievements and possible future successes in life. Masonry has made me not only a better man, but a better supervisor, a better professional, a more devoted person and I pray a better father and husband to my beautiful family. I can't explain the gratification I feel towards our institution and will continue to work toward being deserving of that fulfillment.

As always please look out for those in need. Continue to social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone healthy and safe, being mindful of the Delta-Variant. I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge.

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

Most sincerely,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

August Birthday's

Charles	Vaughn		1
Brian	Richburg		2
Jack	Mattox		3
Richard	Sherrod	PM	4
Linley	Cole		5
Albert	Blumer		6
Dick	Manoogian		7
Leonard	Gottner	PM	7
Andrew	Miller	PM	8
Robert	Preston		10
Edward	Spangler	PM	10
James	Keeton	PM	11
Jeffrey	Woods		11
Henry	Alcantara		12
Howard	Ford		15
James	Holley		16
James	Wilson	II PM	18
Richard	Avila		19
Walter	Kron		21
Wayne	Newquist		23
Earl	Hudson		24
Milton	Snavely		24
Jack	Afonin		26
Thomas	Dean		26
Derek	Olsen		26
Bernard	Hollenbeck		28
Rodney	Horton		30





From the Archives:

As many of you know, I was initiated in the fall of 1967. Whenever I would look at the list of organizations that met at Las Palmas, which was posted just outside the door into the building from the parking lot, there were listings for Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay, Daughters of the Nile, more than one Eastern Star, The Parlor Lecture Club and Las Palmas Lodge. Our Temple was a busy place six, and sometimes seven, days a week.

When I became Master in 1980, our Temple was just as busy. At this time, my two children were too young to join a Masonic youth group so I was somewhat unfamiliar with these organizations and their ritual. I, therefore, asked all of the youth groups that shared our Temple to hold a meeting on a Thursday night at our Lodge so that Master Masons and their wives could attend. On Thursday October 23 at 7:30 the Jobs Daughters initiated two of their candidates for us. I was very much impressed with the ritual of all of the Masonic youth groups that joined us. This was the last time that I had the opportunity to witness the ritual of our Masonic youth. Perhaps now is the time to resurrect the invitation to our youth groups.

Our beautiful Temple is now over 60 years old. In the beginning it had lots of tenants and now, not so many. When the building was



new, members made various contributions to the building and its furnishings. The apron box was the work of Bro. Ed Carpenter who was our master in 1970. He also made the special traveling apron box in a suitcase for use at funerals. Ed made our secretary's key cabinet and the frame for the Master's picture above the tiler's desk. Several past masters, including myself, are appreciative of the gavels made for them by Ed. The only time that I have used this gavel, since leaving the east, was for our virtual Installation in January of this year.

In the December Trestleboard, I gave my farewell message. Although it is 41 years since I gave this message, every word of it is still applicable today:

“As your Master, there are only so many things that I was personally able to do. The majority of the work was done by others. For this reason I am taking this opportunity to thank all of you that worked for the betterment of our Lodge. I do, however, desire to give

special mention to the following: All the officers of Las Palmas Lodge and especially Gary Starr. As Master, I had to have a right-hand man to help me out with funerals and with the business of running your Lodge. Gary was always there when I called him. To you Gary, I wish you a fantastic year as Master. Special mention is also needed for Bob Paden. As secretary, Bob was excellent. There are a lot of chores that must be done for the efficient operation of our Lodge and Bob did all that I requested of him. Your Temple was effectively operated as a Masonic Temple and as a business. This was possible because of Temple Board President Jake Cannon and the other members of the board. My thanks also go to Bro. John Kinsey who will be retiring as Treasurer. During my year as Master there were sixteen dinners served. This was made possible by Mary Perch and the "Dates". My sincerest thanks go to all of you. One thing that makes Las Palmas so great in its attendance and spirit is the fantastic food which we serve every month. This was our seventy-fifth anniversary year and I believe that we had the most proper of birthday celebrations. This was made possible by a lot of people, but special thanks go to Worshipful Wayne Hearne, PM who was chairman of the seventy-fifth anniversary committee. Wayne, your program was not only a tribute to those before me, but it will be an important part of Las Palmas Lodge when it celebrates its one hundredth anniversary in 2005. My wife, Therese, has been a Masonic widow for the past eight years. My young children have also learned that "Lodge" means daddy won't be home tonight. To Therese I say thanks for letting me be Master and for the help that you gave me. To Erica and Wesley, daddy will now be home on Thursday nights.”

I kept my promise to Therese and my children and during 1981 I only attended Las Palmas Lodge on one occasion; Past Master's Night. This way our Lodge could be run by its new Master, Gary Starr, without input or obstruction from the junior Past Master.

Happy August!



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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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

Welcome back to live lodge! It has been a long journey and I am working on getting to be able to serve food once again, just like the good old days. We are making progress albeit slow progress, we are moving forward instead of sitting still like we have been doing. We still have some work to do, but at least we can see the end in sight.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

August Calendar

8-5 Degree Practice	7:30 pm
8-12 Degree Practice	7:30 pm
8-19 Stated meeting	7:30 pm
8-26 Degree Practice	7:30 pm



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