



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Hello all,

I want to start out thanking Worshipful Chuck Bersani for stepping up and filling the open hole of Senior Warden. It shows his dedication to the lodge, not only does he teach us, he joins us. Thank you, Worshipful Bersani.

We have several degrees to get done and we will be voting on more at our stated meeting, 2 more to be exact. It feels good to have new petitions and that things are returning to a somewhat more normal state.

Because of the number of new petitions and candidates that are ready to advance, we may not be going dark in July as we have in past years. If you are an officer and have plans to vacation, please let us know in advance so that we can find replacements for when you are gone.

Together we will get through this hurdle and survive. If I can be of any help for you, please reach out to me and I will see if we can find a solution for it!

I hope to see you all soon,

Fraternally,

Ryan Marrett

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hello Brethren and greetings from the West.

We want to thank Wor. Charles Bersani for stepping up and taking the job of Senior Warden. It has been a problem not having the top 3 officers and hopefully this will fix the problem.

We have several degrees coming up and it would really help to see you in lodge.

Fraternally,
Bryan Kincade
Secretary



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Salutations from the South,

As many of you may have heard, my family grew by plus one with the birth of my fourth daughter Quinn. She was born March 31 and weighed 4 pounds 8 ounces, other than being small she is in perfect health and quickly gaining weight.

As for the question of when I expect to return to Lodge, I am hoping for June/July. I can say that I truly do miss being at Lodge and conferring degrees. Once I am back, I look forward to conferring as many degrees as I can.

I want to thank all of you for your support and understanding. during my absence.

Joshua Barkley
Junior Warden



Quinn Barkley

May Birthday's

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| Woodrow | Nichols | Jr. | 2 |
| Jonathan | Pierro | | 3 |
| James | Tarver | | 3 |
| Frank | Gann | Jr. PM | 4 |
| James | Schultz | | 5 |
| Alan | Burnham | PM | 6 |
| Robert | Davis | PM | 7 |
| Andrew | Peerson | | 8 |
| Jerry | Tabor | | 8 |
| Gaby | Nakad | | 11 |
| Shawn | Clark | | 12 |
| Larry | Finfrock | | 12 |
| Bert | Flores | | 12 |
| Allan | Melikian | | 12 |
| John | Schmidt | | 12 |
| Richard | Payne | PM | 13 |
| Gordon | Keeton | PM | 14 |
| Eldon | Garrett | | 17 |
| James | Vaughan | PM | 17 |
| Matthew | Houk | | 18 |
| Ryan | Marrett | | 20 |
| Nathan | Williams | PM | 21 |
| Alejandro | Chavez | | 23 |
| Nikhil | Kohli | | 24 |
| David | Clark | | 25 |
| H. | Weldon | | 25 |
| Donald | Milligan | | 26 |
| Dean | Walker | | 28 |
| Anthony | Barba | | 30 |
| Gary | Starr | PM | 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:

Our Las Palmas widows club planned a two-day bus trip on Nov. 12-13, 1984. The trip included a tour of our children's home in Covina, Universal Studio, and the J. Paul Getty Museum. Overnight lodging would be aboard the Queen Mary at Long Beach Harbor. The cost per person was \$80.00. That would be about \$225.00 in today's dollars. Still sounds to me like a good deal. I am sure that they had lots of fun.

In our October, 1984 Trestleboard, our Secretary, Bob Paden, wrote in his article: At our last stated meeting a resolution was introduced to increase our dues from \$30.00 a year to \$36.00 a year. The finance committee reported that a study had been made and the amount of dues now being received would pay the bills of the lodge through September of each year, it being necessary to get extra money from the Trustees to remain solvent for the last three months of the year. The dues increase will produce about \$5,000.00, which will take care of expenses for the last three months and will help keep our savings account intact for more important purposes.

If a \$6.00 increase in dues would raise about \$5,000.00, then we must have had over 900 paying members in 1984. I do not know what the Grand Lodge assessment was back in 1984, but today, out of our \$140 in dues, just under half goes to our Grand Lodge Assessment. Thanks to the hard work of our Secretary, Bryan Kincade, and our Treasurer, Richard Ehorn, our Lodge expenses have been kept down so the Lodge has not asked the Trustees for any money for the past 3 years.

Here is something that I have totally forgotten. When members got their dues receipt for 1985 they found enclosed in the envelope a round decal which was to be attached to the rear window of their car. This would be a visible sign that they had paid their dues for 1985, and also may be a signal to persons who have been thinking about masonry to stop you to ask about becoming a member. While we cannot ask a person to be a Mason, we can still advertise.

A Layman's Night was held at Las Palmas Lodge on Thursday, May 23, 1985 and all non-masons were invited to attend with their wives. A dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. and prospective members were admitted free. The wives had to pay for their meal, as will members of the lodge. Following the dinner was a special program to explain masonry to those not acquainted with the fraternity. Brother Leland T. Peterson, representing the Grand Lodge of California was in charge of the meeting.

Happy May!

Hello
MAY



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.

Robert Roberts - accident

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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

I hope you are all enjoying your spring, it seems like we are really having one this year.

I'm trying to figure out what it takes to get brethren to come to lodge. The officers get discouraged when they see so many empty seats and they would love to meet you and hear some of your stories about joining lodge. The history of the lodge gets smaller when it doesn't get passed on to our newer brothers. Please try and come to support the officers!

See you in lodge.

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

May Calendar

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| 5 - 4 | TBD | 7:00 PM |
| 5-11 | Management board | 6:00 PM |
| 5-18 | Stated meeting | 6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm |
| 5-25 | TBD | 7:00 PM |



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