



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



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Greetings from the East



I hope all of the members of Las Palmas – Ponderosa are well and enjoying their summer. I know it has been warm, but it doesn't seem to be exceptionally warm.

I want to congratulate the officers on again getting back to degree work, it has been a while since the lodge has been able to perform their work. It is nice to see new interest in our craft. I am hoping that the new members become a valuable part of the lodge.

It won't be long before cooler weather is upon us and we can start enjoying our time outdoors.

Fraternally,
Mark Stroup
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Well this is traditionally the time of year when we being talking about how happy we are that our summer break is over and temperatures have started to mellow and cooler and more pleasant lodge events will soon be back in full swing.....Yeah not this year.

It's not only been quite a hot summer for us all with many AC issues in our building and many other Masonic buildings across the valley but also a summer simply lacking in substance.

While I grant you summer time is never the busiest of seasons in our fraternity I find it hard to hide my disappointment in the lack of turnout at our stated meeting and more particularly our recent degree conferrals by both our general membership and our officer corps especially.

This past week we conferred our first Fellowcraft degree in quite some time, only the second to be conferred since 2020. And I would take this opportunity to congratulate our Senior Deacon Bro. Barkley on an excellent portrayal of the middle chamber. This was his first opportunity to do so and it's a pity more of you didn't get to enjoy this. As we come back into our fall months we will be offering many more opportunities to participate in lodge with several Entered Apprentice Degrees being first on our to-do list this month, It is my hope you will all make every effort to join us in this.

Continue to stay cool, and we hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,
Andrew Miller PM Senior Warden



From the South:

Hello Brothers and Happy September,

I want to start out by congratulating Dylan Oak, he is a member of San Dimas Lodge 428 who we have been helping along with his degrees. Dylan just received his Fellowcraft degree and is now studying to give his proficiency. Great job Dylan.

I have relocated to the bay area and I am not in lodge as much as I would like to be. With the cost of fuel and the time it takes to drive, I try my best to get there as often as possible, but I may have to miss somethings and I want to apologize in advance for my absence.

I hope that in the final months of summer are kind to us all and that I am able to see you soon.

Fraternally yours,

Jeremy Kern, Junior Warden

September Birthday's

Frederick	Richburg	II	2
Donald	Kauffman		5
David	Doll		6
Peter	Wilson		6
James	Carney		8
Steven	Clifton		8
Sonny	Mehrtash		12
Thomas	Young		12
Allen	Charles		14
Bruce	Morrow		25
Charles	Oliver		25
Christopher	Meyer		28
James	Meeks		30





From the Archives:

We have all experienced many unpleasantries due to the Covid pandemic. Hopefully, only a few of you actually experienced the actual disease. Certainly, all of our lives have been changed for the last almost two years. While most of you may no longer be wearing a mask in public, I still due as our daughter is back on chemo and I do not want to increase the possibility of her exposure when we are with her and our two granddaughters in Oregon.

I am fearful that Covid will be with all us for several more years to come, if not for the rest of our lives. This does not mean that we can't try to get our lives back to as pre-pandemic "normal" as possible.

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge has been having live meetings for some time, but the number of degrees that we have had has been severely limited. One reason is that most of our candidates that were being coached quit being coached and without candidates to receive their degrees, we were limited to Stated Meetings only and an occasional First Degree.

Prior to the pandemic, I started to coach two Entered Apprentice Brothers in the candidate's proficiency in the first degree. All coaching stopped in 2020 and throughout 2021 and the early parts of 2022. A couple of months ago, I started to coach Rian Bowman in the long form of his EA proficiency. Recently, we have been working together four or five times a week and as I write this on August 29th, I am pleased to say that Bro Rian will be giving his proficiency on the evening of September 1st after two candidates receive their first degrees. CONGRATULATIONS BRO. BOWMAN!

What makes me especially happy about this event is that it brings back Masonry at Las Palmas when I got my degrees in 1968. Back then there was never a single first degree, always multiple degrees. Back then, there was no "short form" proficiency, just the standard proficiency given after a new set of Entered Apprentice Masons were initiated and before Lodge closed. I am sure that all of us old timers think of the old days and wish they were back. We can bring them back if we work hard.

Welcome September



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,

As the summer starts to fade and cool weather returns, we still have work to do. I talked to Jim Redman and he asked if anyone would like to be on the Rainbow Advisory Board. It is a great opportunity to get to know the youth of our order. Please call Jim if interested, 559-779-6687. We are doing degrees again and it feels good. The officers could use a bigger crowd to perform for, and it would be nice for everyone to come out and support the officers of your lodge! If you need anything from the lodge, please give me a call.

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

September Calendar

9-1	First Degree	Dinner 6:30 / Degree 7:30
9-8	Management Board	6:00 pm
9-15	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
9-22	Practice	7:30 pm
9-29	Degree / Practice	TBD



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