



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



# The Las Palmian

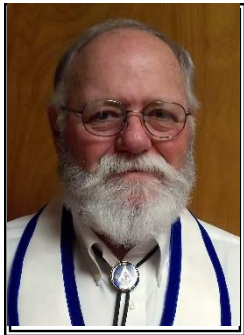
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## Greetings from the East



The year is finally winding down and elections for officers are open for the next ensuing year. We have a couple of chairs that really need to be filled in order that we may continue to keep Las Palmas a strong and thriving lodge. Remember, this is your lodge too.

During the year of 2024 we were very fortunate enough to have the "All You Can Eat Breakfast", back on line. The breakfast crew was doing a great job and then Bang, we had to shut it down because of a collapsed floor drain.

Quick action was taken by our lodge secretary (Bryan Kincade) and our Board Management President (Stuart Hoskins) to contact outside contractors to make all repairs. Now everything is back up and running. So please check your calendar in the Trestle board for dates and times.

Fraternally,  
Bill Lyons PM  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

I am humbled and honored to be elected as the Worshipful Master of our lodge. I want to thank all of you for this distinguished honor. I am heartbroken I was not able to be present at our annual elections. Both of my youngest daughters had pinkeye, the youngest also had bronchitis. I did not want to share that ick with you all.

It's been a rough couple of months at my house with sick kids. The holidays seem to show up faster and faster every year. This time of year, however, tends to cause friction at the table. It is then that we as good Masons remember to meet on the level.

The morality that is taught through the three degrees teaches us how to be better men, in all of our roles in life. By those principles, we can be more understanding of others and their ideals and ways of life.

In closing, I hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season.

Fraternally,  
Joshua Barkley  
Senior Warden – Master Elect



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

It's the most wonderful time of the year, in my opinion. As December ushers in winter and those wonderful holidays such as Christmas, Kwanza, and Chanukah. It also a time for gathering with our families and friends. Throughout the month, may our thoughts and actions turn towards charity and peace.

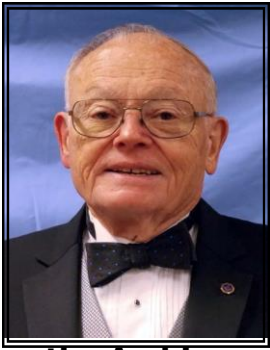
Since the ancient Romans established their first calendar, as its etymology indicates, December is formed from the Latin root decem which means "ten" but as we all know December is the twelfth month. December is always the month of my son Evan's birth, December 24<sup>th</sup>. The season provides a great backdrop for making our son's birthdays so memorable.

I wish everyone a wonderful new year.  
May the blessing of heaven rest upon us.  
Your Brother,  
Joshua Harmon PM

## December Birthdays

|          |            |        |    |
|----------|------------|--------|----|
| Gerald   | Rasmussen  |        | 1  |
| Daniel   | Pearce     | PM     | 4  |
| James    | Peloian    |        | 4  |
| Dewayne  | Bien       |        | 9  |
| Steven   | Shute      |        | 9  |
| Douglas  | Boudakian  |        | 11 |
| Leonard  | Ogden      |        | 12 |
| William  | Clark      | D.D.S. | 14 |
| Charles  | Garabedian |        | 20 |
| Ronald   | Weiner     |        | 20 |
| Robert   | Mc Colaugh |        | 22 |
| Kenneth  | Elia       |        | 23 |
| Mitchell | Mirigian   |        | 23 |
| Johnnie  | Harshman   | Jr.    | 25 |
| Dee      | Lewis      |        | 25 |
| L. Dean  | Lowe       | Ph.D   | 25 |
| Kenneth  | Smith      |        | 29 |
| Robert   | Roberts    |        | 31 |

*Happy Birthday*



### **From the Archives:**

In my articles each month, I try to keep some kind of chronological order, but when a prominent person of our Lodge passes, I write an obituary for them. For the last two months I explained, as best I could, the plaques on the wall by our front door. I will try to get back to this chronological order so for the next couple of months, I will talk about my year as Master in 1980.

I got my first degree on November 30, 1967, my second on January 25, 1968 and my third degree on April 11, 1968. I was extremely faithful in attending Lodge and on any occasion that I could, I would fill in as a Marshall, Steward or Jr. Deacon. In the fall of 1969, incoming Master Ed. Carpenter asked me if there was anything he could do for me. I interpreted this as being asked if I wanted to be appointed to the Officer's line. I told Ed that I was starting Law School, in San Francisco, in a few weeks and it would be impossible for me to do anything at that time.

I graduated from Law school in the spring of 1972 and took the California Bar exam that summer. I was working for the law firm of Stammer, McKnight, Barnum and Bailey in Fresno as an intern until I got my Bar results the Saturday after Thanksgiving and was sworn in in late December. Shortly after I got my Bar results, incoming master for 1973, Phil Lewis, asked me if I wanted to be appointed to the Officer's line. I first checked with Therese, my wife, and then with one of the partners of Stammer-McKnight. They both agreed and I joined the Officer's line as Marshall for our Masonic year of 1973.

At that time, the Marshall had to memorize the candidate's interrogation part of the first degree as well as the first-degree charge. In 1974, I was the Jr. Steward and had to give the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree charge as well as the necessary floor work. In 1975, I was the Sr. Steward and had to give the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree charge as well as the necessary floor work. In 1976, I was the Jr. Deacon followed by Sr. Deacon in 1977. I was elected Jr. Warden for 1978 and had to be able to obligate first degree candidates as well as give the long form lecture. In 1979, I was Sr. Warden and had to obligate fellowcrafts and give the Master's lecture for that degree. In December of 1979, I was elected Master of Las Palmas Lodge and was installed on January 12th of 1980. As Master, I had to give all of the Master's work in the third degree as well as conduct Stated Meetings. I also had to have memorized and give Masonic Funerals. Back then all of the election of officers took place in December and since our stated meeting was so late in the month, our installations were in January.

For those of you who have attended an installation of officers, part of the ritual prescribes that the Master is to see that portions of the Constitution and By-Laws are read in Lodge. I took this seriously and made sure that I read a small portion of our Constitution and By-Laws at every Stated Meeting. I have never heard this done before I did it nor after I did it.

We were fortunate that we had a local brother as our Grand Master and I, therefore, asked then Grand Master Vernon Gordon to be the installing officer. Our own Sam Pavlovich PM (1967) was at

the time the Assistant Grand Treasurer and he was the master of ceremonies. Dan Eckland PM (1976) was the chaplain and Coyle Chambers was the organist.

Brother Coyle Chambers was a family friend through my mother's second husband, George Wilson. I knew Coyle and his wife Ruth from having spent many get-togethers with them. When our Temple was being built, Bro Coyle was asked to select the organ for our Lodge room.

The programs were handed out by members of Jobs Daughters Bethels 49, 197 and 243. The Ushers and Doormen were members of Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

When I attended Law School, I lived in a funeral home as it was rent free and a safe place to live in San Francisco. One of the employees, Roger Gilmore, was also a Mason and I asked him and his wife to attend my installation, which they did.

Following the installation ceremony, a roast pork dinner was served by Mary Perch and her committee of Las Palmas Dates who were assisted by Bethel No 187 Order of Jobs Daughters, and officers' wives. If my memory is correct, those attending paid \$5.00 for the dinner.

## Masters Night Out

We had a nice turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Mike's Pizzeria.



Next Masters Night Out will be January 2025, I will notify you of the place and time.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy December!



*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,

Congratulations to our newly elected officer's. We are in the planning stage of setting up installation. It will be in January and I will keep you posted on the date. Dues notices were sent out for 2025, please send your dues as soon as possible. There are a lot of you that are several years behind in your dues, your leaving me no other option but to suspend you. If you are having trouble paying your dues please send an email informing me of your plight so we can figure out a solution. The breakfast is back on December the 1<sup>st</sup>, hope to see you there.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**December Calendar**

|       |                       |                  |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 12-1  | Breakfast             | 8:00 – 11:00 AM  |
| 12-5  | Practice              | 7:00 PM          |
| 12-12 | Practice              | 7:00 PM          |
| 12-19 | Stated meeting/Dinner | 6:30 PM /7:30 pm |
| 12-26 | Christmas             |                  |



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