



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



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Greetings from the East



Hello all,

Because I'm a mason.

A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town: "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car; I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment"

Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!"

The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening, the salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast, the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality.

As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?" "No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason".

I hope to see you all soon,

Fraternally,

Ryan Marrett

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hello Brethren and greetings from the West.

I want to start out with what a great crowd we had at our stated meeting. I want to congratulate all of the new officers and even the not so new!

I stepped in the Senior Wardens spot to help the lodge and I will now go back to my spot in the North as the officer's coach. The lodge seems to be finally turning the corner and getting on its feet. I am glad to see it.

I may not be at the lodge in physical form due to my ongoing health issues, but I will always be there in Spirit.

Installation will be on the 28th of December and will be a closed installation. Please come and join us as we install our new core of officers.

I will see you in Lodge!

Fraternally,
Chuck Bersani PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

I want to congratulate all the new officers that have joined the line!!

It's nice having new brothers in the officer line, it demonstrates their commitment and care for our Lodge. I would also like to thank all of the Past Masters that are helping to fill out our officer line.

If you need to give a proficiency for your chair/station to our Inspector (David Dreisbach, P.M.) and do not have his number please text myself (559-578-7800) or call our Secretary for his number, so that you can arrange a time and place to do so.

To all of our newly initiated brothers please come join us for our Stated Meeting and dinner. It would be great to see you all there.

Lastly, I want to say that I am looking forward to serving as the Senior Warden for the coming Masonic year.

Joshua Barkley
Junior Warden

December Birthday's

Gerald	Rasmussen		1
Derek	Taggard		1
Daniel	Pearce	PM	4
James	Peloian		4
Matthew	Guy		6
Michael	Dick		7
Charis	Smith		7
James	Wadkins		7
Christopher	Kim		8
Dewayne	Bien		9
Steven	Shute		9
Charles	Gomez	Jr.	10
Lance	Williams		10
Douglas	Boudakian		11
Devon	Bleak	III	12
Leonard	Ogden		12
Chad	Kreller		13
William	Clark	D.D.S.	14
Benjamin	Lewis		14
Kevin	Casey		20
Charles	Garabedian		20
Dee	Lewis		20
Ronald	Weiner		20
Robert	Mc Colaugh		22
Kenneth	Elia		23
Mitchell	Mirigian		23
Johnnie	Harshman	Jr.	25
L. Dean	Lowe	Ph.D	25
Don	Blosser		27
Gregory	Burton		27
Paul	Redondo		27
Kenneth	Smith		29
Randall	Cox		30
Kenneth	Bryson		31
Robert	Roberts		31

"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:

As a child I learned the story about The Little Train That Could. It continually said "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can." When it reached the top of the mountain it said "I knew I could." Last night Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge reached the top of its post Covid mountain.

When I drove into our parking lot for the November Stated Meeting, I was surprised and pleased to see an abnormally large number of cars. When I looked into the dining room, I saw more tables with people eating than I had seen since we closed down for Covid. When we started our Stated Meeting and Election of officers, I was extremely pleased to see a total of 19 brothers present.

For some time, in these articles, I have said that we were still suffering from long-Covid. This was because not enough of our members were attending Lodge to even open or put on a degree. On two occasions we resorted to asking members of Fresno Lodge to help us confer a degree. I know that one meeting with a good showing does not mean that we are totally cured from Covid, but it is a good indication that there is hope we have been cured. The only way to prove that we are cured is to show up for Lodge, participate in the degrees and give encouragement to our officers.

Brother Bill Lyons was Master of Clovis Lodge in 2004 and again in 2012. He was elected our Master for 2024 which will make him the first member to be Master of both Clovis and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodges. Congratulations Brother Bill. Now you can give Brother Bill and our other officers your support by attend our Lodge as much as possible.



Hello December!



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.

Chuck Bersani PM - Health

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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 congratulate all of the new officers, thank you in advance. We will be having a Closed installation with a dinner beforehand. Closed simply means members only. I want to thank all who have helped the lodge this year for your service and dedication to the lodge. I hope everyone will start to make an attempt to start attending lodge once again, your brothers and friends miss you! Happy holidays.

See you in lodge.

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

December Calendar

12-7	Installation practice	7:00 PM practice
12-14	2nd nd degree	6 :30 dinner/ 7:30 degree
12-21	Stated Meeting/Dinner	6:30 dinner/ 7:30 PM
12-28	Installation	6:30 Dinner



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