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Greetings from the East



I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. The lodge is starting to get back on its feet and receiving new applicants. This is a beautiful thing after the last couple of years.

I want to thank all of the officers for their hard work and dedication to the lodge, it sometimes seems as a thankless job, but it needs to be done. Thank you!

Take some time to rest and refresh yourself, we all need it.

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

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

We prepare once again to move into our oh so lovely Fresno Summer, I say this as I'm in fact writing this article on the first day it hit the 100s.

Break out the sunscreen!

I know traditionally many of our lodges and concordant bodies take a break over the summer months but having spent so much time apart these past couple years hopefully that won't as often be the case and enjoyable fraternal activities continue, even if a bit more air conditioning is required.

While I can't speak for most I can announce as the new Banquet Chairman of our local Scottish Rite that we will not be breaking for the summer as we did in the past. Our dinners and activities will continue with casual buffet style meals that all including families and prospects are invited.

As for Las Palmas I know we will be planning several first degree ceremonies soon to come and are certainly looking forward to that. Please join us for those and our upcoming stated dinners.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM Senior Warden



From the South:

If you weren't present at our First Degree this past week, you missed an excellent initiation with wonderful effort from our participating brethren.

I want to thank all those who were in attendance, and if you weren't able to make it, there are several opportunities coming up in the coming weeks for you to participate again.

We all understand that life happens, but I humbly beg for as much participation as you can to help make this lodge the best it can be.

I would like to extend my hand to any brother's who would like to help prepare the stated meeting dinners. We have a good group of guys and we have a lot of fun, come join us!

Fraternally yours,

Jeremy Kern, Junior Warden

June Birthday's

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|----------|------------|-----|----|
| David | Pitts | | 1 |
| Raymond | Reyes | | 2 |
| Justin | Robinson | | 2 |
| William | Lee | | 2 |
| Hamo | Hamamjian | | 4 |
| Vernon | Gaylord | | 5 |
| Richard | Hopper | PGM | 5 |
| Devin | Hanson | | 7 |
| Curtis | Jack | PM | 8 |
| Henry | Howard | | 10 |
| Joseph | Perry | IV | 11 |
| Michael | Behlen | | 11 |
| Timothy | Bezzarides | | 11 |
| Edward | Bufford | PM | 14 |
| Dwayne | Farrow | | 14 |
| Milburn | Holt | | 15 |
| Terrance | Haun | II | 15 |
| Allen | Munroe | Jr. | 16 |
| Richard | Mets | | 16 |
| Michael | Sahakian | | 17 |
| William | Lyons | PM | 17 |
| James | Marshall | PM | 17 |
| Nicholas | Ionescu | | 17 |
| Alan | Steven | | 17 |
| James | Welch | | 18 |
| Joshua | Hughes | | 18 |
| Elie | Choufani | | 21 |
| Anthony | Rodriguez | | 21 |
| Sidney | Cox | | 22 |
| Brian | Lee | | 26 |
| Dennis | Claborn | | 26 |
| Albert | Petersen | | 27 |





From the Archives:

There are many pleasures that we can get from Masonry. Fellowship with members of our own Lodge is one, but fellowship with members of other Lodges is another. Recently, I was in Salem, Oregon visiting my daughter and her girls when I found out that Vista Lodge was going to put on a 2nd degree. Last November I had visited Vista Lodge when they had their annual election of officers and I found them to be very cordial. To be courteous, I arrived a little early and spoke with several of the Brothers before Lodge started.

Oregon is AF & AM so their ritual is different from our F & AM ritual in some places. When I was supposed to do something and I did not know what to do, a kind Brother guided me. As to their 2nd degree when compared to ours, it was like the same story, but by a different author. If you are out of state and have a chance to visit a Lodge, particularly on a degree night, by all means do it. I am sure you will thoroughly enjoy yourself.

One of the most important duties of a Master is to appoint a member to the Officers Line. When I was going through the line, a Master normally got only one opportunity to make this appointment. This appointment is normally made before the new Master is installed so the appointee can be installed with the rest of the officers. The tradition was that you would then follow your appointee and his appointee and so forth. You were, in essence, following your "children" and "grandchildren" etc.

My appointment to the office of Marshall was David Ellis Leslie. Brother Leslie had received his degrees of Masonry in Warren Lodge No. 33 in Warren, Arkansas and he had affiliated with Las Palmas in 1971. David was a patent attorney in Fresno and showed much enthusiasm as a junior officer. In 1982 he was our Sr. Stewart until cancer attacked him. Tragically, he passed away on December 26, 1982. This loss means we not only lost a brother, but we lost a potential Master who, I am sure, would have been a good Master.

In January of 1983 Eldon Cole was installed as our Master. WM Cole was one of the many Greyhound drivers who were active members of Las Palmas Lodge. From day one, I remember seeing Brother Eldon fill in for just about all of the officer positions in all three degrees. In the early days, I also remember Brother Eldon using a special cane to help him walk. He then had surgery on his back and after that; the cane was nowhere to be seen. Brother Cole was my Sr. Deacon and was very good with his ritual.

In his March Trestle board message, WM Cole expressed a problem that every Master would like to have: "The only problem we seem to have is finding enough nights to confer all the Degrees that our candidates are working to attain. Keep it up, coaches and candidates, we will find the time." Wouldn't we love to have that problem today?

Welcome June!



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,

June is here and the year is almost half over. The Lodge has been going along and we are getting petitions for new members. I want to congratulate Bro. Kim for receiving his First degree, it was a great degree. We have another degree coming up on the 23rd of June, come out and welcome our new members. Share some of your knowledge with these new guys like the members did for you when you first got here. Stay safe!

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

June Calendar

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| 6-2 | Dark | |
| 6-9 | First Degree Practice | 7:00 pm |
| 6-16 | Stated meeting | 6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm |
| 6-23 | First Degree | 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Degree |
| 6-30 | Practice | 7:00 pm |



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