



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 all have been well and safe. I have been frequently checking updates about the tiered timeline for who should be receiving priority vaccinations. I'm hoping that this can provide me some vague estimate for when we can begin to physically meet again, but the reality is that none of us know how soon this will be. I am excited and honored to serve you all as Master. Please don't forget that we are here and ready to support our brother in the many ways that the virus has negatively affected our lives.

Our prayers and blessings go out to our departed brother Marvin Wallace and his family. Marvin was certainly a pillar in masonry, someone that I expected to always be there at all of our meetings and was always ready to fill in as an officer if someone was absent.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

It's hard to believe it's been almost a full year since we've all sat in lodge together but here it is February again and hopefully not much longer now. 2021 has already started off with quite a few deaths and disheartening news both at the local and national levels but with signs of hope still on the horizon as we move forward into spring, I look forward to these articles becoming much less depressing to type.

Congratulations to our new Master and all our officers that assumed their respective stations during our first and hopefully last virtual installation this past month. I was pleased to also have the opportunity to act as the Installing Officer for the Sanger Lodge Virtual Installation; this was certainly a unique experience as this whole year has proven an interesting learning curve in masonry's relationship to technology.

In addition, our grand lodge is continuing to host many online events such as secretary and treasurer training and I suspect this is the direction wardens and master retreats will be conducted as well in the months to come. The online speaker's series will also have an interesting presentation this month on the 17th by Past Grand Master Charvonja addressing Masonic civility and our role as masons in restoring civility during times of political and public discord so prevalent in recent times, something I would encourage all our members to take a look at.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations. I would like to start by congratulating our brother Mark Stroup on being installed as Worshipful Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge for 2021. Worshipful Stroup has been a beacon for me, and has proven himself a good man, with a wonderful soul, and I'm sure will guide us through this masonic year and hopefully through future masonic years.

With the Biden presidency now underway it is our duty as good men and freedom loving people, to not allow any disagreements between us, lead us to become disunited and we should renew our vow to unite men of every opinion for the greater goal we have in view.

As of last Wednesday, nearly 36 million doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines had been distributed to state and local governments. However, only about 16.5 million shots had administered by that time. The arrival of these highly effective vaccines have lifted our hopes that the vaccines will eventually slow or stop the spread of the disease. Hopefully returning us to some state of normalcy in the near future.

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

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

February Birthday's

Edmond	Garcia			3
Gene	Pattee			4
Robert	Papazian			4
John	Baird			6
Gary	Spoelstra			6
Lonny	Johnson			7
Jerome	Thormann	Jr.	PM	9
Byron	Pretzer			10
Timothy	Tyler			10
Richard	Donaldson			10
Richard	Bernier	Sr.		13
Gerald	Sharp			14
David	Sorge			15
Richard	Childs			16
John	Scott			16
Jason	Weiner			17
James	Mc Cown			18
Bryan	Kincade		PM	18
Jeremy	Hartman			18
Ali	Hatamaria			19
Alan	Hansen			19
Khoa	Le			19
Robert	Davenport			20
Rodney	Rowlett			21
Richard	Frey		PM	21
Robert	Ewing			23
Cline	Jack	Jr.	PM	23
Larry	Lee			27
Larry	Minasian			27
Michael	Reynolds			29
Jared	Lyons			29



Happy Birthday



From the Archives:

Starting with the March, 1979 Stated Meeting Dinner with our Dates, the price was increased to \$4.00. This would be \$15.00 in 2021 dollars. The March dinner had 230 in attendance including 70 members of our Las Palmas widows club. Prior to the April, 1979 meeting of the Las Palmas widows club, full membership was restricted to widows of members of Las Palmas Lodge. Widows of members of other Lodges were granted an associate membership. This was changed in April so that all Masonic widows had equal membership status.

As you know, Masons are not allowed to ask a man to join our Fraternity, they must ask us. Many good men think of our Fraternity as a "secret society" and since they do not know much about us, they naturally are hesitant to ask for a petition. In 1978 our Grand Lodge encouraged Lodges to have "Layman's Nights". Our Grand Lodge provided Judge Donald Fretz of Merced as the speaker for this first ever event and it provided an opportunity for our members to invite a friend to find out more about our Fraternity.

Members who had not attended Lodge in some time were also encouraged to attend. It gave us an opportunity to meet and greet seldom attending members as well as prospective members. On April 5, 1979 Las Palmas held a Layman's Night with a free dinner. I invited my brother-in-law and there were 41 members and 29 guests in attendance.



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*

In October of 1979 at our Grand Lodge Communication there was an important change made in the requirements to become a Mason. Up until now, an applicant had to have a "whole" body; that is he could not be an amputee. The reason for this rule went back to the days of Operative Masonry when a workman had to possess all limbs, or he could not work in his profession. This archaic rule continued to exist in only two Masonic jurisdictions in the United States. These were California and West Virginia. I don't know if West Virginia has changed its rule, but the Grand Lodge of California just did. The new rule will permit an amputee who uses prosthesis to apply for and receive the degrees of Masonry.

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: Feb. 18, 2021 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912239108?pwd=dnFJRlRtZ3V3R0ZCSXBUEU5VMnZCdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 1223 9108

Passcode: 137389

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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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,

One month down and hopefully one month closer to being able to reopen. Dues are trickling in slowly. Check your dues card and see where you stand. There are several of you who are delinquent and once we are able to go back to lodge, you are going to have to be suspended. In order to avoid that, you need to get caught up or make arrangements with the lodge. Check your dues card.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

February Calendar

Zoom Stated meeting on 2-18 7:30 PM



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2021 Dues: \$130.00

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Credit Card: \$134.25