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Greetings from the East



Is it just me, or is anyone else surprised it is May already. It seems that I have not even gotten used to putting 2011 on my correspondence, and the year is almost half over. They tell me when you stay busy time seems to fly by. I will have to agree, your Lodge has been busy, and time seems to be flying by. We have been keeping very busy. The lodge travelled to Paradise Park and conferred a third degree. We raised Shawn Clark to the degree of Master Mason. Many of you know him as the son of our very own Secretary, Jim Clark. Several of us went over the night before, Jim and his wife Natalie arranged for lodging, and fed many of us. A big thank you to Jim and Natalie for their hospitality is in order. The men from Paradise Park put on the second section of the degree, and it was very enjoyable. They really know their work over there. I am pleased to announce that the Lodge is not slowing down, so fasten your seatbelts as we head into the rest of the year.

We currently have three new candidates we are initiating. We are planning a third degree, May 5, 2011, Bassem A. Sarieddine, followed by a second degree May 12, 2011, Timothy W. Taylor. I imagine by then, one or more of our new initiates will be ready for their second degree. If you like to watch degree work, this is your time. degrees. The month of May will be full of indeed.

So, what can you do? For starters, come down on any Thursday and see a degree. These new brothers are always excited to meet members of our lodge. It does not cost anything, and we eat before every degree. Free food and great degree work, visiting with brothers...why aren't you here again?

If a degree is not on your dance card, how about trying out the stated meeting dinner. This month is broiled chicken breast served deliciously as usual by our own Br. Vitz and his crack kitchen staff. Our Jr. Warden Richard Sherrod and his wife have been doing the decorations, and the dinners have been fabulous.

This month we will be recognizing Oncology Nurses, awarding our lodge scholarships to some very deserving students and will be honoring Samuel S. Linares with his Twenty-Five year Award.

As you can plainly see, your Lodge is not slowing down. Do you feel like you are missing out? The only thing missing is you....so call the secretary, get the details, and come enjoy the ride. We are still offering rides to those that cannot make the dinner and meeting or any degrees, so just call the lodge and we will arrange a ride...so I cannot think of any reason not to see you in May, and we'll supply the seat belts.

See you in lodge...

Fraternally,
Joseph Perry
Master



Jackie Docken, Worshipful Perry and Julie Wheelock, Honored Teachers



Worshipful Perry and Shawn Clark, new Master Mason

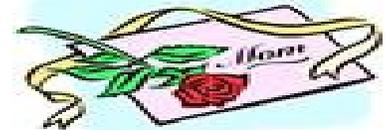
Greetings from West



I trust you all had a joyful and relaxing Easter holiday with your families! We have a wonderful array of applicants for degrees in the works, many of them younger men. Men of diverse talents, backgrounds, and even countries. This is so important for a lodge as the new vigorous young men are OUR future. It is with pleasure that we watch them grow and join our family. The coaches are going to be busy! We are looking forward to a lot of fun degree work moving these men through their Masonic education as they progress from "initiates" to "enlightened". The officers performing the degrees are simply getting better and better as well. The upcoming months will be an excellent time to come to lodge not just to meet them but to observe and

participate in these men's progress. Even as an officer and regular attendee I am always surprised to pick up on just a little bit more each time I either do or see the ritual. Just little bitty "Ah ha!" moments. It seems that in the centuries of refining and perfecting the degrees that not a single word or movement is superfluous, so it is easy to miss something as it goes by and only after seeing it over and over again does it really come into focus. And each time it happens I feel a little bit more connected to Masonry – past and future.

Fraternally;
Steve
Senior Warden



LAS PALMAS – PONDEROSA LODGE BURIAL REQUIREMENTS

Our Lodge owns a plot of land at Mountain View Cemetery in Fresno for the purpose of providing free burial space for the cremated remains of its members and their spouses. The Lodge has erected a large granite marker on this plot. The Lodge will also erect a granite "name marker".

Costs which the Lodge does not pay. Currently, the cemetery charges \$400 for the burial of one container of cremated remains. Since the ashes are placed in a vault by the cemetery, a separate urn is not needed. This fee can be prepaid to Mountain View Cemetery. The current cost to have a name and dates engraved on the "name marker" is \$150 which must be paid for by the family of the deceased to the Lodge. This cost cannot be prepaid.

Reservation of space. Any member, or spouse of a member, of our Lodge may reserve a space for his/her ashes by paying a non-refundable \$150 reservation fee to the Lodge. The Lodge will then reserve a place until 60 days after the death of that member or his spouse. If the ashes are not interred within 60 days of death, the reservation shall terminate with no refund. The reservation of space is only allowed for members of our Lodge and their spouses.

Space for non-members. Should a member of another Masonic Lodge desire to have his ashes, or those of his spouse, interred in this plot, there will be a fee of \$300 per person payable to our Lodge. All other costs must also be paid. Should a member of our Lodge desire to purchase space for the interment of ashes of his child, grandchild, or other direct descendant, there will be a fee of \$300 payable to our Lodge. All other costs must also be paid.

Other Details: No individual markers will be allowed. To provide uniformity on the "name marker" provided by the Lodge, all engraving will only be done by the Lodge at the expense of the party requesting the engraving. The Lodge and cemetery will attempt to place the ashes of spouses next to each other, but no guarantees can be made.



Contact the Secretary (559) 268-2303

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Greetings from the South



Hidden in plain sight are the words I would use to describe the historic and dualistic symbolism of the sacred space of **Washington D.C.** Our daughter just returned from D.C. after a 5 day stay and brought back with her only **1040 photos.** The architecture, monuments, statues and inscriptions are breathtaking and silently communicate a curriculum designed to inspire, elevate and teach what some would call an eternal Truth. Washington D.C. like Jerusalem or Mecca offers a pilgrimage for those who seek a greater understanding of the miracle of their homeland and also for visitors from other shores who have come to glimpse the hope of the first great free nation on Earth!

As Masonry's roots are generally linked to medieval guilds and trade associations among European stonemasons, this is where the true meaning of the word "Freemasons" comes from. Since Masons were able to travel to various construction sites throughout Western Europe, Masons were considered "*free from any city*" and thus became known as *Freemasons*. As strangers with no local roots, they tended to gather themselves together at various worksites and would erect temporary quarters or "*Lodges*" where they might

live, conduct business and socialize. These Stonemasons developed secret signs and words to allow them to identify their various levels of skill and knowledge. The very lives of fellow workers and many others depended on the integrity of the process of determining competence among the craft, which allowed the most magnificent of buildings to be erected safely for all to view and enjoy.

As we looked upon the many photos which our daughter returned with, we saw so many contributing factors. Washington D.C. was unlike the thriving capitals of Europe with narrow winding streets and was envisaged as a newly planned virgin edifice filled with classical beauty and bold modern technology. This capital was to be a testament to the Enlightenment ideals that motivated the Founders and designers, many of who were Freemasons. The classic architectural forms mingled together with liberty, fraternity and equality shine with undiminished luster more than one hundred years later. Its natural shapes, simplicity, elegance and utility best conveyed the moral values at the heart of the American ideal. Peace, hope and liberty were etched onto stone by the most skillful of hands, patiently carved and each one meticulously raised into place.

Knowledge, teamwork and dedication to the craft helped to elevate Geometry to a higher standard of truth. By stimulating the imagination of many in the nobility, Masonry opened the doors to a new era of membership which we are a part of today, known as "Speculative" Masons. Inspired by the likes of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, the brethren of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and their families are of the finest quality and character, like those of yesteryear, which draw us in with inspiration and friendship. These giving and loving families are the backbone of our organization which shines as a beacon of light in our community. We are truly blessed to have such great members and friends here as we continue our quest to better ourselves and become that "*perfect ashlar.*"

May brings to us Mother's Day as well as Memorial Day. Moms are special in so many ways! Where would we be without them? For those special people that were an important part of our life and have now moved on, Memorial Day is the perfect opportunity to let them know how much we truly appreciated all their efforts and love. Take time to remember *those who came before us* and let them know we still love and honor their name, whether they are our family or those who protected them. Have a marvelous May!

A wise old man once said - there comes a time in your life, when you walk away from all the drama & the people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad & focus on the good. So love the people who treat you right & pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living it.

Fraternally;

Richard Sherrod, Junior Warden



Our Widows





Saturday, April 9, 2011
 Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366, Officers and
 Members traveled to Paradise Park Masonic Club
 Santa Cruz, California
 to confer the Third Degree upon
 Shawn Patrick James Clark



Shawn and Worshipful Perry

Officers, LPP 366 and Paradise Park Masons



Signing the By-Laws



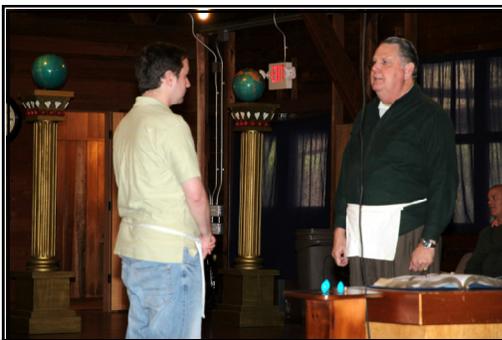
Bible Presentation



Ring Presentation



Ring Ceremony



Bible Ceremony



Dues Time

Paradise Park Masons conferred the Second Section, as always outstanding, George Turegano P.M., King Solomon, Mark Zevanove, the Charge, were a treat to watch. Enough cannot be said about all who took part in the Degree. Many thanks to all.

May Birthday's



Shawn P. Clark	5/12	Andrew C. Peerson	5/8
Robert L. Davis	5/7	Peter P. Peters	5/27
Bert A. Flores	5/12	Joseph H. Phillips	5/7
Phillip C. Ford	5/11	Jonathan L. Pierro	5/3
Richard C. Francis	5/30	George W. Pope	5/19
John Gahvejian	5/21	William D. Riggs	5/20
Eldon L. Garrett	5/17	Robert E. Schlotthauer	5/24
Richard D. Graffis	5/22	John S. Schmidt	5/12
Eugene H. Griffin	5/31	Warren D. Sonnenburg	5/18
Fred M. Haines, Sr.	5/19	Gary A. Starr	5/30
Gordon D. Keeton	5/14	Jerry F. Tabor	5/8
Ellery Kirkbride	5/14	James A. Tarver	5/3
John P. Lamborn	5/21	James M. Vaughan	5/17
Calvin A. Macpherson	5/24	Robert N. Wills	5/20
Donald L. Milligan	5/26	George D. Winterberg	5/28

THESE ARE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR BETHEL.

May 17, 2011-7:00 P.M. FAREWELL MEETING-HONOR PAST HONORED QUEENS AND MAJORITY MEMBERS

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

JUNE 4, 2011-7:00 P.M. BETH NO. 49 INSTALLATION

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE FRESNO MASONIC CENTER

QUESTIONS/INFORMATION;
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Kylie Dawn Wheelock

Honored Queen



May Menu

Reservations
(559) 268-2303



Appetizers

Tossed Green Salad

Garlic Bread

Oven Roasted Chicken Breast
with Orange Tarragon Sauce

Steamed Broccoli

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

Strawberry Short Cake

FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

May 25, 2011, 12 Noon
Chinese Food and Dessert
Fresno 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



April Stated Meeting



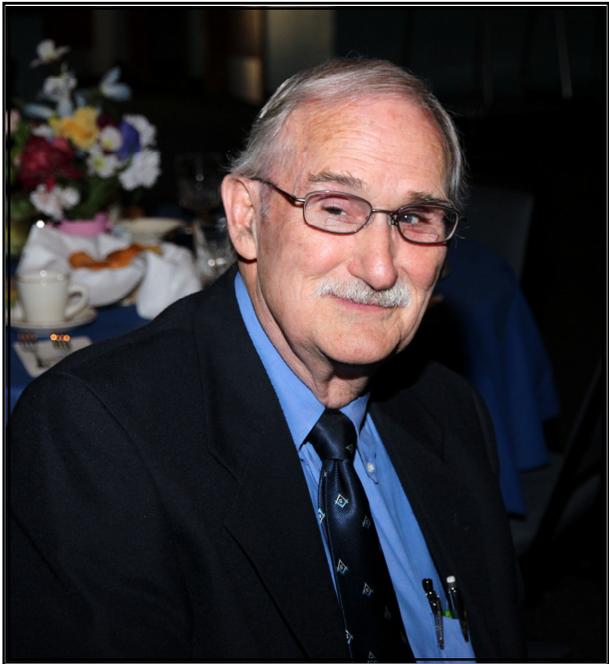
John W. Herring P.M. and Kasra Monazzami



Paula Mehtash and Daughter



Sonny Mehtash and Daughter



Joe D. Sallee P.M.



Sonny Mehtash and Steve R. High



*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.



May Calendar

May 4, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

Friendship Party
 Chairman; Cathy Lee

May 14, 2011,

Dinner Theater
 5:30 P.M. Appetizers/Silent Auction
 6:30 P.M. Dinner/ Play

May 18, 2011, 7:30 P.M

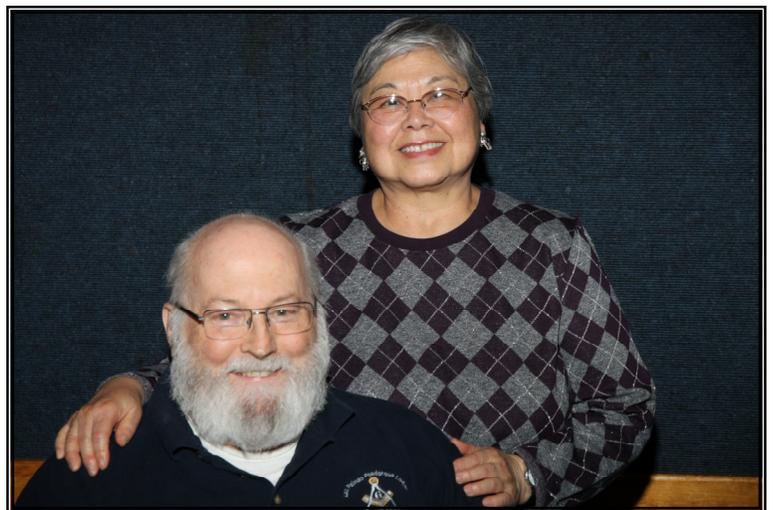
Memorial Night
 Lady Officers wear white
 Gentlemen wear tuxedo's
 Chairman; Darlene Henderson
 Co-Chairman; Cliff Henderson

SAVE THE DATE!!! May 14th, 2011 5:30 PM

Las Palmas Masonic Center

MURDER.....AT THE NAKED SPUR SALOON

a Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction. This is dinner theater as you have never a Steak Dinner with all the fixings and fabulous deserts. Terrific Silent Auction items are always in abundance, (go ahead and out bid your best friend). A night of western fun and food, all for \$25.00 per person. Please contact John or Donna Herring 559 298-6042 or 559 352-6904 to make your required reservations.



*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 Recorder . . Marilyn DeCamp
Princess Banker . . . Susan Morris P.Q.
Princess Marshall JoAnn Evans
Princess Chaplain . Jeanne Esheim P.Q.
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Lady of the Gates Jo Ann Morse
Princess Zuliaka Lenore Stork
Princess Zenobia. Carol Rea Littleworth
Princess Zora Adrienne Cantrell
Princess Zuliema. Elaine Lewis
Princess Musician . . Virginia Bergeron
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Attendant Louisa Bowron
Flag Bearer. Brenda Matias
Flag Bearer Janet Cunningham
Nile Banner Debbie Sanborn
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Page to the Queen . . Dorothy Wethey
Page to the Queen . . . Marge Machus
Page to Pr. Royal . . . Jeanette Foote
Page to Pr. Tirzah Louisa Bowron
Page to Pr. Recorder . . Barbara Corter*



Queen, Dale Obernolte

*Happy Mother's
Day*



Belle Bloise and Mary Jane Kerber

Calendar of Events

May 4, 2011, Tulare-Kings Nile Club No. 1
May 11, 2011, 7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Meeting
Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 14, 2011, Pageantry
May 18, 2011, 9:30 A.M. Nile Sewing, Shrine Center
May 25, 2011, Past Queens Meeting

June 1, 2011, Tulare-Kings Nile Club No. 1
June 12-14, 2011, 95th Supreme Session, Tampa, Flor-



Junior Past Queen, Cheri Detweiler
Queen, Dale Obernolte



Pr. Royal; Bonnie Gorden



Pr. Tirzah; Jeri Rouch



Nile Quilts



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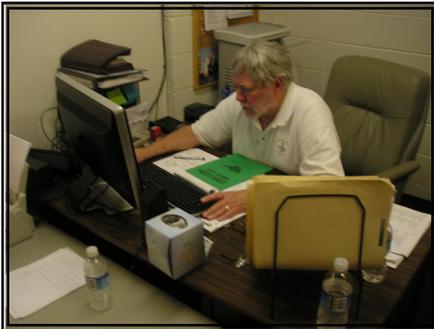


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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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



*To the members who have not been attending Degree practices or Degrees ,we have a ready good dinner at 6:30 P.M. before 7:00 P.M. Events, Richard Vitz spends the afternoon preparing an appetizing dinner fit for a Master Mason, if you need a ride call (559) 268-2303.
Please check your dues card, should be 2011.*

Join us for coffee weekday mornings



May Lodge Calendar of Events

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| April 28, 2011 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. First Degree's |
| May 5, 2011 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Bassem A. Saredidine |
| May 10, 2011 | 6:00 P.M. Hall Association, Officers Meeting to follow |
| May 12, 2011 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. Second Degree, Timothy Taylor |
| May 19, 2011 | 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
6:30 P.M. Dinner
7:00 P.M. Joe Perry, Oncologist Nurse, Scholarship Awards
Twenty-Five Year Award, Sam Linares |
| | 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting |
| May 21, 2011 | 1:00 P.M. Clovis Chili Cook-Off and Tri-Dinner |
| May 24, 2011 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner O.S.I. Sanger Masonic Center
7:00 P.M. L.P.P. No. 366 Second Degree |



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