



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



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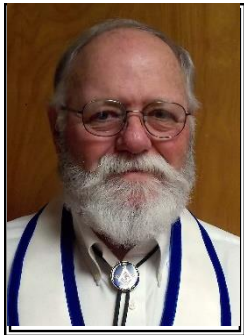
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Greetings from the East



June is now ending and the lodge will be going dark the first of July. We will still have our monthly stated meeting as well as the management board meetings. The only thing is on the Stated meeting night there will be no dinners served. It's too hot and our chiefs need a break and they have been doing a great job with preparing the meals.

We need the entered apprentices and fellow craft masons to think about what you would like to do regarding your proficiencies. John Wilson (our junior deacon) and I have been calling these brothers on the list to see if we can either help you or assign you a coach. Please let us know!

I would like to thank the brothers that attended the celebration of life for Worshipful Chuck Bersani. As I looked out across the room it made me feel good that we had such a turnout for the service. Chuck was such a wonderful person and I know that he will be greatly missed.

On our last Masters Night out, we dined at the Elbow Room and we enjoyed a wonderful dinner. Our next one is scheduled for July 9th at Toledo's in Clovis on Shaw Ave just east of Clovis Ave. The time is always the same, 5:30pm. Again, please contact the lodge secretary by July 5th for reservations. Have a great summer and remember to stay hydrated!

Fraternally,
Bill Lyons PM
Worshipful Master



From the West,

The summer is upon us and with that comes it's unrelenting heat. The Lodge will be dark this month and next except for our stated meeting, there will be no dinner for those two meetings.

I hope that with being dark for these two months when we return to conferring degrees more of you will be able to attend. Our lodge is only as strong as our members and i highly encourage you to come to lodge, see your brothers and share in the riches of fellowship. I know that I have initiated many that I have not seen since.

The officers all work very hard to perform good ritual please come and watch them and support your new brothers. Welcome them into our fraternity as you were welcomed. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

In addition to picnics, outdoor recreation and other celebrations, July is a great month to get out and enjoy nature by seeing some of our National Parks that are so close by.

I look forward to the many upcoming fireworks shows, celebrating our Nations Independence Day. Many traditional outdoor events which celebrate the positive aspects of the United States, sometimes forgotten. We should take time to join these public events to show their support for the history, heritage, and people of our country. Many we all give thanks for the freedoms and liberties so many have fought and died for.

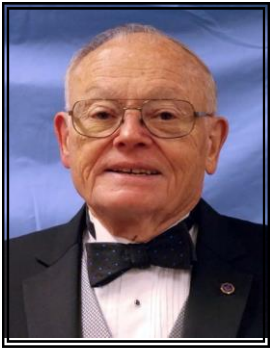
May we enjoy the 4th safely celebrations with our friends, neighbors, and loved ones. I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden (Elect)

July Birthdays

George	Richmann		2
Kenneth	Abell		3
Morris	Bradshaw		4
Gary	Goyette		4
Stanton	Walker		5
David	Cunha	PM	8
Murat	Dugan		10
Thomas	Heckel II		10
Omer	Durham		11
Delaine	Bradway	PM	12
Lawrence	Hopper	PM	12
Armen	Keledjian		12
Daniel	Hanson		13
Andrew	Zaninovich		13
Martin	Gann		14
Mark	Thornton		14
Trevor	Clark		16
Raymond	King		17
Ron	Gadberry	PM	19
Larry	Goeringer		19
John	Prichard Jr.		19
Dennis	Schlundt		19
Bradley	Smith		19
Franklin	Champ		21
Ryan	Duty		21
Christopher	Greeley		21
Edgar	Tanassi		23
David	Manion		24
Larry	Duba	PM	25
John	Gentle		27
Matthew	Pascua		27
Anthony	Ratkus		27
Arlen	Tanielian		27
John	Wilson		28
Thornton	Davidson		29
William	Halsey		31
John	Moore		31
Ronald	Ulrich		31





From the Archives:

When I first joined our Masonic Fraternity, we celebrated our public schools all year long, but especially during Public Schools month. We were asked by our Grand Master to visit a public school during this month, attend a school board meeting and invite a public-school representative to speak to our Lodge. Some of us were teachers so this commitment was easier.

Although Fresno Unified did not have corner stone laying's for its new schools, Clovis did. This was much to the thanks of Doc Buchanan, their superintendent and a member of Clovis Lodge. In the fall of 1969, there was such a ceremony and before the formal ceremony, Grand Lodge opened at the Clovis Masonic Temple. We then went to the location of the new school and several brethren were selected to take part in the actual ceremony along with several of the Grand Lodge officers. I remember that I was chosen to carry either the corn, wine, or oil. I do not remember which one. I truly felt honoured to participate when our Grand Lodged put on such a ceremony.

Shortly thereafter, I moved to San Francisco to start Law School. I had an evening that was open and I went to visit a Lodge about 4 blocks from where I lived on Mission St. After I showed up, I presented my dues card and ID to the tyler and he selected a committee to examine me to verify that I was a Master Mason in good standing so I could attend their Lodge. As soon as the committee had approved me, we walked out of the room and I immediately saw one of the GL officers who was part of the GL officers who had laid the corner stone in Clovis. Needless to say, if I had seen him before my examination, he could have vouched for me. I do not remember much about the meeting other than it was their stated meeting and the walls of the lodge room were copper with hand scroll work. I wonder if this Lodge is still in existence and if the beautiful building is still standing.

How many of you watched Jeopardy on Tuesday June 25th? There was a category called "Lamb chops". The Answer (really the question) was: "This fraternity gives all new members a white lamb skin apron as a symbol of purity." None of the three contestants knew the answer, nor did they even offer an answer. How sad that so many people today do not know who we are or what we do.

As our Webmaster, I try to post pictures from our Lodge activities on our website as soon as possible. I was recently asked to provide some of these pictures in my monthly trestle board article.

On May 30th, Pedro Marron was initiated an entered Apprentice Mason.



On Saturday June 22nd WM Bill Lyons PM and Secretary Bryan Kincade PM conducted a Masonic Funeral for Brother Chuck Bersani PM. It was great to see so many people fill the seats on both sides of our Lodge room. Brother Chuck was Master of Ponderosa Lodge No. 700 in 1980 then he was our inspector for 10 years and when Ponderosa Lodge consolidated with Las Palmas in the early 1990's, he became our officer's coach. We will miss you Bro. Chuck.



Masters Night Out

We had a nice turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Elbow Room in Fresno.



Next Masters Night Out will be July 9th at 5:30 PM at the Toledo's Mexican Food, 1125 Shaw Avenue, Clovis.
Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy July!



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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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 wanted to let everyone know we will be going dark in July and August. We will still have our stated meetings, but that will be all. It seems as if everyone is going on vacation and having a good time,

I will be here holding down the fort. Please check your dues card to ensure that you are current and if you are not, call me or come by and we will work it out. I am in the office M – Th. from 9:00 to 11:30. Have a great 4th and a great summer.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

July Calendar

7-7	Breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 AM
7-9	Masters Night Out	5:30 pm
7-18	Stated meeting	7:30 pm



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