



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



We are excited that we are re-opening for a physical/in-person stated meeting in July on the 15th. We will not yet be doing meals until we can learn more about food regulations as it pertains to COVID-19 mitigation.

Officers are asked to attend practice on July 1st and 8th at 6:00 pm. To our officers, please review your blue books to ensure that we are competently able to open Lodge for stated meeting on the 15th.

To our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, if you are working towards receiving the next degree in Freemasonry, now is the time to polish up your proficiencies to be presented at our stated meetings.

To our officers and members, we have many candidates that are knocking on the door of Freemasonry which means much work for us to do and many degrees to put on. I look forward to seeing your physical (and not virtual faces) this month and re-immersing ourselves in the current of Freemasonry.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Well by now we all know that the restrictions have been lifted and that life can begin to inch back a somewhat more reasonably normal appearance even if at a slower pace. But let's all be honest with this summer heat they could've even tightened restrictions and we probably would've secretly thanked them for telling us to stay inside with the AC running!

In the past couple weeks, I had the pleasure of participating in several Fellowcraft degrees which Fresno Lodge conferred and it was a welcome experience to say the least. It was certainly good to be back in the lodge room once more and see that though so much of life over these past fifteen months has changed dramatically our ritual remains simple and untouched and even without having many opportunities to practice it came back to all those involved like second nature.

In the weeks and months to come I look forward to sitting with many of you in lodge and participating in wide array of events coming up in the fall such as our Annual Communication and so much more.

Take care, stay cool and have a happy July 4th,
Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brother's greetings and salutations. With new guidance from our Grand Masters, it appears lodge meetings can now resume in person. Our Brother Secretary will convey information outlining the re-opening of the Lodge for in person meetings.

In addition to picnics, outdoor recreation and other celebrations, July is a great month to get out and see our National Parks that are close by. For the fans of the upcoming fireworks shows to celebrate our Nations Independence Day, this Fourth of July may start to feel more like the days of old, as COVID restrictions are lifted. Many traditional outdoor events that were canceled last year can now return in California as we see the pandemic is beginning to end. Many public events can now return so we can again show our support for the history, heritage and people of our country.

Above all I pray in light of recent events, the great people of the United States will express and give thanks to the freedoms and liberties we have due to the countless lives lost in defense of our way of life.

I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge shortly.

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

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

July Birthday's

George	Richmann		2
Kenneth	Abell		3
George	Freige	III	4
Gary	Goyette		4
Morris	Bradshaw		4
Tommy	Hyatt		4
Stanton	Walker		5
Richard	Smith		8
David	Cunha	PM	8
Thomas	Heckel	II	10
Lawrence	Hopper	PM	12
Armen	Keledjian		12
Daniel	Hanson		13
Andrew	Zaninovich		13
Martin	Gann		14
Mark	Thornton		14
Raymond	King		17
Bradley	Smith		19
John	Prichard	Jr.	19
Larry	Goeringer		19
Ron	Gadberry	PM	19
Saul	Mendelsohn	DR	21
Franklin	Champ		21
Hrant	Serabian		21
Ryan	Duty		21
Edgar	Tanassi		23
David	Manion		24
Larry	Duba	PM	25
Robert	Gonzalez		26
Elvin	Cox		27
Matthew	Pascua		27
John	Gentle		27
Anthony	Ratkus		27
Arlen	Tanielian		27
Thornton	Davidson		29
Ronald	Ulrich		31
Wallace	Richey		31
William	Halsey		31
John	Moore		31





From the Archives:

On January 10th, we lost Brother Marvin Wallace. In researching Brother Wallace's life, I discovered that he was born in Oklahoma and his family moved to California during the time of the "dust bowl". He served in the Army Air corps in Germany for many years. It was while he was in Germany that he had a friend who had a very good character. In talking to this friend, he found out that he was a Mason.



Bro. Wallace petitioned a military Masonic Lodge which was chartered out of New York State where he got his three degrees. Upon his return to the United States, he joined a Lodge in Oklahoma and after moving to Fresno, he joined Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge in 1991. He served as our Secretary for several years and in 2007 served as our Master. It was during his year as our Master that he suffered a stroke. He recuperated for about a month and returned to Lodge to finish his year as Master. Bro. Wallace attended just about all meeting of our Lodge and for several years was our Tiler.

Bro. Wallace is a good example of how Masonry accepts men from all socio-economic backgrounds and places them on the level. On May 5th, I had the pleasure of doing his Masonic funeral service at the Clovis Cemetery. At the beginning of the Masonic funeral the funeral master says that we "assemble in the character of Masons". For all of the service that Bro Wallace gave Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge, only 5 members of the Lodge, including myself, were present. To me, that is not assembling in the character of Masons. I know there is a pandemic, but for a 9:00 am cemetery service, more of us can and should attend the funerals of our fallen brethren.

While I hope it is a long time before we have another brother to pass, when he does, I hope that more of you attend his funeral.

After Bro. Wallace lost his ability to drive, Bro. Bersani would bring him to Lodge meetings and I would drive him home. On our way home one night he told me about the tremendous love he had for his first wife, Ellen, who died from cancer in 1994. He expressed to me his desire to have his ashes placed next to Ellen. After his service, I placed his urn, lambskin apron and past master's apron in the burial vault and watched the cemetery staff seal the vault and place it in the grave next to his beloved Ellen.

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



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,

The good old days are about to return. We will have our in-person meeting on July 15th at 7:30 PM. We will not be having a meal before. We will have to discuss the food situation at the stated meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you in person. Take care and stay out of the heat!

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

July Calendar

Practice 7-1 6:00 PM
Practice 7-8 6:00 PM
Stated Meeting 7-15 7:30 PM
7-22 TBD
7-29 TBD



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