



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



# The Las Palmian

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## Greetings from the East



Hello to all. I really like the way the lodge is moving. We are finally getting new candidates and putting on degrees again. It gives me hope that the pandemic is behind us and we can finally move forward. I understand that our Senior Deacon, Bro. Josh Barkley competed in and won the competition from Grand Lodge. Josh won our division and now goes against the winners from the other divisions. Great job Josh!

The weather is starting to change and soon it will be the hot dog days of summer. I hope that you all get a chance to get outside and get some fresh air before the temperature gets to hot. Enjoy the month of May.

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

Fraternally,  
Mark Stroup  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Thanks to all those who turned out for our last stated meeting, it was excellent to once again have visitors who came to collect our monstrously oversized traveling gavel and we hope many more lodges across the valley will keep it moving in the months and years to come.

We were also pleased to once again make balloting on petitions for membership a more regular thing so you can be on the lookout for some degree dates being announced soon and hopefully many more to come.

Hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Miller PM Senior Warden



From the South:

May is upon us. This is traditionally when all the flowers start to bloom and people start getting out and about. Maybe this will entice you to visit your lodge and renew your friendships with people you haven't seen in a while. Last month we had the brothers of Turlock Lodge #236 come to visit and retrieve the traveling gavel. It was nice to see so many people in the lodge room, it looked like yesteryear.

The dinners have been coming out great and it is enjoyable to cook and converse with the brethren. If you haven't been coming to the dinners, you might want to give them a try. I, for one, would love to have some of our older members come and help us and give us some of the traditions that have been carried on at Las Palmas – Ponderosa Lodge, over the years. If this knowledge is not shared with some of the newer members, it will be lost.

The Management Board has scheduled a work party on May 14, 2022. There is a variety of items they would like to accomplish and then they offered to provide lunch for all that show up. One of the jobs is going to be repairing our flag pole and getting the mechanisms to work once again so that we can keep a newer flag up all of the time. If you can spare a few hours please join us.

The menu for the May dinner has not been finalized yet and I am sure our brother the Secretary will send out an email to let everyone know what it will be.

I hope too see you all there.

Fraternally yours,

Jeremy Kern, Junior Warden

## May Birthday's

James	Tarver		3
Jonathan	Pierro		3
Frank	Gann	Jr. PM	4
James	Schultz		5
Alan	Burnham	PM	6
Robert	Davis	PM	7
Jerry	Tabor		8
Andrew	Peerson		8
Gaby	Nakad		11
John	Schmidt		12
Larry	Finrock		12
Allan	Melikian		12
Bert	Flores		12
Shawn	Clark		12
Richard	Payne		13
Gordon	Keeton	PM	14
Eldon	Garrett		17
James	Vaughan	PM	17
Matthew	Houk		18
Ryan	Marrett		20
John	Gahvejian		21
Nathan	Williams		21
Nikhil	Kohli		24
H.	Weldon		25
David	Clark		25
Donald	Milligan		26
Dean	Walker		28
Gary	Starr	PM	30
Anthony	Barba		30





### **From the Archives:**

On March 11, 1982 Brother Larry Bennett was raised a Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge. In 1982 a total of 9 Brothers were raised in Las Palmas Lodge so I am sure you are wondering why I am mentioning Brother Bennett.

While Brother Bennett was never Master of Las Palmas Lodge, he did serve as Master of two other Lodges in the area. In 2001 he affiliated with Hanford Lodge No. 279 and in 2008 he affiliated with Sanger Lodge No. 216. He was a Life Member of both Las Palmas and Hanford Lodges. In 2003 and 2005 he was the Master of Hanford Lodge and in 2009 he served as Master of Sanger Lodge. He was also an officer's coach as well as a candidates coach for Las Palmas-Ponderosa as well as Hanford and Sanger.

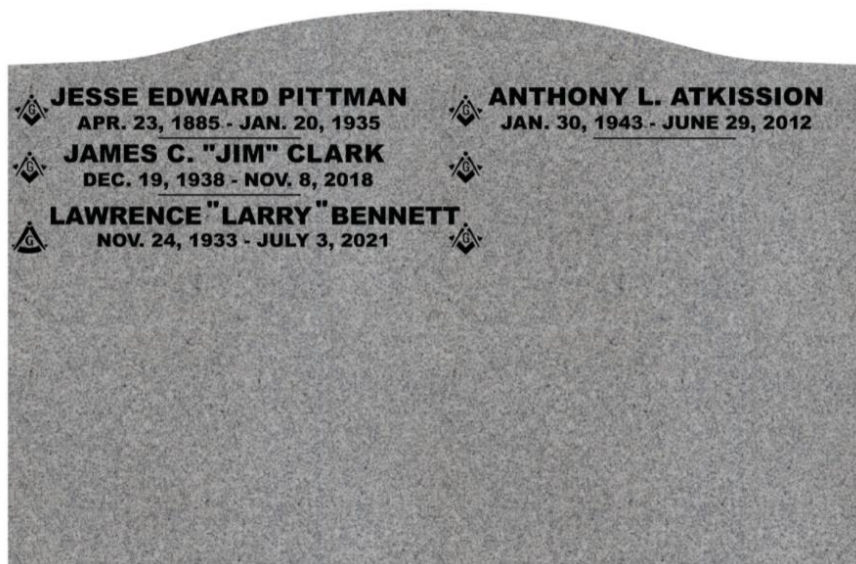
As a candidate's coach at Las Palmas-Ponderosa he had the ability to quickly teach candidates their work. I remember one particular candidate who I was coaching and had problems memorizing the work. Somehow Brother Larry was able to quickly teach this candidate his work and get him through his proficiencies.

On June 18, 1992, Las Palmas-Ponderosa awarded Brother Bennett the Hiram Award.

As a Junior Past Master, I was always told that choice of parts you take on Past Master's night were first given the most senior Past Masters and what was left was to the most junior Past Masters. For the first 25 years as a Past Master, I had normally been the Jr. Deacon on most Past Master's nights. However, now being one of the more Senior Past Masters, I decided to give the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree lecture. Even though I had not given it in over 35 years, I decided to re-learn it. Thanks to Brother Larry, I was able to re-learn this lecture with much ease and give this 20 minute lecture with little need for prompts. I continued to give this 3<sup>rd</sup> degree lecture at several more Past Masters Nights as well on other occasions. However, before I gave the lecture, I always got together with Brother Larry and went over it several times so that the candidate would get the best possible experience in his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

For the last couple of years Brother Larry was suffering illnesses and occasionally I would see him during the day at Lodge where he would park his car so he could go to the VA Hospital for treatment. I did not know that we had lost Brother Bennett until I got a call from the staff at Mountain View Cemetery asking where Brother Bennett's ashes were to be buried in the Las Palmas-Ponderosa burial plot. I immediately went to the cemetery and showed them the exact place that Brother Bennett had shown to me several years earlier when he made his pre-need arrangements. We will miss you Brother Bennett.

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Our marker at the Mountain View Cemetery.



Welcome May!



*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,

May is now upon us. Soon we will be half way through our Masonic year. Time really flies and I know it is not just me thinking this. The management board is having a work party on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May and could really use your help. Please think about coming out to help and labor with your brethren. They have said that they will feed all who show up and it is supposed to be good. I hope to see you there!

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**May Calendar**

5-5	Degree/ Practice	7:00 pm
5-12	Degree/ Practice	7:00 pm
5-19	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
5-26	Degree/ Practice	7:00 pm



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