



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



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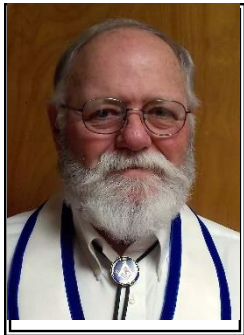
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Greetings from the East



The year is still off and running strong. We have conferred three 1st degrees so far. If you missed our Stated Meeting then you missed a good second-degree proficiency by Bro, Freddy Alcorta. He will receive his third degree on 02/29/2024. A night that I'm sure he will remember forever. Did I mention that it's Leap Year Day?

We also had the pleasure to witness two 50-year presentations. Bro. Richard Ehorn and Worshipful Chuck Bersani PM. Congratulations gentlemen. Your both well deserving of this honor.

Another item that I am proud to announce is that our bicycle program is up and running again. This is being spearheaded by Brothers John Wilson and Chris Guillen. We are starting off with one school for now but we hope to pick up more in the future. These are the things we can do to help support our community.

The next Master's night out will be in Clovis at Luna's on Polasky @ 5:30 pm. Please contact the secretary's office to be put on the list. We had 15 people attend last time. Let's beat the record this time.

I made a short stop the other day to visit an old friend at his retirement center. His name is Don Lenz and some of you might know that he is a master woodcarver. He even made me a couple of eagle head walking canes. What a great way to spend time. Thanks again Brother Don!

The last item on my list is to inform everyone that we are having a special event coming up. Las Palmas – Ponderosa Lodge 366 will be presenting the Hiram Award to Wor. Andrew Miller PM on March 21, 2024. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the ceremonies immediately following. Please contact the Secretary to make a reservation.

Fraternally,
Bill Lyons PM
Worshipful Master



From the West,

I want to congratulate to our newly initiated brother Ryan Luna! I am pleased to say that we are having a better turn out not only for our stated meetings but our degrees as well, I think we are finally rebounding from Covid closing us down.

It is so wonderful to see so many brothers coming back to Lodge. For the newer Brothers, when we hold our officer practices if you are of the degree and want to come, please do.

It is a great opportunity to learn.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings Brethren,

The Lodge continues to be a busy place. Seems like a degree a week has become the norm once again, further requiring all hands-on deck.

We have been blessed recently to see some old friends and brothers in Lodge, many of which we haven't seen in quite some time. It warms my heart to catch out our brothers we've missed for some time. I encourage everyone to reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while, encourage them to come to the Lodge and catch up with all of us.

I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Worshipful Charles Bersani on his reaching 50 years of Masonic service. Brother Bersani was awarded his 50-year Masonic veterans award this past week and he continues to be an active member in Lodge to this day.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate Worshipful Andrew Miller who will be receiving the Hiram Award later this month. This is a well-deserved honor for brother Miller, as he has proven himself such a contributor to every Masonic body he is involved with. Thank you, Andrew, for the help you have provided me over the years.

Look forward to seeing you in Lodge. May the blessing of heaven rest upon us.

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden Elect

March Birthday's

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| Jordan | Bachman | | 3 |
| Franklin | Lewis | | 3 |
| Mike | Hamzy | | 4 |
| Robert | Crossland | | 5 |
| Lyle | Evans | Jr. | 6 |
| Michael | Garrett | | 6 |
| Bee | Her | | 9 |
| Stephen | Harlan | | 12 |
| Jeffery | Whitener | | 13 |
| Ronald | Letterman | | 17 |
| Michael | O'Connell | | 17 |
| Trenton | Smith | | 17 |
| Clifford | Carrigan | | 18 |
| Denton | Hollifield | | 18 |
| Timothy | Jurkowski | | 18 |
| Gerald | Peloian | | 18 |
| Norman | Meachum | | 19 |
| Glen | Ream | | 19 |
| Jack | Ouzounian | | 20 |
| Michael | Chapman | PM | 24 |
| Andrew | Kincaid | | 25 |
| Sean | Rutledge | | 25 |
| William | Woolman | | 26 |
| Donald | Pribble | | 28 |





From the Archives:

Las Palmas Lodge has had a Widow's club for many years. There were regular members who were widows of members of Las Palmas Lodge and there were associate members who were widows of Masons who were members of other Masonic Lodges. In May of 1979, the regular members voted to have only one class of members which removed the distinction of which Lodge their deceased husbands belonged to. The Windows club would meet monthly, except for July and August, at a local restaurant for lunch. Many of them also attended our Stated Meeting dinners.

At the June, 1979 Widow's luncheon, it was brought to the attention of those present that the by-laws of the California jurisdiction state a husband has to be a master mason in good standing in order for his widow to become a member of this group.

Several years ago, I remember a widower who was a member of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge ask to join the Widow's club. I hope they gladly accepted him as a member.

I started in the officer's line as the Marshall in January of 1973. At that time, we wore tuxedos for all degrees. Starting immediately after Easter, we wore white dinner jackets with baby blue bow ties and cumber buns. We wore suites and ties for the Stated Meetings except for July and August where we wore more casual clothes as the Lodge was Dark for these two months. Starting in September, we were at "advanced stations" which meant that we took the officer's position one step ahead and returned to our traditional Tuxedos. This gave us a chance to prefect our ritual so that when we were installed in January of the following year, we were proficient in our duties.

When Lodge resumed in September of 1979, I, as the Senior Warden now sat in the East as Master for all third degrees. I also had to know all of the parts of the Master for the third degree which included giving the Master's lecture in the third degree. This historical lecture takes about 18 to 20 minutes to give and must be memorized and given exactly as it was taught to me by then officer's coach Phil Lewis. I believe that I gave this lecture about six times from September of 1979 through June of 1980. In 1980, I was 36 years old and memorizing our ritual was not an extremely difficult task. I actually found this historical lecture quite easy to memorize as I heard it given over 50 times while I was a junior officer.

When I retired from the County in 2003, I decided that I needed some mental challenges and took on the task of re-memorizing this lecture. With the help of Larry Bennett and our newly authorized cypher book, I re-memorized this historical lecture and started to give on Past Master's Night. Recently, I have given it for most of our 3rd degrees in Lodge and at the request of WM Bill Lyons, I plan on giving it frequently. I am now 80 years old and continue to look at this a good way to challenge my memory.

Happy March!

Spring

The word "Spring" is written in a blue, hand-drawn, textured font. A red tulip with a green stem and two green leaves is positioned behind the letters 'r' and 'i', with the stem passing through the 'i'.A photograph of a single red rose with green leaves and a stem, positioned on the left side of the text.

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.

John Herring PM - loss of family

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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

As we enter the month of March, it is time to check and make sure that you have paid your 2024 dues. If you haven't it is past time to do so. I want to congratulate Andrew Miller PM for being chosen to receive the Hiram Award! Good job! Soon the weather will be getting warmer and the days will be longer, thank goodness. We have been busy receiving new applications and doing degree, the officers are doing a great job. I hope that with the change of time and the longer daylight hours many of you will be able to make it to lodge.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

March Calendar

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| 3-7 | degree/practice | 7:00 PM |
| 3-14 | degree/practice | 7:00 PM |
| 3-21 | Stated meeting | 6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm |
| 3-28 | degree/ practice | 7:00 pm |



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