



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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## Greetings from the East



Brethren,

Since it's July, we'll be observing our summer "dark" period this month and next.

This means our stated meetings will still occur, but without a pre-meeting meal. Please keep an eye on your email for updates, as I'll be scheduling some Third-Degree practices throughout the summer

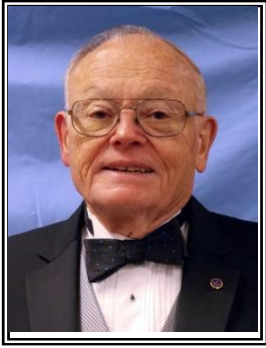
This event is open to members and any male friends who might be interested in learning more about Masonry. Our last BBQ was a blast, and we expect this one to be just as much fun

Come hang out, strengthen your bods with your brothers and catch up!

Fraternally,

Joshua Barkley

Worshipful Master



### **From the West:**

I was initiated in Las Palmas Lodge in the fall of 1967 when our new temple was only 6 years old. During these 50+ years, I had only walked out of the sliding doors in our "card room" onto the patio one time.

As I have expressed many times, Covid has taken a great toll on our Lodge. As your Sr. Warden, I decided to try something new to get our members back to Lodge. Together with Bro Ruben Rios we decided that a BBQ on the patio was a good starter.

To facilitate this, Brother Bryan Kincade got the gardeners to clean up the patio and our Temple Board under the direction of Bro. Stuart Hoskins appropriated several thousand dollars for metal coverings and cement furniture. The metal coverings came in boxes and required a lot of assembly work which was graciously provided by Brothers Stuart Hoskins, Bill Lyons, Dylan Oak and Calvin McCarty. Assembly took them several days to complete.

On the evening of Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>, we had our BBQ on the patio. There were 17 members and 2 guests present for this fun time of food, drink and conversation. I left the party at 10:00 pm, and I was not the last one to leave. I want to personally thank all of those members who assembled the metal coverings as well as those who prepared the food and manned the BBQ under the direction of Bro Rios.

We plan on having more of these parties during the summer and fall with **our next BBQ on the Patio on Thursday, July 24 at 6:30.** We hope to see many more of our members and their guests enjoy these upcoming events. Our new patio furniture should be delivered and set-up by the time of our next party.

Fraternally Richard Frey PM  
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

Summer is here and the lights are dim, as the Lodge will be dark for much of the summer months, with the exception of our Stated Meetings.

The month of July always reminds me of that most significant day July 4<sup>th</sup>. It was on July 4<sup>th</sup> Congress approved the final draft of the Declaration of Independence, which had been written by Thomas Jefferson and edited by John Adams and Benjamin Franklin.

On July 8, the first public reading of the Declaration took place at the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It wasn't till August 4, 1776, after delegates of the Continental Congress had signed the document, that The Declaration of Independence was made official.

Of the 56 men that signed the Declaration of Independence, it appears only nine were Freemasons, or masons with verifiable records of association. While the nature of the declaration is consistent with the ideas of Freemasonry, it may be a stretch to say that the fraternity influenced directly the creation of the document. It is, however more than likely that as the ideas of the freedom, independence, liberty, equality and fraternity were at hand in its creation. Whatever the case, these men and the 47 others who penned their names to this document, had the foresight to be brave, as we hope to be.

Don't forget to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> safely and with as much patriotism as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Harmon PM  
Junior Warden



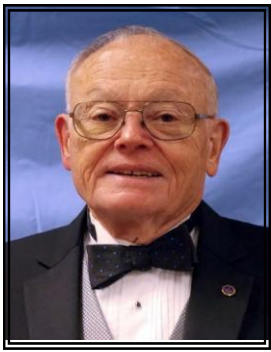
New gazebos and a BBQ on the patio. The guys worked their butts off putting these together And it was a very evening in the shade. We all had a great time and was very thankful to the Management Board.

## July Birthdays

George	Richmann		2
Kenneth	Abell		3
Gary	Goyette		4
Stanton	Walker		5
David	Cunha	PM	8
Murat	Dugan		10
Thomas	Heckel II		10
Omer	Durham		11
Delaine	Bradway	PM	12
Lawrence	Hopper	PM	12
Armen	Keledjian		12
Daniel	Hanson		13
Andrew	Zaninovich		13
Martin	Gann		14
Mark	Thornton		14
Trevor	Clark		16
Raymond	King		17
Ron	Gadberry	PM	19
Larry	Goeringer		19
John	Prichard Jr.		19
Bradley	Smith		19
Franklin	Champ		21
Ryan	Duty		21
Christopher	Greeley		21
Edgar	Tanassi		23
David	Manion		24
Larry	Duba	PM	25
John	Gentle		27
Matthew	Pascua		27
Anthony	Ratkus		27
Arlen	Tanielian		27
John	Wilson		28
James	Redman		29
William	Halsey		31
John	Moore		31
Ronald	Ulrich		31







### From the Archives:

I am sure that those of you who have lived in Fresno for a few years have heard of Powers Elementary school. It is located on the same campus as the Ginsburg school for special need children and together they are called Powers-Ginsburg Elementary school. It is located on the North-West corner of Ashlan and Palm. For many years we participated with them with our bike giveaway program for perfect attendance.

While many of you may recognize the name of Ginsburg as this portion of the school was named for Dr. H. M. Ginsburg who was a prominent local physician and member of Fresno Lodge. The Powers name came from Lucius Powers who was a member of Las Palmas Lodge. He passed away in 1978 and this is the memorial that was placed in the February, 1978 Las Palmas Minutes.

LUCIUS POWERS, JR., age 76, passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on January 30, 1978. He was a member of a well-known pioneer family of Fresno County and had followed the legal profession for many years. He was a state asemblyman 1929-1933 and during his term sponsored a bill to establish a four-year college in Fresno, and another to construct Highway 41 to Yosemite. Besides his widow, Geraldine, he is survived by two daughters and a sister. Powers was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on February 6, 1930 and was a member of Fresno Scottish Rite Bodies, Tehran Shrine Temple and Fresno High Twelve Club.

There was a time when it was proper for a politician to be a Mason. Today, that is not really the case as "we are members of an organization which does not accept women".

While I was scanning these minutes from February of 1978, I found the following in the bills that were paid for that month. 10 Doz. Dinner Rolls 7.50 That would be only 75¢ for a package of a dozen dinner rolls.

I also found a bill for 100 pre-stamped envelopes. It was for \$13.70. How many of you remember when you could buy from the post office pre-stamped letter envelopes. As the price of postage changed, new envelopes were issued with the correct postage printed and embossed on the envelope. At this time the postage rate was 13¢ so the actual 100 envelopes cost only .7¢ each.

Attached to the March, 1978 Lodge minutes is a list of Las Palmas Widows. It has 50 names of our Widows and a dozen widows from other Lodges who were associate members of the Las Palmas Widows club. A few years back we had a Widows club that met at a local restaurant for lunch on a regular basis as well as attended our Stated Meeting Dinners.

## **Lodge Night Out**

Phoenician Garden Restaurant - 1025 E Herndon Ave #106 – July 8 at 5:30 PM



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

Luna Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant  
349 Pollasky Ave.  
Clovis, CA 93612

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy July!



*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,

Welcome to the dog days of summer, I think. The weather was a bit mixed up in early June, it couldn't make up its mind. It's hot, no its cold, no its hot. There have been a few changes around the lodge. The patio that most people didn't even know we had, is now useful and enjoyable. This came about after we had a neighborhood clean-up. It's amazing what a few beers and brain storming can accomplish. Hopefully we will see you on the 24<sup>th</sup> for the next BBQ. Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> and a great summer!

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**July Calendar**

7-3	Dark	
7-8	Lodge Night Out	5:30 PM (read above)
7-17	Stated meeting	7:30 PM
7-24	Patio BBQ	6:30 PM
7-31	Dark	



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