



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



I hope you are all well. The big news in Masonry has been our Grand Master allowing us the option to meet for indoor or outdoor meetings. In summary, requirements for Lodge members are that they present their proof of vaccination card or a negative Covid test within the past 72 hours. The requirements for us at Lodge are that we check people in at the door, have a policy in place regarding sanitation, steps to take if a member should contract Covid, etc.

As excited as I am and I imagine many of you are, I urge you to be mindful of your own health and comfortability if you choose to attend Lodge functions this soon. If you have symptoms of Covis or critical underlying health conditions it is still advised that you stay home. We would rather wait longer to see you than to hear of you becoming ill.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

With the future possibility of reopening soon many of our members will be working on their proficiencies and advancement so I encourage all our officers to brush up on our degree work over the coming month. In addition to our officers being proficient these new regulations and often uncertain health conditions of some who would normally be involved in degree portrayal makes the position of Past Master all that more important. Many of our PMs may be called upon from time to time to fill the seat of those who are unable even more than in days past so I encourage all to brush up on their degree work should it be necessary you be called upon to assist.

Hopefully the strictness of these regulations will not last much longer and lodge activities can resume their normalcy. Grand Lodge is preparing to reinstate in-person annual communication and officer retreats within this year if possible, though likely with severe attendance restrictions. While at the same time most concordant bodies and youth orders are taking things a bit slower often with more severe restrictions.

So I suppose the lesson to be learned here is baby steps, you didn't become a Master Mason or a Past Master overnight, nor should we rush into possible dangerous situations simply for the peace of mind in saying its over or its normal. If you are a member that is still hesitant on being vaccinated, while that may be your right as a citizen, I encourage you to think of its possible impact as a brother.

Speaking for myself, I could not justify having to stand six feet away from my brethren in perpetuity simply because I did not always trust the person or institution holding the needle to my arm.

Stay healthy and hope to see you all soon,

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations. With the Grand Masters new guidance it appears in person meetings can begin again with some restrictions. Our Brother Secretary will convey that information outlining re-opening the Lodge.

The month of May brings us some important holidays. One of the most important being May 9th Mother's Day. Even though it is not recognized as a public or federal holiday, I believe it is important to appreciate and celebrate our mother's for all their love and support. Not forgetting those mother figures in our lives including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers

Another important and very praiseworthy holiday for the month of May is Armed Forces Day. Please take the opportunity to thank and show respect for men and women all over the world in the United States Armed Forces. First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the holiday was established in 1949. May 15th was created as a single day to celebration for all five branches of the United States military due to its recent unification under the Department of Defense. Be sure to mark your calendar & support our military!

I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge shortly.

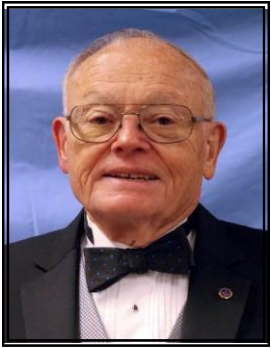
May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones.

Fraternally,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

May Birthday's

James	Tarver		3
Jonathan	Pierro		3
Frank	Gann	Jr. PM	4
James	Schultz		5
Alan	Burnham	PM	6
Robert	Davis	PM	7
Jerry	Tabor		8
Andrew	Peerson		8
Phillip	Ford		11
Gaby	Nakad		11
John	Schmidt		12
Larry	Finrock		12
Allan	Melikian		12
Bert	Flores		12
Shawn	Clark		12
Richard	Payne		13
Gordon	Keeton	PM	14
Eldon	Garrett		17
James	Vaughan	PM	17
Ryan	Marrett		20
John	Gahvejian		21
Nathan	Williams		21
Nikhil	Kohli		24
H.	Weldon		25
David	Clark		25
Donald	Milligan		26
Dean	Walker		28
Gary	Starr	PM	30
Anthony	Barba		30





From the Archives:

For my year as Master (1980), I chose Bro Floyd Otter to be the editor of the Trestleboard. Bro David Cravy was selected as our head candidates coach with the assistance of Bro Lee French as co-chairman. Bro French later served as our Master in 1989.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? On Saturday, May 10, 1980 at 1:00 p.m., Hermann Lodge No. 122, of Burlingame, met at the Fresno Masonic Temple to confer the third degree on one of their candidates in the German language. This was the only lodge under dispensation in California permitted to confer degrees in German. There were also two French language lodges. These three lodges used the ritual of their native countries, and are different from the work we are accustomed to. I do not know if Hermann Lodge is still operational.

On May 3, we hosted our own Grand Master Vernon Gordon at a sit down dinner and reception at the Fresno Fair Grounds. Grand Master Gordon lived in San Joaquin (western Fresno County) and was a PM of Joppa Lodge. GM Gordon was a frequent visitor to Las Palmas Lodge.

On June 5, we hosted our second Layman's Night. Grand Lodge provided Bro Lee Peterson as the Guest Speaker.

On June 8, we hosted our annual summer picnic at Woodward Park. Jr. Warden Jim Kleinknight and his committee did all of the preparations for this outdoor event which was well received.

I followed the established practice of having Las Palmas go "dark" for July and August. This meant that there were no degrees, only our Stated Meeting.

We opened back up on Thursday, September 4th with a reception for our own Sam Pavlovich who was our Master in 1967 and the Inspector of the 416 Masonic District from 1968 through 1979. In 1980 he was the Assistant Grand Treasurer. At the Grand Lodge Communication in October of 1989 he was elected Grand Master of Masons in California. On June 19, 2003, he received his 50 year Masonic veteran's award. Brother Pavlovich visited my mother at our house after my father passed away and was the Funeral Master for his funeral.



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: May 20, 2021 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166647911?pwd=QzE1aGNRbkdvQTFGRS0hUb1VjQi9RZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 6664 7911

Passcode: 715849



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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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,

Finally, some good news. If we stay in the same tier or they do away with the tier's we will soon be able to reopen. When I say soon, it refers to in the next couple of months. There are procedures to put into place and they will take a bit of time to ensure we are doing all we can do to keep everyone safe. This is the best news in over a year!

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

May Calendar

Zoom Stated meeting on 4-15 7:30 PM



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