



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
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## Greetings from the East



Hello all,

Masonic humor:

The police have a new set of breathalyser equipment they want to test out, so they decide to head to the local Masonic Hall and lie in wait for the end of the Festive Board.

As the evening draws to a close the first person out the building is clearly staggering around as he heads for his car.

The mason in question gets in and starts to drive away, swerving as he goes. The police pull in behind and after he goes round the corner they stop the mason.

"Evening sir, you look like you've been having a good time this evening".

The mason replies with slurred speech "Oh yes officers, I've had a great time. There were loads of top gentlemen there in good cheer, all the great and the good in masonry were present. We had the Grand Deacons, the Grand Wardens, even the Grand Master himself."

The officer asks "so with all the great and the good there, what rank are you?"

The mason replies, stone cold sober: "I'm the Grand Decoy"

I hope to see you all soon,

Fraternally,

Ryan Marrett

Worshipful Master



From the West,

Hello Brethren and greetings from the West.

Degrees are coming in nicely. We have been very fortunate to be able to confer degrees on a regular basis. I am happy to report that the officers are doing a great job and normally have to change rolls on a regular basis for the different degrees.

I have to mention the Past Masters of the lodge for jumping in to fill a station at moment's notice. The officers learn their work, and while it may not be letter perfect, they really are striving for perfection.

I will be missing a little time from lodge as I have to have a procedure done in the near future. I can't say I am looking forward to it as it will probably slow down my golf game for a bit. You know it is all about priorities!

Enjoy the cooler weather, and this great fall weather. If you would like to join the officer's line, let us know as we will have a couple of openings.

I will see you in Lodge!

Fraternally,  
Chuck Bersani PM  
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

I want to start by giving a hearty congratulations to Brother John Wilson on both giving a satisfactory long form Entered Apprentice proficiency and for also being Passed to the degree Fellow Craft. I thank all the Brothers present that helped to put on a good Degree.

Congratulations to Nathaniel Stapp and Thomas Stockwell on becoming Entered Apprentices. I was especially surprised by a visiting Brother we had, Brother Shane Finley, Past Master Keowee Lodge 79 Pickens, South Carolina. Coincidentally Brother Finley and I grew up just a few towns apart from one another. Such a small world. We also were visited by Brother Ron Lee, Past Master from Gardnerville, Nevada.

I am thoroughly enjoying all the degrees we have been conferring over the past few months. I again want to encourage more brothers to show up not only for the degrees but for our stated meetings as well. Your participation is desired and welcome.

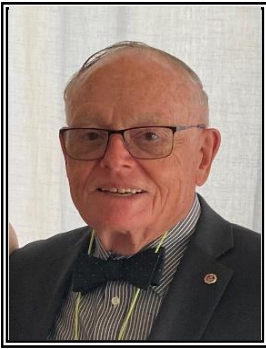
Joshua Barkley  
Junior Warden

## October Birthday's

Stanley	Antranikian		1
William	Crossland		1
Harry	Manoogian		1
Steven	Howell		4
Timothy	Newcomb		5
William	Clem		6
Richard	Peters		8
Shon	Abell		10
Mark	Eisenberg		10
Mark	Sanchez		10
Wade	Woolsey		11
Stanley	Burton		13
Blair	Cunnings		13
Paul	Wolf		14
Abel	Herroz		16
William	Gaudian	III	17
Charles	Alstrom	PM	18
James	Cummings	PM	18
George	Forrester	PM	20
Charles	Jones		20
James	Clare		22
Scott	Coleman	Sr.	23
Casey	Sagmaquen		23
Saul	Aguirre		26
John	Green		26
Donald	Lenz		27
Frank	Merrill		28

*"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:**

In his December, 1985 Trestle board message, WM Larry Duba informed us that Las Palmas was doing better than the trend in California to lose members. Our net memberships only decreased by 5 members while our Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii had decreased by approximately 7,000. By January of 1986, we had over 800 members in our Lodge.

Brother Duba currently has two friends who received their first degree on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Brother Duba delivered the charge at the end of their initiation.

In his February, 1986 Trestle board message, SW Jim Hall talked about his attendance at our Grand Lodge annual communication the prior October. "A decision by the Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii and a decision by the Grand Lecturer of Masons in California and Hawaii were overridden by a vote of the membership. Think of it Brethren! Decisions by the two most powerful men in our organization were nullified by a vote of the lay membership. It reaffirmed the fact that Freemasonry is not a fraternity governed by the rich and powerful but rather by its membership."

On February 13, 1986 Las Palmas had an "All Proficiency Examination Night". Lodge must have opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and then dropped down to the second and then first degrees so that candidates could give their proficiencies in all three degrees. Back then there was only the long form. Back then, as well as now, up to 5 candidates can be examined in their degree at the same time. Back then, multiple candidates giving their proficiencies was common, today it is rarely done.

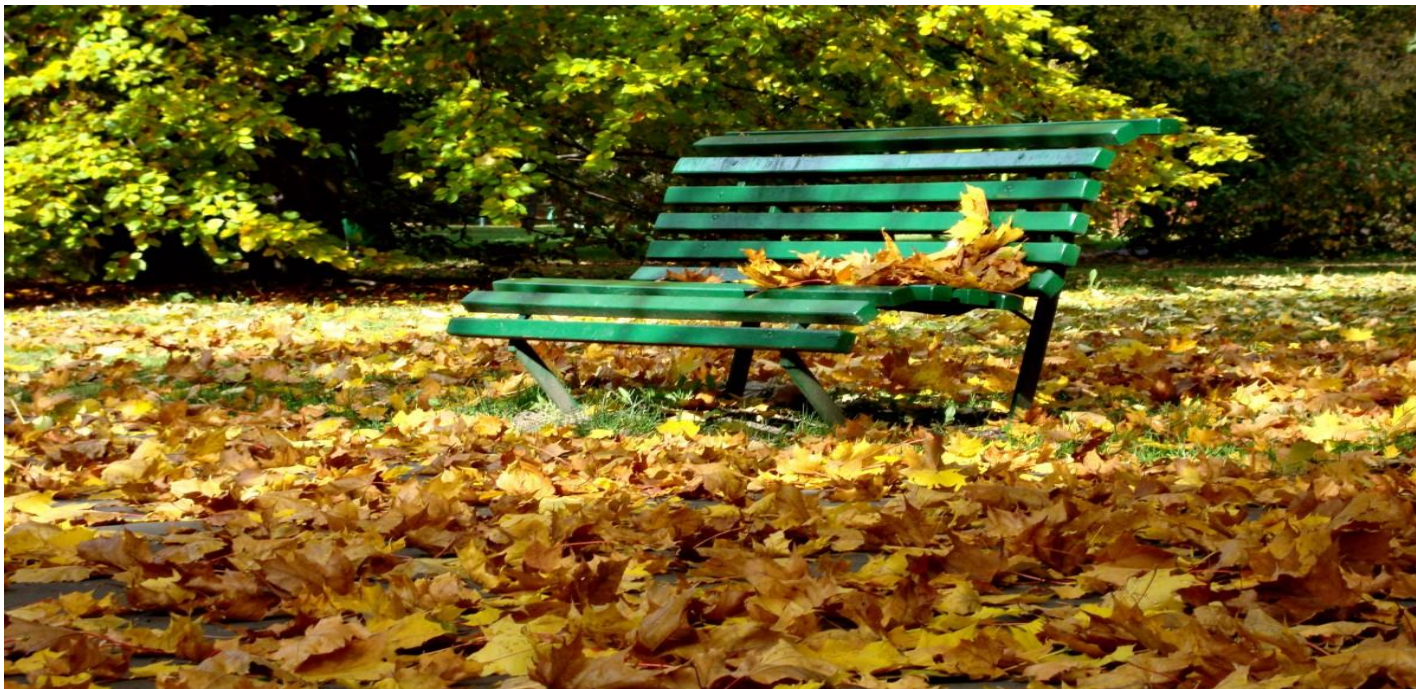
On April 21, 1986 there was a Candidates Coaches School of Instruction, 7:30 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Temple. All candidates' coaches were required to attend in order that they could see the proficiencies exemplified and have any questions answered. Back then it truly was a mouth to ear experience. The GL approved cyphers were not adopted in California until 2003.

As a candidates coach, I do not know if the cyphers help or hinder our candidates, but for those members who coach, they do reduce the learning of errors in our work by our candidates. With a cypher, the coaches can impart the correct words to the candidates.

On May 10, 1986 we had a Cribbage Tournament at the Lodge. Breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m.



Hello October!



*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.*

*Bob Davis PM*

*Donna Herring PGM*

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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 welcome the cooler weather but I am unsure about the cold weather following it! This is The time of year that I have to undergo all of the changes a secretary has to endure.

I have to lay down the shorts and flip flops and start wearing pants and shoes, my laundry doubles and it is a real pain! So are the problems of the lodge secretary. Not bad!

See you in lodge.

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**October Calendar**

10-5	3 <sup>rd</sup> degree practice	7:30 PM
10-12	3 <sup>rd</sup> degree	6:30 PM dinner
10-19	Stated Meeting/Dinner	6:30/ 7:30 PM
10-26	2 <sup>nd</sup> degree	6:30 Dinner



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