



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who attended our fantastic January stated meeting, and the Installation of Officers. We have a great line of officers I want to thank for serving in their respective roles.

We have a wonderful group of brothers who regularly attend our lodge meetings, and we'd love to see you rejoin us if it's been a while. If you are worried about not remembering signs and words, please don't worry we can show you again it is our pleasure to do so. Your presence is greatly valued.

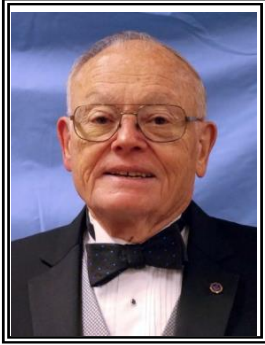
Please plan to attend our upcoming stated meeting, as I will be appointing members to our Management Board.

To ensure we have enough food prepared, please RSVP to our secretary for dinner. This February meeting will be our "Sweetheart Dinner," so please bring your significant other if possible.

Our Lodge Breakfast will be held on February 2nd at \$10 per person. Enjoy all-you-can-eat breakfast with no reservations required.
We look forward to seeing you there!!

I would like to congratulate Brother Gabriel Bernard on being initiated on January 23rd.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Worshipful Master



From the West,

For as far back as I remember, the first Trestle board message from a newly installed Sr. Warden is to thank the brethren for electing him as our Senior Warden. Unfortunately, I can not say that in this, my first Trestle board message as the newly installed Sr. Warden.

I was Master in 1980 and have been active in the affairs of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for many decades. I have happily filled in for an officer who was vacant for a meeting. If I was lucky, all of the officers were present and I got to sit as a sideliners and enjoy the degree. When our Officer's Coach Chuck Bersani passed away in June, Worshipful Bill Lyons asked if I would be our Officer's Coach and was so appointed by our inspector.

When we had our annual election of officers this last November, I saw that we had two officers who had worked themselves up through the chairs to be our Sr. Deacon and Master. At my urging, Josh Harmon PM agreed to be Jr. Warden even though he was elected to that position last year, but was never installed as Jr. Warden. Unfortunately, we had no officers in the line or Past Masters who offered to be Sr. Warden. Did I want to be the Sr. Warden, not really, I just wanted to be the Officer's Coach and Lodge Trustee.

I also knew that without an installed Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge would soon have to close up shop and our only option would be to find some other lodge to allow us to consolidate with them. I did not like the thought of that, and I am sure that most, if not all of you, do not like that thought either. I reluctantly agreed to be the Sr. Warden and be qualified by our inspector to keep Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge a viable Lodge. But this does not provide any kind of a solution to the problem. We need members and Past Masters to step up, attend your Lodge regularly and become a qualified officer, **and do it now**, not at some future date which may never happen.

From the West Cont.

It takes years for a new member to learn all three of his proficiencies, and then learn the ritual and floor work before he can be a Sr. Deacon, Warden or Master. We currently have 35 Entered Apprentice Masons who are mostly not being coached. We also have 6 Fellow Craft Masons who are not being coached. Of course, some of these brothers have given up on Masonry for various reasons and if they do not pay their dues for two years, we can drop them, but we hope that some of them will decide to put Masonry back in their lives so we have not suspended all that we could for NPD. The cost of special postage to drop someone for non-payment of dues is an expense to the Lodge and the payment of the Grand Lodge assessment for a NPD member is a major expense for the Lodge. Even with the cypher that our Grand Lodge has published, there are actually very few of our members who are willing or able to teach an Entered Apprentice his proficiency.

As the Sr. Warden, I am responsible for the candidates learning their work. To facilitate this, I am starting an evening every week for our candidates to come to Lodge and get coached. The first evening will be Monday February 3 at 7:00 pm. These sessions will continue every Monday, except for holidays. We will try to contact all of our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons and let them know about these Monday evening sessions, but if you signed a petition and your candidate has not completed his proficiency, I ask you to contact him and encourage him to show up on Monday evenings. Of course, you are also welcome to join him. If you are unsure if your candidate is being coached, please send me an e-mail so I can get back to you.

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Hopefully, in my next message as your Sr. Warden, I can report that the coaching of our Entered Apprentice Brothers is progressing better than it has been for the last few years.

Fraternally,
Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

Having completed our first Enter Apprentice degree of 2025, I find myself recharged and filled with motivation, having seen some of our brothers for the first time conducting new degree work in Lodge. I feel so blessed to be a part of every degree, working off each other and creating the best performance possible for the candidate. After last night I realized the craft, or presentation can always be improved and refined. It is so important for us Officers and Lodge members on the sideline, to learn the ritual and degree work.

In learning the degree work well, our delivery, not speaking too quickly, or quietly we are aiding the Candidate who is hearing everything for the first time, so he can best enjoy and learn from us the content presented. I believe this can't be overstated enough. Giving thought to how we approach our Masonic work, how we prepare ourselves, how we practice, may make a significant difference in how our brothers and new Candidates learn the craft. Only together through a thoughtful, skillful manner can we accomplish great things.

I encourage every brother to show up to Lodge and don't stay on the sideline. Challenge yourself to learn a portion of the degree work, to participate in this artful and art-filled process.

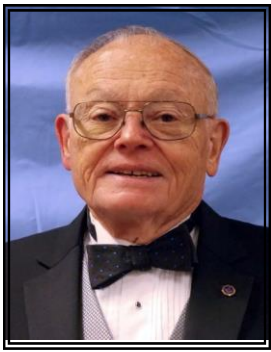
Sincerely yours,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden Elect

February Birthdays

Robert	Papazian		4
Gene	Pattee		4
John	Baird		6
Lonny	Johnson		7
Jerome	Thormann Jr.	PM	9
Richard	Donaldson		10
Byron	Pretzer		10
Timothy	Tyler		10
Ruben	Rios		14
Gerald	Sharp		14
David	Sorge		15
Richard	Childs		16
John	Scott		16
Omar	Khan		17
Jason	Weiner		17
Bryan	Kincade	PM	18
James	Mc Cown		18
Alan	Hansen		19
Ali	Hatamaria		19
Khoa	Le		19
Richard	Frey	PM	21
Rodney	Rowlett		21
Cline	Jack Jr.	PM	23
Larry	Lee		27
Larry	Minasian		27
Jared	Lyons		29
Joshua	Skunca		29





From the Archives:

If you watched the Vice President, take his oath of office on January 20th, you may have noticed that much of the wording should be very familiar to Masons. The story behind this oath is that it was adopted by our first Congress and is still being used today.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

There must have been many Masons in our first Congress.

I am getting ready to have all of the old minutes of Las Palmas Lodge scanned so they can be stored on the cloud and available to all of our members and saved in perpetuity. In neither the 1913 nor 1914 minutes, was there any indication of the election of officers nor the installation of the officers. The minutes just reflected the names of the officers who were present for a meeting. Starting in January of 1915, the minutes state that Las Palmas and Fresno Lodge held a joint installation of officers.

At our February 7, 1980 meeting I told the brethren: "There will be a reception for the Grand Master at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 3." Back then, when the Grand Master came to Fresno for his annual reception, there were so many people in attendance that neither the Las Palmas Temple nor the Fresno Lodge Temple had a room large enough to hold everybody. Instead, we would rent a building such as the Fairgrounds. I remember one of these functions where local Masons, who were musicians, formed a band with more than 20 members. The music was fantastic.

Our Secretary, Bob Paden, read an invitation to attend the Royal Arch installation Saturday, February 9th. It was noted that five of our members would fill various offices positions for 1980.

At the 3rd degree for Louis Putney on February 14th, Larry Duba delivered the charge. On September 29th, 2023, Brother Duba delivered a fine first-degree charge when his son-in-law and the husband of his granddaughter were initiated. I have asked Brother Duba to deliver the charge at future first degrees.

Lodge Night Out

Famous Daves.



Next Lodge Night Out will be February 11, 2025, and will be Famous Daves, the address is 7603 N. Blackstone Avenue

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy February!



*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.
Gary Spolestra - Leg*

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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,

I am pleased to welcome all of the 2025 officers. They have been duly installed and are on track for a great year. As I said last month, I am going to start sending out letters for late dues. If you get one, you will have the option to call me and try to work something out, get them current, or if you decide to do nothing, you will be suspended in our March stated meeting. For those of you who have already been suspended once, this will be it, no more coming back. It is your choice of what you want to do.

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

February Calendar

2- 2	Breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 AM
2 -6	Practice	7:00 PM
2-11	Lodge Night Out	5:30 PM (read above)
2-13	First degree	6:30 Food/ 7:30 degree
2-20	Stated meeting/Dinner	6:30 PM /7:30 pm
2-27	Practice or degree	7:30 PM



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