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Dear Brother Clark,

I am thrilled to announce that Rebecca Mieliwocki, recipient of the 2012 National Teacher of the Year Award, will attend the 163<sup>rd</sup> [Annual Communication](#) as my honored guest.

Ms. Mieliwocki is a seventh grade English teacher at Luther Burbank Middle School in Burbank. She has been honored for her exceptional dedication to the teaching profession by fellow educators nationwide. During a White House ceremony earlier this year, President Barack Obama described her as "the definition of 'above and beyond.'"

Ms. Mieliwocki will present the keynote address at my Grand Master's Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012

I hope that you will join me for this fraternal celebration as we recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of California Masons during the past year and look forward to our continued support of public education for years to come.

Please encourage your fellow lodge members to attend this year's Annual Communication by including [this special announcement](#) in your lodge's August Trestleboard.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Frank Loui  
Grand Master

## Greetings from the West



The independent month of July has come and gone and the heat is now upon us. We have the Olympics once again to inspire and bring us together as we watch the best athletes from around the world participate in some "friendly" competition. We have had extreme weather, wildfires and so much more *negative* news lately, not to mention election spin and mega-fundraisers. **But what do we have to be thankful for?**

Family comes First! Our daughter **Kasani** just got back from spending 6 days aboard the "**Bill of Rights**" which is an amazing tall sail ship. This is her second time onboard but was her first as an "officer." She was Master at Arms (**MAA**) and took about 80% of the 1,000+ photos posted on the internet and Face book. She got to kayak into a sea cave and then go swimming. Living my dream she is. This is all after she spent one week in **Annapolis** (Maryland) at their S.T.E.M. program learning from (and with) the best. Her dream is the Coast Guard (or Navy) Academy and to be a helicopter pilot and Marine Biologist. My

dream was that she just come back from Baltimore safe and sound. Flying by herself... she had the time of her life. Nan and I are truly blessed to have such wonderful family! This is what we are thankful for!

Career comes second for us. Nan has started her own "**Send Out Cards**" campaign where you design your own occasion cards and include your own pictures and greetings. Why spend \$5 on junk Wal-Mart or Hallmark cards when you can give people what they truly want, pictures of and about them (and you) for much, much less. I have been extremely busy myself but take time to give thanks for being able to help those sweet seniors who are so truly appreciative. I love my job, Nan so enjoys her new endeavor and Kasani is working full time (8 hr days x 5 day week) at the **Fresno Chaffee Zoo** for the *fourth year in a row!* Amazing for a daughter who is only 15. Not to mention all the awards, ribbons and the medal she has earned this Summer in Sea Cadets. We all give thanks for our health and friends we get to see and be with.

Third for our family is education. Nanette took the first semester she has had off for several years (surgeries not counting). She is continuing her education at CSUF and got to teach this past May in Wonder Valley. Nan even did VBS with our Masters better half Lisa in Ahwahnee. My career allows no idle time and so I am constantly "learning" and I am now over halfway finished with my book which I am writing. The Masters lecture is not an "easy thing" to learn in itself but I am more than halfway there. My son **Chance** is now taller than all of us (he is 12), he is on the Bullard swim team this Summer and pulled straight "A's" at Bullard Talent last year. Way to go Family, I love my job! Being a dad is Awesome!

Fourth is Masonry! The friends we have made and the family we have extended has brought so much joy and meaning into our lives. Without Masonry, Eastern Star and Scottish Rite life would be *extremely dull*. Television is an illusion, an escape where the mind sits idle (along with the rest of the body). We have family Friday 2x a month where we watch movies as a family, but for us "Big Brother" is "Oh Brother" and "Dallas" is soon to come once again. *Some of the most successful people I have ever known do not even own a TV*, I kid you not. Although I do admit I thought that quite strange as a kid... We do *without* TV and do more with Masonry and Las Palmas-Ponderosa. It brings us **so much more** satisfaction and happy memories. Life is hard to DVR or TIVO. Get up, get out and get involved. Life is so much more than reruns...

We have the Grizzlies outing coming up at the end of August and my wife is working on a "Ladies Night Out" that same evening. Masonry is what brought my Father and I closer, it is what brought my wife and I together. It is because of Eastern Star that I have the world's best daughter and DeMolay brought out the better in me. These are the things my family is grateful for. What comes to your mind and what are you thankful for?

Looking forward to seeing you and your family soon at Las Palmas-Ponderosa!  
Fraternally;

Richard



## Greetings from the South



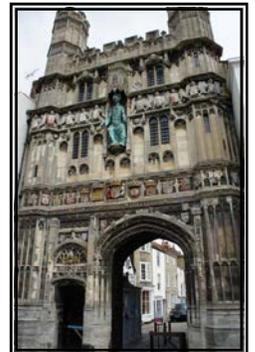
The last couple of months have been wonderful. I travelled to England and visited The Grand Lodge of England, where I was able to watch a Third Degree and have dinner with the brothers The Lodge of Hope No. 7152. I had a great time visiting with the brothers from England and loved learning some of the traditions that they observe in their lodges. I would like to thank Worshipful Jeffrey Daniels for welcoming me to his lodge, I must say that traveling that far does come with change but it was change that I enjoyed and it was interesting to see a different type of ritual than what we do. I will say that I am glad to be home and back to the Lodge. I know and love and see so many of the

friendly faces. This year we are breaking tradition and are going to keep having stated meeting dinners. I know life can be busy during most of the year but in the Valley, life sometimes slows down because of the heat. So it is my hope that everyone takes a little time to come down to the Lodge for one of our wonderful meals; it is the time of year that Americans are known for our barbeque and parties and I know that I would love our stated meeting dinners to nothing less than a wonderful barbeque.

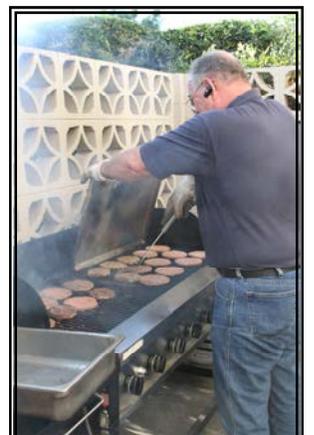
Fraternally;

Nathan

## *July Stated Meeting Dinner*



Chef Vitz did a Salad Bar, no appetizers, with a buffet style dinner, with burgers, hot dogs, with all the trimmings, vegetarian beans, with ice cream and strawberries. What a wonderful and tasty dinner!



## Richard Frey's from the Archives



For the last few months I have been writing about the early history of Las Palmas Lodge. For this article, I wish to advance forward to the year 1976. This was the bicentennial of our Country and there were celebrations all over including those at Las Palmas Lodge.

On this last Father's Day, Dan Eckland, our Master in 1976 passed away. Brother Dan started his year as Master with the bicentennial bald eagle emblem on the front of his installation program as well as on the front page of every edition of the Las Palmian. Dan also brought this theme into the Lodge Room for when he sat in the East, he did not wear the usual top hat, he wore, with permission from Grand Lodge, a tri-corn hat.



Brother Dan organized a combined bicentennial and public schools program for the April Stated Meeting. Students from Starr Elementary School put on a play entitled "We Must Be Free."

On July 3, there was a bicentennial parade in downtown Fresno and there was a float that had been built by the brethren. Las Palmas's Wally Scott was on that float dressed as patriot wearing his Masonic Apron.



I always felt close to Brother Dan as he was only 4 years ahead of me in the Officer's line and he and his wife Phyllis invited us to parties at their home. Even though Dan's prolonged illness kept him from attending Lodge on a regular basis, I used to bring him to Past Master's Night for the dinner and first and second sections of the degree. *Dan, you will be deeply missed!*



## We have Music!!!

Robert P. Gonzalez was installed as Organist for Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366



# August Birthday's



		<i>Raised Date</i>			<i>Raised Date</i>
Robert F. Reid	8/17	11/12/1953	Roger E. Telegan	8/27	5/10/2007
Alvin L. Hopkins, Jr.	8/12	4/2/1949	Charles R. Vaughn	8/1	5/1/2008
William K. Ewing	8/8	12/2/1965	Bill M. Ennis, Sr.	8/7	9/1/1983
Jack M. Snauffer	8/12	2/27/1958	Dick J. Manoogian	8/7	8/30/1973
William H. Ahlenslager	8/16	2/9/1956	Jack M. Afonin	8/26	9/5/2002
Eugene L. Bos	8/22	10/3/1957	Stephen S. Krikorian, Jr.	8/2	2/13/1992
Leonard A. Gottner	8/7	4/18/1950	James M. Keeton	8/11	9/25/1997
James O. Sutherland	8/26	4/24/1973	Richard D. Silva, Jr.	8/6	1/29/1998
Walter E. Kron	8/21	9/29/1987	Jack E. Constance	8/13	3/29/1989
Frederick A. Richburg, M.D.	8/12	5/12/1966	Earl M. Hudson	8/24	1/26/1989
Bernard R. Hollenbeck	8/28	10/20/1965	Brian K. Richburg	8/2	2/24/2007
Russell W. Wyatt	8/24	4/1/1997	Richard A. Sherrod	8/4	3/1/2007
Robert M. Preston	8/10	11/18/1964	Benjamin F. Davis, III	8/16	3/23/1991
Linley P. Cole	8/5	12/16/1980	Patrick K. Martin	8/3	6/11/2009
James W. Wilson, II	8/18	2/25/1970			

*August Menu  
The Moreno  
Family will  
prepare an  
Authentic  
Mexican  
Feast*



## July Officers Meeting



## FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

**JULY/AUGUST  
NO MEETINGS**

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. 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



*from the WIDOWS CLUB  
Las Palmas Masonic Center  
July Stated Meeting Dinner*



Sharon Temple No. 92  
2012-2013  
Officers

Queen . . . . . Bonnie Gorden  
 Jr. Past Queen . . . . . Dale Obernolte P.Q.  
 Princess Royal . . . . . Jeri Rouch  
 Princess Tirzah. . . . . Lenore Stork  
 Princess Badoura. . . . . Carole Rae Littleworth  
 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 Blackwood  
 Lady of the Gates . . . . . Jeanette Foote  
 Princess Nydia . . . . . Adrienne Cantrell  
 Princess Zulieka . . . . . Jean Denton  
 Princess Zenobia. . . . . Carole Soutas  
 Princess Zora . . . . . Debbie Sanborn  
 Princess Musician . . . . . Virginia Bergeron  
 Attendant . . . . . Eria Hildebrand  
 Attendant . . . . . Louisa Bowron



## Calendar:

No Stated  
Sessions in  
June, July  
and August



Queen, Bonnie Gorden

Pearls of Wisdom from the East,

I would be amiss not announcing that five of our Past Queens, from Sharon Temple No. 92, have been given appointments to serve the Supreme Temple Daughters of the Nile. PQ Kerri Gans: Supreme Ambassador to the Pacific and Mountain Area, PQ Dale Obernolte: Supreme Escort to the American Flag, PQ Cheri Detweiler: Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag, and PQ Maybelle Flannery and PQ Judy Wallace: Supreme Escorts to the Supreme Temple Banner. Congratulations ladies, I know you will serve well and make Sharon Temple No. 92 proud!

This HOT summer started off with a bang as the Past Queens and the Patrol unit held their Ice Cream Social at the Las Palmas Masonic Center on July 11. It was a great success with many in attendance for the wonderful desserts. August 8 will bring another fundraiser put on by Jane Gamoian, our Temple Dancer, at Las Palmas Masonic Center, "THE FIFTY'S PARTY". Don't miss it, this is a first!

On August 26, the Sharon Temple Choir will host their "34th Annual LUAU" at the Shrine Center with a delicious Hawaiian dinner and entertainment.

I am truly enjoying my year, so far, as Queen of Sharon Temple No. 92 and am excited about many upcoming events to come and looking forward to getting back into the swing of things when we resume our Stated Meetings on Sept. 12., at which we will be reading proposals for memberships for prospective new members and honoring our Supreme Appointees. Hope to see all of you supporting our fundraisers to benefit our local Temple and the Shriners Hospitals for Children. When we attend, we prosper.

In Love of Friendship Pearls,  
Queen Bonnie



Picture from the past events

# Sharon Temple No.92 Fund Raiser



**Sharon High School Sock Hop  
Fabulous 50's Party  
Wednesday August 8, 2012 @ 6pm  
\$12.00 Per Person  
Las Palmas Masonic Center**



**Burgers, fries and more. Flavored Cokes & Root Beer**

**Gals out get your poodle skirts or other 50's fashions,  
saddle oxford or penny loafers.**

**Guys slick your hair back into a DA. Roll up your levis  
and tee shirt sleeves. Dust off your letterman jacket.**

**Bubble gum, hula hoop, twist  
and best 50's outfit contests**

**Rock & Roll to 50's music by D.J. Les Gorden  
Who is donating his time and talent.**



All net proceeds will go to the Sharon Temple general fund

Please R.S.V.P. by: **August 2, 2012**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

No of guests \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ make check payable to Sharon Temple 92

Mail to Pr Jane Gamoian, 8186 N. Dearing Ave, Fresno, CA., 93720

Please enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope for tickets

Unable to attend and just like to send a Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generosity and Support!

**\*\* No tickets will be<sup>8</sup> sold at the door \*\***



SHARON TEMPLE NO. 92  
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



**CHOIR'S 34th ANNUAL LUAU**



**Sunday, August 26, 2012**

at the

**SHRINE CENTER**

5047 E. Olive / Fresno, CA

*He Anaina O Ka Lani: 4:00PM / Luau: 5:00PM*

**Fabulous Hors d'Oeuvres/Desserts  
Hawaiian Dinner  
Entertainment**

**\$ 22.50 Per Person**

*Tickets from Choir Members  
or send reservation by August 20<sup>th</sup> to:*



**Door Prizes**

**Opportunity Tickets Available**

Pam Forrester  
8539 N. John Albert Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93720-1976  
**Make check payable to: Sharon 92 Choir**

**To Win \$100, \$75 or \$50**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

Net proceeds to benefit the general fund of Sharon Temple Choir

**Make check payable to: Sharon 92 Choir**

# Rainbow Girls Shine



Heart of the Valley has been working through a very busy summer! With our girls out of school, they're channeling more energy into service and working hard to promote Rainbow. We're managing two flocks of flamingoes through Fresno and Clovis...roosting them overnight in random yards to raise funds for our Grand Service Project...the Barry Kirschner Wildlife Foundation! Be on the lookout...no yard is immune! and if you can think of a perfect roosting spot for these faithfully fearless flocks, please let us know!

Heart of the Valley is taking a unique approach to service...we're working to help animals on July 28th by baking dog treats to deliver to local shelters and rescues.

We hosted a very successful take-out spaghetti dinner on June 27th and want to thank everyone that supported us in our endeavor. Our next fundraiser will be a yard sale in October...so if you have items that you would like to donate to our yard sale, please give us a call.

At our meeting on July 25th, we performed a Majority Service for two of our girls: Marysa Scarborough and Minna Davies. We will miss our newest Majority Members, but wish them luck in their new journey down the path to adulthood. We also saluted our Majority Members and asked them to bring scrapbooks, mascots and mementos to the meeting to share...what fun we had reminiscing!



And some accolades came to Heart of the Valley...Congratulations to Julia Holman on her appointment as the Assistant to the Grand Musician! We can't wait to hear Julia playing the piano for all of Grand Assembly in 2013! We're so proud!

Make sure to tune in to FM 90.7 on Saturday July 28th at 7am and again at 11:30 am on Sunday July 30th...Heart of the Valley is being featured as part of the Spotlight on San Joaquin segment, highlighting great things in our community. Jessica Regier and Samantha Jones were interviewed over a half-hour segment and spoke about Rainbow and its impact on their lives. We're promoting membership in new and unique ways and would love for you to tune in!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Heart of the Valley's next Installation of Officers is slated to be held September 29th at Clovis Masonic Center. Time is yet to be determined. We'd love to see you there!

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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm at the Clovis Masonic Lodge. 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:

Assistant Mother Advisor: Brenda Sullivan [demolaysgirl@gmail.com](mailto:demolaysgirl@gmail.com) 559-942-0484

Grand Deputy: Dana Regier [jdjregier92@aol.com](mailto:jdjregier92@aol.com). 559-289-6536





*I sat down for my morning coffee this morning July 25, 2012 with my wife about 6:00 A.M. this was our view  
 With this letter  
 How exciting!!  
 Jim and Natalie Clark*

*You've been flocked by the Heart of the Valley Rainbow Assembly*

*Help these flamingos find their way home to The Barry Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary and Educational Center  
 This years service project*

*Please contact;  
 Dana Regier (559) 289-6536  
 Brenda Sullivan (559) 942-0484*

*If you would like to make a donation*

*Mail to;  
 Heart of the Valley Rainbow Girls  
 4745 N. Palm Avenue  
 Fresno. CA. 93704*

*Checks payable to Heart of the Valley,  
 memo line; Grand Service Project*

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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 Secretary's Desk*



We have a new supply of lodge shirts, large, X large, XX large and XXX large, \$25.00 each, we have 1 large white with a pocket, 1 X large white with pocket and 1 large blue with pocket for \$20.00 each.

We have eleven members delinquent with their dues and facing possible suspension.

For the August Stated Meeting Dinner our new cleaning company, the Moreno family will prepare an authentic Mexican Feast.

Join for dinner, reservations required



*August Lodge Calendar of Events*

- August 14, 2012 6:00 P.M. Officers Meeting
- August 16, 2012 6:00 P.M. Appetizers
- 6:30 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. Ten Year Awards
- 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
- August 30, 2012 5:30 P.M. Grizzlies Den, Sky Box



GRIZZLIES BASEBALL  
CHUKCHANSI PARK  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012  
LAS PALMAS-PONDEROSA LODGE NO. 366  
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
(GUYS NIGHT OUT)

September 6, 2012  
The Past Master's will  
Raise Alan Hansen  
Past Master's Night