



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



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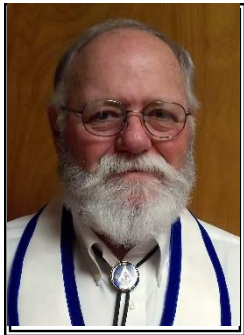
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Greetings from the East



We are now about three quarters through the month of August and heading into September. Still dark, but the Masters Night Out is still In progress. This month's dinner was at the Texas Roadhouse. I know that some of you are on vacation and couldn't make it this last time. But those who did enjoyed a wonderful meal. Please check your calendars first next month's dinner.

We held our mandatory Stated Meeting and paid our bills and voted and passed to pay our proposed bills. We will be having practices in the first degree and opening for Stated meetings. So, if you are one of the officers setting in a chair and moving up, then you really need to be there. Qualifications will be upon us in no time and we have people to assist you if you need to help. Also, if you need help with your degree work, please let us know. We have a long list of EPs that have not given their proficiencies. Please check your calendar for all future events.

Before we come back from being dark, we will send out a message that we will have a practice. I think that we might have a couple of guys waiting for their degrees. In the meantime, stay cool and stay hydrated.

Fraternally,
Bill Lyons PM
Worshipful Master



From the West,

September is here, so we are back to Stated Meeting dinners and degrees; I'm excited for both.

For the upcoming Masonic year, I am humbly asking for help filling out the officer line, particularly Senior and Junior Wardens. I am aware it will have to be Past Masters filling those, Stations. If you are willing to serve, please reach out to me. My cell is 559-578-7800; it would be greatly appreciated.

Well, hopefully, the heat will start to wane, I think all of us are ready for cooler temperatures to prevail. I hope all the brethren enjoyed themselves while we were dark. I know my youngest two daughters enjoyed daddy being home on a Thursday night. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the lodge again.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

My brother's, looking ahead to this month's activities, we will be conferring degree's and observing proficiencies from our advancing brothers. It's great to see the achievements of our brethren in Lodge and the goals obtained by our Officers. Furthermore, seeing the investment of all our members in their attendance during every degree. Being actively engaged with not only our newest members, but those who are getting involved once again, is the great aim we have in view. It is our duty to attract and retain quality men, who are interested in seeking progress and development within themselves.

We should not just give our brothers the working tools and tell them, go out and use them. We must continue to provide proper instruction and direction. I hate to think of all the good men who started this journey and failed to continue due to seeing no value in our membership. May we encourage our brothers to seek further light in Masonry, remembering we are charged to gather knowledge and wisdom.

May we stay true to the core values of Freemasonry. Let us continue to preserve, study, and reflect on what it means to be a Mason.

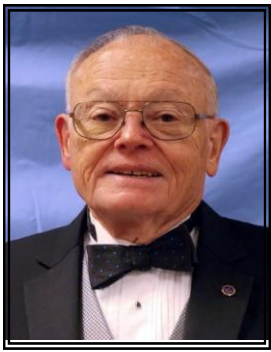
Until next month may the blessing of heaven rest upon you and all our loved ones.

Fraternally yours,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden (Elect)

September Birthdays

Frederick	Richburg	II		2
Stephen	Harrelson		PM	3
David	Doll			6
Peter	Wilson			6
James	Carney			8
Steven	Clifton			8
Gary	Garant			9
Sonny	Mehrtash			12
Thomas	Young		PM	12
Allen	Charles			14
Richard	Tarango			15
Craig	Constance			17
Devin	O'Connell			20
Kurtis	Docken			21
Kasra	Monazzami			22
Robert	Thomason	Jr.		22
Ara	Karkazian			24
Paul	Locker			24
Bruce	Morrow			25
Charles	Oliver			25
William	Kidd			27
Christopher	Meyer			28
Thomas	Musto	Jr.		28
David	Orrantia			28
Gerard	Gulgulian			30
Gary	Lewis		PM	30
James	Meeks			30





From the Archives:

In preparation for this month's article, I did a scan of my notes and found the following: "In 1969 a fund in memorial to Eugene Draper Kelly was established for the upkeep and repair of our Lodge Building. Bro Kelly died July 9, 1969.

Further research revealed the following: Bro. Kelly took his degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge in 1947 and 1948. In 1964, he demitted and joined Consuelo Lodge No. 325 in Escondido. In 1966, he demitted Consuelo Lodge and rejoined Las Palmas Lodge even though he was then residing in Kings County. In his petitions to join Las Palmas, he indicated that he was a salesman for Westinghouse Electric in Fresno. Bro. Kelly was never an officer of Las Palmas Lodge.

In his will, he designated "The Secretary of Las Palmas Lodge" as the executor of his will. He also specified that 1/3rd of his estate was to go to the "Las Palmas Building Association" for construction of or repair of our Lodge Building. 1/3rd of his estate was to go to the California Masonic Homes and 1/3rd to the Fresno Elks Lodge. He had no surviving relatives and he was divorced.

Our Lodge Secretary at that time was Norm Foley and in Bro. Kelly's Lodge file folder are copies of all of the probate documents that Bro. Foley had to sign off on as the Executor. When all was said and done, including the payment of estate taxes, our Las Palmas Building Association received \$5,666.38 and Bro Foley got about \$700. as statutory executor fees. I do not know what our Temple Board used this money for, but in today's dollars it would be about \$42,000.

I took my degrees in late 1967 and early 1968, was appointed to the Officer's line in 1972, was Master in 1980 and have never been on the Temple Board, but have attended some Temple Board meetings. I have been a Trustee since 2009. In all those years I have never heard of this fund for upkeep and repair of our Lodge Building. I wonder what ever happened to it and if there is something physical in our Lodge Building which acknowledges this memorial gift from Brother Kelly.

By the front door entrance to our Temple there are several plaques honoring those who gave to our Lodge, but Bro. Kelly's name is not on any of these plaques.

In my notes, I also found: "There is a T. D. Moyer fund for our DeMolay boys."

I do remember Brother T. D. Moyer. I remember sitting in Lodge with him on many occasions and I also attended his Masonic funeral in our Lodge. I also remember when Las Palmas sponsored the Las Palmas DeMolay Chapter. I do not know what year this DeMolay Chapter folded.

For those of you who did not know, Bro Moyer and his wife Gilma gave us the land upon which our Temple was built in the late 1950's. He also helped pay for many items that are part of our beautiful Temple.

To let future generations of Las Palmas members know of the generosity of Bro. Moyer, there are plaques on both of the pillars that he gave to us when we moved to our new Temple in 1960 and there is a portrait of him



T.D. MOYERS, P.M.
The Most Able Friend

THIS SITE DONATED BY
T.D. MOYERS, P.M. 1945
AND
GILMA V. MOYERS, P.G.M.O.E.S. 1953

in the foyer.

Masters Night Out

We had a nice turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Texas Road House.



Next Masters Night Out will be September 10th at 5:30 PM at the Ovidio's Italian Rest., 3097 W. Bullard Avenue, Fresno.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy September!



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,

Hopefully most of the hot weather is behind us. I have been looking at the dues and some of you are really behind. If you need help, call me and let's see if we can't work something out. With per capita now being almost \$70.00 per member, the lodge can't continue to carry people.

If you haven't been to the breakfast yet you are missing some great fellowship. It is nice to come to lodge and talk about whatever you want, not just the lodge. For those of you that are enjoying it, we thank you for your patronage. Remain cool for the rest of the summer.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

September Calendar

9-5	Practice	7:00 PM
9-8	Breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 AM
9-10	Masters Night Out	5:30 pm
9-12	Practice	7:00 PM
9:19	Stated meeting/Dinner	6:30 PM /7:30 pm
9-26	Practice	7:00 PM



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