



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



To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. As California continues to struggle with the enormous crisis of the Coronavirus pandemic, we must remember as Masons we should strive to serve as pillars of society. To recognize, support, and uplift those people in need and those institutions on which our communities rely. Not forgetting the skill and bravery of the millions of our First Responders and volunteer firefighters, police, EMTs, and paramedics whose jobs are to keep us safe.

Freemasons understand the taking of an obligation in the support of others. Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and police take one of the most challenging obligations of all. They are bound to run toward danger and not away from it. For this we owe all First Responders a big debt of gratitude. I encourage all our members to honor the efforts of our local first responders and to thank these important members of our society as you see fit. January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 530pm, we will be holding our installation of officers ceremony virtually on Zoom pre the instructions of the Grand Lodge. We look forward to everyone's attendance as Worshipful elect Mark Strop is installed as Master of Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge for the ensuing Masonic year.

Please continue to comply with social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing everyone in our Zoom virtual Lodge Stated meeting for January. A Zoom invite will be sent out prior to the meeting. It remains unclear with the current state of COVID-19 pandemic in California, when we will be permitted to conduct regular Lodge functions in person.

I cannot thank everyone enough for all your support over the last two years serving as Master of Las Palmas, especially our brother Secretary Bryan Kincade. He has done so much for the Lodge during his time as Secretary along with giving me so much support and guidance. I thank you Bryan.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones. I wish everyone a wonderful a wonderful New Year.

Fraternally,

Joshua Harmon

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Our virtual installation of officers will be conducted via zoom on January 14 at 5:30 PM. Please be on the lookout for an email invite. Although we are thankful that we at least have audio-video platforms like Zoom to communicate to each other, this platform is yet another painful reminder that things aren't the way they used to be.

When we think of officer installation, images come to our mind of our families or children or grandchildren getting to sit inside the lodge so that we can share this honor with them and honor them as well.

Nonetheless, we must work. Albert Pike tells us, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." It's more important than ever that we serve as officers this year to kindle the flame of light. Although our masonic labors are dormant, our presence gently blows on and kindles the flame of Masonry to keep this fire lit. Thank you for serving as an officer with me.

Blessings go out to our front-line workers, thank you for all you do.

Fraternally,  
Mark Stroup  
Senior Warden

**STATED MEETING: Jan. 21, 2021 7:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84235698112?pwd=dEtvdmU1Wmd0ZSt0NkpvcEJIT3IRQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 3569 8112

Passcode: 651858



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a happy New Year.  
Congratulations to our recently elected and soon to be installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Mark Stroup.

When I was Senior Warden it was my pleasure to confer Mark his third degree, the first full third and lecture I had actually performed at the time. Now just a few short years later to have him ascend to the East is testament to the strength perseverance of our lodge, particularly in such trying times.

A big thank you as well to our current Master Joshua Harmon for stepping up early and serving a double term as well, I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say we certainly appreciate it.

Soon we will have our Virtual Installation of Officers so please join us all for that on Zoom. It's always nice to see those faces we don't have the opportunity to see as often. Unfortunately, no big lunch and social following as in years past, but if you're nice to Bryan maybe he can get you some licorice. (see now you have to login to the Zoom meetings to get the jokes)

Stay safe, stay healthy, and we hope to see you soon

Fraternally,  
Andrew Miller PM  
Junior Warden

## January Birthday's

Bahram	Shifteh	1
Ronald	Copp	5
Gary	Bloom	5
Calvin	McCarty	5
Thomas	Carlson	7
Thomas	Nickelson	8
Marvin	Wallace PM	10
Chris	Weymouth	10
Shahbaz	Almas	10
Dean	Sigle	12
David	Byrnes	15
Dylan	Beck	16
Brandon	Camarena	17
John	Sanderson	18
James	Stahl PM	18
Christopher	Guillen	19
Kirk	Roberts	20
James	Fisher	23
Joshua	Barkley	28
Daniel	Tamayo	28
Carman	Tracy	29





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.

### **Installation: January 14, 2021 5:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859188242?pwd=SFhzT0JpT3FCQ3RqdGE4bFV1ZTY0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 838 5918 8242

Passcode: 088119

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.

Blood Drive: We are having a blood drive on January 2, 2021 and I have attached the flyer along with a link to sign up. Blood supply is at an all time low and they can really use our help, please Consider donating. The link is: <https://signup.com/go/tbHUXPF>  
Thank you for the help!

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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,

I can only hope that 2021 is a better year for us than 2020 was. I sincerely hope that I don't hear 2021 tell 2020 to hold his beer! With a new year comes new officers and I Would like to congratulate Bro. Mark Stroup on becoming Worship Master elect. I am sure we are in great hands. Please join on the 14<sup>th</sup> for the virtual installation, the link is listed above. Happy New Year's!

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

January Calendar

Installation 1-14 5:30PM  
Zoom Stated meeting on 1-21 7:30 PM



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