



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



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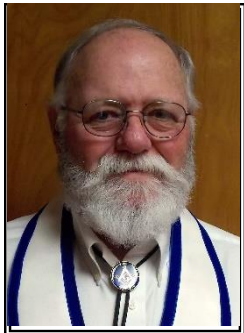
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Greetings from the East



The month of April has started off with a big bang. We had our first LPP lodge breakfast, and the turnout was great. I'm sure that the next breakfast will bring even more of our members and outside lodges to come and enjoy the fellowship at our meals. Where else can you go and have a fine breakfast such as this for only \$10? We try to at least break even on the meals, but the rumor has it that we made a pretty good profit this time which I am delighted to hear and the proceeds will go right back to the breakfast fund. Keep up the good work guys!

On March 21, 2024 Worshipful Andrew Miller was presented with the highest award that can be obtained in a Blue Lodge. That's right Worshipful Miller received the Hiram Award in which he was more than deserving. Congratulations to you, my brother.

The following week Brother Freddy Alcorta was raised a Master Mason and then was seated in the lodge to listen to brother John Wilson deliver an outstanding proficiency in the third degree and I would like to congratulate both of these brothers for their fine work and dedication to the craft. In the month of April, we will have voted upon another candidate and conferred a new candidate to receive the first degree of masonry on the 28th. We are getting busy and we could really use the assistance of our brothers within the lodge to help put on these degrees for our new candidates

We now have a new AGL for our district. His name is Christian Morano. Also, our District Inspector is wanting to know if anyone would be interested in working at the ritual competition for 2024. If so, please contact either myself or our district inspector, Wor. David Driesbach.

Fraternally,
Bill Lyons PM
Worshipful Master



From the West,

I want to start with congratulations to Brother Christian Barries for delivering his Entered Apprentice obligation. You did a great job brother!!

Congratulations also go out to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Travis Nolen!! Well, the heat is certainly making its presence felt please remember to stay hydrated if you are out in it; as the temperature rises our air quality declines making it doubly tough for those sensitive to them. On Saturday, April 20th I had the pleasure of attending a 3^o performed by Fresno Lodge 247 in full costume at the Fresno Scottish Rite, If you are a Master Mason and have not seen a 3^o in such a manner I highly recommend it when the opportunity arises, it is such a treat to watch.

When I was raised in Oceanside San Dieguito Lodge 381 it was done in costume. All these years later it was such a treat for me to be able to see it in its entirety. I again would like to invite the brethren to attend our Officer degree practices. It's a great opportunity to learn the degree work and your obligation if you are still working in it.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice Travis Nolen, who has taken his first step in Masonry. Everyone welcomes him as he starts his journey.

Having just obligated Mr. Nolen, I am reminded that we are responsible, responsible to be Stewards of our craft. Accountable for promoting love and admiration for Masonry, faith in God, our country, and ourselves. A commitment to strengthen the bonds of friendship and brotherly love between all men. It will remain with us our duty to step up and act with these principles. Principles which should be known to all, to exist in the character and hearts of all Masons. Be true, be faithful and let us not fail to contribute to our brethren in need.

In closing,

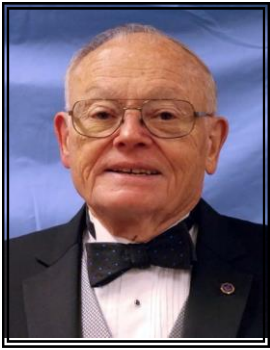
I encourage our officers, especially those in the chairs, to continue seeking advancement in the lodge and in Masonry.

Fraternally yours,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden Maybe One Day

May Birthdays

Woodrow	Nichols	Jr.		2
Jonathan	Pierro			3
James	Tarver			3
Frank	Gann	Jr.	PM	4
James	Schultz			5
Alan	Burnham		PM	6
Robert	Davis		PM	7
Andrew	Peerson			8
Jerry	Tabor			8
Gaby	Nakad			11
Shawn	Clark			12
Larry	Finrock			12
Bert	Flores			12
Allan	Melikian			12
John	Schmidt			12
Richard	Payne	PM		13
Gordon	Keeton		PM	14
James	Vaughan		PM	17
Matthew	Houk			18
John	Gahvejian			21
Nathan	Williams		PM	21
Nikhil	Kohli			24
David	Clark			25
H.	Weldon			25
Donald	Milligan			26
Dean	Walker			28
Gary	Starr		PM	30





From the Archives:

When I took my degrees in 1967 and 1968 and through my year as Master in 1980, it was common to have 3 to 5 first or second degrees in an evening. Lodge would start promptly at 7:30 with the conferral of the first section of each degree on each candidate. We would then have a break with light refreshments before the second section. At this time, members were allowed to smoke in the foyer and dining room, but not in the lodge room. This break between the first and second sections gave the members a chance to go to the bathroom, have a smoke, a cup of coffee (there was no bottled water at this time in history) a light snack and stretch their legs.

We then returned to the Lodge room for the second section or lecture and closing of lodge. During the closing process the Jr. Warden would always announce that refreshments would be served in the dining room as soon as Lodge closed. Even though the formal provisions for refreshments was the duty of the Jr. Warden, the actual job was done by another member.

We then assembled in the dining room for more heavy refreshments and a chance to chat with the candidates and other members. If we were lucky, we were able to leave for home around 11:00. On the evenings when we had 1st or 2nd degrees, we never asked the candidates to stand up and talk about themselves or their experiences with Masonry. However, when there was a 3rd degree, the candid was normally told by the Master that now was his time to talk and we normally allocate 30 minutes for him to talk about anything he so desired. Naturally, most newly raised members only talked for a minute or two. Although this occurred before I was a Mason, I have been told by several members who were present when Leon Peters got his 3rd degree that after the Master told Brother Leon that he had 30 minutes to talk, he actually talked for 30 minutes.

Over time things changed at Las Palmas-Ponderosa and refreshments before the second section or lecture and after Lodge closed were eliminated. Dinner was served before Lodge opened and when Lodge closed a few members might hang around under our car port canopy to chat and have a smoke. Most just went home. Several months ago, a newly obligated Entered Apprentice walked out of Lodge and went directly to his car and then drove home. Some of us wondered what happened. It was simple, he left without talking to any of our members because he thought Lodge was over for the night.

What we do in the Lodge room is ritual and does not give us an opportunity to get to know our new members and practice out of the Lodge what we are taught in the Lodge. One reason that so many of our Entered Apprentice Masons never advance is that they never get to see what goes on outside of the ritual.

While I was coaching Bro Freddy Alcorta in his work, I asked if had any problems with us having a cake for him after his 3rd degree so the brothers could get together and converse after Lodge closed. He liked the suggestion and WM Lyons and I purchased a cake. Before Lodge closed, I announced that after Lodge closed and pictures were taken, cake would be served in the card room so that we could all get together and congratulate Bro Freddy on being raised a Master Mason.

After refreshments were completed, I asked Bro Freddy what he thought of having the cake. He said he liked it, but suggested that it would be equally, if not more important, to have these types of refreshments after a first degree. After I thought about his comment, I agreed with him.

After the first degree for Bro Travis Nolan on April 25th, we had cake for refreshments in the card room. I was amazed how many of the brethren stood and talked to Bro Nolan about Masonry and other things. And yes, there was still a dinner before Lodge.

Masters Night Out

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful dinner at our Master's Night Out at the Santa Fe Basque last week. The next one will be at Sakura Chaya in Fresno on May 14 at 5:30 PM. Please call the lodge no later than 5/10/2024 for reservations. This is very important because of the Tap-In bar.





Happy May!



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,

May is here and the lodge is getting busy. Gone are all the thoughts of the pandemic and we seem to be back in the swing of things. Remember how excited you were when you joined our fraternity?

The feelings and the sense of accomplishment. That's how our new candidates feel when they are preparing to get their degrees. It would be nice for them to have sideliners to welcome them and to share in their journey through Masonry. Please show some fellowship and welcome these fellows to our lodge.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

May Calendar

5-2	degree/practice	7:00 PM
5-9	2 nd degree	7:30 PM
5-16	Stated meeting	6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm
5-23	1 st degree practice	7:00 pm
5-30	1 st degree	7:30 pm



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