



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



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Greetings from the East



It is time to start getting the lodge out of Covid mode and back to normal. We have messed around long enough. We are going to start having practices on Thursday nights. We have a large number of Entered Apprentices that need to further their degrees so that they can get the most out of Masonry. If you are coaching an Entered Apprentice, please work with them so that they be ready for their proficiency.

February is a fun month, the weather starts changing, the days start getting longer. It is like the world starts over again, and with it so should we.

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

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Well as a lodge we can certainly say we've had better months... With the recent explosion of COVID infections brought on by these newer variants we have had quite a number of brothers taken ill in the past few weeks. While these new strains are much more contagious they often tend to be less menacing so many brothers bounced back rather quickly others are still a bit on the fence and I'm sure appreciate your thoughts and prayers, while others still only recently discovered they were exposed and are still waiting to see where the chips fall.

While it is in our fraternal nature to feel compassion towards our sick brethren in their hour of need, and compassion they may have but for many however they certainly do not get my sympathy.

I know of many lodge brothers (here and elsewhere) that to this day for selfish and foolish reasons, spurred on by political animosity and hate filled rhetoric towards persons and circumstances their actions have no ability to affect, refuse to get themselves or their family vaccinated and even when knowing they may be exposed and putting others in danger angrily refuse to wear the most basic of facial coverings in public settings.

This selfish and uncharitable behavior is truly what we speak of when we say "*Unmasonic Conduct*".

"There were many such at the rebuilding of the temple, there were prophets of evil and misfortune – the lukewarm, the indifferent and the apathetic; and those who stood by and sneered; and those that thought they did God service enough if they now and then faintly applauded. There were ravens cloaking ill omen, and murmurers who preached the folly and futility of the attempt. The world is made up of such, and they were as abundant then as they are now."

-Morals and Dogma (*Knight of the East*)

Hopefully things will improve in the days to come, we will see.

While my family and I will be out of town during the week of our coming Stated Meeting I do hope to see all who can attend at our upcoming Installation of Officers, let's all stay safe and well and *cross our fingers* we won't have to delay that event any longer.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge.

We have many other events to look forward to in February, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, and President's Day. Also don't forget the Super Bowl! On Sunday February 13th. May we all enjoy the festivities this month and continue to grow in Lodge.

Despite greater uncertainty with cases of Covid-19 now increasing in California, and teachers and administrators are also preparing for more changes that could come at any point, depending on the course of the pandemic in the coming weeks and months.

May we continue to exercise preventative measures to avoid contracting the COVID-19 virus, as cases are rising again. As always please look out for those in need. Continue social distancing measures in the interests of keeping everyone healthy and safe in the New Year.

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

Most sincerely,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

February Birthday's

Edmond	Garcia			3
Gene	Pattee			4
Robert	Papazian			4
John	Baird			6
Gary	Spoelstra			6
Lonny	Johnson			7
Jerome	Thormann	Jr.	PM	9
Byron	Pretzer			10
Timothy	Tyler			10
Richard	Donaldson			10
Richard	Bernier	Sr.		13
Gerald	Sharp			14
David	Sorge			15
Richard	Childs			16
John	Scott			16
Jason	Weiner			17
James	Mc Cown			18
Bryan	Kincade		PM	18
Jeremy	Hartman			18
Ali	Hatamaria			19
Alan	Hansen			19
Khoa	Le			19
Rodney	Rowlett			21
Richard	Frey		PM	21
Robert	Ewing			23
Cline	Jack	Jr.	PM	23
Larry	Lee			27
Larry	Minasian			27
Michael	Reynolds			29
Jared	Lyons			29





From the Archives:

In my last article I told you about Bro. Jim Kleinknight being installed as our Master for 1982. After Jim had retired from a large oil company and moved to Fresno, he became self-employed as a Snap-On tool dealer.

Las Palmas Lodge officers for 1982 were installed January 16 by Sam Pavlovich, P.M. Jane Higgins, soloist, accompanied by Linda Bauer, presented musical selections during the ceremony. Everything was properly ritualistic until the "Retiring of the Officers", then much to the Master's surprise, all the officers doffed Snap-On caps as they marched out.

Gilma Moyer was the honoree at a reception sponsored by La Sierra O.E.S., held on February 27, 1982 at the Fresno Convention Center. She was Worthy Grand Ruth of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California O.E.S. and a Past Worthy Matron of La Sierra O.E.S. number 555. Her present position was especially noteworthy as only three other O.E.S. members have ever been appointed from California to the General Grand Chapter. Her late husband, T.D. Moyers, was a Past Master of Las Palmas Lodge (1945), and was very instrumental in the building of our present Las Palmas Temple.

While I did not personally know Gilma Moyer, I do remember that if she was present at Las Palmas for any event, she was always publicly recognized and thanked.

Brother Sam Marko Pavlovich, PM (1967), was coroneted a 33-deg. honorary member. At this time he was the secretary of the four Scottish Rite Fresno bodies and a member of the board of trustees of the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. He was Inspector of the 416th Masonic District from 1967 to 1979 and served as Assistant Grand Treasurer during the 1979-80 term. He had recently retired from his position with Caltrans where he was a civil engineer. Besides Las Palmas Lodge, Sam was also a member of the Central California Research Lodge, Fresno York Rite bodies, La Sierra Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and Tehran Shrine Temple. He has been a member of the advisory board of the then Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay for many years.

I always felt a kindness to Bro Pavlovich as he performed my father's Masonic funeral in 1967. Recently, I had the honor of performing the Masonic funeral for Bro. Sam's brother, George Pavlovich. I also remember having to qualify for an advanced station by going down to his office at the Scottish Rite Temple and, with the other officers from Clovis and Ponderosa Lodges, give the ritual that was required for advancement.

In 1982, Bro Leon Peters was elected a Trustee for Las Palmas Lodge. Bro Peters was the second man of Armenian descent to be elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge. This was in 1959. Bro Leon was well known in Fresno for his Civic duties. As a legacy, he created the Leon S. Peters Foundation that gives much financial support to Fresno Community Hospital and other worthy causes such as the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.

Happy Valentine's Day!



Life Members,

Please consider donating your per capita to the lodge. Per capita has risen to \$55.00 per person and is very taxing on the Lodge's budget.

Thank you for your consideration.



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,

Here is another month and we are still be dictated by a pesky virus. Just when I think it is starting to go away, it rears its ugly head again. It is my hope that this thing finally goes away never to come back again. Maybe one day! I hope that with all of the time we have lost in the last couple of years, we can soon make up for.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

February Calendar

2-3	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
2-10	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
2-17	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
2-24	Installation	7:30 pm



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