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Greetings from the East



Hello all,

Masonic humour:

Bob and Bill were brother Masons and great friends for most of their lives.

Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill?"

"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

"Oh, MY, what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic, better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth. The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up.

"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask, that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third-degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

I hope to see you all soon,

Fraternally,

Ryan Marrett

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hello Brethren and greetings from the West.

I hope all are well. I have been having some issues with my health and will probably be scarce for a while. I am glad to see brothers step up to keep the degrees going and helping out the lodge.

Every since we were mandated to shut down for Covid, attendance has been a problem. Not only in our lodge but in all the other lodges too. The candidates learn their proficiencies and the officers learn their work, but it is normally performed on a very sparce group. Attendance is everything to a lodge and it makes the candidates extremely happy to see brothers on the sideline.

Elections will be happening this month and I hope that if you have some free time to spare you will make the stated meeting.

I will see you in Lodge!

Fraternally,
Chuck Bersani PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

Congratulations to Brothers John Wilson and Christopher Kim on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

To those that attended the degree and subsequently helped to make the degree happen thank you!! A big Thank you goes out to Fresno Lodge for helping us raise brother Christopher Kim.

Since we are now in the colder part of our year tuxedos or a dark suit/dark pants and a white button up shirt should be worn for degrees stated meetings we will still be wearing our Lodge polo.

This being the month of November we will be soon holding our annual election of Officers. If you would like to be part of the officer line please inform myself, or our Secretary.

Joshua Barkley
Junior Warden

November Birthday's

Jeremy	Kern		2
John	Sorge		3
Brenton	Weiner		3
Karekin	Khatchadoorian		5
Donald	Williams		5
John	Denton	PM	6
Michael	Jensen		6
John	Lane		8
Scott	Pearce		8
David	Kreller		9
William	Lyons		9
Thomas	Morris		9
William	Bissell		10
Joseph	Catania		11
John	Herring	PM	11
Tyler	Faruzzi		12
Gilbert	Ovalle		12
Gene	Page		15
Sean	Ford	PM	16
Ryan	Barnes		18
Thomas	Ewing	III	18
Garroll	White		21
Richard	Ehorn		22
Joseph	Perry	Jr. PM	24
Michael	Bowman		25
Jon	Acosta		28
Stuart	Hoskins		28
Brian	Rowland	PM	28
James	Wilson	III	28
David	Hiatt		29

"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."



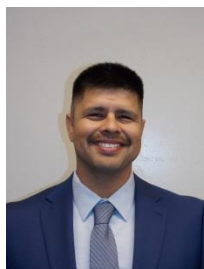


From the Archives:

Last night (October 26) we had the honor and privilege of Making John Wilson a Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge.

I have been writing this article for over 10 years and I have never singled out a new Master Mason before, but I think it is time that I do. John Wilson grew up in Selma and attended high school in Fresno. He has been married to his wife Danielle for 13 years and they have two boys ages 11 & 12 and a girl age 8. He and his wife run a family company that installs and repairs fire sprinklers.

When our Chaplain, Stan Walker, was absent from Lodge due to medical problems, who was our acting chaplain for 1st degrees and Stated Meeting? It was Brother Wilson who was a newly initiated Entered Apprentice Mason. When I and Brother Larry Hopper put on Brother Mike Reynolds funeral at the Fresno Convention Theater, I was very impressed that in the audience were Brother Wilson and his wife, Danielle. It was Brother Wilson who took the picture of me performing the Masonic Funeral Service that I previously posted on our Lodge website home page.



We all know that Lodge attendance is way down for all kinds of reasons. The fact that Brother Wilson has young children at home and runs his own business did not create an excuse for not attending virtually every meeting that he was eligible to attend. The same possible excuses might have kept him from quickly learning the long form candidate's proficiencies, but not Brother Wilson. Brother Wilson is the kind of person that makes me proud to be a Mason. Congratulations on being the newest Master Mason member of Las Palms-ponderosa Lodge.

In the June, 1986 Trestle board message as Sr. Warden, Brother Jim Hall wrote an article that I think needs repeating.

Medical experts that deal with the mind inform us that one of Modern Man's most pressing problems is feeling of alienation from society. We are told by various groups that to be accepted by society we must wear certain styles of clothes, drive specific types of automobiles and eat only those foods specified by them. They even go so far as to tell us that our views on common behavior are outmoded and we should excuse the worst criminals for reasons which defy understanding. It is small wonder that the average person is confused. Your Masonic Lodge, however, has not surrendered to "modern" thinking. It still maintains that it is the internal and not the external man that is important. That Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the mainstays of our Lodge and honesty and respect toward each other are essential. Masonry is still a place where true friendship exists and each of us can find peace and harmony.

Hello November!

NOVEMBER



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.

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,

We are quickly coming to the end of another Masonic year. November is elections month and if you thought about becoming an officer, put your name in the hat. Either contact myself or Junior Warden Joshua Barkley and let us know. It will soon be holiday season and the lodge will start to slow down but throughout this year we have conferred 12 different degrees and have made 4 Master Masons.

See you in lodge.

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

November Calendar

11-2	1 st degree	6:30 dinner/ 7:30 PM degree
11-9	2 nd rd degree	6 :30 dinner/ 7:30 degree
11-16	Stated Meeting/Dinner	6:30/ 7:30 PM
11-23	2 nd degree	6:30 Dinner
11-30	Open	



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