



**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



I hope you and your loved ones are well.

Elections are coming up for new officers and we would be happy to see some different people in the line. Please reach out to us if you're interested in becoming an officer.

Food is happening again at lodge (sometimes) and it's wonderful to see the bro's work together in the kitchen in fellowship and service. We look forward to seeing you all.

Fraternally,  
Mark Stroup  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are staying safe and well moving into the winter season.

We had our annual election of officer last month and Imp round once again to continue to serve as your Senior Warden for the coming year. We also had several new officers step up and take those all important middle of the officer line roles that lodge truly depends on.

Post shutdown it was slow getting started again but many lodge groups are back on their feet.

We here at Las Palmas are now back to a more social and energetic pre-meeting scenario with plenty of refreshments to go around. And this past month I was pleased to take part in what was the largest Scottish Rite class in many years.

I hope you all have a pleasant and safe holiday season, be careful out there traveling and see you soon at lodge.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Miller PM Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. As families prepare to feast on turkey and all the trimmings Thursday, the sounds and sights of Christmas are already in the air.

As I write this we are almost a month away from December 25th, but people across the world have already submerged themselves in the festivities. If anything COVID-19 has taught us is how unpredictable life is and everyone should make the most of it as long as they are breathing. Taking this as the cue, cities across the globe have already been decked up in colorful lights, ribbons and illuminated Christmas trees to begin the upcoming festivities. I hope we all find time to spend with our family and loved ones this holiday.

May we continue to exercise preventative measures to avoid contracting the virus, as cases of COVID are rising again. As always please look out for those in need. Continue social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone healthy and safe this holiday season.

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

Most sincerely,

Joshua Harmon PM  
Junior Warden

## December Birthday's

Edward	Stumpf		1
Gerald	Rasmussen		1
Stanley	Littleworth		2
James	Peloian		4
Daniel	Pearce	PM	4
Matthew	Guy		6
James	Wadkins		7
Michael	Dick		7
Dewayne	Bien		9
Steven	Shute		9
Charles	Gomez	Jr.	10
Douglas	Boudakian		11
Leonard	Ogden		12
Devon	Bleak	III	12
William	Clark	D.D.S.	14
Benjamin	Lewis		14
Christopher	Parker		18
Ronald	Weiner		20
Dee	Lewis		20
Charles	Garabedian		20
Kevin	Casey		20
Robert	Mc Colaugh		22
Kenneth	Elia		23
Mitchell	Mirigian		23
L. Dean	Lowe	Ph.D	25
Johnnie	Harshman	Jr.	25
Don	Blosser		27
Gregory	Burton		27
Paul	Redondo		27
Kenneth	Smith		29
Randall	Cox		30
Robert	Roberts		31
Kenneth	Bryson		31





### **From the Archives:**

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Las Palmas initiated Benny Contreras. What was pleasing about his first degree was the number of brethren present. In total there were 25 Masons present, three of whom were Entered Apprentice Masons. Because of Covid, the brothers spaced themselves in the seats so it looked as if there were even more than 25 present. What a pleasant sight it was. Now that we are able to resume lodge meetings to a level of pre-pandemic normalcy, we can start making up for lost time. If you have not attended Lodge since before the shutdown, now is time to return. It is so great to get a chance to talk our brothers. The wearing of masks is optional.

Last night was our November Stated Meeting and Election of officers. In advance of the dinner was a dinner for Masons only. The officers wanted to start back the dinners slowly so that all of the problems of the pandemic, and resulting shut down, can be worked out before we invite out Dates back to our Valentine dinner in February.

From the inception of Las Palmas Lodge in 1905 through 1991, the annual election of officers took place at the December Stated Meeting. Starting in 1992 the annual election of officers took place at the November Stated meeting.

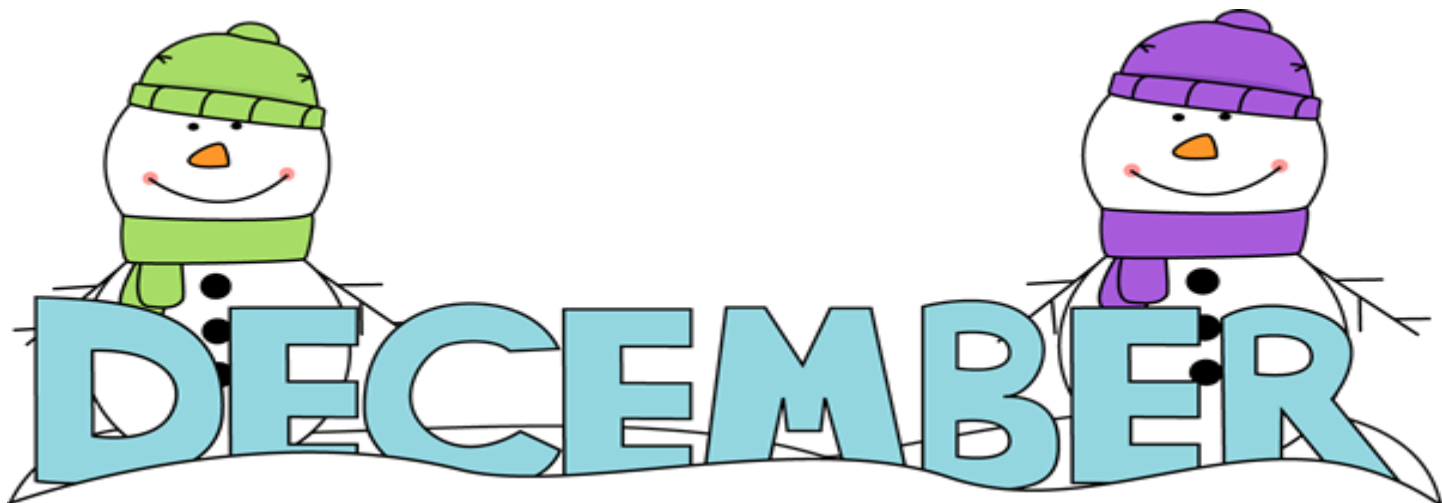
Earlier this month, I visited Vista Lodge in Salem, Oregon. Being their Stated Meeting for the month of November, it was also their election officers. What a difference in procedure from what we do in California. All officers are elected by written ballot even when there is only one person being nominated for that particular position. Blank ballots for every position are individually handed to the members eligible to vote. The members must write in the name and then the Deacons collect the ballots so the Secretary and Deacons can count the ballots. Once counted, the Secretary announces the results for that particular office being voted on.

The last ballot was quite different from what we do. The Master announced that each voting member can write the name of a member who they think should receive the Hiram Award on their blank ballot. There are no nominations for the Hiram Award. If 50% plus 1 of the votes cast go to a member, that member will receive the Hiram Award. In the case when I was there, the Secretary did announce that one member did receive the necessary votes, but his name was withheld until later. As you can see this is a time consuming process so even though Lodge opened at 7:30, it was just a little after 10:00 pm before Lodge Closed.

I was well received as a visitor and in open Lodge the Master presented me with a Lodge coffee cup and Lodge lapel pin. If any of you get a chance to visit a Lodge in another jurisdiction, I strongly encourage you to visit.

Our Grand Lodge has its annual communication every October in San Francisco. As far as I know, it has always been in San Francisco since at least the turn of the century (1900). Not all Grand Lodges hold their annual communications in the same city every year. If they move the annual communication from major city to major city within their state, they will make it easier for many brethren to attend Grand Lodge. In 1981, there was a proposition before our Grand Lodge to hold the 1982 annual communication in Fresno. This proposition was not submitted by anyone in Fresno, but by out of area brothers who wanted to have Grand Lodge meet in some town other than San Francisco. Those of us in Fresno did not know it was coming until we got the written propositions in the mail. We had a relative new convention center down town and it would be an ideal place for the five day event. Unfortunately, the proposition did not pass so us Fresno Masons never got a chance to have our Grand Lodge annual communication in our home town.

Happy December!



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Life Members,

Please consider donating your per capita to the lodge. Per capita has risen to \$55.00 per person and is very taxing on the Lodge's budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

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*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.*

*Rian Bowman*

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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,

The last month of another year is upon us. Where does the time go? Once again, we are Getting reports of another variant of Covid, I don't think this crap is ever going to leave. I hope you have a great holiday season and enjoy the food.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**December Calendar**

12-2	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
12-9	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
12-16	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
12-23	Christmas	
12-30	New Years	



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