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Greetings from the East



Being elected as the Master of a lodge is nothing less than a privilege and honor for any mason. The brethren of the lodge, looks for his guidance and wisdom during his tenure and it is a position that is not to be taken lightly. It is a position that should not be ruled with an iron fist, but ruled from the heart. Many things can be accomplished when working together and unity is the best word to describe this. We, working together as one, will make things happen.

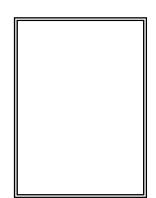
As master of Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge for the year 2024 we will start off with practicing for degrees, and the only way to become proficient is to practice. So your attendance is definitely necessary. This invitation is not just for officers. Side liners are strongly encouraged as well. Our first practice will be on January 11th at 7:00pm, just after the Management Board Meeting.

There are a few ideas that have been discussed at the installation that we are going to implement or re-start. The one that I'm excited to see again is the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. It will be speared-headed by Worshipful Bryan Kincade. We already have members volunteering to work on this event. Time and dates will be posted soon.

If you want to hear the other ideas you will need to come to the lodge and find out and have some fun.

I will see you in Lodge!

Fraternally, Bill Lyons PM Worshipful Master



From the West,

Congratulations to our newly installed Worship Master Brother Bill Lyons P.M. Worship Lyons has a quite unique distinction he is the only Master to serve as Master of both Clovis Lodge and now Las Palmas Ponderosa.

I am honored to serve as this year's Senior Warden, thank you to all of you for your faith and confidence in me; additionally, congratulations to all of our new to the officer line officers!

It has been a treat to see that we are having more brothers show up to degrees and stated meetings. Stay safe and warm.

Fraternally, Joshua Barkley Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

I am hoping that you all had good holiday's and that you are now ready to get back to the lodge labors. I have just had a recent surgery and I am still struggling with my recovery.

We are fortunate enough to have new members joining the lodge and I hope to see a lot of you on the sidelines welcoming them into the lodge. They are excited to join and we should be excited to meet and welcome them. You never know which member is going to make a impact on the lodge and get us to greater heights.

I hope that in the coming weeks the weather will start to warm up and we can start to enjoy more daylight, even a few more minutes each day. The new officers of the lodge are looking forward to making you all proud with their floorwork and their lines, please come and attend, we miss you!

Stay warm,

Joshua Harmon PM Junior Warden Elect

January Birthday's

Bahram	Shifteh			1
Gary	Bloom			5
Calvin	McCarty			5
Thomas	Carlson			7
Thomas	Nickelson Sr.			8
Shahbaz	Almas			10
Chris	Weymouth			10
Dylan	Beck			16
Brandon	Camarena			17
David	Berry			18
John	Sanderson			18
James	Stahl F		PM	18
Christopher	Guillen			19
Kirk	Roberts			20
James	Fisher		23	
Joshua	Barkley		28	
Daniel	Татауо		28	
Mario	Perez			29
Carman	Тгасу		29	





As we start a new year for Las Palmas Lodge, I can't help but notice that we have had a first for Las Palmas Lodge. When I was elected Master for 1980, the election of officers was held at our December Stated Meeting. This meant that because of the election being on the 3rd Thursday of December which was followed by Christmas and New Year's, all of our installations took place in January of the new year. Perhaps, because of this problem, our Grand Lodge moved elections from the December Stated Meeting to the November Stated Meeting. For Las Palmas, the installations in January continued partly out of tradition and partly because December was such a busy month for everybody. Most of our installation occurred on a Saturday or Sunday so that friends and families of the officers could more easily attend.

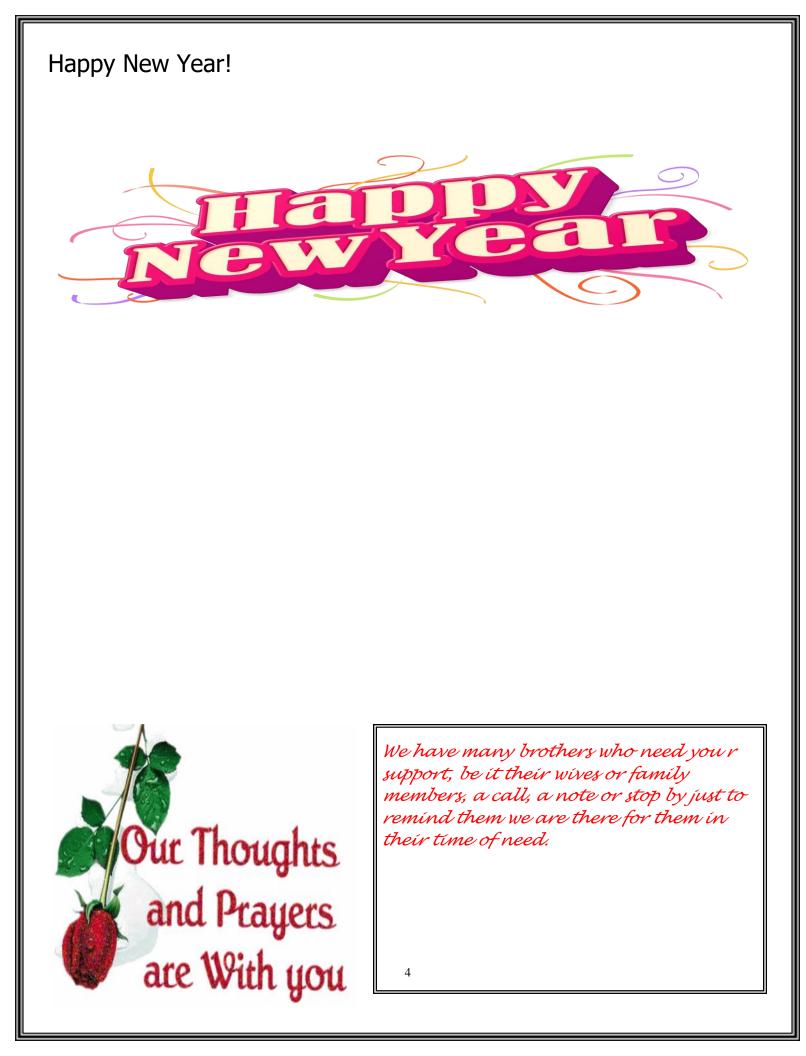
The first for Las Palmas is that on December 28th we installed our 2024 officers. Worshipful Bill Lyons will go down as the first Master to be installed before the new year. Congratulations to Worshipful Bill and to his team of elected and appointed officers.

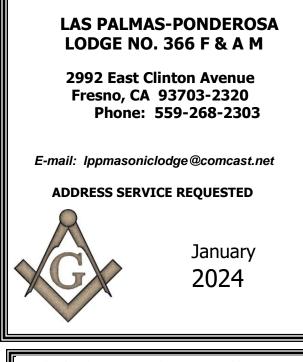
In 1986, Las Palmas Lodge held activities outside of our normal meeting grounds. The 2nd annual Las Palmas Barbeque and Dance was held on Saturday September 6th. It was again held at Crossland's Barn. Brother Bob Crossland was a member of Las Palms and next to his house and ranch was a barn for social activities. The steaks were cooked the way we liked them and great music was provided for pleasure and enjoyment. The price of each ticket was only \$10.00 and all proceeds went go to the Las Palmas Temple Association.

At the September, 1986 Stated Meeting, a proposal was made to increase the yearly dues from \$36.00 to \$45.00, initiation fees from \$115.00 to \$136.00 and Life Membership from \$756.00 to \$882.00. A vote could not be taken on this proposal until October when the proposal was rejected. Instead, a new proposal was made to increase the annual membership dues to \$48.00 per year per member, initiation fee to be increased to \$136.00 per applicant, and the life membership fee be increased to \$1008.00. \$48.00 is worth about \$130.00 in today's dollars.

At the October Grand Lodge, Brother Sam M. Pavlovich, Past Master of Las Palmas Lodge, was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California. He served as our Grand Master in 1990. Brother Sam was our Master in 1966 and soon after finishing his year as Master, he was appointed Inspector for our Masonic District.

On a sad note, we mourned the loss of our Worshipful Brother Wayne Wilber Hearn, Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1956. Brother Wayne attended just every meeting and was a big help for me in planning our Lodge's 75th anniversary event. On October 15,1986, Brother Wayne was murdered by his gardener.





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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

Happy New Year and I for one am looking forward to a great new year. The lodge is going along well and it has been a very busy time in the office. If you need help with anything, please send an email and I will try to accommodate you as quickly as possible. Our new master wants to start the breakfast back up and we will try and have it up and running by the second Sunday in March. We had started it the month before Covid shut us down and so we will try again. I will have more details next month.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

January Calendar

1-	-4	Dark

1-11 Management board/Practice 6:00 / 7:00 pm

1-18 Stated meeting1-25 First degree

6:00 / 7:00 pm 6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm 7:30 pm

