



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



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Greetings from the East



Hello all,

I want to start out with why we have had to cancel some degrees. In order for there to be a degree performed, there has to be a top officer present. Other people can perform the degree; however, a top officer must be there. I have been totally overwhelmed with my work. I work in the railroad industry and I have to go and fix all of the problems that occur such as crossing arms and lights that alarm drivers of a train coming. With all of the recent storms, you can imagine how busy my job has been. It is the public safety aspect that I have to focus on and when I am needed, I have to go.

This involves cancelling lodge, sometimes at the last minute. Our other officers haven't been available to attend for their own reasons. The lodge is doing the best it can to get by, but I just wanted to let you know what was happening.

I also want to say to the candidates that were affected that we are sorry, and we are taking steps to fix it. As you have heard, "wait a time with patience," we are asking for your understanding. Storms like the ones we have been having don't come by every year and hopefully will start to slow down shortly.

I hope to see you all soon,

Fraternally,

Ryan Marrett

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hello Brethren and greetings from the West.

I know that you are all getting tired of my statements regarding coming to lodge. I am doing the best that I can, but sometimes it is like taking one step forward and three steps backwards.

I want to give a shout out to Bro. Barkley on the impending arrival of their new baby, it is an exciting time, and I hope that all goes well with the delivery.

I am going to close with this, sometimes things happen for a reason we don't understand and we get mystified when they pop up, But, the Supreme Grand Architect understands and that is what matters.

Stay safe brethren.

Fraternally,
Jeremy Kern
Senior Warden Elect



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Salutations from the South,

Well, March came in like a lion and went out like one too. Between the prodigious amount of rain and high winds, we have certainly had our share of inconveniences that the storm systems brought to our region.

At last month's stated meeting I informed the seven or eight brothers in attendance that due to the upcoming birth of Quinn, daughter number four, I would be taking a short hiatus while we get thru the first few months.

Additionally, I have a new phone number. If anyone wants it, our brother the secretary can give it to you.

Joshua Barkley
Junior Warden

April Birthday's

Robert	Sloan		1
Matthew	Ford		2
Joshua	Harmon	PM	2
Michael	Bowman	II	3
Daniel	Koontz		5
Richard	Iknoian		6
Charles	Bersani	PM	7
Howard	Pickle		7
Jeffrey	Banks		8
Scott	Fichtner	PM	8
Chad	Schmidt		8
Kenneth	Crum	Jr.	9
Clifford	Henderson		10
Robert	Scott		11
Fred	Lindeman	Sr.	12
W.	Jarboe		13
Steve	La Ferrera		14
Douglas	Finks		16
Shawn	Erwin		18
James	Keeton	PM	19
Herbert	Johnston		22
Harry	Dyck	Jr.	23
Earl	Jennings		23
Ervin	Kinchen	Jr.	23
David	Helwig		25
Mark	Stroup	PM	26
Thomas	Crossland		27
Kurt	Martin		27
Shane	Burkhart		28
Walter	Hibbard	D.D.S.	29
Troy	Johnson	Jr.	29
Glynn	Polacek		30

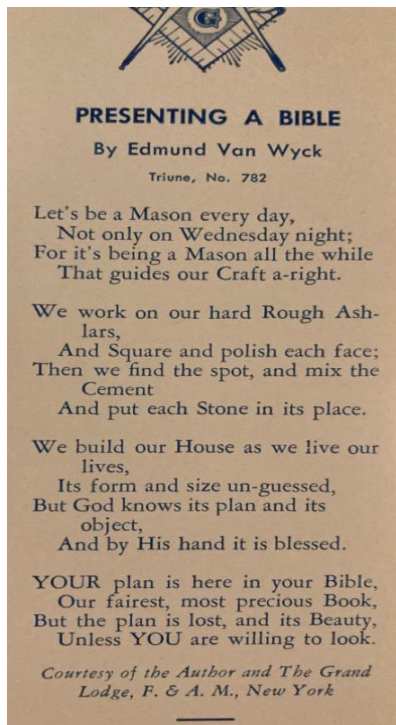
"The good men who come to our meetings invest life's most valuable asset: their time. We must welcome all of them, especially our new members, and we must speak to them as brothers. Every member, not just officers, should see this as a duty. Our members pay attention. It matters."





From the Archives:

Earlier this month, I did a Masonic funeral for a member of our Lodge who got his degrees in 1950 and 1951. His family had set out a display of his Masonic artifacts on a table at the funeral home for everyone to look through. I noticed a Masonic Bible that looked like the one that I got in 1968. When I picked it up, I noticed that there was a page marker in it which gave me some inspiration that I wanted to share with you.



These are some of the basic principles of Masonry which we should practice every day.

Look at them and see if you do these principles every day of your life, if not, then it is time to start.

In his June, 1984 Trestle board message, WM Larry Hopper said that one of his goals as Master was to have a net gain in membership for the year. With deaths, demits and suspensions, Las Palmas had been losing members faster than we could raise new Masons or acquire new members by affiliation. While he was not quite winning the race, they were opening Lodge at 6:30 for the second time that year so that they could confer degrees on five candidates in one evening.

From the West

Brethren:

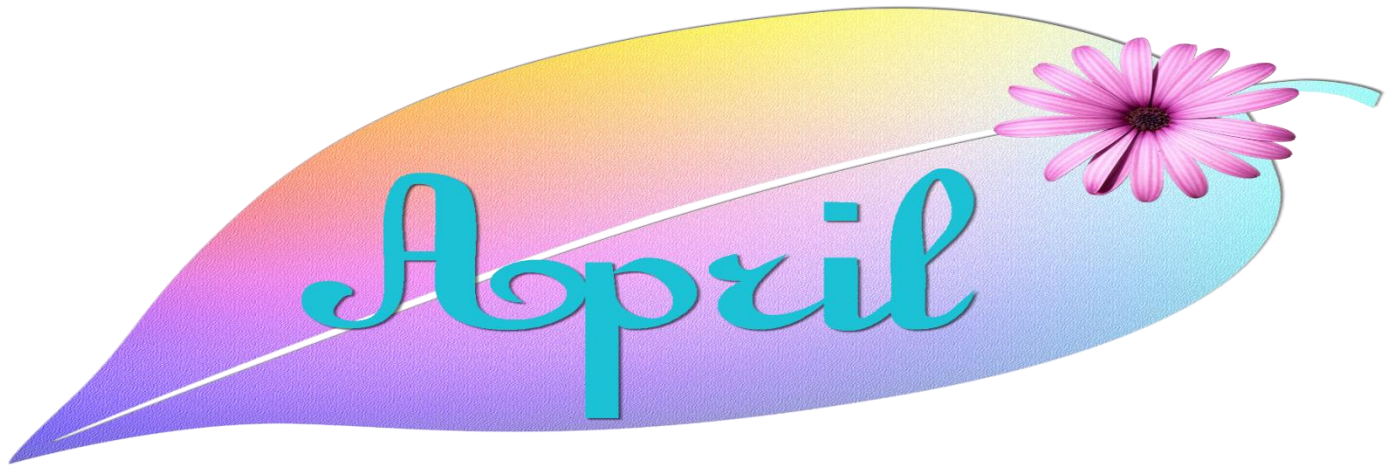
After just completing two weeks of military duty, I am even more aware of the existing and potential for increasing conflict in the world. It is important to remember, during times like these, that many of you Brethren and our forefathers are responsible for the freedoms we and our families have today.



In the same Trestle board, Senior Warden Larry Duba wrote:

It seems that the world has not change much in the last 39 years.

Happy April!



Our Thoughts
and Prayers
are With you

We have many brothers who need your support, be it their wives or family members, a call, a note or stop by just to remind them we are there for them in their time of need.

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Please notify the Lodge if our Brother is hospitalized, in a Nursing home, change of Address or incapacitated.

From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

I want to thank all of you for understanding the problems with the lodge. When we joined lodge we are told that we have 24 hours in a day and one part was for our usual vocations, when these degrees were written they knew nothing about the work schedules of today.

I have purposefully not put anything on the calendar and we will just have to play it day by day. As soon as we get passed this hurdle, we will be back to normal and have degrees again. Just bear with us! See you in lodge.

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

April Calendar

4-6	TBD	7:00 PM
4-13	Management board	6:00 PM
4-20	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
4-27	TBD	7:00 PM



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