



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.

We have ended this masonic year with the revitalization of the Spirit of freemasonry. We went back into the swing of things with first stated meeting, initiations, and now food.

I am hoping to see more brothers offering their time and energy to the craft by sitting in an officer position.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Another year, these have certainly been interesting and trying ones of late but we've gotten through.

I hope you all had a happy holiday season that didn't result in any sickness or sadness as so many unfortunately have worldwide. Soon we will have our installation of officers and you have chosen to once again to trust me to maintain the position of Senior Warden and I will do so to the best of my ability as in years past, ritually speaking I must say it's my favorite chair to keep warm.

We also have some newer and returning members stepping up and becoming more active in various officer roles which is always a pleasure to see and ill look forward to working with you all.

Continue to stay safe, have a happy new year (don't party too hard) and lets all get working on making this coming year one we can finally feel proud of.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

To my friends and brothers greetings and salutations from Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge and welcome to 2022. I am honored to assume a new officer role in Lodge this year as Senior Steward, with the promise to uphold the values and requirements of the position.

It's hard for me to comprehend that another year has passed. Ringing in the New Year brings new hope that we will continue to return to a state of normalcy or some version of life seen only pre-pandemic. As glasses are raised and celebrations ensue, it's important to recognize the special symbolism the holiday's brings for us, along with the value of spending time with friends and family reflecting on years pass.

With a fresh start to the year may our resolutions consist of keeping our hands out of the cookie jar or giving heartfelt words of encouragement to our friends and loved ones.

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

January Birthday's

Bahram	Shifteh		1
Ronald	Copp		5
Gary	Bloom		5
Calvin	McCarty		5
Thomas	Carlson		7
Thomas	Nickelson Sr.		8
Chris	Weymouth		10
Shahbaz	Almas		10
Dean	Sigle		12
David	Byrnes		15
Dylan	Beck		16
Brandon	Camarena		17
John	Sanderson		18
James	Stahl	PM	18
Christopher	Guillen		19
Kirk	Roberts		20
James	Fisher		23
Joshua	Barkley		28
Daniel	Tamayo		28
Carman	Tracy		29





From the Archives:

In June of 1981, Marilyn Sue Mencarini, the daughter of deceased Bro Albert George McClellan donated 2 lots in the Masonic Section at Belmont Memorial Park if we paid the \$25 transfer fee. The Lodge voted to accept the gift and pay the fee. Our Lodge currently has two lots at Belmont Memorial park, about 10 lots at Fresno Memorial Gardens and ample space for cremated remains at Mountain View Cemetery. At the time of death of a member, or his spouse, these lots are available from the Lodge free of charge. If you want to acquire any of these spaces in advance of need, there will be a nominal charge. You will be responsible for the costs that the Cemetery charges for opening and closing of the grave. Call the Lodge Secretary for more information.

It has been a practice of Las Palmas Lodge, since its inception, to go Dark during July and August. This gave the officers a chance to have a vacation with their families. However, we still had to hold our Stated Meetings for these two months. Because attendance at these two stated meetings was down, it was decided that the Dates could also take a vacation from preparing a dinner for these two months. Bro Stan Wong suggested that we could still have a dinner and at the same time let the Dates have a vacation. For August, 1981, Bro Wong arranged for a local Chinese restaurant to prepare the food and he would bring it over to Lodge for what started our annual Chinese Dinner. How many of you remember attending one of these Chinese dinners or Bro Stan? Bro Stan was a Medical Doctor. I was the one who coached him through his three degrees. I also attended his funeral shortly before the current pandemic.

On January 16th, Bro Jim Kleinknight was installed Master of Las Palmas Lodge. Brother Jim got his degrees in Poinsettia Lodge #663 in 1957. He was in and out of the officer's line several times but his employment kept him from reaching the station of Master. After retirement in 1963 he moved to Fresno and affiliated with Las Palmas. In 1982 he affiliated with Orosi Lodge #383. In January of 1995 he was installed as Master of Orosi Lodge, but could not complete his term as he passed away on April 24th.

At our January, 1982, Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to have the Treasurer take \$10,000 from the Lodge checking account and give it to the Trustees so they could obtain a T Bill which would yield 12.532%. Do you remember the inflation in the late 1970's and early 1980's? I remember getting an IRA at a local savings association that paid 18% which was locked in for 5 years. Now a CD will earn you less than 1/2% a year.

Happy New Year!

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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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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,

Well, hello New Year. I can't believe that we have made it through another year of Covid. I for one will be glad when all of this crap is behind us and we can once again live a normal life. Speaking of normal, we have started back with our dinners with the Brethren preparing them. We will be back to everyone being invited in February.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

January Calendar

1-6	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
1-13	Degree Practice	7:00 pm
1-20	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
1-27	Degree practice	



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