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Greetings from the East



I hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start. Your Lodge has embraced the New Year and is off and running. If you did not get a chance to attend our annual installation of officers you missed a great event. All your officers looked great in their tuxedos, and their Ladies looked fabulous as always. There was a luncheon prepared by our brothers and sisters from Eastern Star and was directed and facilitated by our own Brother Vitz. This was another spectacular "spread" put on by your Lodge.

Speaking of food, the January Stated meeting was a great production as well. We enjoyed Roast Beef and mashed potatoes with a brown gravy, and finished it with a piece of chocolate cake which was to die for. Yes, as you can see there are wonderful things happening in your lodge, and you need to be there. If you missed these two events, you need not fret. The February Stated Meeting and dinner is fast approaching, and you can make amends. As is tradition at Las Palmas Ponderosa, we will be honoring our Masonic Sweethearts, those precious ladies who have lost husbands that belonged to our fraternity. If nothing else, come out and see these wonderful ladies, and show them how much we care.

This month we will also be kicking off the Grand Master's project "By Your Side". This is a program that will set up scholarships for nurses to work with cancer patients. It will give them the tools to better serve these patients. The dinner menu will consist of several healthy items, and we will present some information on cancer awareness, and how a few lifestyle changes can greatly reduce your chances of developing this dreaded disease.

We are offering rides to those that cannot make the dinner and meeting for whatever reason, so just call the lodge and we will arrange a ride...so I cannot think of any reason not to see you in February.

See you in lodge...

Fraternally,
Joseph Perry
Master

To All the Wonderful Ladies, The Grand Master's project for this year is the education of Oncology Nurses. I'm working with Valley Children's Hospital & St. Agnes Hospital to come up with a project that will make the lives of these loving people a little more relaxing. I would love to see all of you at the stated meeting dinners and in the Ladies program after dinner to have tea and cookies. I am also looking forward to getting to know all of you a little more personally. I would appreciate any feedback that you might have.

Just call or send me an email at

perry6pk1@yahoo.com

(559) 846-9655

(559) 630-2871

Greetings from the West



As a new candidates coach I am looking forward to the many new candidates we have coming up the ranks. Although it looks like we are going to have a busy year, this does not mean there isn't room for more! Avail yourselves with the little brochure "Find Out Who We Are And What We Do" and make sure you always have a few in your wallet for when a man asks you about Masonry. These are available from the Lodge Secretary. And keep an application in your glove box – you never know! We have an excellent team of Candidates Coaches, perhaps the best in our jurisdiction, standing by to assist, answer questions and train in the fine ways of our Craft. I am also nearly always available at (559) 696-9170 or email me at fourtoed2@gmail.com (yes there is a story behind that). I look forward to meeting each of you that I don't already know and greeting your prospects.



Fraternally;
Steven R. High
Senior Warden

January Stated Meeting Dinner Pictures



Above left to right;
Jim Clark, Richard Vitz cutting roast
Ray Miksch, Jackie Docken and
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Snow
Left;
Richard Ehorn and Jim Wilson P.M.
Right;
Andy Peerson, being installed as
Tiler



Greetings from the South



With new officers installed for 2011 we now look to the future here at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. It already looks to be full of fun and festivities. February is most often known to be the month of Love as well as that little known holiday known as "Superbowl Sunday." What about president's day and the history of our country? Is it just another day off work? Our founding fathers might argue this one.



George Washington is well known for his presidency. What many do not know is he was the only president ever to be master of his Lodge during his incumbency. The cornerstone of the United States Capital was laid with Masonic ceremonies on September 18, 1793. Now that's a Cornerstone! Other famous Masons include James Buchanan, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

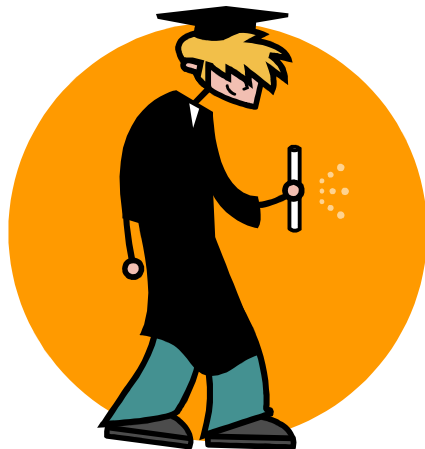
One could suggest that February be Masonic Heritage Month in tribute to Masonry and its contributions to society. From Walter P. Chrysler to Roy Clark, from Henry Ford to Clark Gable these are just a few fine Masons. Another overachiever was John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth in a space craft in 1962 and returned to space 36 years later as the oldest American astronaut. Now that is Masonry, "taking one giant step for mankind."

Behind every successful man is a wonderful woman. We are so lucky to have these very special women (The Widows Club) supporting and sharing in all of our endeavors. February is also the Grand Masters "By Your Side" month, helping to educate and employ more oncology certified nurses for those families having to deal with cancer.

However you choose to spend your February, do it standing tall and proud like the Plumb. Be sure to hug those around you a little longer, be kind to Mother Earth and show others you are a Mason not by your ring or dues card, but by your *actions* and the effects they have on others. Have a fabulous February!

Fraternally;
Richard A. Sherrod
Junior Warden

Happy Valentine's Day



2011 Scholarship Applications

*Applications are available;
Las Palmas Masonic Center
or on our Web site.*

*(559) 268-2303 or lppmasoniclodge@comcast.net
Deadline April 30, 2011*

2011 Committees

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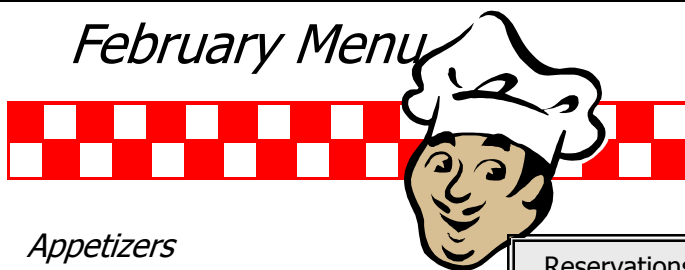
Dinner Committee

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Richard A. Sherrod
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Joe D. Sallee P.M.

Hiram Committee

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Richard L. Haggerty P.M.
Charles S. Bersani P.M.

February Menu



Appetizers

*Toss Green Salad with
Strawberry Vinaigrette
Fillet of Basa (white fish) on a bed of brown
rice with dill sauce.
Mixed Asian Vegetables
Fresh Fruit with Yogurt Sauce*

Reservations
(559) 268-2303

2011 OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER	<i>Joseph E. Perry Jr.</i>
SENIOR WARDEN	<i>Steven R. High</i>
JUNIOR WARDEN	<i>Richard A. Sherrod</i>
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MARSHAL	<i>Dennis M. Johnson</i>
SENIOR STEWARD	<i>Kevin P. Casey</i>
JUNIOR STEWARD	<i>Courtney D. Bacom</i>
TILER	<i>Andrew C. Peerson</i>
OFFICERS COACH	<i>Charles S. Bersani P.M.</i>

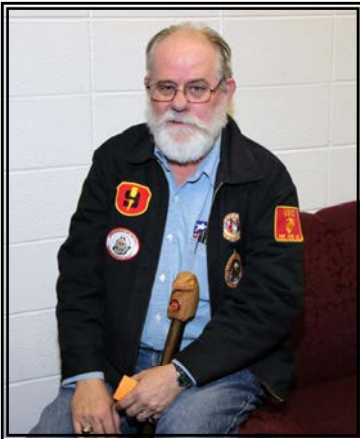
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Joe D. Sallee P.M.	Director
Marvin E. Wallace P.M.	Director
John R. Scott	Director
John W. Herring P.M.	Director

February Birthday's



Virgil E. Ahlberg	2/21	Cline C. Jack, Jr.	2/23
John K. Baird	2/6	Wayne E. Lindsley	2/7
Gaylaird K. Bissell	2/22	Philip W. Maher	2/13
John S. Bjorge	2/9	Robert A. Papazian	2/4
Richard D. Childs	2/16	Michael W. Reynolds	2/29
Farrell B. Collins	2/27	Rodney B. Rowlett	2/21
Donald R. Copp	2/8	John R. Scott	2/16
Earl J. Cousins	2/5	William B. Shelly	2/11
Harold C. Cox	2/10	David J. Sorge	2/15
Richard M. Donaldson	2/10	Jerome A. Thormann, Jr.	2/9
Mike N. Ellis	2/6	Dennis G. Tyler	2/4
Kyle N. Elsalhi	2/14	Timothy R. Tyler	2/10
Richard W. Frey	2/21	Richard E. Vitz	2/27
Ali R. Hatamaria	2/19	Jason I. Weiner	2/17
Steven R. High	2/22	Myron E. Winch	2/27



To the left;
January Stated Meeting guest,
Donald Lenz from Clovis Lodge.

To the right;
Harry Dyck Jr.



FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

February 23, 2011
Letys Mexican Restaurant
4770 Clinton Ave.

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



*La Sierra Venus Chapter No. 555
Order of the Eastern Star*

2011 Officers

Worthy Matron.....	Juliet Vitz, P.M.
Worthy Parton.....	Richard Haggerty, P.P.
Associate Matron.....	Susan Quinville, P.M.
Associate Patron.....	Gordon Keeton
Secretary.....	Donna Herring, P.G.M.
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Associate Conductress.....	Cathy Lee
Chaplain.....	John Herring, P.P.
Marshall.....	Betty Veffredo, P.M.
Organist.....	Virgins Bergeron, P.M.
Adah.....	Becky Davis, P.M.
Ruth.....	Kay Docken
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Warder.....	Jim Wilson, P.P.
Sentinel.....	Bob Davis, P.P.
Prompter.....	Beth Abate
Flag Bearer.....	Marvin Wallace, P.P.
Electrician.....	Cliff Henderson P.P.



February Calendar

February 2, 2011, 7:30 P.M.
Brothers Night, come clown
around, open meeting,
everyone is welcome.

February 16, 2011, 7:30 P.M.
Fancy Pants Night,
Yep, you heard correctly.
Dress pants are now acceptable as attire
for Eastern Star Ladies during meetings,
as per the Worthy Grand Matron

Brother's and Sister's

We are off to a wonderful year, our Officers and members are really putting a lot of effort into their Ritual work and numerous projects for this year.

Some of the events on the calendar for this year;

- May 14, 2011, Dinner Theater
- June 26, 2011, Garden Tea
- Yard Sale, late October

To some this may sound like a lot of work, but the folks that participate always have a great time and strengthen their Masonic friendships. If you would be interested in participating please call.

Fraternally;

Juliet Vitz, Worthy Marton



*BETHEL 49 FRESNO
JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL*

Thank you for supporting our Tri-Tip Dinner fundraiser. It was a huge success, and we appreciate you buying tickets.

THESE ARE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR BETHEL.



Kylie Wheelock
Honored Queen Elect

FEBRUARY 21, 2011, 7:00 P.M. INITIATION

MARCH 7, 2011, 7:00 PM, HONOR MASTER MASON'S AND EASTERN STAR

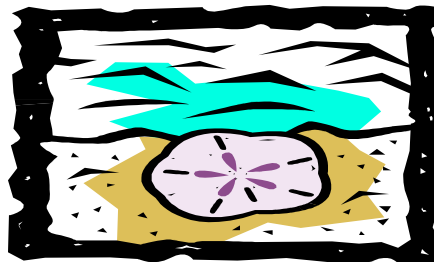
APRIL 4, 2011, 7:00 P.M. GRAND GUARDIAN OFFICIAL VISIT

MAY 21, 2011, 7:00 P.M. BETHEL 49 GRAND BETHEL OFFICER RECEPTION

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE FRESNO MASONIC CENTER

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT :
KYLIE WHEELOCK, HONORED QUEEN ELECT
292-8345 OR EMAIL n2swimnpolo@sbcglobal.net

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT AS MANY EVENTS AS YOUR TIME ALLOWS.



*Sharon Temple No. 92
2010-2011*

Officers

*QueenCheri Detweiler
Jr. Past Queen LaVon Stroud
Princess Royal Dale Obernolte
Princess Tirzah. Bonnie Gorden
Princess Badoura Jeri Rouch
Princess Recorder . . . Marilyn DeCamp
Princess BankerSusan Morris
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Princess Zenobia. Carol Rea Littleworth
Princess Zora
Princess Zuliema.
Princess Musician . . . Virginia Bergeron
Attendant Janet Cunningham
Attendant Brenda Matias*



Hi, All:

We had a soup and salad pot luck before our December session. The six or seven varieties of soup were enjoyed by all in addition to the great goodies for dessert. Our session was over before 9 p.m., which is always nice when there is a chance of fog.

On January 12th, we honored our Ladies of the Household who had passed away in the last 12 months. This year we paid tribute to nine Ladies, including our Senior P.Q. Betty Strickler. The ladies remembered at this Memorial were: Pr. Enid Pritchard, 3/24; Pr. Evelyn Blakeman, 7/14; Pr. Bonnie Weldon, 7/26; Pr. Jane McKinney, 8/2; Pr. Noreen Blake, 8/25; Pr. LaNora Cairns, 9/9; Pr. Genevieve Paul, 10/16; P.Q. Betty Strickler, 11/26; and Queen Cheri's mother Margaret Jones, a member of Mokattam Temple, 12/5.

P.Q. Betty was faithful about making sure we had a fresh white rose from her garden to place on the Bible each session. P.Q. Jan Arnold has promised to plant a white rose bush in her yard and continue the tradition.

On Saturday, February 12, 2011, please join us for our Bunco/Game Fund Raiser at the Shrine Center, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are also having a Baked Potato Bar and awarding prizes for those playing Bunco. The cost is only \$10 and the money will be going toward our General Fund. If you like to socialize, enjoy baked potatoes with assorted toppings and want something fun to do that Saturday, please join us. Please give Nancy Campbell a call at 227-9923 if you are interested. No reservations are necessary.

In Nile Love,
Cheri Detweiler
Queen of Sharon Temple No. 92

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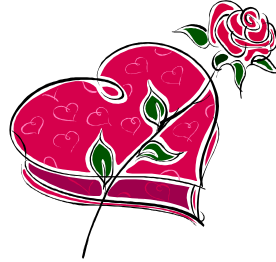
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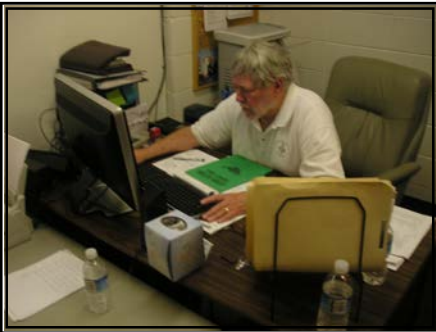
A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE
Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a
Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated in any way.



Happy Valentines Day

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From the Desk of the Secretary



BY YOUR SIDE, Grand Master Bill Bray's 2011 project is to raise awareness about oncology. So join us for a healthy meal and learn more about cancer prevention!
February is National Cancer Prevention Month and Grand Lodge's month to honor Widow's

Join us for coffee weekday mornings



February Lodge Calendar of Events

January 27, 2011 6:30 P.M. O.S.I. Las Palmas Masonic Center, Selma exemplify (2nd Degree,)
February 3, 2011 6:30 P.M. Refreshments, 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
February 10, 2011 6:30 P.M. Refreshments, 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
February 17, 2011 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. On Our Side Presentation, Banquet Room
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
February 22, 2011 6:30 P.M. Refreshments O.S.I. Sanger Masonic Center
February 24, 2011 6:30 P.M. Refreshments, 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice

