



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



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Greetings from the East



Hello brethren. I hope everyone is well. The lodge is progressing along with degree conferrals, and the officers are working hard to try and keep up. The only thing we could use is more sideliners. Our new candidates are excited to be joining our fraternity. They are just starting their journey's and are beginning to make lifelong friends.

We got the unpleasant news of our Marshall, Joshua Crane, passing away. Brother Crane will be missed and leaves a void in the temple. The officers have rallied around the Crane family to try and help where we can. I have been in contact with Joann Crane and they are taking it really hard.

I apologize for the shortness of this article as I have been under the weather myself. I hope that spring will soon be here and we can get some better weather.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,
Ryan Marrett
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hello Brethren and greetings from the West.

I want to start out by apologizing for not being able to come to Lodge. My work has been very busy and I am the main person for the time being. I am dutifully working towards realigning my schedule to see if I can make time to come to lodge.

I read the news of Brother Joshua Crane with a lot of sadness. Joshua and I were about the same age and we both came from military backgrounds. He was a fine man and a fine Mason. I, along with all of you, will miss him.

It is nice to see the lodge busy with degrees and I know that this core of officers will rise to the occasion. They need the support and praise of sideliners.

Hopefully I will see you soon and we can catch up!

Fraternally,
Jeremy Kern
Senior Warden Elect



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Last month we tragically lost our Brother Marshall Joshua Crane in a motorcycle accident. Josh was a combat veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan. One evening a few months back we were discussing our combat experiences. We learned that we were in Basra, Iraq at the same time, him being in the Army infantry and I being in the Marine Corps infantry, were operating on different sides of that area.

That discovery made a special link between him and me that I will forever cherish. One day we will meet again my brother in that Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. You will be sorely missed Brother.

The almond blossoms are here once again and so too is spring. This is traditionally regarded as a time of renewal and regrowth. I would like to ask those that have not attended Lodge in a while to cogitate and ask themselves why; we all would delight in seeing you again.

I want to implore all of you to consider this a time to come to Lodge and renew your friendships and feel that rebirth of true fellowship among you and your brothers. Last month our Lodge conferred a third degree for Brother Rian Bowman - Raised on February 2nd, and we Initiated Brother Lance Williams on February 9th. It fills me with jubilation that we are conferring degrees.

Joshua Barkley
Junior Warden

March Birthday's

Jordan	Bachman	3
Franklin	Lewis	3
Mike	Hamzy	4
Robert	Crossland	5
Lyle	Evans Jr.	6
Michael	Garrett	6
Bee	Her	9
Stephen	Harlan	12
Jeffery	Whitener	13
Ronald	Letterman	17
Michael	O'Connell	17
Trenton	Smith	17
Clifford	Carrigan	18
Denton	Hollifield	18
Timothy	Jurkowski	18
Gerald	Peloian	18
Norman	Meachum	19
Glen	Ream	19
Jack	Ouzounian	20
Herbert	Spencer	21
Michael	Chapman	24
Andrew	Kincaid	25
Sean	Rutledge	25
William	Woolman	26
Boyd	Whitener	27
Donald	Pribble	28





From the Archives:

As many of you know, we recently lost our Marshall, Joshua Crane, due a tragic accident. The death of any person is unfortunate, but when it is of a young man who has a wife and young daughter, it is devastating. I first met Joshua in 2015 when I was part of his investigating committee and went to his house to interview him. He told me that he had served his country in Afghanistan and later on worked for a U.S. contractor over there.



I watched Bro Joshua go through his degrees and also saw him serve his lodge by doing tasks around our building. I also observed some of the ongoing pain that he had from serving his country. I was happy to see him appointed Senior Steward in 2017 and Marshall in 2018, 2022 and 2023. Thank you for your service to our Country and to our Lodge. Bro Joshua, you will be deeply missed by all of us at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. My deepest condolences go to your wife and daughter.

From the very start, Las Palmas Lodge always held its Stated Meeting on the third Thursday of the month. In my reading of the old minutes, I can find no reason why we held this important meeting so late in the month. Most Lodges hold their Stated Meeting during the first week of the month. There can, however, be problems with holding our Stated Meeting so late in the month. Since our Grand Lodge holds its annual communication in October, sometimes this can take place on the third Thursday. When this happens, Grand Lodge will direct us to hold our Stated Meeting on the second Thursday. In 1984, Maunday Thursday was on the third Thursday and to allow all of our Brothers who were in Scottish Rite to attend Maunday Thursday services, we got a dispensation to hold our Stated Meeting on the 2nd Thursday in April.

As a side note, Clovis Lodge was one of the Lunar Lodges in California. A Lunar Lodge held its Stated Meeting on a specific day of the week (Thursday for Clovis Lodge) but the week of the month was the one with the Stated Meeting closest to the full moon. This was to allow the members to have the aid of a full moon to travel to and from Lodge. Eventually, Clovis Lodge did away with its Lunar Lodge schedule and converted to a specific Stated Meeting schedule. I understand that there are still a handful of Lunar lodges still operating in California.

In our April, 1984 Trestleboard, Jr. Warden John Denton reported "Brother Tip Banks, Chapter Dad for our Las Palmas DeMolay Chapter has informed me that the Chapter is steadily growing and wishes to thank all the brethren of the Las Palmas Lodge for their support of all the Chapter activities.

Unfortunately, our Las Palmas DeMolay Chapter is no longer in existence.

Happy March!



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.

Mike Reynolds - virus

Delores Keeton - laceration

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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

Degrees, degrees, degrees. It is so nice to be back at labor doing degree work. I hope they keep coming, the younger guys help keep us all young. Well, we ask for snow and snow we got. I think we are going to be more careful in the way we ask for things. My goodness. I hope they find a way to save as much as they can, it would be nice to have green lawns again. I invite you to attend the degrees, you will get a free meal and a splendid degree performance. See you soon!

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

March Calendar

3-2	Practice	7:00 PM
3-9	2nd degree	6:30 Dinner. 7:30 degree
3-16	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
3-23	1st Degree	6:30 dinner, 7:30 degree
3-30	3 rd degree	6:30 dinner, 7:30 degree



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