



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



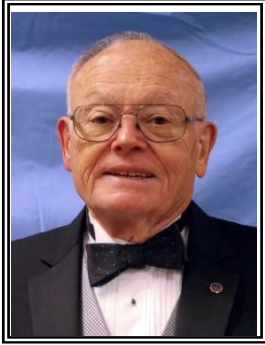
Spring's arrival in the Valley serves as a potent symbol of renewal and growth. This seasonal transformation prompts reflection on our own potential for Masonic development.

To achieve this, we must be willing to relinquish outdated practices and cultivate personal and perceptual growth. Diligent application of our working tools is, in my view, essential for individual and fraternal improvement.

We enjoyed a successful Master's Night Out, with thirteen brethren in attendance. This month, we will gather at the Elbow Room, and I anticipate another strong turnout. I earnestly encourage all members to prioritize regular lodge attendance.

Furthermore, our Brother Senior Warden, Richard Frey P.M., conducts weekly proficiency study groups on Mondays. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for those seeking to learn or reinforce their obligations.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Worshipful Master



From the West,

For the last two months on every Monday night, we have had a coaching session at our Lodge. Attendance has been up and down. When I started this, I expected that some of our Entered Apprentice brothers would be the only ones desiring to be coached. Happily, I was wrong. We have had a Fellow Craft and several Master Masons attend. These informal coaching sessions also let us spend time together outside of the Lodge room and get to know each other better.

Because we had over 35 Entered Apprentice Masons and a handful of Fellow Carfts who had never advanced, my goal was to get them coached so they could advance and eventually be raised Master Masons. Out of this group, our secretary has sent out delinquent dues notices to eighteen EA and FC brothers who, if they do not pay up, will be suspended at our May Stated Meeting.

Our next decision will concern the remaining six EA's and FC's who are current with their dues through 2024 and have not advanced within 3 years of being initiated or, are not being currently coached. California Masonic Code §804.690 ". . .provides that if a candidate does not present himself qualified for the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees within a period of three years from the date of his initiation as an Entered Apprentice" there is a mandatory process that may result in the candidate forfeiting his fees for degrees if he does not get coached and advanced. If this happens, he must reapply to the Lodge for his remaining degrees and be subject to vote of the Lodge for this privilege of being coached and advanced.

If you are an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft who was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason prior to March of 2022, and is not being actively coached, you should contact either Bryan our Lodge Secretary, or me. I can be reached at LasPalmasLodge@currently.com

Fraternally,
Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

April is here and the start of spring is upon us. Frequently a time for renewal and growth. I can't help but reflect on my own personal growth, my pursuits and achievements or lack thereof.

Through Freemasonry I have truly found my moral compass. Self-knowledge has empowered me to live with integrity, while recognizing the responsibilities I have as Freemason, to contribute to society at a higher level, and to a higher order. Our symbols and rituals reflect the connection between humanity and the Divine. This is the path to further light in masonry and spiritual enlightenment.

For years I have been fascinated by Freemasonry and its history. The promise of esoteric insight, connections to those great and important men who came before me. It is often said that Freemasonry is a personal journey of discovery and evolution. As I look back on my own experience in Masonry, my thoughts return to my first degree and my first obligation. Reciting the degrees to new members, hoping to impart something uplifting and inspiring upon the candidate. It is profound to me, that this brotherhood has transcended all time, and I have bound myself to it, till my last breath.

While I sit at the kitchen table writing this, my daughter is across from me. My daughter having taken multiple years of Latin, educated me on a Latin phrase which I would like to pass on; "Dum spiro, spero", which translates to "while I breathe, I hope". Symbolizing **resilience** and **hope**. Most uplifting I say.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us.

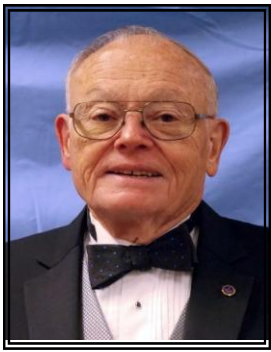
Sincerely yours,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

April Birthdays

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| Robert | Sloan | | 1 |
| Matthew | Ford | | 2 |
| Joshua | Harmon | PM | 2 |
| Michael | Bowman | II | 3 |
| Daniel | Koontz | | 5 |
| Richard | Iknoian | | 6 |
| Fred | Alcorta | Jr | 7 |
| Howard | Pickle | | 7 |
| Jeffrey | Banks | | 8 |
| Scott | Fichtner | PM | 8 |
| Chad | Schmidt | | 8 |
| Kenneth | Crum | Jr. | 9 |
| Robert | Scott | | 11 |
| Fred | Lindeman | Sr. | 12 |
| W. | Jarboe | | 13 |
| Steve | La Ferrera | | 14 |
| Shawn | Erwin | | 18 |
| James | Keeton | | 19 |
| Herbert | Johnston | | 22 |
| Harry | Dyck | Jr. | 23 |
| Earl | Jennings | | 23 |
| Ervin | Kinchen | Jr. | 23 |
| David | Helwig | | 25 |
| Mark | Stroup | PM | 26 |
| Thomas | Crossland | | 27 |
| Kurt | Martin | | 27 |
| Shane | Burkhart | | 28 |
| Troy | Johnson | Jr. | 29 |
| Glynn | Polacek | | 30 |





From the Archives:

In the process of scanning all of the Las Palmas Lodge minutes of meetings, I am currently working on the minutes from the 1920's. As I scan them, I also get a chance to glance at what was taking place during the Roaring Twenties after WW I.

At our November, 1920 Stated Meeting the following resolution was read:

A petition signed by twelve Master Masons requesting this lodge to recommend to the Grand Master that a charter be granted for the purpose of forming a new lodge was read and on motion the W. M. was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the matter.

At our December Stated Meeting the following appears in our Minutes.

The Committee appointed on the Petition for the formation of another Masonic Lodge in the City of Fresno reported unfavorable and on motion the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The Committee must have changed their minds as in 1922 Sun Garden Lodge No. 530 was formed.

Today our main source of revenue comes in the form of dues from our members. Back in the 1920's this was not the case. In January of 1920 dues received were \$888.00 (You could pay them quarterly then if you so desired.) Fees for degrees received were \$1,140.00. At this time Las Palmas Lodge was in the process of increasing the fees for the degrees to \$100. In today's dollars it would be over \$1,600.

I have no way of knowing exactly what the candidates' proficiencies consisted of in the 1920's, but I imagine that it was similar to what we have today. My Uncle Ray Frey was initiated on May 26, 1927 and gave his 1st degree candidates proficiency in open Lodge on June 16. Later in the year he was passed to a Fellow Craft and one week later he gave his 2nd degree proficiency. If we didn't have TV, cell phones or internet today, I wonder how fast our current candidates would learn their proficiencies.

Lodge Night Out

The Elbow Room



Next Lodge Night Out will be April 8, 2025, and will be at:

The Elbow Room (Inside Fig Garden Village)
731 W San Jose Ave
Fresno, CA 93704

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy April!



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.

Lee Ellen Ehorn

Joshua Harmon PM

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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,

I Hate to be the bearer of bad news, but certified letters are coming to those of you who are behind in your dues. I have told everyone about it, but it is now time to do it and get it over with. It is an extra expense for the lodge, but it is a lot cheaper than paying the per capita on someone who has not paid dues.

I am so glad that warmer weather is coming and the nights are much more pleasant. Although, before we know it, it will be sweltering. Please enjoy this pleasant weather while we can, and enjoy your Easter.

Hope to see you all soon, Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

April Calendar

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| 4 -3 | Dark | |
| 4-8 | Lodge Night Out | 5:30 PM (read above) |
| 4-10 | LPMBA mtg. | 6:00 PM |
| 4-10 | OSI | 7:00 PM |
| 4-17 | Stated meeting/Dinner | 6:30 PM /7:30 pm |
| 4-24 | Dark | |



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2025 Dues: \$151.00

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