



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

# The Las Palmian

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## Greetings from the East



Mother Earth has once again awakened from her slumber and the sun now shines brightly upon us. Welcome to the brief season of Spring. Summer is right around the corner and with it comes Summer vacation. Reunions and good times with Family. Enjoy!

April was incredibly rewarding! Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge gave away four bicycles and helmets (along with backpacks and more) to kids with perfect attendance. Each quarter gets better and you can see these kids are getting the idea. Attending school regularly can be very rewarding!



We also gave away four \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors getting ready to spread their wings and set sail. These ladies are beyond incredible! We wish them the best as they head toward college and beyond. Pictures say so much more than words... Congratulations!!

We had the pleasure of presenting the **Golden Veteran Award** to our

Brother **John Gahvejian** who has now been a member of LPP for 50 years! What a pleasure it was to have **John and wife Lorrie** along with his brother **Jack** (58 year member) and wife **Lucille** at the Masters table. These are awe-inspiring individuals who helped to build a cornerstone in our community. Good company, good friends, good times!



So what does the month of May hold in store? Grand Lodge of California has declared May, **Youth Order's Month**, we will be honoring these groups at our May Stated Meeting Dinner. May is National Teachers day (7<sup>th</sup>) along with Mother's Day (12<sup>th</sup>) and Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup>) for starters. Keep in mind, **May** holds *whatever we can visualize*! The human brain is an incredible gift. Use that gift to do good for others. Give without expecting anything in return. Your rewards will surprise even You.

Have a wonderful May and may it be filled with love and adventure!

From the East...

Richard

## Greetings from the West



With the end of the first quarter of the year and the beginning of Spring we are lucky enough to get to see the rebirth of life. Being from the central valley we are fortunate that we get to see the blooms of spring, by the blooms we are able to account for the return of the season and thank God for the beautiful scene which this season displays to our discerning eyes.

Spring is known for many things, Spring Cleaning, Springing Forward and even Spring Break. These three things have two things in common, first they all have the word spring in them and secondly and most importantly they all have something to do with renewing. By cleaning our homes we prepare for the rest of the year, Springing forward extends our day and makes it possible for us to enjoy our summer and finally Spring break allows us to relax from school or work before we go back to the grind stone.

So I leave you with this, since spring is the here and it's time to renew. Find something to help renew your life, find a new hobby or a new outlook on life. I know this season I will be looking to the ocean and will be learning kite surfing this year, there is nothing like a new adventure.

Fraternally,  
Nathan Williams



John Gahvejian  
Golden Veteran's Award



The spirit of May Day has kind of evolved for us at least, as a day to pay it forward and to think about putting others first. The mysterious giver bringing joy to someone else "just because." Can you imagine what life would be like if everyone paid it forward on one day? I welcome all the ladies to come share your stories of paying it forward with the ladies at stated meeting night. Besides who would want to miss salmon or Cornish game hen... As a special treat we are going to be taught how to play playing Card Bingo by Ethel Day and the Widows Club. I am excited to learn a new game. What a great way to share and get to know all the Mothers of our Lodge for the month as we celebrate Mothers. I will have a special treat for you to share. Please join us for a great day of Fun.

For Mother's day (well the day before Saturday, May 11, 2013) we are inviting all the Lodge brothers to bring their wives to Clovis Masonic Center for a night of dancing. We have had many request for social "get-togethers" and who doesn't like to dance. There is a \$5 cover charge and refreshments are offered, I am not sure if they are included. You won't want to miss out. I would like to support this event as it is a good opportunity to help support Clovis Lodge by supporting their rental group. Clovis is a little bit Country and the music is too. Hope to see you there at our Saturday, "Mom's Day"... night out! An e-mail will be coming with more info. Finally, we host all of our youth groups as they visit our lodge this month. Youth is of great important to our lodge and our Masonic family. They are our future and our hope for tomorrow. This will be a true joy for us all! See you all at the May stated meeting for sure!





## Greetings from the South



Greetings from the California Coast, my wife Annetta and myself are enjoying traveling on the coast in our first real vacation in twenty years, really nice to relax in this wonderful weather, sorry I missed the April Stated Meeting and Dinner, understand it was a great dinner as always. My thanks to Courtney Bacom for doing my work in the Banquet Room and Patrick Martin for taking my seat in the South. Congratulation to our Scholarship winners and Brother John Gahvejian, who received his Golden Veterans Award. We will be returning to the valley then off to Oregon for a few weeks. We miss our friends and Brethren.

Fraternally; Freddie

April Stated Meeting Dinner





## *P.M. Richard Frey's from the Archives*

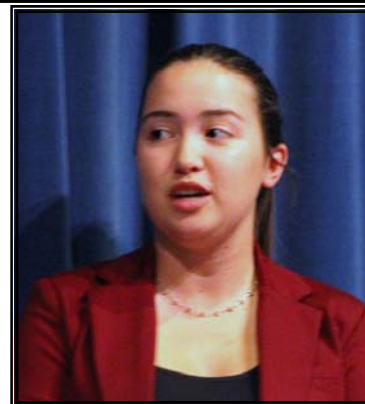
Las Palmas Lodge has had its share of elected officials throughout the years. On October 4, 1923, Lodge opened in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for the purpose of listening to the address of Bro. Henry Ellsworth Barbour, our local member of Congress. Lodge was called off and Bro. Barbour made a very interesting address on the "Work of Congress." Lodge was called on and closed in due form.

At the annual communication of our Grand Lodge, changes can be made in the way that constituent Lodges operate. Before the communication in 1924, for a Lodge to go from labor in one degree to another, the Lodge had to be closed and then opened on the other degree. This was changed so that Lodge could be called down from one degree to another for examinations. The rule on conferring degrees in different degrees was not, however, changed. On November 6, 1924 there was only one candidate ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> degree and Lodge was opened in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree and Ralph L. Rehorn was initiated in due form. Hugh McNulty was then examined in the candidates lecture of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree and Lodge was closed. Lodge was then opened in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and Cowan A. Sample and John W. Allen were raised Master Masons. Lodge was then closed for the night.

Today we have over 50 Life Members of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. This has not always been the case. At the December, 1924 Stated Meeting, Las Palmas Lodge adopted a resolution creating a Life Membership effective January, 1925. The fee was \$125 and the Lodge was able only to get the interest earned until the member died. Then the Lodge got to keep the \$125. Grand Lodge has changed the rules on Life Membership fees and while the Lodge keeps the earnings on the principal, the principal never reverts to the Lodge.

By 1924 Fresno had four active Lodges. The Temple that was constructed in 1911 was so busy with three Blue Lodges plus York Rite, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star, that newly formed Sun Garden Lodge had to meet at another rented facility. At the December 1924 Stated meeting a resolution was adopted, after questionnaires had been sent to all members, that all of the Masonic Bodies in Fresno start work on constructing a new Temple for all to use. Little did they know that their existing Temple would continue to be used for another 36 years.

When a man petitions a Lodge for the degrees of masonry, he must list his occupation. In the 1920's and 1930's some of the typical occupations were: collector, rail road conductor, engineer, agent, telegraph operator, physical director. (What did an agent or physical director do?)



### 2013 Scholarship Awards Recipients

Top left; Kylie Wheelock  
 Bottom left; Megan Motsenbocker  
 Top right; Eleanor Savage  
 Bottom right; Marissa Monazzami who  
 could not attend.



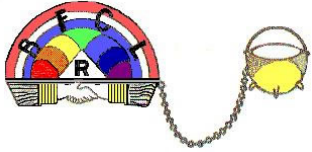


Thursday, April 11, 2013, Las Palmas-Ponderosa No. 366 was Dark, the Officers, Worshipful Sherrod; Junior Warden, Freddie Thiel; Secretary, Jim Clark; Senior Deacon, Gordon Keeton P.M.; Junior Deacon, Courtney Bacom; Chaplain, John Hopper,; Assist Secretary, Joe Sallee P.M.; Senior Steward, Kas Monazzami; Organist, Robert Gonzalez; Officers Coach, Chuck Bersani and Worshipful Forrester, Worshipful Wallace and James Forshey gathered at Mitsui Buffet for dinner and to socialize. After dinner on to Clovis Masonic Center for their April Stated Meeting, A wonderful night!



# *Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217*

*International Order of Rainbow for Girls*



Grand Assembly 2013 Photo Tour ~ Heart of the Valley Assembly and Pledge Members had a great time at their annual convention. Members participated in Talent, Ritual, Poetry, Sew-N-Sew and Arts-N-Crafts competitions. In addition, they attended Line Officer, Pot of Gold Reporter, Mother Advisor and Grand Deputy Meetings to enhance their Leadership Skills to continue Heart of the Valley's tradition of service to their community.

Pledge Group on Grand Assembly Floor



Pot of Gold Reporter Luncheon ~ Rhiannon and Joy were our 2012/13 reporters





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*Heart of the Valley held its April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Clovis In-N-Out*



*Majority Ceremony for Jessica Regier*



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*Banner Parade ~ Samantha and Mrs. Blasquez carry Heart of the Valley Banner.*



*Julia Holman, Assistant Grand Musician*





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Heart of the Valley Assembly celebrated 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday by attending Rainbow Church on April 7th



## ***Calendar of Events***

May 8	Stated Meeting (31 Bag Party @ 6:30)
May 22	Stated Meeting (Graduation/Farewell)
May 26	First Official Visit (West Hills)
June 8	Installation of Officers-Clovis Masonic Center
June 12	Stated Meeting
June 26	Stated Meeting
June 29	Grand Bethel (Visalia)

If you have not attended a Heart of the Valley meeting in some time, please join us any 2nd or 4th Wed of the month , 7:00 pm. at Clovis Masonic Center. We invite all members of our sponsoring bodies to come out and attend our meetings.

We have a stellar group of young ladies who LOVE Rainbow and it shows!!

*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!*

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*April Stated Dinner*



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# *from the WIDOWS CLUB May Meeting and Luncheon*

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*Come join us and enjoy great fellowship with kindred friends.  
We meet the last Wednesday of each month. \* at 12:00 o'clock noon for lunch at  
Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 East Clinton Avenue, Fresno CA.*

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

*R.S.V.P. Ethel Day, President (559) 276-2631 • Bobbi Cabbie Carder, Vice President, (559) 322-6851*

*• with exception of July, August and December*

*May 29, 2013, We will meet at Fresno Masonic Center for a Pot Luck*



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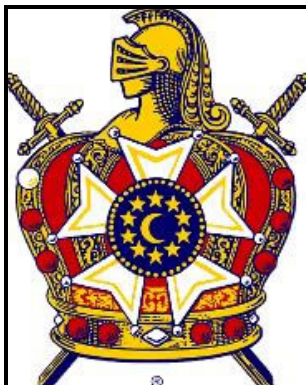


Gordon Keeton, Worthy Patron  
Susan Quinville, Worthy Matron



## 2013 Officers

Worthy Matron: . . . . . Susan Quinville  
Worthy Patron: . . . . . Gordon Keeton  
Associate Matron: . . . . . Kathy Lee  
Associate Patron: . . . . . John Herring  
Secretary: . . . . . Donna Herring  
Treasurer: . . . . . Kurtis Docken  
Conductress . . . . . Becky Davis  
Associate Conductress: . . . Darlene Henderson  
Chaplain: . . . . . Judith Healy  
Marshall: . . . . . Frieda Cazier  
Organist: . . . . . Carol Littleworth  
Adah: . . . . . Jeanette Foote  
Ruth: . . . . . Kay Docken  
Esther: . . . . . Beth Abate  
Martha: . . . . . Ruth Sterry  
Electa: . . . . . Lynn Haggerty  
Warder: . . . . . Stephen Healy  
Sentinel: . . . . . Bob Davis  
Prompter: . . . . . Dick Haggerty  
Flag Bearer: . . . . . Stan Littleworth  
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Photographer: . . . . . Linda Rodie



## State Center Chapter DeMolay International

MEETING DATES  
First and Third Mondays  
7:30 P.M.  
Fresno Masonic Center  
Contact;  
Bryan Schmalll



## Bethel No. 49 Jobs Daughters

MEETINGS DATES  
Second and Fourth Wednesdays  
7:30 P.M.  
Fresno Masonic Center  
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*Sharon Temple No. 92  
2012-2013  
Officers*

*Queen . . . . . Jeri Rouch  
Jr. Past Queen . . . . . Bonnie Gorden P.Q.  
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Princess Zuliema. . . . . Marlene Gardner  
Princess Musician . . . . . Karen Lasky  
Attendant . . . . . Brenda Matias  
Attendant . . . . . Jeanne Cunningham*



Queen, Jeri Rouch

*NILE MAY 2013 CALENDAR*

May 1, 2013;	11:30 A.M. Tulare-Kings Nile Club
May 8, 2013	7:30 P.M. Nile Stated Session Las Palmas Masonic Center
May 15, 2013	9:00 A.M. Nile Sewing
May 25, 2013	3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Nile Pageantry Fiesta Tehran Shrine Center



*Daughters of the Nile*

"Hello" from a new corps of officers at Sharon Temple No. 92, Daughters of the Nile. We had a lovely Installation and are set to begin celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our order. We are devoted to supporting "the world's greatest philanthropy." We will be having several fund raisers during the coming year.

Our sewing group contributes many hours to the Shriners Hospital for Children of Northern California. Donations of money and/or goods are accepted year-round and must be accounted for. Princesses Nancy Meeks and Mary Grace Marshall keep things running smoothly. We are very thankful to these ladies.

Watch the Trestle Board to see what events we have planned. If there is an activity that interests you, give one of us a call for more information. We would love to have more participation and the companionship is a bonus.

Until next time,





## *Nile 2013 Installation*







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# MAY BIRTHDAY'S



	Birthday	Raised		Birthday	Raised
Shawn P. Clark	5/12	4/9	Joseph H. Phillips	5/7	4/3
Robert L. Davis	5/7	6/7	Jonathan L. Pierro	5/3	10/9
Bert A. Flores	5/12	5/1	George W. Pope	5/19	9/8
Phillip C. Ford	5/11	9/30	Robert E. Schlotthauer	5/24	6/5
Richard C. Francis	5/30	4/19	John S. Schmidt	5/12	4/19
John Gahvejian	5/21	3/14	Warren D. Sonnenburg	5/18	11/12
Eldon L. Garrett	5/17	3/24	Gary A. Starr	5/30	3/1
Richard D. Graffis	5/22	5/27	Jerry F. Tabor	5/8	6/24
Fred M. Haines, Sr.	5/19	5/10	James A. Tarver	5/3	4/18
Gordon D. Keeton	5/14	9/26	Freddie E. Thiel	5/30	12/12
John P. Lamborn	5/21	12/29	James M. Vaughan	5/17	9/27
Calvin A. Macpherson	5/24	1/23	Nathan A. Williams	5/21	10/27
Donald L. Milligan	5/26	11/3	Robert N. Wills	5/20	4/3
Andrew C. Peerson	5/8	6/3	George D. Winterberg	5/28	9/24

## IN MEMORIAM

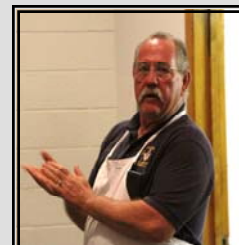
### Bernard W. Mitchell

Born 4/3/1932-Raised 4/9/1970  
Called from labor  
April 3, 2013



## May Stated Dinner Menu

Chef Vitz and his cooking crew will prepare a tasty group of appetizers and a full salad bar. Salmon with dill sauce or half of Apricot glazed Cornish Game Hen, roasted red potatoes, mixed vegetables and a tasty dessert.



Note; please indicate on your reservation, Salmon or Game Hen, Salmon will be served if no preference is noted.

## Fresno Masonic Widows Club

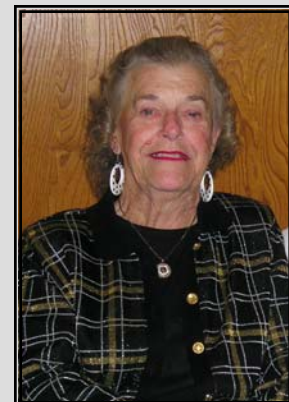
May 29, 2013, 12 Noon  
Pot Luck  
Fresno Masonic Center

President; Ethel Day  
Vice-President; Bobbi Carder  
Secretary; Betty Veffredo  
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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**May 2013**



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*Youth Group's Month*

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*



*Brethren, we will be calling our members to update their records and check on how they doing, please assist the callers with all the information needed. Checkout the menu on page five, May Stated Dinner, May 16, 2013, will again be a great dining experience, call for your reservations and choice of dinner, Salmon or 1/2 Cornish Game Hen. Join us in honoring our Masonic Youth Groups after dinner!*

*Join us for coffee week day mornings!!*



**MAY CALENDAR**

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|--------------|---|
| May 2, 2013  | 6:30 P.M. Dinner<br>7:00 P.M. First Degree Practice   |
| May 9, 2013  | 6:30 P.M. Dinner<br>7:00 P.M. Degree/Practice   |
| May 14, 2013 | 6:00 P.M. Hall Association Meeting<br>LPP Officers Meeting to follow  |
| May 16, 2013 | 6:00 P.M. Appetizers<br>6:30 P.M. Dinner<br>7:00 P.M. Youth Group Awards, Banquet Room<br>7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting      |
| May 23, 2013 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner<br>7:00 P.M. First Degree, Cory Alan Hulsey  |
| May 29, 2013 | 12:00 P.M. Widows Club Luncheon and Meeting<br>Fresno Masonic Center, Pot Luck 17                                       |
| May 29, 2013 | 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Sanger Masonic Center<br>7:30 P.M. First Degree Las Palmas, Exemplify<br>with two raps to obligation. |



**Heart of the Valley  
Assembly**

