



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
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## Greetings from the East



I hope everyone is having a great summer. It has been hot but now that we have acclimated to it, it is at least bearable.

Once again, the new A/C has broken in the lodge room. The company is doing its due diligence obtaining the parts to repair it.

I hope for all of us that they are able to correct it soon.

Have a great summer and enjoy the summertime food.

I am hoping to see more brothers in Lodge in the near future.

Fraternally,  
Mark Stroup  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hope everyone out there is having a good summer and managing to stay as cool as possible in the process. This past month has been something of a trying time climate wise forcing many of our local Masonic bodies to push our ACs up to and even past their breaking point. I know we've been planning several degrees for some time now and hate putting them off, so as soon as we get that air back on, we'll all have some work to do.

On a more positive note, this past month I had the fortunate opportunity to visit Burbank Lodge for their "Friendship Degree Presentation". This program was a portrayal of the second section of the Fellowcraft Degree; however, every officer was speaking a different language ranging from Hebrew to Mandarin and many more in between and it not being a formal degree our candidates for the evening were our Deputy Grand Master, Junior Grand Master, and Grand Lecturer.

It certainly was a unique way of demonstrating the universality of Masonic ritual and that though you may not catch every word you understood everything that was happening.

Stay cool, stay safe, and see you soon.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Miller PM Senior Warden



From the South:

Hello Brothers and Happy August,

As the summer progresses into its later (and hotter) months, I hope you are well and doing your best to remain cool. As we prepare to return from our dark months, please, take a moment to reach out to your brothers and express your fraternal love and support, and encourage them to return and participate in keeping our Lodge great.

It would also be wise to pull out your materials and freshen up on your book-work, seek help for the things you do not understand, and see if you can be of service to someone looking to expand their knowledge. You may be the one voice that makes the difference for one of your brothers. I will be doing my best from here on to "practice what I preach".

In closing, I wish you cool weather, cool drinks, and warm hearts. See you soon.

Fraternally yours,

Jeremy Kern, Junior Warden

## August Birthday's

Charles	Vaughn		1
Brian	Richburg		2
Jack	Mattox		3
Richard	Sherrrod	PM	4
Linley	Cole		5
Albert	Blumer		6
Dick	Manoogian		7
Leonard	Gottner	PM	7
Andrew	Miller	PM	8
Robert	Preston		10
Edward	Spangler	PM	10
James	Keeton	PM	11
Jeffrey	Woods		11
Henry	Alcantara		12
Howard	Ford		15
James	Holley		16
James	Wilson	II PM	18
Richard	Avila		19
Walter	Kron		21
Wayne	Newquist		23
Earl	Hudson		24
Milton	Snavely		24
Jack	Afonin		26
Thomas	Dean		26
Derek	Olsen		26
Bernard	Hollenbeck		28
Rodney	Horton		30





### **From the Archives:**

From our June, 1983 Trestle board, we find the following:

Coastside Lodge No. 762, which is in Pacifica, a small town on the coast just west of San Bruno, has lost almost all its real estate facing the Pacific Ocean. Only a few feet of dirt were left between the edge of the building and the ocean. It has been moved to a safe place near the front of the property and is standing on blocks. Here is where Coastside Lodge funds ran out. The Master of the Lodge, Roger S. Murray, is appealing for financial aid to purchase property several blocks away, and also to move the building to the new location and make it habitable so lodge meetings can resume. It has been estimated that \$150,000 will be required for this project. Lodges cannot contribute funds for this purpose. Any contributions to another lodge must come from individual members, and must be on a voluntary basis. If you can spare a few dollars for this worthy cause, we will receive them at the lodge office and forward them to the Coastline Lodge. If you use a check, please make it out to Coastside Temple Association. We have the assurance from the Master that these funds will be used only for the project as outlined above.

On Monday evening, May 2, Coalinga Lodge No. 387 lost most of its building as the result of an earthquake. As near as we can tell the back portion of the building is on the ground and the roof has caved in. The Coalinga Lodge members have not yet appealed for help, but we are sure such a request will be forthcoming soon. Probably they are waiting for an opportunity to survey the damage and get an estimate of the cost to repair their temple. Do you remember the great Coalinga Earth Quake? I sure do!

These disasters occurred almost 39 years ago to the month. If we think that disasters are new to California, think twice. While we may not be losing physical lodge buildings, our members are still suffering substantial losses from forest fires and other disasters. In 2020, our Grand Lodge sent out a notice to all Masons that donations would be appreciated to the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund to help Masons and their families that were suffering from the pandemic and its many consequences. I sent in a donation and about a month later I got a personal phone call from someone at our Grand Lodge who wanted to personally thank me for my donation. I was impressed with this personal phone call and it is for this reason that I continue to donate to our Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund.

In the September, 1983 Trestle board, our Secretary, Bob Paden reported as follows:

It might be interesting to note that we have conferred nine third degrees since January 1. We also had two affiliations. We started the year with 872 members and this helped some. We lost 19 members during the same period. Fourteen were by death, three by withdrawal and two suspensions for non-payment of dues.

In that same month there is the following:

W. Bob Jackson, Master of Center Lodge, informs us of a special happening at his Lodge Wednesday September 28th, at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a "tri-tip" dinner at 6:30. The dinner will cost \$5.00 and will be prepared by the Scots of Pyramid #10. The meeting is a first as far as we know. It is a Third Degree put on by the "Heroes of 76", a team composed of officers of the armed forces, from the Lodges in this area. They will be in uniform, I hope they fit.

Center Lodge No. 465 had about 300 members in 1983. Center Lodge, along with Sun Garden Lodge, consolidated into Fresno Lodge many years ago.

Welcome August

hello  
august



*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,

Here comes August. I can't believe that the year is going by so fast. The year is 2/3rds of the way over and I kind of feel that it just started. I hope you are all having a pleasant summer so far. I know several of us are back to traveling, I hope you are having a good time. The attendance at meetings are down and it would be nice to see more people here. I have been Secretary almost 4 years already and I have yet to meet a lot of you, maybe you can drop in one night for a meeting and remember why you joined!

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**August Calendar**

8-4	Dark	
8-11	Management Board (Dark)	6:00 pm
8-18	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
8-25	Dark	7:30 Degree



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