



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



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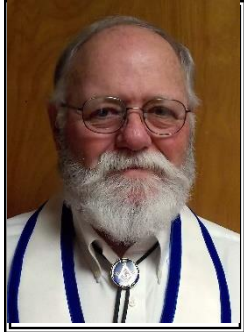
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Greetings from the East



The year of 2024 is rapidly closing upon us and I would like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This coming year is filled with excitement within our lodge at Las Palmas- Ponderosa. We have a full line of officers that will be installed at our January stated meeting. So come out and support our new officers as they continue to make our lodge a meaningful place where all brothers can share the brotherhood of being masons.

If you missed our last stated meeting then I will fill you in on some exciting news. We will start the year off by conferring two new prospects to receive the degrees of masonry. We also voted on two brothers that affiliated from other lodges and it is good to see new faces at the lodge.

Brothers John Wilson and Dylan Oak started the much needed and meaningful project of our bicycle program. It was a huge success and the kids and parents were very excited at Easterby Elementary to have seen all of the bicycles and riding helmets on display. Two brothers making a difference.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as Master this past year and hope that you will do the same for our upcoming Master. Thank you again and I hope to see you in lodge.

Fraternally,
Bill Lyons PM
Worshipful Master



From the West,

A new year is here and with it a new officer line. Many thanks go to Richard Frey Past Master and Joshua Harmon Past Master for filling the Senior and Junior Warden stations.

Congratulations to John Wilson on becoming the Senior Deacon! That is such a fun chair. Enjoy it my brother!

A big thank you to all of the brethren for your confidence in me to serve as Master of our lodge. I am humbled and excited for this opportunity.

We are going to continue to have the Masters night out and our lodge breakfast. Our Installation of Officers will be at the January stated meeting the uniform is tuxedos and open to Masons only.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Senior Warden – Master Elect



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

2025 is upon us.

With new prospect's coming into the Lodge, I hope we will see a busy year. I find that every time Freemasons are talked about, there is a common thread of knowledge and community.

These are the things that I find intriguing about our organization.

As we look toward the new year, may we all find something uplifting and inspiring.

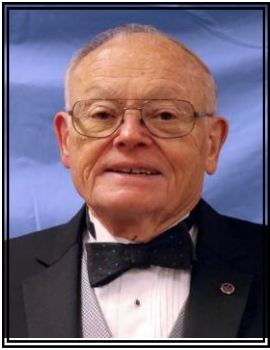
Sincerely yours,

Joshua Harmon PM
Acting Junior Warden

January Birthdays

Bahram	Shifteh		1
Gary	Bloom		5
Calvin	McCarty		5
Thomas	Carlson		7
Shahbaz	Almas		10
Chris	Weymouth		10
Dylan	Beck		16
Brandon	Camarena		17
David	Berry		18
James	Stahl	PM	18
Christopher	Guillen		19
Kirk	Roberts		20
James	Fisher		23
Joshua	Barkley		28
Daniel	Tamayo		28
Mario	Perez		29

Happy Birthday



From the Archives:

My first actual meeting as Master of Las Palmas Lodge was our Stated Meeting on January 17, 1980. Back then, we had a sick committee which made a report at every Stated Meeting. Melvin Weber was the chair of our sick committee. Mel had recently moved from southern California to Fresno after he retired as the head honcho of a Ford Mustang assembly plant and became quite active in Las Palmas and Tehran Shrine Temple.

Back then, as well as today, it was hard to find out if a brother was sick, or in the hospital, unless the brother or his family notified the Lodge. If you were in the hospital, it was common for the Lodge to send a flower arrangement to you. Also reported in open Lodge was the names of three brothers who had passed to the Celestial Lodge above. The brethren stood for a moment of silent meditation in honour of the memory of our fallen brothers.

This being the first Stated Meeting for the newly advanced officers, the outgoing Master, Bobby Bingham, surrendered his Master's lapel pen to me, I then surrendered my Sr. Warden's lapel pen to Gary Starr and Gary Starr surrendered his Jr. Warden's lapel pen to Jim Kleinknight. At that time, the Secretary's salary was \$250 per month and the organist and Tiler were each paid \$25 per meeting for their services. The Tiler set up Lodge and then broke it down.

Our Brother Secretary, Bob Paden, had to post in our Trestleboard the following: Three potted plants disappeared the night of installation and they were loaned to the Lodge to be returned to the florist. We believe they were taken by persons thinking they were part of the table decorations which were to be paid for at \$4.00 each. We would like to have the plants back so we can return them, or we will take your check for \$18 each. It is not polite to mention the names here, so we will expect to hear from the three people soon."

After conferring a second degree on Bro Gene Raymond Page, Lodge closed at 9:45 p.m. and refreshments were served in the banquet room by Bro. Peter Rebensdorf. Bro Page is still alive, but in a care facility. Bro Rebensdorf was a retired baker and had a small bakery in his garage where he specialized in wedding cakes. For Lodge, he made sandwiches, pastries and cakes.

On February 14th, we raised Brother Louis Putney. Bro Putney worked with me as an investigator in the DA's office. During the first refreshment before Lodge resumed, Bro Vernon M. Walker sang a solo selection from an opera by Mozart entitled "O Lord, Our God." I have only heard a vocal solo sung at this point in the 3rd degree a couple of times, but it is very impressive. The Secretary's minutes indicated that I gave the 3rd degree Master's lecture in only 16 minutes. Today it takes me about 20 minutes.

Bikes! We are back to giving away bikes for students at Easterby Elementary School!



John Wilson at Easterby Elementary.

Masters Night Out

We had a nice turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Mike's Pizzeria.



Next Masters Night Out will be January 14, 2025, and will be at DiCicco's at Cedar and Nees.

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy January!



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,

Please join the new officers for Installation on the 16th. We will be having our stated meeting prior, And Installation will follow directly after. Please check your dues card and make sure it is for 2025,

If it's not, you are late. I hate to do it but I am going to have to start suspending people who

Haven't paid for a while. Make sure you are not one of them. If your having a problem, please call and we will see if we can make some sort of arrangement.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

January Calendar

1 - 5	Breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 AM
1 - 9	Practice	7:00 PM
1 -16	Stated meeting/Dinner	6:30 PM /7:30 pm
1-23	Degree	7:30 PM
1-30	Practice	7:00 PM



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