



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

The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



As we move into the wonderful autumn season and begin feeling cooler air and seeing changing colors in the foliage, so too will we see changes in the Lodge. As you



may know, I recently attended the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in San Francisco. It was the first time I had been able to attend and was most impressed by the array of over 400 Masonic officers from all over the state gathered together in one room. I was very proud that we of Las Palmas-Ponderosa had our full contingent of voting officers present: myself, the senior

and junior wardens, and Worshipful Joe Perry representing our past masters. For the most part, I believe we voted in harmony and represented our lodge well. We voted on perhaps several dozen matters affecting the governance of lodges in California. We heard many stout and humorous arguments for and against the issues before each vote. Most dealt with minor, house-keeping changes in ritual, with the majority dealing with closing ambiguities in the CMC regarding finances and record keeping. The one issue that I felt will affect all the brethren the most and immediately I will now focus on.

I was surprised to learn that nearly all other States in the country open their Stated Meetings in the First Degree. This is because Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are allowed to attend. We do ours in the Third Degree and therefore with ONLY Master Masons present. It was decided that as EAs and FCs are members of the lodge they should be present during the conducting of Lodge business. So, henceforth, after the Stated Dinner, EAs and FCs need not go but are welcome to come across the hall and join us! This should result in both having more Lodge members join us for dinner and in having a more informed local Masonic brotherhood. In keeping with this change, EAs and FCs will also participate and support the lodge in joining the

Master Masons in the matter of annual dues. Also, although EAs and FCs may attend and add their voice and opinions, actual votes are still to be only by Master Masons. The intention is to encourage EAs and FCs both to come AND to provide an incentive for them to advance so that they may enjoy the benefit and privilege of FULL Masonic involvement. So, I look forward to seeing ALL the brethren of LPP at the next Stated Meeting! I want to thank the brethren of Las Palmas-Ponderosa for both allowing and sending my lady and I to attend this magnificent event in the City by the Bay, and particularly my fellow officers for making me proud!



Worshipful High and our newest Master Mason Alan A. Hansen

Steve, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the West



September can be summed up in one word: change. As Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge changed from



being dark to having degrees once again, we learned that we were going to be quite busy. In the months ahead change will be quite evident for all. Many Masonic groups such as Eastern Star will have a change of officers at their annual installation. Masonic Lodges will follow in the near months. The change of seasons will be evident as well as those wishing for cooler weather will no doubt have their prayers answered. The biggest change however may just be within the Lodge itself.

One thing that we hope **never changes** is the wonderful dinners put on by our Stone Chef Brothers **Richard Vitz**, **Marvin Wallace** and **Chuck**

Bersani. The steaks were amazing as always gentlemen. The Widows table was full again (thank you ladies) and we had the pleasure of prospects, relatives and even our 25 year award recipient Brother Walter E. Kron being in attendance for the festive evening.

My wife and I had the pleasure to travel with the Master of Las Palmas and his significant other (Happy Birthday **Lisa**) to **Grand Lodge** for their **163rd Annual Communication**. Many new changes were proposed and a few of the more surprising ones passed. As change is inevitable, for better or worse, it is those who stand stagnant in the river of life that get left behind. Life is a moving target that requires constant change. Unfortunately for some, as is human nature, change can be a little scary and sometimes even paralyzing. It is during times like these that diamonds appear – forged from extreme external pressures, some individuals rise to the occasion finding courage from within. Masons are learning to overcome and even embrace these changes, no matter how radical they may seem at first. As younger and younger men enter our ranks, change will most likely be required to keep their interest and attendance.

The **Grand Lodge of California** is an incredible place filled with great men and history. Many amazing Masons have passed through its pillars. The stained glass windows are illuminating and its library educational. The Masonic museum holds many secrets... to those who know where to begin. Many wonderful and familiar faces were seen, and other were greeted for the first time and socialized with. It was an amazing adventure that we look forward to doing again next year. We stayed in the world renown Fairmont Hotel on Nob Hill which was one of the few surviving buildings from the great 1906 earthquake and imbibed its history and cultural heritage.

It was wonderful to hear all the awards given to those Masons **who gave so much** and committed themselves to helping others as well as their communities. That is what Masons do; they better themselves and then move on to their children, families and those around them. One of the most moving speakers in my opinion was a wonderful and giving woman named Rebecca

Mieliwocki, a 7th grade English teacher who teaches at Luther Burbank Middle School in California. She was recently named Teacher of the Year on the National level. Her passion and energy, her enormous enthusiasm and optimism touched all in attendance. She spoke of how important—reading was to her as a child, and how Masons had cheered her on from the sidelines at the city, state and national finals. Masons cheered her on once more after her moving and eloquent speech. The enthusiasm she and Grand Lodge gave was highly contagious. Way to go Grand Lodge!

From your Warden in the West... Richard A. Sherrod



Mark Le, Applicant

Greetings from the South





Every month I ponder in reflection on what has happened in our lodge and what is going to happen.

This last week I attended Grand lodge, and represented our lodge. Many different things were brought to my attention in Grand

lodge, they included many possible changes in Life memberships and what we can do with the money as an investment. We also voted on whether or not we should change how we do business. I must report to you that we will now be able to invite our entered apprentices and fellow craft into our stated meetings. But this will come at a price that they will not vote, but they will be required to pay dues to the lodge. You may ask yourself how this affects yourself. It means that we are able to include our brothers in everything that we do. The Craft as we know it may be changing, but it will be for the better because it will open many new opportunities for us to slow down and truly make a good man, better. So for those fellow craft and entered apprentices that have not been back to lodge because you thought you had no reason too, the time has come for you to return to the lodge and join back with your bothers. We have many different opportunities for you to help or just enjoy the lodge.

Nathan, Junior Warden







Worshipful High, Presenting Twenty-Five Year Award to Walter F. Kron



Brother Kron and his Grand Daughter Teresa

P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives



The early part of the 20th century was good to Las Palmas Lodge. During the "teens" we were raising about 15 new Masons each year. In 1916 and 1917 this jumped to 25.

Technology was advancing and Las Palmas was taking advantage of it. After conferring the 3rd degree on Bro R. F. Walker on May 10, 1917, "Lodge was then closed and the members and visitors had the pleasure of witnessing an nteresting as well as educational exhibition of motion pictures." At every

installation of officers from 1906 until 1917, the retiring master was presented with a gold watch as a token of appreciation from the Lodge. On January 10, 1918, retiring Master Fred L. Swartz was presented with a Victrola.

At the May 1928 Stated Meeting, Bro W. G. Millholland delivered a letter on Radium and Rays. Bro Millholland was a medical doctor and one of the first radiologists in Fresno. At that time the normal procedure was for the doctor to hold the X-Ray film with their hand during the X-Ray. As a result he eventually lost all of his fingers on one hand.

In our November journey into the past, we will talk about the impact of The Great War on Las Palmas Lodge.





Brothers Weiner, Hansen and Berry







Allan Hansen raised by our Past Master's, what a great evening, Twenty-One Past Master's attended a wonderful steak dinner prepared by Chef Richard Vitz and staff.



DATE: September 25, 2012

FROM: John F. Lowe, Grand Master

TO: Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of Constituent Lodges

District Inspectors
Grand Lodge Officers
Past Grand Masters
Past Grand Officers

RE: Implementation of Resolutions 11-06 and 11-07

Brethren,

At the 163rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, the delegates adopted Resolutions 11-06 and 11-07. This memo is intended to provide clarity and instruction in implementing these new ordinances. Please read this memo carefully and see to it that it is distributed to your members as necessary and practical.

Resolution 11-06 changed our ordinances concerning the Stated Meeting. Effective at your next Stated Meeting and going forward, the lodge will be opened in the Entered Apprentice degree and not the Master Mason degree. Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons now have the right to attend the Stated Meeting. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason may speak during the meeting but he may not ballot on applications nor vote on any other matter coming before the lodge. He should not propose or second motions.

When opening the lodge on the Entered Apprentice degree for the Stated Meeting, remember to state "for the transaction of business" when you announce the purpose for convening the lodge. It should be noted that the Ritual does not allow calling up from one degree to another. It allows calling down for examination in the Candidate's Lecture only. Section 807.010 prohibits lodges from holding a Stated Meeting and a Special Meeting on the same day. Therefore, examination in the Candidate's Lecture of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees is to be done in a Special Meeting of an appropriate degree on a day other than the day of the Stated Meeting. Keep in mind that no Stated or Special Meeting shall be held on Sunday except for the Installation of Officers or funeral services.

Care should be taken when reading the minutes of meetings opened in the Fellow Craft or Master Mason degree to preserve the anticipation of advancement for Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons in attendance at the Stated Meeting when those minutes are read. Resolution 11-07 requires Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons to pay dues to the lodge. It is my decision that this requirement shall be effective October 1, 2012. The lodge should include in the billing for the 2013 dues all Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons on the rolls. In addition to the 2013 dues amount, the lodge should collect in that same billing a pro-rated portion of the dues for the three months ending December 31, 2012. While the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason would not be in good standing until he pays the pro-rated 2012 dues and then the 2013 dues, he only needs good standing status to request a demit and move to another lodge. He does not need to be in good standing to advance or attend the Stated Meeting.

An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason may be suspended for non-payment of dues if he has not paid his dues for a period of 12 months. The Secretary shall follow the procedures in Section 809.370 to notify the brother of his pending suspension. The first time an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may be suspended would be after October 1, 2013. If an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft has not paid his dues because of sickness or inability to pay, the lodge may remit his dues. No worthy brother who is unable to pay his dues shall be suspended for non-payment of dues. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason may purchase a life membership in accordance with the Code.

Because of the addition of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons to the rolls, the lodge will make a per capita contribution for these brothers. As a result of a larger base of Masons, the per capita amount was lowered from the current rate of \$35.00 to \$32.00 for the next fiscal year. If your lodge by-laws have fixed your dues at a certain amount plus per capita, please use \$32.00 when calculating your 2013 dues amount.

The Grand Secretary will issue an update to iMember that will print the member type on the dues card to indicate whether the brother is an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason. In the meantime, the lodge Secretary shall print the member type on the lower left corner of the dues cards for all Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons. It is not necessary to write in the member type of Master Mason, though this will be printed automatically when the new version of iMember is released.

The lodge must issue to the brother a new dues card with the current member type when he advances to the next degree. This is important because an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason may visit another lodge working in a degree taken by him, with the consent of the Master of his lodge and the consent of the Master of the lodge visited, if accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat with him in a tiled lodge and vouches for him. The member type printed on the dues card will allow the lodge visited to know the degree or degrees taken by the brother.

As a courtesy to the lodges, the Grand Lodge will communicate directly with all Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons on the rolls to inform them of these changes. In addition, the lodge should make every effort to reach out to those on their rolls and see to it that Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons are aware of their opportunity and responsibility for further engagement in the lodge.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING 11-06 AND 11-07

Does a lodge have to conduct its Stated Meeting on the Entered Apprentice Degree?

Yes. Effective immediately, all Stated Meetings shall be conducted in a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons.

Can a lodge call up from the first degree to a higher degree for the purpose of examination or degree conferral?

No. The Ritual does not allow a lodge to call up from one degree to another.

Can a lodge hold a Stated Meeting on the Entered Apprentice Degree and then, after closing that lodge, open a lodge of a higher degree for the purpose of examination or degree conferral?

No. Section 807.010 prohibits a lodge from holding a Stated Meeting and a Special Meeting on the same day.

Can a lodge of Master Masons be called down to a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons for the transaction of business?

No. A lodge can only be called down for the purpose of examination.

Can Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons attend the Stated Meeting?

Yes. Effective immediately, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons have the right to attend Stated Meetings of the lodge.

Can an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason speak on matters before the lodge?

Yes. He may speak on any matter coming before the lodge.

Can an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason vote on matters before the lodge?

No. He may not vote on any matter coming before the lodge.

Do Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts Masons have to pay dues to the lodge?

Yes. Effective October 1, 2012, all Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons are required to pay dues to the lodge.

Can an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason be suspended for non-payment of dues?

Yes. If he has not paid his dues for a period of 12 months, he may be suspended for nonpayment of dues in accordance with Section 809.370 of the Code.

from the WIDOWS CLUB October 26, 2012 Luncheon Meeting

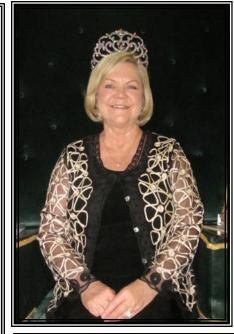






Sharon Temple No. 92 2012-2013 Officers

Queen Bonnie Gorden
Jr. Past Queen Dale Obernolte P.Q.
Princess Royal Jeri Rouch
Princess TirzahLenore Stork
Princess Badoura Carole Rae Littleworth
Princess Recorder
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 Zuliema Marlene Gardner
Princess Musician Virginia Bergeron
Attendant Eria Hildebrand
Attendant Louisa Bowron







Queen, Bonnie Gorden



It's been a fun filled last few months with all of our events and now summer is coming to an end and school is back in session as well as Daughters of the Nile. We had our stated meeting on Sept. 12 at which I acknowledged our Supreme Appointees and read proposals for membership for two prospective members. They will be balloted on and then initiated at the Ceremonial at the Nov. 14 Stated Meeting. Ladies of the Household, please come on that date to see this beautiful ceremony and support this exiting evening for these ladies. There are two more fun events coming

NILE OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 3, 2012, 11:30 A.M. Tulare-Kings Nile Club Home of Pr, Verna Crabtree 644 Village Green St. Porterville (Bring a sandwich)

October 6, 2012, Bunco Party
Pr. Adrienne Cantrell, Chairman
Tehran Shrine Center

October 7, 2012, 10:00 A.M. Ceremonial Practice
Las Palmas Masonic Center

October 10, 2012, 7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Session

"Founder's Evening" & Ceremonial

Banquet Room; Sharon Temple Pages

Las Palmas Masonic Center

October 17, 2012, 9:30 A.M. Nile Sewing Tehran Shrine Center

Hostess; Pat Westphal, Barbara Corter

October 27, 2012 Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon Tornino's Banquet Facility 5080 N. Blackstone Avenue 10:30 A.M. Country Store 11:30 A.M. Luncheon

soon in October. First will be the "BUNCO PARTY" on Oct. 6, to be held at Vino and Friends and then our, big fundraiser of the year, the exciting ANNUAL LUNCHEON/ FASHION SHOW. This year's theme is "Under the Big Top". (see attached flyers). Everyone is invited to this function, including non members and guests. Come one, come all and make this a successful event to help support the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

In Nile Love of Friendship Pearls,



Bunco Party! @ Vino & Friends

1560 E. Champlain Dr. (NE Corner of Cedar & Shepard)

Saturday, October 6, 2012 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Luncheon, including Wine followed by Bunco fun!

Only \$15.00

RESERVATIONS A MUST!!

TO: Pr. Adrienne Cantrell 2545 Santa Cruz Avenue Sanger, CA 93657 (559) 259-7015

Name				
Number attending	Total enclosed			

















Heart of the Valley would like to extend a warm welcome to Mary Blasquez, our newest Rainbow Sister! Mary was initiated on September 12th, and joins her big sister Rhiannon Corgan in our Rainbow family!

We also participated with our fellow assemblies Visalia and Tehachapi in welcoming Mrs. Sara Lee Martin (Supreme Inspector) and Shelby Zimmerman (Grand Worthy Advisor) to our area for their Official Visit on September 15th. The theme of the event was The Muppets Take The OV and we had a spectacular time...the girls really got into the spirit of the event and we even had our own Waldorf and Statler sitting in the balcony offering a running commentary on the proceedings. It was a hilarious event and everyone had a great time.

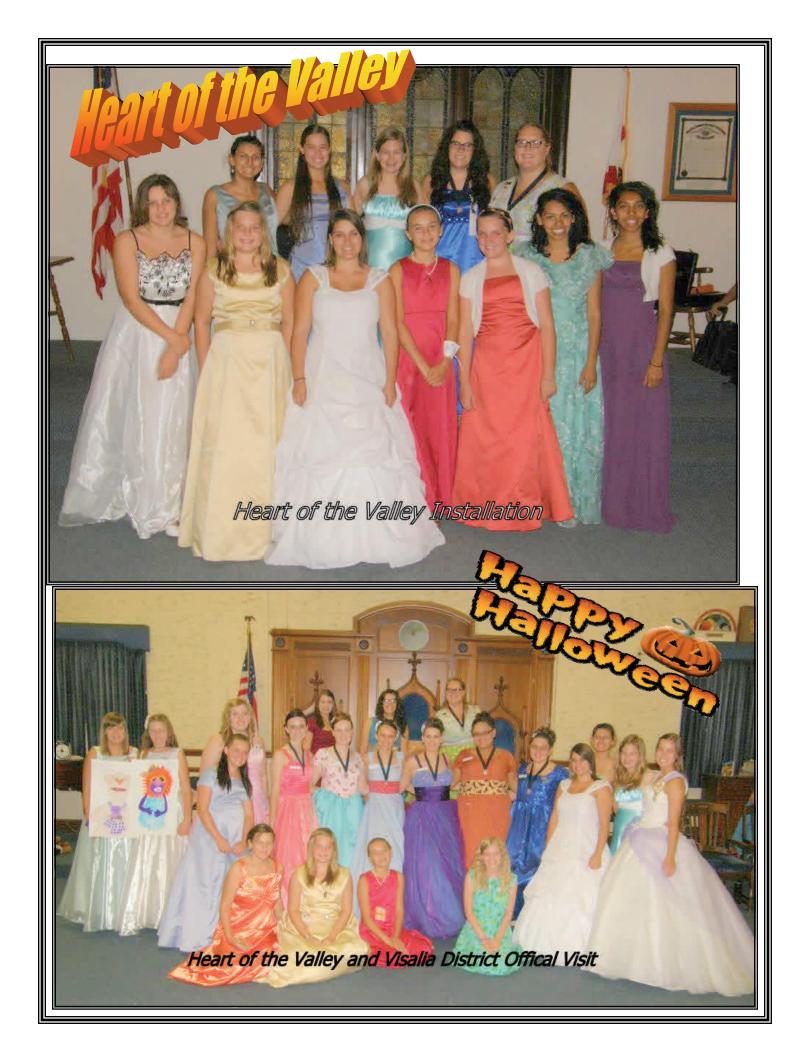
We would like to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend our next Installation of Officers to be held at Clovis Masonic Center on Saturday, October 6th at 2pm. Miss Samantha Jones is our Worthy Advisor-Elect and Miss Jessie Beavers is our Retiring Worthy Advisor. We would love to see you there so that you can hear about all of the amazing things that we have planned!

Our next fundraiser is a Glorious Yard Sale to be held on Sunday, October 21 at Clovis Masonic Center. We are holding our yard sale the same day as Glorious Junk Day in Old Town Clovis, so come on by and do some shopping! Our yard sale is being coordinated by Makayla Forse, our Charity-Elect for the upcoming term. If you have items that you would like to donate for our yard sale, please reach out to one of our fantastic advisors so that we may make arrangements.

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Legacy No. 555 O.E.S.



2012 Officers

Worthy Matron: . . . Linda Rodie
Worthy Patron: . . Cliff Henderson
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Associate Patron: . . Gordon Keeton
Secretary: . . . Donna Herring
Treasurer: . . . Kurtis Docken
Associate Conductress: . . Becky Davis
Chaplain: . . . Jean Hodge
Marshall: . . . Ethel Day
Organist: . . Virginia Bergeron
Adah: Jeanette Foote
Ruth: Kay Dock

Virginia Bergeron Organist

Brothers and Sisters:

We have just acknowledged the national holiday of Labor Day – which is observed on the first Monday in September – celebrating economic and social contributions of workers across America.

It was founded in 1882 by Matthew Maguire a machinist, while he served as secretary of the Central Labor Union of New York.

Some of the things we think of on Labor Day are – First of all - a:

DAY OF REST followed by maybe

Picnics

Parades

Retail Sales Events

Fnd of summer

Beginning of football

Traditional beginning of school

But I would like to think of this past Labor Day as a celebration of a Labor of Love .

The dictionary definition of Labor of Love – is "productive work performed voluntarily without material reward or compensation."

That is exactly what has been transpiring this summer with many of our members.

Our chapter has been going through a labor of love for the transformation of our future.

And with this transformation comes change, so I ask you to be open minded and patient as we forge together into new territory as Legacy Chapter. As Norman Vincent Peale once said '

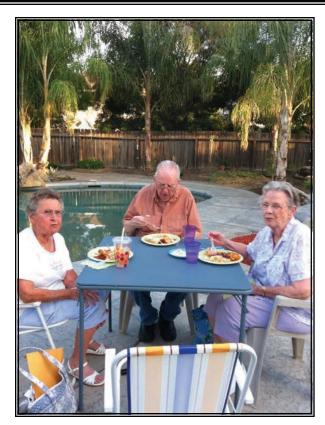
Change your thoughts and you can change your world......'

Thank you all for your support and thanks for being a part of this historical first meeting of our NEW chapter. We are looking forward to many fun and enjoyable times together.



Legacy Chapter No. 555 O.E.S.













Fresno Numismatic Society

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Las Palmas Masonic Center







Coin Show, October 27, 28, 2012 Las Palmas Masonic Center





		Raised Date			Raised Date
James L. Finks, Sr.	10/31	10/8/1959	Stanley A. Antranikian	10/1	11/12/1964
William T. Flint	10/27	6/23/1956	Clark G. Elgin	10/16	10/6/1994
Victor F. Horg, Sr.	10/30	11/12/1975	Charles D. Jones	10/20	5/29/1975
Edward H. Daves	10/10	12/2/1967	Charles E. Alstrom	10/18	9/7/1978
John H. Manoogian	10/25	2/21/1955	Chris U. Patropulos	10/5	9/16/1971
James L. Clare	10/22	6/25/1952	William L. Crossland	10/1	3/30/1989
Bertis H. Mc Swain	10/12	4/3/1954	John L. Green	10/26	6/5/2003
Kenneth Walsh	10/15	7/5/1962	Steven J. Howell	10/4	5/26/2005
John R. Madden	10/12	4/7/1960	George R. Forrester	10/20	11/13/1985
Howard K. Griggs	10/18	3/12/1949	Leon L. Lagier	10/25	11/11/1971
Edward Kaye	10/13	11/26/1974	Edward J. Wieland	10/25	10/23/1984
Jack H. Gahvejian	10/28	9/18/1954	Harry H. Manoogian	10/1	8/30/1973
Edward C. Kerber	10/26	3/31/1960	Mark Eisenberg	10/10	4/20/1996
John F. Corter	10/30	10/19/1977	Courtney D. Bacom	10/16	9/3/2009
Richard Peters	10/8	9/26/1974	Timothy R. Newcomb	10/5	2/13/1997
Bobby C. Bingham	10/9	10/30/1969	Blair R. Cunnings	10/13	10/30/2003
Ralph P. Medeiros	10/17	5/23/1972	Paul D. Berry	10/18	9/29/2005
William T. Clem	10/6	10/25/1977	Wade D. Woolsey	10/11	11/6/2008
Allyn K. Gerard	10/21	11/14/1957	Hussain Alhashimi	10/12	5/8/2003
Ronald F. Karabian	10/31	5/9/1968			

October Menu



The Witches are brewing up Appetizers Tossed Green Salad with Dressing Rolls/Butter Oven Baked Chicken Breast Brown Rice with Mushrooms Corn Banana Pudding



Chef Richard Vitz

FRESNO MASONIC WIDOWS CLUB

October 31 , 2012 12 Noon At the Windham

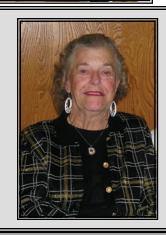
President; Ethel Day
Vice-President; Bobbi Carder
Secretary; Hilda Johnson
Treasurer; Jane James

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



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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



163rd Annual Communications brought many changes, Requires Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft to pay dues, will open Stated Meetings in the First Degree to conduct business. Requires Members to present dues receipts to participate in Lodge Business.

Congratulations to our new Grand Master, John F. Lowe and all the Grand Officers. We have two applicants, James W. Wilson III and Mark Le.

Join us for coffee most week day mornings!

October Lodge Calendar of Events

October 4, 2012 6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. Third Degree, Minasian

October 9, 2012 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Meeting

LPP Officers Meeting to follow

October 11, 2012 6:00 P.M. Dinner

6:30 P.M. First Degree, Eric C. Patrick

October 18, 2012 6:00 P.M. Appetizers

6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:00 P.M. 50 Year Awards, Walsh

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

October 25, 2012 6:30 P.M. Dinner 17

First Degree, James W. Wilson III

