



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



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Greetings from the East



Another month goes by that we've been unable to meet in person. This means that we've been without physical contact with each other and have been unable to perform degrees. The way I see it, only one small component of Freemasonry is the performance of degrees and the eating of dinner.

You might ask yourself how have I exemplified Masonic virtues outside of lodge? Naturally, we're spending more time at home which may mean more contact with our immediate family or loved ones. How do you reflect Masonic virtues in your home? This is where the rubber hits the road, where what we've learned is put to the test. How do these virtues reflect in the relationship with your partner, son, daughter, grandchildren, etc.

Let's not forget that although some lodge functions have stopped, the eye of God is ever before us, lo, even within us.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

This month both sadly and astonishingly marks the one year anniversary of when we had to take a then brief and yet now a seemingly grueling long pause in our lodge activities. While things are continually looking brighter on the horizon nationwide I know that all most of our brethren want is that simple local and fraternal engagement we so often took for granted just one year ago.

I hope more of you will continue to join us for our monthly stated meeting via Zoom as well as reaching out across facebook, Freemason.org and other platforms as there are many online resources, meetings, and speakers series geared to keep the fraternity involved during this time.

While online activities may not quite be the corned beef and cabbage you are still waiting on from last year, I think I can guarantee when we meet again they'll be double portions for all.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brothers' greetings and salutations. March kicks into high gear, the month of spring is here and with it comes a lot of activity in nature. March also gives us the phrase, "Mad as a March hare," even the full moon gets involved. The full moon in March is called the Worm Moon. It earns this name because of all the insects beginning to hatch. Day light saving time also adds an element of tradition and rancor to the season as many (though not all) spring forward and change their clocks one hour.

NASA lands its most ambitious, advanced robotic rover in an ancient lake bed on the red planet. The first images from the rover were beamed back to mission control at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory just moments after touchdown. They were taken by the Left and Right Hazard Avoidance Cameras, two front-facing cameras onboard the rover. They're a little dusty and only image in one band, but they're marvelous. A handful of high-resolution images followed with one particular piece capturing the rover's final moments before landing the pick of the bunch. This mission begins a new era of discovery on the red planet.

I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge hopefully in the near future.

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

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

March Birthday's

William	Coughran		2
Franklin	Lewis		3
Jordan	Bachman		3
Mike	Hamzy		4
Robert	Crossland		5
Michael	Garrett		6
Robert	Rohan		7
LeRoy	Foote	PM	8
Stephen	Harlan		12
Jeffery	Whitener		13
James	Grabner		14
Ronald	Letterman		17
Michael	O'Connell		17
Trenton	Smith		17
Gerald	Peloian		18
Denton	Hollifield		18
Clifford	Carrigan		18
Timothy	Jurkowski		18
Glen	Ream		19
Norman	Meachum		19
Jack	Ouzounian		20
Herbert	Spencer		21
Michael	Chapman	PM	24
William	Gover		24
Sean	Rutledge		25
Boyd	Whitener		27
Donald	Pribble		28
Donald	Mroz		29
Joshua	Crane		31





From the Archives:

It is again with sadness that I must write about the passing of one of our Past Masters.

Marvin Wallace was our Master in 2007. Brother Wallace was born in Wagner, Oklahoma in 1937. After his family lost all of their belongings due to the Dust Bowl, they moved to the Fresno area later that year. While serving a career in the US Air Force, he had a friend who joined a Masonic Lodge and Marvin was impressed with the changes that Masonry made on this friend. In 1964, he received the degrees of Masonry in Spessart Lodge No. 875 AF&AM, a Military Lodge in Asachaffen, Germany, with a charter from New York. Upon his return to the United States, he became a member of Lawton Lodge No. 183 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

After retiring from the US Air Force, he worked as a truck driver, and then a tax examiner for the IRS in Fresno. In 1991 he petitioned Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge to affiliate. He served as our Lodge Secretary for several years before being appointed to the officer's line. Since he got his degrees in an AF&AM Lodge, he had to unlearn much of the work that he had learned as a candidate and re-memorize the California ritual which is F&AM. Quite a task when you are almost 70 years old.



During his year as Master, Brother Wallace suffered a stroke and was recovering for several months. He continued to serve as Master, even though he was suffering from the disabilities of the stroke. Brother Wallace also served as our Tyler for many years after serving as Master.

On October 19, 2013 Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge assisted our Grand Master in laying the corner stone to the newly constructed Fresno Veterans Home. I took this picture of



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*

Brother Wallace looking at one of the rooms where Veterans would live.



Brother Wallace received the Hiram Award in 1999. On December 18, 2014 he received his Golden Veterans Award at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

For the last several years, Brother Marvin could not drive so Brother Bersani would bring him to Lodge and take him home. When I discovered that he lived in an apartment on my way home, I started to drive him home after Lodge. While we were in the car together, we would talk about different things. One night he told me that he and his first wife never had an argument. He told me that he continued to miss her every day even though she died from cancer at a young age. He told me that he wanted his ashes to be buried next to his first wife in the Clovis Cemetery.

Since we have only one Worshipful Master every year, at least up to several years ago, we should, therefore, have only one Past Master pass on each year. Let us hope that Brother Marvin will be our only Past Master to pass away in 2021.

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: March 18, 2021 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83766693785?pwd=T01xK2c4dVBIUjRYS3FvV20rYVEwdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6669 3785

Passcode: 542738

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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,

March is here and finally the cold of Winter will be giving way to the warmer weather.

It is a great time of year as we witness the rebirth of our gardens. However, we also get winds and pollen. We have to take the bad with the good. The lodge has been lonely for your company and hopefully we will be back, until then, please stay safe.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

March Calendar

Zoom Stated meeting on 3-18 7:30 PM



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