



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



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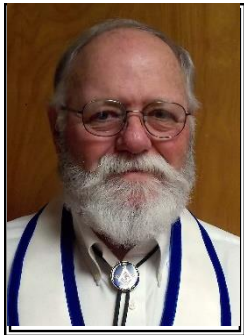
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## Greetings from the East



I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. My duties as Master are almost over and I have to say that I view it with mixed emotions. While we started out like gangbusters, the degree work kind of dried out towards summer and has become almost non-existent in the fall. We need to work with candidates you are coaching and get them to their next degree.

The kitchen is finally starting to come together. The Management Board took on a massive task by taking on this monumental project. Kudos to the board for their hard work and dedication to the lodge. Once done, the kitchen will be back in good shape and ready to serve meals again.

For everyone asking about my wife, Joann, she is at home trying to mend. We are asking that you hold off on calls and such as she is really tired and sleeps a lot. This has been a set back for us and it has sure cut down on our travelling, but we will cross that bridge when we get to it. Thank you for your concern.

Fraternally,  
Bill Lyons PM  
Worshipful Master



From the West,

I want to start by apologizing for not being able to attend our October stated meeting. That meeting happened to fall on Juniper's 5th birthday. She would have fought me if I missed that.

The long-awaited cool-off has begun, and I am so happy about it. This month, at the stated meeting, we will be holding our annual election of officers, please plan on attending and casting your vote. I am again asking for assistance in filling out the 2025 officer's line. I still need Wardens (Senior and Junior).

I want to take a minute and talk about how much our Lodge and all of you mean to me. I had dropped out of Masonry for a few years; I was struggling with my PTSD and bipolar 1 disorder's. I had no friends and no contact with anyone other than my family. When I decided to become active again it was a big leap for me, one that I am so happy that I made. I credit our brother secretary Bryan Kincade P.M. for helping me with that. The friendships I have now are so valuable to me. Our Lodge is my home away from home. I put that on the brethren. All of yinz are so wonderful. I finally have more people friends than animal friends. I cannot thank all of yinz enough for your friendships and the brotherly love that I feel when I am at lodge. I absolutely love Free Masonry and the brothers I have within it. I want to thank all of yinz for accepting me, I definitely don't look like the majority.

It really is the internal and not the external that makes us Masons. In closing, I look forward to seeing Yinz in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Joshua Barkley  
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

Election Day is coming, and the kitchen is still inoperative. There will be no Stated meeting dinners for a while. Hopefully the kitchen will be completed before our next Entered Apprentice degree.

As I anticipate the next Entered Apprentice degree, I came to realize a deeper meaning to a briefly mentioned item toward the end of the degree lecture, and that's the mention of the chalk representing freedom, the slightest touch of which will leave a trace behind.

That was the extent at which I understood the meaning of chalk and what it represented. Yet it was right in front of me, the larger symbolism. Chalk is not a simple material, it is a method of passing knowledge, recording ideas, developing complex theories, launching spacecraft to the moon. In its representation of freedom, most important, freedom of the mind, which allows us to develop critical thinking, develop a moral sense and further our understanding of the Divine.

Knowledge is gift that we give to others. Help build others up. Help build a better society through the knowledge you impart.

May we all find freedom from the external and internal influences that bring about bias and self-imposed limitation.

Fraternaly yours,  
Joshua Harmon PM  
Junior Warden (Elect)

## November Birthdays

Jeremy	Kern		2
John	Sorge		3
Brenton	Weiner		3
Karekin	Khatchadoorian		5
Donald	Williams		5
John	Denton	PM	6
Michael	Jensen		6
John	Lane		8
Scott	Pearce		8
David	Kreller		9
William	Lyons		9
Thomas	Morris		9
William	Bissell		10
Joseph	Catania		11
John	Herring	PM	11
Tyler	Faruzzi		12
Gilbert	Ovalle		12
Ryan	Luna		13
Gene	Page		15
Sean	Ford	PM	16
Ryan	Barnes		18
Thomas	Ewing	III	18
Guadalupe	Marron		20
Garroll	White		21
Richard	Ehorn		22
Joseph	Perry	Jr. PM	24
Michael	Bowman		25
Jon	Acosta		28
Stuart	Hoskins		28
Brian	Rowland	PM	28
James	Wilson	III	28
David	Hiatt		29



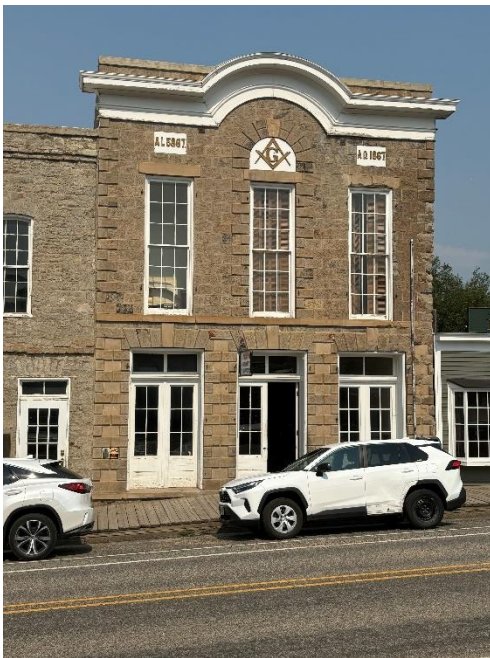


### From the Archives:

Recently, Therese and I made Bozeman, Montana a destination vacation spot. The reason that we chose Bozeman was that Therese's great grandfather settled there in the mid 1860's and we wanted to see if we could learn more about him and try to find the 160 acres of land that the Federal Government gave him if he built a house and farmed the land for a specified number of years. With the help of the Bozeman Historical Society, we accomplished both of these goals.

While in this area of Montana, we learned several things. First, Montana is the third largest state by size in the continental United States. Its territorial capital was Virginia City which was a gold mining town that grew to over 5,000 residents virtually overnight once gold was discovered. While many, if not most, of these old towns suffered a fire or fires during its early existence, Virginia City never had a fire so all of its old buildings still stand today.

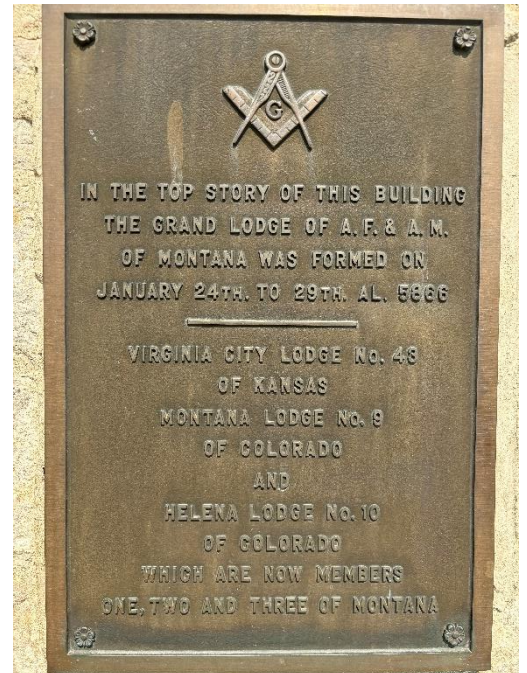
Virginia City is a little over an hour drive from Bozeman so we drove there to see what we could find



besides an ice cream parlor that makes small batch ice cream. On the main street, I quickly discovered an old, but well kept, brick building with a Square and Compass imbedded in its bricks.

From a plaque on the wall, I discovered this building was used by members of Masonic Lodges from Kansas and Colorado who had Charters from lodges from those states to hold meetings in the Montana

Territory and to create the Grand Lodge of Montana.



Unfortunately, I could not find anyone to let me into this building so that I could see what the Lodge Room looked like or visit the third floor.

While I was in Bozeman walking along Main Street, I discovered two Masonic Temples. One belonged to Gallatin Lodge No. 6 A.F. & .AM. and the other to Bozeman Lodge No. 18 A.F. & A.M. Both of these Masonic Temples were two story brick buildings with retail establishments on the

ground floor. While I did find a door to a stairway for Bozeman Lodge, I could not find any door to the second floor of the Gallatin Temple. The information on their websites was quite sketchy but I did find the stated meeting time and day for Bozeman Lodge, but we were not in town on that day.

Obviously, Gallatin Lodge was chartered before Bozeman Lodge which was chartered in 1872. I did inquire about why a town of this size would have two Masonic Lodges. When Gallatin Lodge was formed, its members came from the south and would only accept candidates who had some connection to the Confederacy. If you were a Northerner, you could not join. Therefore, some Northern Brothers formed Bozeman Lodge. Today, this distinction is supposedly not adhered to.

In case you are wondering where the name Gallatin came from, a history lesson in the Louisiana Purchase is necessary. Jefferson was President, Madison was the Secretary of State and Albert Gallatin was the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Gallatin later formed New York University.

When we visited Three Forks, MT, I saw that they also had a Masonic Lodge that was still active. The town of Three Forks is near the convergence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin Rivers which form the Missouri River. Unfortunately, I was not able to visit an out of state Lodge on this vacation.

## Masters Night Out

We had a nice turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Casa Carona.



Next Masters Night Out will be November 12th at 5:30 PM at Mike's Pizzeria, 3228 N. West Ave., Fresno.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy November!



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.*



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A REQUEST TO THE FAMILY OF THE ADDRESSEE

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,

The breakfast for November is once again cancelled. The kitchen is still under construction and needs to be deep cleaned. The majority of the work is completed and what remains is the slow tedious part such as cleaning and having the floor sealed. We will get back on schedule, it is just going to take time. It makes no sense in doing a project and then rushing the part that everyone is going to see and use. Please bear with us and it will be fantastic, I promise.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**November Calendar**

11-3	Breakfast**Cancelled**	8:00 – 11:00 AM
11-7	Practice	7:00 PM
11-12	Masters Night Out	5:30 pm
11-14	Practice	7:00 PM
11-21	Stated meeting/Dinner	6:30 PM /7:30 pm
11-28	Thanksgiving	



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