



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

I extend sincere gratitude to our Senior Warden, Worshipful Brother Richard Frey, for his dedicated efforts and invaluable contributions to our lodge and its members.

We are also delighted to welcome our new Head Chef, Brother Ruben Rios. My Brother the kitchen is now in your capable hands. Furthermore, please join me in congratulating Brother Rios on his recent advancement to the degree of Fellow Craft.

This month, we honor mothers and acknowledge their enduring impact on our lives. The guiding influence of our mothers has shaped many of us into the men we are today. To all mothers within our readership, we express our deepest appreciation for all that you do.

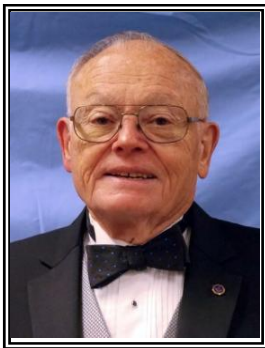
For those brothers who have been absent from lodge for some time, I offer a heartfelt encouragement to consider returning. The profound insights and true essence of our sacred Brotherhood are best discovered through active participation.

I eagerly anticipate the pleasure of your company at our upcoming lodge meetings.

Fraternally,

Joshua Barkley

Worshipful Master



From the West:

For the last three months on every Monday night, we have had a coaching session at our Lodge. Our first success story took place on Monday April 28th when we opened Lodge in the First degree with the help of some other Entered Apprentice brothers so that Brother Ruben Rios could give his candidates proficiency. Brother Rios had studied hard for these three months and did a commendable job on giving the long form proficiency.

I also want to personally thank Bro Rios for the great job of taking over our kitchen and personally cooking our April Stated Meeting Dinner. Attendance at this Stated Meeting dinner was up from previous dinners and everybody said the meal was great.



Brother Rios will be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Mason on Thursday May 1st. Let us show our appreciation to Brother Rios for his mastery of our kitchen by showing up on May 1st for his second degree.

The menu that Bro Rios has made up for our May Stated Meeting dinner will be around steak. Our May Stated Meeting should be short so be sure and bring your wife or significant other to our dinner at 6:30. Also, be sure and contact our secretary to make reservations

Fraternally Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

Mother's Day is almost here! Honoring the mother of our family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world.

The very first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908 in the USA, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother. Then she started a campaign to establish Mother's Day as a national holiday, and later as international. The U.S Congress passed a law on May 8, 1914, that designated the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day. The holiday was proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on the next day as the holiday when all American citizens raised the flag in honor of the mothers, whose sons had died in war.

But flowers, greeting cards, and competing historical narratives aside, there's something undeniably beautiful about the idea of setting aside an entire day to pay your respects to the woman who made you, well, you. The heart of the holiday remains special, no matter how much commercialization swirls around it.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us.

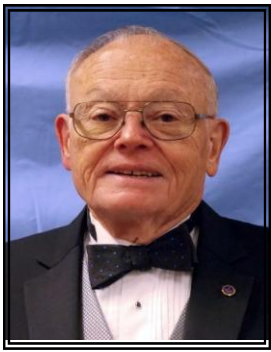
Sincerely yours,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

May Birthdays

Woodrow	Nichols Jr.		2
Jonathan	Pierro		3
James	Tarver		3
Christian	Barries		4
Frank	Gann Jr.	PM	4
James	Schultz		5
Alan	Burnham	PM	6
Robert	Davis	PM	7
Andrew	Peerson		8
Gaby	Nakad		11
Shawn	Clark		12
Bert	Flores		12
Allan	Melikian		12
John	Schmidt		12
Richard	Payne	PM	13
Thomas	Stockwell		13
Gordon	Keeton	PM	14
James	Vaughan	PM	17
Matthew	Houk		18
Ryan	Marrett		20
John	Gahvejian		21
Nathan	Williams	PM	21
Nikhil	Kohli		24
Nathaniel	Stapp		24
David	Clark		25
H.	Welddon		25
Donald	Milligan		26
Dean	Walker		28
Gary	Starr	PM	30
Chad	Stokes		31





From the Archives:

When I was a Warden on my way to being Master in 1980 there was a sojourner who was present at virtually all of our meetings. This sojourner was Joe Sallee. In talking with Bro Joe, I found out that he had recently been hired as the head person for the City of Fresno garbage department. He had previously held that position for the City of Ontario.

I soon learned that Brother Joe was Master of Ontario Lodge No. 301. It was during 1977 that he moved to Fresno at which time he had to travel many times to Ontario to perform his duties as Master. Bro Joe affiliated with Las Palmas in 1979 and starting in 2009 until 2017 he was our Assistant Secretary.

In our various conversations he informed me that he lost his first wife to cancer and that he was in remission from cancer. Every day he lived with the thought that if his cancer returned, it would soon bring about his death. Thankfully he was able to live an additional 45 years.

Although Bro Joe did not attend Lodge very often for the last few years, he must have thought about me as a month ago he contacted our secretary and asked for my e-mail address which I quickly provided to him. Unfortunately, I never heard back from him as he passed away on April 1st.

As I scan our old Minutes for the Ledge archives, I occasionally notice something that we did back then, but would probably not do today. If a member died and had a Masonic funeral, Lodge had to be opened in the 3rd degree before the Master and brethren could go to the funeral home or church to give the Masonic funeral. After returning from the cemetery or crematorium, they had to resume Lodge, appoint three members to write the eulogy for the Lodge records and then close Lodge.

This practice took place from the very beginning of our Lodge in 1905 until 1955 when Grand Lodge must have changed this practice and our Funeral ritual. It resumed by our officers on a case-by-case basis in 1959. In the very early days think about how much time it would take for the Lodge officers to get to Lodge, go to the funeral home or church and then go to the cemetery all on horseback or horse drawn carriage. Today to go to the cemetery in Reedley would be about a 30-minute drive, but back in the 1930's it took our officers in their Model T a half day to get there, do the graveside and return back to Fresno.

Lodge Night Out

Outback Steakhouse



Next Lodge Night Out will be May 13, 2025, and will be at:

Outback Steakhouse
2765 W. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93711

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy May!



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,

Well, the weather is warmer, then colder, then warmer and colder. Seems as if Mother Nature does not have her meds regulated. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and are looking forward to Mother's Day. Make sure to trat the women in your life well, it makes life a lot easier. We have a couple of degrees coming up and the lodge has been coaching candidates on Monday nights, so I am sure we will be busier in the near future.

Happy Mother's Day to you all.

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

May Calendar

5 -1	2 nd degree	6:30 PM/ 7:30 PM
5-8	1 st degree degree	6:30 PM/ 7:30 PM
5-13	Lodge Night Out	5:30 PM (read above)
5-15	Stated meeting/Dinner	6:30 PM /7:30 pm
5-22	Practice	7:00 PM
5-29	Practice	7:00 PM



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