



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Happy February to all. I want to personally thank everyone who came to our installation on the 14th. We had a great turn out. The food provided by Legacy Chapter #555 was delicious and we are so grateful and thankful for their support. I would also like to thank all of the installing officers.

We are starting this year off strong with a 3rd Degree February 2nd with dinner at 630PM and the Degree to start at 730PM. It would be great to see as many brothers there as possible. If you are able to attend, please do so, it would be wonderful to see many faces I have not seen in some time and to have as many brothers there to show support for our brother becoming a Master Mason.

We have several Degrees planned in the coming weeks we will keep all of you posted on upcoming events. I am hoping to get as many brothers as possible together for different events, things we have not done for some time or ever. In hope of building a stronger brotherhood in our lodge and strengthening our bonds.

I am honored with your trust in me and I will do all I can to help strengthen our lodge and help it grow in a positive way.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,
Ryan Marrett
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hello Brethren and greetings from the West.

We survived the somewhat biblical rains and are moving on to dryer times. As we prepare to set up our gardens and tend to our yards (which we might be able to water this year)

I know that we have some work coming on the schedule as well. Please come join us for dinners, meetings, degrees, or simply to say Hello.

You probably shouldn't forget to give an extra hug, kiss, or get a little something special for your significant other on the 14th either (consider yourselves reminded that Valentines is fast approaching) I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,
Jeremy Kern
Senior Warden Elect



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Our annual installation of officers was held on January 14th and, I must say that it was so nice to see all of those who came out to show their support for the newly elected officers. I would like to thank all the ladies and brothers that prepared the wonderful meal following the aforementioned ceremonies.

I furthermore want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the brothers that have helped me to learn our ritual, your time, patience, and knowledge imparted is something that I sincerely treasure. I am especially looking forward to my new station in the lodge and conferring degrees. I would like to invite any brother wanting to learn any part of our ritual, please just ask and it shall be given to you, I am always happy to help with that.

It is February and the almond blossoms will soon be here and so too our brief spring. As such we typically use this time of year to "spring clean" our homes from winter clutter, whilst doing so I would like to also posit that we also "spring clean" our hearts and consciences of any prejudices that we may have. We are after all the children of the same Almighty parent. Again, I urge those that have not been to Lodge in a while to please attend, your brothers would love to see you again! We have a great group that has an avidity for our Lodge and our brethren.

I implore more of our brothers to come to join in the fellowship.

Joshua Barkley
Junior Warden

February Birthday's

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| Robert | Papazian | | 4 |
| Gene | Pattee | | 4 |
| John | Baird | | 6 |
| Edmond | Bandini | | 6 |
| Gary | Spoelstra | | 6 |
| Jerome | Thormann | Jr. | 9 |
| Richard | Donaldson | | 10 |
| Byron | Pretzer | | 10 |
| Timothy | Tyler | | 10 |
| Richard | Bernier | Sr. | 13 |
| Daryl | Nichols | Jr. | 14 |
| Ruben | Rios | | 14 |
| Gerald | Sharp | | 14 |
| David | Sorge | | 15 |
| Richard | Childs | | 16 |
| John | Scott | | 16 |
| Omar | Khan | | 17 |
| Jason | Weiner | | 17 |
| Jeremy | Hartman | | 18 |
| Bryan | Kincade | PM | 18 |
| James | Mc Cown | | 18 |
| Alan | Hansen | | 19 |
| Ali | Hatamaria | | 19 |
| Khoa | Le | | 19 |
| Richard | Frey | PM | 21 |
| Rodney | Rowlett | | 21 |
| Cline | Jack | Jr. PM | 23 |
| Larry | Lee | | 27 |
| Larry | Minasian | | 27 |
| Jared | Lyons | | 29 |
| Michael | Reynolds | | 29 |
| Joshua | Skunca | | 29 |





From the Archives:

Several weeks ago I got an e-mail from Brother Larry Hopper with an attachment with images of two of the Trestleboards from his father's year as Master in 1950.

Prior to receiving these two documents we had no copies of our Trestleboards from 1946 to 1963, a span of 17 years. I knew from reading the minutes of Las Palmas Lodge for this time period that we were a very busy Lodge and that Brother James Hopper was called "50-50 Hopper". Presumably he conferred 50 third degrees in 1950.

In the January-February Trestleboard, Brother Hopper writes: To date (probably late January) we have conferred three third degrees, four seconds and three first degrees. We have lost five through death all of who had traditional Masonic Services. On February 22, we will take two members to Kingsburg Lodge to have the officers of Kingsburg Lodge confer the second degree and on the 28th we will take two more members to Sanger Lodge for their second degree.

From the June-July Trestleboard, we learn that Las Palmas took two candidates to Kingsburg Lodge on May 31st to be raised Master Masons. In my 50+ years as a Master Mason, I have only seen one occasion when we conferred two third degrees on the same evening. That was on May 2, 1968 when Brother Bob Reynolds PM and other Past Masters conferred the third degree on Brothers John and Mike Reynolds. I think we started around 5 pm and finished up just before 11:00. Today, our Grand Lodge does not allow the conferring of more than one third degree at a time.

Brother Hopper also said that Las Palmas was making history as we had four brothers, the sons of a member of our Lodge, taking all of their degrees together. My research shows these brothers to be: Besley, Ellsworth, Richard and Robert Lewis. They got their first degrees on May 18, 1950, their seconds on July 20th and were raised on August 11th. They must have been smart guys to learn their work so quickly. Besley died in 1996 and his three brothers all took demits.

On Saturday, January 14, we had our annual Installation of Officers. For the first time in my Masonic career, I was the Master of Ceremonies. I thought that the ceremonies went quite well and that even though it was raining quite hard, I counted 35 sideliners plus the Eastern Starr crew in the kitchen and the newly installed officers.

We have a third degree set for February 2nd. The candidate is Rian Bowman. I take special interest in Brother Rian's progress in Masonry as I coached him in the long form through his first and second degree. I would appreciate all Masons who can attend to show up to Lodge on February 2nd to watch Rian raised a Master mason. We will also have a first degree on February 9th. The free dinner is at 6:30 and the degree starts at 7:30. At this time, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge seems to be doing quite well.

Happy February!



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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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

Another month has gone and we are getting back into the swing of things. I am looking forward to warmer days and nights. We are starting to confer more degrees and that means progress for the lodge. I would ask that some of the long-time members come and share with our new brethren your experiences with the lodge. We can break bread and share stories. They would appreciate it, just like you did.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

February Calendar

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| 2-2 | 3 rd Degree/ Bowman | 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 degree |
| 2-9 | 1 st degree | 6:30 Dinner. 7:30 degree |
| 2-16 | Stated meeting | 6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm |
| 2-23 | 3 rd Degree/ Contreras | 6:30 dinner, 7:30 degree |



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