



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

The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, and more and more people are out and about. I am pleased to say that these same things are happening to your lodge. What do I mean? Well for starters, your lodge initiated 3 new members in the month of May. We also raised one new Master Mason Bassem Sarieedine last month. So you missed the degrees? Well, your officers were not satisfied with just doing degree work, so the officers, accompanied by a couple of brothers, headed off to Clovis lodge and attended their stated meeting. While we were there, we claimed the travelling gavel. What is a travelling gavel you ask? It is an oversized gavel that makes its rounds to each of the lodges within our district. In order to bring the gavel to your lodge, a group of brothers must attend the stated meeting of the lodge which currently possesses the gavel and claim it. It then gets to reside at the new lodge until it is claimed by another lodge. Why does this tradition exist? It is a fun tradition that encourages members of one lodge to visit other lodges in the area. It promotes fraternal relationships, as well as some competitive bragging rights. We are proud to have received it, and actually look forward to "giving it up" when another lodge comes to visit and make a claim on it. I want to thank Clovis for not only starting this tradition, but for graciously giving it up to Las Palmas-Ponderosa. We also held our May stated meeting dinner, where we were treated to a broiled chicken dinner with a divine lemon

sauce, and a fresh strawberry shortcake for dessert. May was Oncology month; the Lodge honored William White, who is an Oncology Nurse here in Fresno. Bill has been a certified Oncology Nurse for 30 years. He spoke a little about the significance of Oncology Nurses and how they are better equipped to help cancer patients. The LPP ladies club is still selling wrist bands, and all proceeds go to the Grand Masters project to give scholarships for Oncology certified nurses. Maybe it is time to buy another one.

So, Thursday nights are a little hard for you to make? Several brothers attended the first annual Clovis Lodge Chili Cook-off on Saturday May 21st. This was the inaugural run, and I was able to sample eight batches of delicious chili as well as a tri-tip sandwich. It was a fun event (very filling) and I know they will be planning another one next year.

We are certainly filling our time with great events, but we are far from being done. We have more degrees scheduled this month, check with the secretary for the schedule. We also have the June stated meeting quickly approaching. This is set to be a very special event. I have asked the kitchen crew to put on an old-fashioned summer barbeque. It will be complete with barbeque tri-tip, corn on the cob, and rumor has it there may be home-made ice cream, what will make this event even more special, is I have invited all kids, grand-kids and youth group members to come join us for half-price. There will be games set-up in the parlor room and foyer for all ages. So grab your kids, or borrow someone else's kids and come out and make the stated meeting barbeque a success.

Finally, if degrees or great food is not your thing, the lodge has chartered a bus to attend the Masonic Symposium in Pasadena. The date is June 25th, and the cost is \$40.00 per person. It is open to all brothers and there significant others. This will be a fun and educational event. See the secretary for details, and check the website for more information.

I have given you many options to come out and enjoy what your fraternity has to offer. The only thing needed is your attendance, so pick an event, and I will see you there.

See you in lodge...

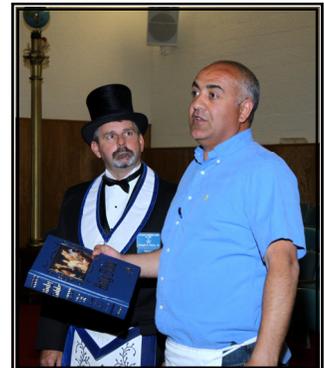
Fraternally,
Joseph Perry
Master



Sam Linares and Wife, Barbara
Twenty-five year Award



Joe Sallee P.M. Presents Bill White
Oncology Nurse with an Award



Worshipful Perry
and new Master Mason
Bassem A. Sarieedine

Greetings from West



Freemasons have come a long way in Fresno. I have been reading about the early history of Fresno County and learned that the first lodge meeting (publicly known) was held 9th May 1875 in Farrah's Magnolia Hotel saloon. No mention was made of how many were present but 136 years later we have more than 6 thriving lodges in the county with their own lodge buildings. And the Craft is continuing to attract new members.

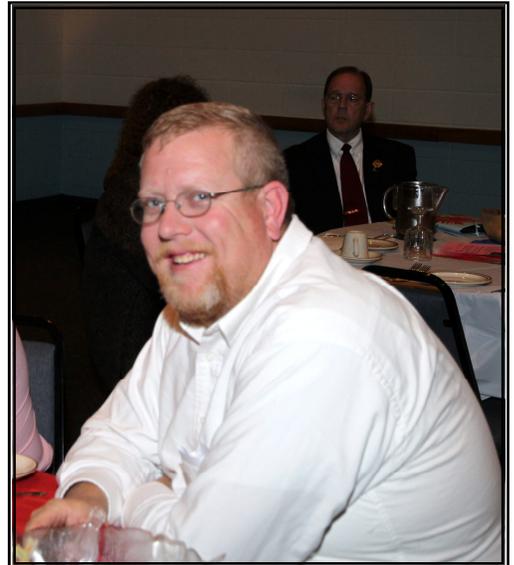
As a Masonic officer we tend to focus on "doing the degrees" and laying the foundation for one's "future moral and Masonic edifice". However, most of you reading this are not officers nor frequently at the Lodge and have likely already attained the degrees of Masonry that best suit your interest. So what now? What do you do now that you have "all the light" that a lodge can give you? Well – you shine your light, of course!

Admittedly, the concept of the "light of masonry" is allegorical and symbolic – and rather vague. To put this "light" to use we have to understand what it is AND where to shine it. The understanding part will come with time and maturity but can be vastly hastened by reading. There are many good Masonic books in the lodge and also cited in the back of every California Freemason magazine. Personally, I like reading biographies of Masonic men of history. An excellent start for those of you online is www.lpp366.org.

Where to direct the light? The answer to this is as varied and diverse as the temperament, talent and time of each individual Mason but it all amounts to various forms of SERVICE. And this is where Masons make a difference and SHINE.

How is your "moral and Masonic edifice" going? Has construction waned? Not to worry. You can always come to Lodge, watch a degree, enjoy a meal with the brothers and let the zeal of the younger Masons re-infect you!

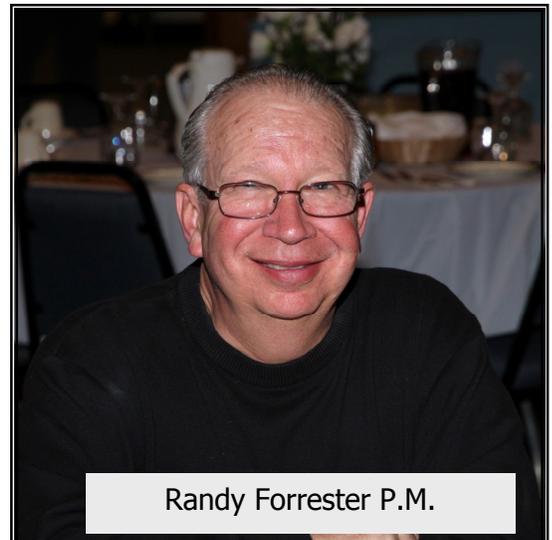
Steve High,
Senior Warden



Bryan Coleman, Web Master



Past Master Bud Pope and wife Grace



Randy Forrester P.M.

Greetings from the South



Is it a great time to be a Mason or what? The officers of Las Palmas-Ponderosa have done excellent degree work this year and it has just begun. Brother Saredidine became our newest Master Mason and we even traveled to Clovis Lodge and claimed the "Great Traveling Gavel." The candidates and visitors have been impressed not only with the ritual and floor work but with the good friends and great dinners that our wonderful chef **Richard Vitz** and his crew have provided. We are truly blessed to be surrounded with such talent and confidence.

My wife and I had the pleasure of attending the Junior Wardens retreat last month in Newport Beach. The instruction was well coordinated and motivational to say the least. What a wonderful opportunity to meet and converse with likeminded individuals from all around California. I was so proud to represent our own Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. The enthusiasm was contagious and inspired me not only in *this* Masons work, but in appreciating all the effort and dedication that *so many* contribute each month. When it comes to dedication and commitment, in my opinion, one man stands apart. Masters come and go each year, but for many terms it is the *Secretary* that is the mortar of any Lodge. From the *easy things* like dealing with the public to the more boring tasks such as budgets and presentations our brother **Jim Clark** is our "perfect ashlar." This man is irreplaceable to say the least! How he juggles so many things and does them well without writing them down is equivalent to finishing a Rubik's Cube. The Trestleboard each month shows not only pride but competence with a digital trowel as well. He is the mortar that strategically holds our Lodge together. I have personally seen this man work 14 hour days. We are truly blessed to have him at the helm of our daily command and would never wish to imagine being without this outstanding individual.

It takes *many* dedicated men to run a Lodge, and behind them truly patient and encouraging women. We thank all our wives and families for their continued support. One of the things brought up at the Wardens retreat was how to make more family friendly events at the Lodge because many of the women feel as though they are widows to the Lodge on meeting nights. We need to figure out way to keep our brethren able to be active while including their families and significant others. Fortunately this was absolutely the case on May 14th when Las Sierra Venus had its Estrellita Club dinner and play. We had such a fantastic turnout and talented cast that made the evening definitely one to remember. This was a once in a lifetime occasion because it is not every day that you get to participate in a shoot-out that involves your own Worshipful

Master. With a "Wet Willy" I can surely tell you, "Yep, he's dead."

Fraternally;

Richard A Sherrod, Junior Warden



GRIZZLIES BASEBALL
CHUKCHANSI PARK
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011
LAS PALMAS-PONDEROSA LODGE
NO. 366
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
(GUYS NIGHT OUT)
Reservations
(559) 268-2303



Chris Weymouth presenting a plaque to
Worshipful Joe Perry Jr. for the Lodge



June Menu



*Appetizers
BBQ Tri-Tip
Corn on the Cobb
Chili Beans
Ice Cream*



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Las Palmas-Ponderosa Members and wife's
enjoying appetizers and May Stated
Meeting Dinner



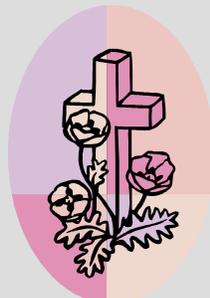
June Birthdays



		<i>Raised Date</i>			<i>Raised Date</i>
Kenneth M. Bratcher	6/23	April 9, 1981	John J. Kaser, Sr.	6/17	September 29, 1953
Edward M. Bufford	6/14	May 30, 1985	William B. Lee	6/2	November 13, 2003
Neil A. Camin	6/23	February 9, 1978	William H. Lyons	6/17	April 14, 1982
Elie N. Choufani	6/21	May 9, 1996	Ronald H. Markarian	6/21	November 21, 1960
Dennis R. Claborn	6/26	January 25, 2007	Chester A. Melikian	6/23	July 25, 1963
Alphord P. Dickinson	6/28	December 28, 1967	Shiro Minabe	6/16	October 5, 1978
Vernon J. Gaylord	6/5	December 3, 1964	Joseph E. Perry, IV	6/11	April 30, 2009
Chester M. Guffy	6/25	March 12, 1958	Justin D. Robinson	6/2	January 27, 1965
Hamo Hamamjian	6/4	September 10, 1998	Michael J. Sahakian	6/17	November 2, 1994
Gary A. Hernandez	6/8	April 23, 1987	Bassem A. Saredidine	6/5	April 5, 2010
Richard W. Hopper	6/5	March 5, 1964	John C. Schaeffer	6/5	January 30, 1958
Matthew M. Houk	6/18	June 1, 2006	Alan Steven	6/17	April 20, 1966
Henry W. Howard	6/10	October 14, 2010	Vernon S. Ullstrom	6/11	September 30, 1993
Nicholas P. Ionescu	6/17	October 28, 2009	Nathan B. Walker	6/14	April 17, 2004
Curtis C. Jack	6/8	June 6, 1996	George M. Zertuche	6/20	April 5, 2001



*Joan Zitell Jack
peacefully went to be with
her Lord and Savior,
May 14, 2011*



IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth D. Kennedy

Born 03/23/1947– Raised 10/07/1980
Called from labor
May 7, 2011



FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

June 29, 2011, 12 Noon
Deli Bar, Salad and Dessert
(Make your own sandwiches)
Las Palmas Masonic Center

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



Raisina-Fresno Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 89

2011 Officers

Worthy Matron.....Carole Rea Littleworth
 Worthy Partron.....Stan Littleworth
 Associate Matron.....Linda Rodie
 Associate Patron.....Cliff Henderson
 Secretary.....Diana Gardner
 Treasurer.....Ellen Sharp
 Conductress.....Dorothy Heskett
 Associate Conductress.....Bernice Dyck
 Chaplain.....Jean Hodge
 Marshall.....Judy Gross
 Organist.....Virgins Bergeron
 Adah.....Lee Ann Shults
 Ruth.....Helen Jane McKee
 Esther.....Elaine Lewis
 Martha.....Ethel Day
 Electa.....Dorothy Krug
 Warder.....Dona Mincy
 Sentinel.....Leroy Stoner



Worthy Matron, Carol Rea Littleworth
 Worthy Patron, Stan Littleworth

**RAISINA - FRESNO CHAPTER NO. 89
 INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR
 FRIENDSHIP / AM & AP
 ROUND UP**



**TO BE HELD
 AT
 LAS PALMAS MASONIC CENTER
 2992 E. CLINTON - FRESNO, CA
 ON
 JUNE 27, 2011**

**6:30 P.M. IN THE EVENING – LIGHT SUPPER
 7:30 P.M. – OPENING AND CLOSING
 PARTY TIME**

**DRESS: WESTERN - COTTON SHIRTS FOR
 THE GUYS
 COTTON SKIRTS OR LONG DRESSES FOR
 THE GALS**

Warm Spring Greetings from Raisina-Fresno Chapter No. 89, We celebrated our 125th birthday on April 1, 2011. Madera Chapter No. 92 has celebrated their 125th birthday and Concordia Chapter No. 93 (Heliotrope Chapter consolidated with them) will be celebrating their 125th birthday next year. Raisina-Fresno Chapter helped institute these two chapters. The Order of the Eastern Star has been a part of the heritage of the Central Valley for many, many years.

Our next meeting will be on June 13th. We will be remembering our members whose links have been broken in our Golden Chain. There will be a lunch at 12:30 P.M. before the meeting; followed by the meeting at 1:30 P.M. We invite those of you who cannot get out to an evening meeting to come join us.

June 27th will be a **Party Night**. Our AM/AP and Friendship Party will be a Western theme. There will be exemplification of Opening and Closing by guest Officers but **no** business will be conducted. Please come join us for a fun evening.

We wish you a wonderful Spring and Summer.

The Officers of Raisina-Fresno Chapter

*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.
 Treasurer.....Kurt Docken, P.M.
 Conductress.....Jackie Docken, P.M.
 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
 Esther.....Judy Wallace, P.M.
 Martha.....Lynn Haggerty, P.M.
 Electa.....Darlene Henderson, P.M.
 Warder.....Jim Wilson, P.P.
 Sentinel.....Bob Davis, P.P.

 Prompter.....Beth Abate
 Flag Bearer.....Marvin Wallace, P.P.
 Electrician.....Cliff Henderson P.P.



Greetings from La Sierra Venus Chapter No.555

The evening of our Dinner Play "Murder at the Naked Gun Saloon" was a huge success. Thank you all for contributing time, money, auction items, talent, play writing, acting (?) skills, cooking skills, advertising skills, decorating skills, ticket sales and purchasing! What a fun time! Our Dinner Play is always my favorite evening of the year. Thank You one more time!!!!!!

We have one more meeting, June 1st before we go dark for the summer. The theme for the evening is Remembering prior years in Eastern Star. I have asked all of the members to collect all of their Masonic pins and put them on one long piece of ribbon. Let's see who has the longest ribbon. Ladies please wear your Past Matron's dress, if you can still fit into it. If you can't, bring it with you and your Year Book. Gentlemen please bring your OES memorabilia as well. It should be a fun night.

Thanks
 Juliet Vitz
 Worthy Matron
 La Sierra Venus Chapter 555





More from
The Murder at the
Naked Gun Saloon



*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 of Events:

No Stated Sessions June, July, August
June 12 - 16 Nile Supreme Session,
Tampa, Florida
July 13 Ice Cream Social,
Las Palmas Center,
Patrol & Past Queens
July 24 Queen's Dinner,
The Manhattan
Aug. 23 Queen's Bus Trip
Paso Robles, Cayucos

Our Past Queen Mary Jane Kerber was honored by the Shriners Hospitals at their First Annual Dream Makers Legacy Society luncheon for special contributors. They recognized the commitment of the many special friends who have been making dreams come true for the children in Shriners Hospitals for nearly 90 years. Mary Jane's beautifully decorated eggs have been in great demand. The approximately \$1,600 she made on the sale of these lovely eggs this year went directly to the Hospital. Sharon Temple is very proud of the recognition afforded our P.Q. Mary Jane.



Queen, Dale Obernolte

Queen's Message:

My sincere thanks to all of those who helped to make our Installation of 2011-2012 Officers a success, particularly to our Ceremonial Assistants P.Q. Tina Adams and P.Q. LeeAnn Shults, who outdid themselves in their efforts.

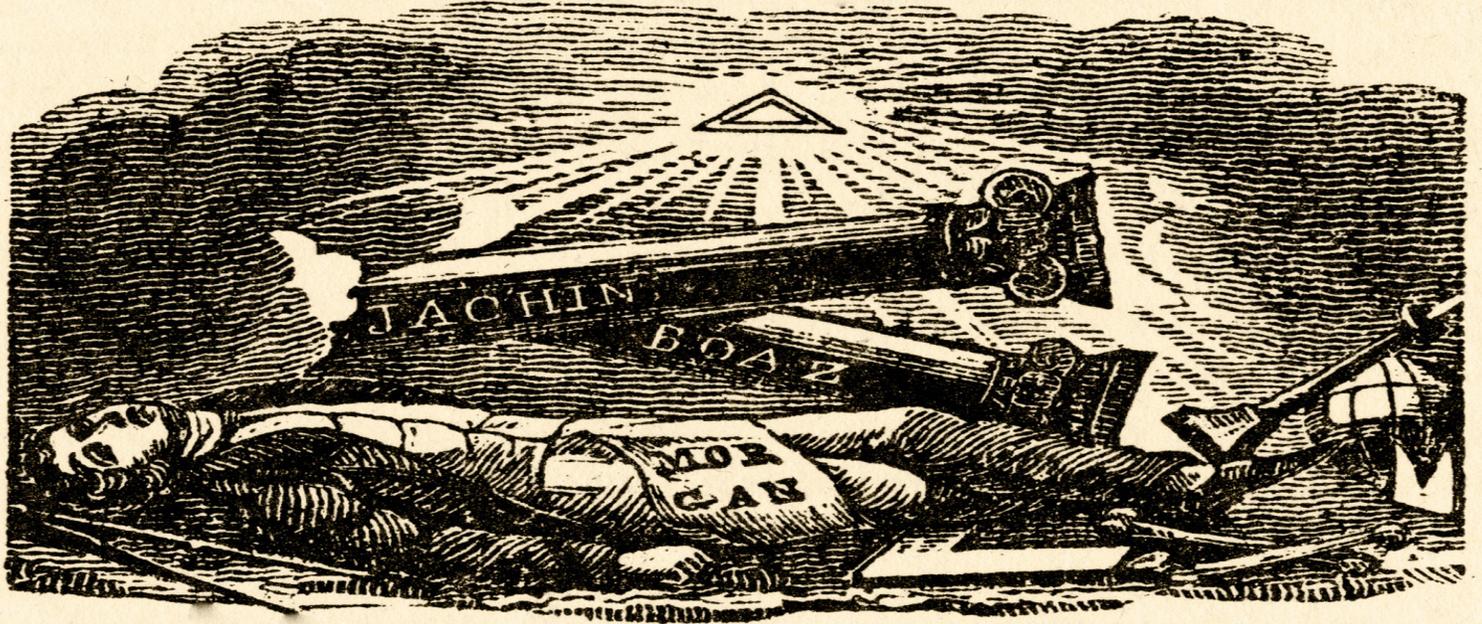
In mid-June sixteen members of Sharon Temple and one Noble will travel to Tampa, Florida, to attend the "Sand and Sea Fun in the Sun" Supreme Session. Days will be filled with the business of our order, evening devoted to speeches of welcome by Supreme Officers, as well as the pageantry of the Units of the various Temples performing. Some of these Units make up the Supreme Choir, many such as Patrols and Pageantry perform individually. It is a colorful display of a myriad of talent culminating in a very impressive Installation of the new slate of Supreme Officers for the 2011-2012 year.

We will be visiting the Tampa Shriners Hospital. Also, we hope to have a little time to do some fun stuff while there, but we hope to bring home some fresh new ideas to apply to our Temple.

I am looking forward to many fun activities during the coming year. Please consider joining us as often as you are able. Share the fellowship with your Nile sisters.

Our Sewing Group, with the wonderful assistance of the Tehachapi quilters, has sent 246 quilts to the Sacramento Shriners Hospital last year. The Tehachapi Quilters recently had a tour of the Sacramento hospital. They were very impressed. They say "We will now make our quilts with a clearer understanding of where they are going and how comforting they are to the children" The Group is also making pillow cases, bags to hang on the wheel chair or walker for the patient's belongings, letter blocks with bells inside and Snoopy character covers for candy canes for the Christmas season.

Betty Arnold, P.Q., Editor



11th Annual California Masonic Symposium
Pasadena Scottish Rite Center

The Morgan Affair:

The Kidnapping that Changed American Freemasonry

The 11th annual California Masonic Symposium will present an examination of the disappearance of William Morgan in 1826, which sparked an anti-Masonic movement in the U.S. This movement would have a lasting effect upon American Freemasonry.

This year's presenters will address questions such as:

How did American Freemasonry change as a result of the Anti-Masonic period? What policies and practices did the fraternity institute in order to regain public trust and protect itself from further infiltration? Henry Wilson Coil Lecturer Mark A. Tabbert, Director of Collections at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia and author of "American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities"

What was the social, economic and political climate at the time? How does this climate explain America's reaction to Morgan's disappearance?

R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master of Masons of California

What were the events leading up to and surrounding William Morgan's disappearance and the investigation which followed?

Art Weiss, President of the California Masonic Foundation

The Symposium will conclude with a panel discussion.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2011

LOCATION Pasadena Scottish Rite Center
150 N. Madison Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101-1710

TIME 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM FEE; Registration is free.

Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366

Bus Charter

*\$40.00 per person**

**Driver tip, water, rolls and snacks*

Call (559) 268-2303

for

Bus Reservations

Call (415) 292-9111

Deadline to sign-up for Symposium

June 20, 2011

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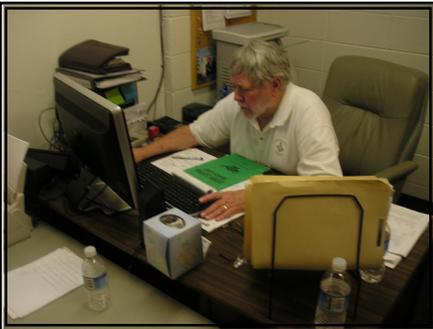


Happy Fathers Day

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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.

From the Desk of the Secretary



*Brethren and Ladies;
June 25, 2011 Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 will
have a charter bus to Pasadena, California for the;
11th Annual California Masonic Symposium
Morgan Affair
The kidnapping that changed American Masonry
\$40.00 per Person
Please call (559) 268-2303 for your reservations*

Join us for coffee weekday mornings



June Lodge Calendar of Events

June 2, 2011	6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
June 9, 2011	6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice
June 14, 2011	6:00 P.M. Hall Association, Officers Meeting to follow
June 16, 2011	6:00 P.M. Appetizers
	6:30 P.M. Dinner
	7:00 P.M. Golden Veteran's Awards, Scholarship Awards
	7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
June 23, 2011	6:30 P.M. Dinner
June 29, 2011	6:30 P.M. Dinner O.S.I. Selma Masonic Center
	7:00 P.M. Sanger Lodge No. 316, Third Degree
June 30, 2011	6:30 P.M. Dinner
	7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice



Do you have your
BY YOUR SIDE
Bracelet?
\$2.00
Donation