



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

# *The Las Palmian*

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## Greetings from the EAST



Shorter days, colder nights, old man winter has definitely arrived. This can only mean that the holiday season is soon upon us. Christmas is in the air, as seen by all the discount adds in my local paper. Though this season has been somewhat commercialized, we have not even wrapped up Thanksgiving, and Black Friday is upon us, and Christmas dominates. We still, however, had time to have a wonderful November Stated Meeting and Dinner. We were treated to a delicious turkey dinner with stuffing and gravy with pumpkin pie for dessert. Richard Vitz and his crew were on top of their game, it was outstanding. Your lodge was also very busy at the Stated Meeting. It was our annual election of officers, and we now have Brother Steven High as our Master-elect and Brother Richard Sherrod as our Senior Warden-elect. Our annual Installation of officers will be held on Sunday January 8, 2012, so please come out and celebrate the installation of our new officers. Brothers Jim Clark and Richard Ehorn were elected for another term as

Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We also elected several Brothers to serve as directors on the Las Palmas Hall Association Board. Congratulations to the Brothers, and a big thank-you for stepping up to lead the Lodge. Speaking of leaders in our Lodge, we still do not have anyone willing to be a Junior Warden. If you are a past-master, or think you are good at memorization and might want to fill this important position, please contact our Secretary Jim Clark for the requirements. We balloted on two new candidates and will be initiating these new members shortly. Your Lodge is growing, and it is a wonderful time to be involved. Looking forward to December, we will be having a great Holiday celebration for our December Stated Dinner and Meeting. One of my favorite family traditions started with my wife Cindy. We always celebrate Christmas Eve at her parent's house. Her mom does not serve a full seven course meal; rather, she opts for an evening of beverages and constant noshing with the ultimate array of finger foods, and deli trays. Keeping with this tradition your kitchen staff is planning the ultimate hors d'oeuvres table. We will be serving several traditional appetizers as well as a couple of surprises. Brother Vitz and his crew, of course, not being satisfied with just an array of deli trays, will be pulling out all the stops. They will be serving a prime-rib dinner for our end of the year holiday feast. You will not want to miss this one. So please come and celebrate this tradition with us, and enjoy some good friends, family, and food.

Please, as always, make reservations with our Secretary so we can provide plenty of holiday spirit, food, and fun.

Fraternally,  
Joseph E Perry  
Master

*Merry Christmas*

Greetings from West



# Merry Christmas

The Holidays! That season from Thanksgiving through New Years'. A time of family and remembrance of loved ones. Another chance to practice "Leave it To Beaver". Yet for most the Holidays do not mark an idyllic season, but one of trial, turmoil and even trauma. Scattered and fractured families re-convene trying to re-constitute a nostalgia they perhaps only imagined. Depressions and suicides are higher now than at any other time of year. Why? Because expectations are high and their non-fulfillment poignant and even oppressive.

Yet what is the Mason's role in this? Number one is to be grounded and stable in his belief and commitment to the Great Architect of the Universe, ever remembering that when human strength and wisdom fail, Divine Assistance is available through the medium of prayer. And we needn't wait till the last instant of the utmost need to engage this practice. Begin early and do it often!

Second, stay connected to your lodge and brothers in the craft. You are only as alone as you chose to be. And while it is still true we should never underestimate the power of the individual, we should also know that all great and important undertakings are done as a team. (Your moral and Masonic edifice –you- is such an undertaking!) So remember your team. Be part of your team. Extend a hand to help a down brother. And don't be afraid to say if you need a hand.

Although the lodge may be "dark", let us remember that it is because the "light" and life of masonry is walking and living with their various families, relations, and friendships. It is YOU!

Fraternally;

November Stated Meeting Dinner Pictures





# MERRY CHRISTMAS



What comes after turkey, football and Black Friday? Hopefully a **nap**! So what follows wonderful holidays with friends and family? The splendid month we call December. This is the time of year to put the kids to work (call them "elves") making those special gifts for grandma and grandpa. It is a month when *family*, as busy as they are, means the very most to us all.

Many great times have happened here this year at Las Palmas-Ponderosa. The Widows Club are always smiles and enjoyable to see and talk with. The dinners from our own chef Richard Vitz are some of the best around, and he makes them "**with love**" and absolute passion. Many fine Masons have been initiated, passed and raised, and some of our newest Master Masons have even stolen the show when it comes to degrees.

Well done to brothers Sonny and Kaz for a mighty fine performance!

As we enter the period of Installations and celebrations, let us do our best to remember the older traditions of our "**forefathers**" (Forefathers Day is Dec. 22). The rush and credit card purchases of today's "*I Generation*" are fine for some, but others would be happy just with our "Presence." Take a little extra time this year and write more "from the heart" in each card you send. Make it about them!

We look forward to a bright new year here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa. Our Lodge is brimming with enjoyment and activity just waiting to spill over into 2012. As we move forward with degrees and activities, let us do it with **purpose and dedication**. With that said, I would like to dedicate this next paragraph to my father Jake.

*As the sun moves from meridian height toward the west, it nears the close of the day. The colors of the sunset become wonderfully vivid and radiant. Sunrise and sunset are inspirational and unique each and every day. As much as we love the sun in all its warmth and splendor, it must eventually set. Night falls and darkness moves upon us. A strange new world of unknown sounds and feelings arrives without warning. And just when it seems to be the darkest, hope is once again reborn, arising from the East in all its splendor and glory. The human soul is "**conscious**" and unique, unlike anything we can truly comprehend. It shall transcend this mere shell of a body, to travel beyond time and space as we may attempt to know them. Where it arrives is unknown for us, but I believe it to be a place of **peace** and love for those who have passed on. For all of our "**Forefathers**," let this be their month. Honor thy father and mother with all your heart. To all those **wonderful friends and family** of our Las Palmas brethren, Merry Christmas and God bless! Have safe and happy holidays!*

Fraternally;  
Richard Sherrod





*November Stated Meeting Dinner*



*Worshipful Herring and Worshipful Perry Welcome the guest*



*Worshipful George Pope and Wife, Grace*



*And assorted dinner pictures*

# December Birthday's



Raised Date

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Ronald C. Bautista, II	12/9	3/25	Bradley F. Lockwood, Jr.	12/23	12/6
Dewayne R. Bien	12/9	7/13	L. Dean Lowe, Ph.D	12/25	6/12
Don J. Blosser	12/27	10/6	Roger A. Miller	12/10	6/2
Avedis P. Bogosian	12/8	7/6	Mitchell L. Mirigian	12/23	4/1
Douglas C. Boudakian	12/11	4/5	George M. Pavlovich	12/13	7/9
Robert B. Buchanan	12/7	1/28	James H. Peloian	12/4	12/15
Kevin P. Casey	12/20	9/4	Paul E. Redondo	12/27	11/8
James C. Clark	12/19	4/12	Maher M. Saber	12/5	10/5
William E. Clark, D.D.S.	12/14	7/3	William E. Sawtell	12/25	4/22
Thomas E. Cole, M.D.	12/25	5/13	Lawrence H. Smith	12/5	2/23
Kenneth J. Elia	12/23	10/27	Daniel W. Stone	12/2	11/4
William R. Freeman	12/21	7/20	Edward C. Stumpf	12/1	1/26
Charles E. Garabedian	12/20	10/18	Thomas E. Topjian	12/7	6/10
Scott D. Kallam	12/29	12/12	James S. Wadkins	12/7	11/16
Bryan P. Lee	12/30	11/11	Ronald W. Weiner	12/20	11/1
Benjamin F. Lewis	12/14	5/27	Russell J. Witt	12/12	3/3
Dee T. Lewis	12/20	9/8	Joe C. Yoakum	12/18	5/7
Stanley F. Littleworth	12/2	5/1			

## IN MEMORIAM

**Zeki Abaci**

Born 09/1/1928– Raised 05/28/1969  
Called from labor  
October 29, 2011



## IN MEMORIAM

Sanger Lodge No. 316  
**Weldon M. Sherrod**  
"Jake"

Born 12/15/1935– Raised 11/02/1972  
Called from labor  
November 20, 2011

## FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

*Merry Christmas*

President; Ethel Day  
Vice-President; Bobbi Carder  
Secretary; Hilda Johnson  
Treasurer; Jane James

Reservations Required  
For Information call (559) 276-2631

The Masonic Widows Club meets for lunch and fellowship on the last Wednesday of each month at the Fresno Masonic Center, all Masonic Widows are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to participate please contact;

Bobbi Carter 322-6851  
Ethel Day 276-2631





## 2012 Officers

Worthy Matron.....	Lena Cook
Worthy Parton.....	John Herring
Associate Matron.....	Susan Quinville
Associate Patron.....	Gordon Keeton
Secretary.....	Donna Herring
Treasurer.....	Kurt Docken
Conductress.....	Cathy Lee
Associate Conductress.....	Becky Davis
Chaplain.....	Garrett Rickman
Marshall.....	Jim Wilson
Organist.....	Virgins Bergeron
Adah.....	Jeannette Foote
Ruth.....	Kay Docken
Esther.....	Judy Wallace
Martha.....	Ruth Sterry
Electa.....	Lynn Haggerty
Warder.....	Robert Davis
Sentinel.....	Bill Phelps

*Merry*  *Christmas*  
*La Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555*



*Merry*  *Christmas*

*Bethel No. 49 Fresno Job's  
 Daughters International  
 State Center Chapter Order of  
 DeMolay*

## *Raisina-Fresno Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 89*

### 2012 Officers

Worthy Matron.....	Linda Rodie
Worthy Parton.....	Cliff Henderson
Associate Matron.....	Dorothy Heskett
Associate Patron.....	Stan Littleworth
Secretary.....	Diana Gardner
Treasurer.....	Carole Littleworth
Conductress.....	Judy Gross
Associate Conductress.....	Helenjane McKee
Chaplain.....	Jean Hodge
Marshall.....	Bernice Dyck
Organist.....	Virginia Bergeron
Adah.....	
Ruth.....	Ellen Sharp
Esther.....	
Martha.....	Ethel Day
Electa.....	
Warder.....	Dona Mincy
Sentinel.....	Chenda Chum



Worthy Matron; Linda Rodie  
Worthy Parton; Cliff Henderson

*Merry Christmas*



*Sharon Temple No. 92  
2011-2012  
Officers*

*Queen . . . . . Dale Obernolte  
Jr. Past Queen . . Cheri Detweiler P.Q.  
Princess Royal . . . . . Bonnie Gorden  
Princess Tirzah. . . . . Jeri Rouch  
Princess Badoura. . . . . Lenore Stork  
Princess Recorder . . Marilyn DeCamp  
Princess Banker . . . Susan Morris P.Q.  
Princess Marshall . . . . . JoAnn Evans  
Princess Chaplain . Jeanne Esheim P.Q.  
Lady of the Keys . . Barbara Lockwood  
Lady of the Gates . . . . Jo Ann Morse  
Princess Zulieka . . . . Brenda Matais  
Princess Zenobia. Carol Rea Littleworth  
Princess Zora . . . . Adrienne Cantrell  
Princess Musician . . Virginia Bergeron  
Attendant . . . . . Eria Hildebrand  
Attendant . . . . . Louisa Bowron*

*Calendar:*

*December 7, 2011, 11:30 A.M.  
Christmas Luncheon  
Lamp Liter Inn  
3300 W. Mineral King, Visalia  
December 11, 2011, 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.  
Queen's Holiday Open House  
Tehran Shrine Center  
December 14, 2011, 7:30 P.M.  
Las Palmas Masonic Center  
Nile Stated Session  
Soup Dinner 6:30 P.M.  
Banquet Room, Elective Officers  
No Sewing in December*



**The Queen's Corner:**

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we are thankful for the many blessings that we share as Daughters of the Nile.

My thanks to ALL of the Ladies of the Household who helped to make our recent Fashion Show and Luncheon a success. The venue was lovely as were the fashions from Barbra's and Catherine's. The Country Store, Jewelry, Books, Opportunity Drawing, Silent Auction, Friendship Quilts and Decorated Eggs were all well received. We are happy to announce that Pr. June McMullen was the grateful winner of the beautiful full length mink coat which she modeled for us. Many thanks to all who participated by selling tickets and a special thanks to P.Q. Belle Bloise who graciously donated the coat.

Our December stated session will be preceded by our annual Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. at Las Palmas Masonic Center. The ladies are welcome to invite their Noble or spouse. The members of Rainbow and Job's Daughters have been invited to join us for the supper to have the opportunity to learn more about

Daughters of the Nile since they are eligible to join upon reaching their majority age.

We are saddened to report the passing of Pr. Ruth Olene Dawson on September 2. Ruth will long be remembered for her gentle soul and sharing her time in visiting with those who were ill or home bound. Also, Pr. Elaine Lewis lost her Noble Clarence on September 3 at the Shrine Center. Services were conducted for Geneva Schaeffer's Noble John on November 28 at Fresno First Baptist Church. John was well known for his roles in the New Wrinkles shows.

The Fresno Sewing Group is delighted to report that 230 quilts have been completed and shipped to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento as of this date. The Friend-ship Quilters Group of Tehachapi provided 14 quilts for the country Store at the Fashion Show as a donation to our general fund. We were honored to have 7 of the 10 members of Friendship Quilters with us for the Luncheon. Our thanks to this generous group of women for the beautiful work they do and for sharing it with us.

The Queen's Holiday Open house will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the Tehran Shrine Center, 5407 East Olive Avenue. Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, December 4, to phone number (559) 360-2222.

My most heartfelt wishes for a very joyous Christmas and a happy New Year to each of you and your families.





## Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217



Heart of the Valley extends a warm *THANK YOU* to all that supported us in our fundraising effort during the month of November. We took orders for *GOLD CANYON CANDLES* and money raised went to support our Assembly for upcoming activities. This fundraiser was hosted by Miss Jessie Beavers and your support helped immensely! We will be distributing candles at our December 14<sup>th</sup> stated meeting. If you are unable to attend to pick up your candles, please contact Mrs. Brenda Sullivan at 559-942-0484 to arrange pick-up or delivery (after 5pm, please.)

We are pleased to announce the initiation of *FIVE NEW MEMBERS* to Heart of the Valley Assembly during the month of November 2011. Welcome to Joy, Cynthia, Maria, Eliana and Melinda!

Upcoming events for the month of December for our assembly include working at the annual Salvation Army Toys for Tots Drive and helping wrap gifts at Be A Santa to a Senior Day. We also plan to ring in the New Year by visiting a Native American Pow Wow with our Worthy Advisor, Miss Corey Titman.

Heart of the Valley is also sponsoring a term-long fundraiser...Give us a call and we will dispatch a team of Rainbow Girls to your house to tackle basic outdoor chores such as raking leaves, sweeping, weeding, knocking down spider webs, clean the outsides of your windows, etc. Payment is based on performance and we will be offering these services through the end of January. Contact one of our Awesome Advisory Board Members to arrange to have your outdoor chores taken care of.

Heart of the Valley says a very sad "goodbye" to our Mother Advisor, Mrs. Abigail Bridgeman, her daughter, Mackenzie Bridgeman, and our Rainbow Beau, Remington Bridgeman. We wish the Bridgeman Family the best of luck in their move to Florida...California's loss is Florida's gain and the Bridgeman Family is already set up with a new Rainbow Assembly and Chapter in their new home in the Orlando area.

We're ready to ring in the best New Year yet! We look forward to working with our Sponsoring Bodies and hope to see you all during 2012.

*Do you know of a girl between the ages of 8-20 that could benefit from the wonderful teachings of Rainbow and our Pledge group? Let us know! We would love to invite prospective members to our fun and fantastic events!*

Heart of the Valley Assembly meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Clovis Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring bodies to come out and attend our meetings – we value your support and would love the opportunity to meet you!  
Heart of the Valley Contact Information:

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## Fossil Discovery Center, Cornerstone





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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 in any way.

*Merry  
Christmas*

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**From the Desk of the Secretary**



Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 F.& A.M. Installation of Officers, Sunday, January 8, 2012, 11 A.M. Join us for a light lunch following installation. Please keep the Sherrod family in your prayers, Richard's dad, Jake passed away suddenly last week. Its been a very exciting year with Brother Vitz serving as chef for Degree's and Stated Meeting Dinners.

*Have a great Holiday Season!*

*Join us for Coffee and Cookies weekday mornings in December!*



***December Lodge Calendar of Events***

December 4, 2011; 12:30 P.M. Sanger Lodge Installation of Officers  
December 4, 2011; 1:00 P.M. Scottish Rite Installation of Officers  
December 8, 2011; 6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:00 P.M. First Degrees, Gonzalez/Hansen  
December 13, 2011; 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Board Meeting  
Officers meeting to follow  
December 15, 2011; 6:00 P.M. Appetizers  
6:30 P.M. Dinner  
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting  
December 22, 2011; DARK CHRISTMAS  
January 8, 2012; 11:00 A.M. Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No.  
366, Installation of Officers

