



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Things are starting to look the way they used to again with old and new faces returning to the lodge.

Dinners or food is the last remaining piece before we can feel at home again. I urge all officers to attend practices, rehearse lines, and ask any questions they have about floor work.

We are looking forward to a few 1st degrees and a 3rd degree happening hopefully soon.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

We're beginning to get back into the swing of things, slowly but steadily. We have now had some degree conferrals and while it may have been a bit rusting getting started we are certainly improving with time and practice.

As we go into September many lodges across the valley and more particularly most concordant bodies will be coming back into session for regular monthly meetings, dinners and other social activities. I had the pleasure of visiting Olive Branch Lodge in Tulare last week who held their first degree conferral since returning to in person status. They had an excellent turn out with more than five lodges valley represented on the sidelines alone. Events like these remind us that masonry is not intended to be an isolated art form.

Hopefully many more opportunities will continue to open up for us to continue to socialize and renew our fraternal connections in the months to come.

Brethren, stay well and stay cool.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brother's greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. August is upon us along with those wonderful triple digit temperatures. With the current state of COVID-19 it appears for now we can reopen with in person meetings and conduct Lodge business once again.

The Lodge having been mostly dark these past months, I've truly missed my brothers. I've missed conducting ritual, further continuing to navigate the path towards finding a better version of myself. Finding the possibilities within us and seeing those potentials we often never recognize or exploit. Thus, hindering our own achievements and possible future successes in life. Masonry has made me not only a better man, but a better supervisor, a better professional, a more devoted person and I pray a better father and husband to my beautiful family. I can't explain the gratification I feel towards our institution and will continue to work toward being deserving of that fulfillment.

As always please look out for those in need. Continue to social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone healthy and safe, being mindful of the Delta-Variant. I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge.

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

Most sincerely,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

September Birthday's

Frederick	Richburg II		2
Stephen	Harrelson	PM	3
Rufus	Price		4
Donald	Kauffman		5
Peter	Wilson		6
David	Doll		6
Steven	Clifton		8
James	Carney		8
Gary	Garant		9
Thomas	Young	PM	12
Sonny	Mehrtash		12
Richard	Tarango		15
Bruce	Symmonds	PM	17
Craig	Constance		17
Devin	O'Connell		20
Kurtis	Docken		21
Robert	Thomason Jr.		22
Kasra	Monazzami		22
Paul	Locker		24
Ara	Karkazian		24
Charles	Oliver		25
Bruce	Morrow		25
William	Kidd		27
Melvin	Welch		27
Thomas	Musto Jr.		28
David	Orrantia		28
Gary	Lewis	PM	30
James	Meeks		30
Gerard	Gulgulian		30





From the Archives:

Prior to 1979, Lodges in other jurisdictions were giving Hiram Awards to their members as a token of gratitude for all of the work they had done for their Lodge. The idea of the Hiram Award came to California and in 1979 was formally adopted. When our Grand Lodge adopted it, there were neither formal requirements nor procedures. All we were told was that it was intended that an individual Lodge would be able to confer the highest honor a Lodge could confer upon a Member. Although most Lodges limited the Hiram Award to one member per year, some Lodges conferred several each year. It didn't matter if you were a Past Master, or even a current or former officer of that Lodge.

Since our Grand Lodge did not specify how a Lodge would determine who would receive the Hiram Award, I suggested to then Master, Bobby Bingham, that Paul Chandler Shelly, our faithful organist since 1955, would be a very good choice. WM Bingham agreed and on October 18, 1979 Brother Shelly was the first recipient of the Hiram Award from Las Palmas Lodge.



During my year as Master, I selected Brother Wally Scott to be the Hiram Award recipient. Brother Scott had been our Lodge Chaplain since 1970 and was active in our Lodge and the Scottish Rite as well as the Boy Scouts of America. I was proud to present Brother Wally with the 1980 Las Palmas Hiram Award on June 19, 1980. Since then, Las Palmas Lodge has conferred 8 Hiram Awards and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge has conferred 23 Hiram Awards. I was awarded my Hiram Award on August 15, 2013.



For many years, it was the practice of an outgoing Master to leave some candidates who were ready for their next degree, so the incoming Master had work to do. In my case, I left Gary Star, the incoming Master for 1981, with A. J. Comte Jr. who was ready to receive his 3rd degree and a newly voted on applicant to be initiated.

On May 21, 1981, Worshipful Gary Starr conferred the Hiram Award on Brother Bill Wharton.

Brother Bill was a perfect example of a member who had served his Lodge for many years as our Treasurer and as a non-officer. Brother Bill was extremely knowledgeable about Masonry and held schools of instruction on Masonry and the Masonic degrees for candidates and members. He was always available to help out with whatever needed to be done.



Happy September!



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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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

One month under our belts with being back to lodge. It has been a nice change to see people in person. We have been careful not to over look our distancing needs to try and keep everyone as safe as possible. I hope as soon as you feel it is safe to do so, we will see you back in Lodge. Please stay safe and healthy.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

September Calendar

9-2 Degree	7:30 pm
9-9 Degree/ Practice	7:30 pm
9-16 Stated meeting	7:30 pm
9-23 Degree/ Practice	7:30 pm
9-30 Degree / Practice	7:30 pm



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