



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
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## Greetings from the East

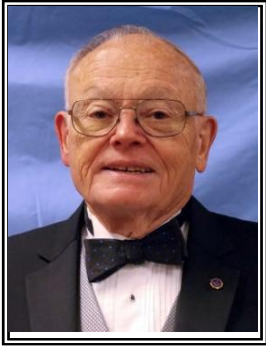


Brethren,

We are back in the swing of things, and I am so happy to see you all back in the lodge. As many of you know, we were planning to have Past Masters Night on September 25, but as fate would have it, we had to postpone that due to some key officers having COVID. The Senior Warden and I are working to reschedule that event; more news will follow. Be sure to keep an eye on your email for the new date. Andrew Miller, P.M., will be traveling to San Francisco to attend the Annual Communication at Grand Lodge to cast our votes on the new resolutions. I cannot thank Brother Miller enough for going on behalf of our Lodge.

On September 15, we had another BBQ on our patio. Brother Rubin Rios made street tacos, and they were delicious! These BBQs are a lot of fun; I highly encourage you to come to one..

Fraternally,  
Joshua Barkley  
Worshipful Master



**From the West:**

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend our September BBQ on the Patio. I contracted Covid on my way back home from a Frey family heritage tour of Switzerland and Germany.

Reports from this BBQ came back to me with it having the best food ever. I do wish that I could have made it to taste those wonderful street tacos that Bro. Ruben Rios made for us.

After I got back home, I started to coordinate all of the activities for our Past Master's night dinner and degree when my Covid did a rebound. Due to this rebound, I have had to cancel the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree practice as well as the scheduled Past Master's night.

I have now got well and in conjunction with our Master, this is our schedule of upcoming events in October.

Thursday October 2, we will have a 1<sup>st</sup> degree for Nikolas Stelfox. Nikolas has participated in our past BBQ's on the Patio and for one of them he made some coleslaw for us. Let's give a big LPP welcome to Nikolas by attending his 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Light food will be served at 6:30 with Lodge opening at 7:30.

Monday October 6: At 7:00 pm we will have a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree practice. All officers and all Past Masters who desire to partake in the Past Master's Night 3<sup>rd</sup> degree should be to this practice.

Thursday October 9: At 7:00 pm we will have an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> degree practice. All officers and all Past Masters who desire to partake in the Past Master's Night 3<sup>rd</sup> degree should be to this practice.

Monday October 13 at 6:30 BBQ on the Patio Open to all Masons and their male guests.

Thursday October 16 at 7:30 LPP Stated Meeting. No dinner will be served.

Thursday October 23 at 6:30 Steak dinner ahead of LPP Past Master's Night. The dinner is free to all PM's of LPP and Clovis Lodge. All others will pay \$10. Reservations are mandatory for the dinner. Contact me by text or phone at (559) 779-7798 or send me an e-mail at [LasPalmasLodge@currently.com](mailto:LasPalmasLodge@currently.com)

Thursday October 30 7:30 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for Ruben Rios. Ruben is our great cook for our BBQ's so let's give a great welcome to Ruben as our newest Master Mason.

Fraternally Richard Frey PM  
Senior Warden



Dinner on the Patio September 2025



Please plan on joining us this month.



Greetings from the South,

October is upon us, and Halloween is coming. The beginning of fall sports NBA, and NHL seasons. Additionally, October marks significant historical dates and the United Nations' founding. The UN was founded on October 24, 1945, promoting global peace and cooperation and the launch of Sputnik 1 on October 4, 1957, also began the Space Race, igniting a new era of technological advancement.

The variety of holidays celebrated around the world in October is a testament to the beauty of cultural diversity. Halloween, Diwali, Chuseok, and Oktoberfest, among others, each carry their unique significance and traditions.

The word "October" comes from the Latin word octo, meaning "eight". This is because in the original Roman calendar, which started in March, October was the eighth month. Even after the calendar was changed to 12 months, the name "October" stuck, despite it now being the tenth month. Hopefully in October the Lodge will see much activity. See everyone soon.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us.

Sincerely yours,

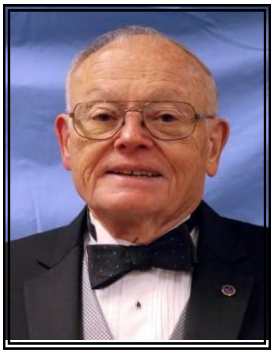
Joshua Harmon PM  
Junior Warden

## October Birthdays

|         |             |     |    |
|---------|-------------|-----|----|
| Stanley | Antranikian |     | 1  |
| William | Crossland   |     | 1  |
| Patrick | Leeper      |     | 1  |
| Harry   | Manoogian   |     | 1  |
| Steven  | Howell      |     | 4  |
| Timothy | Newcomb     |     | 5  |
| William | Clem        |     | 6  |
| Richard | Peters      |     | 8  |
| Shon    | Abell       |     | 10 |
| Wade    | Woolsey     |     | 11 |
| Stanley | Burton      |     | 13 |
| Blair   | Cunnings    |     | 13 |
| William | Gaudian     | III | 17 |
| Charles | Alstrom     | PM  | 18 |
| James   | Cummings    | PM  | 18 |
| Randy   | Forrester   | PM  | 20 |
| Charles | Jones       |     | 20 |
| James   | Clare       |     | 22 |
| Donald  | Lenz        |     | 22 |
| Casey   | Sagmaquen   |     | 23 |
| John    | Green       |     | 26 |
| Frank   | Merrill     |     | 28 |







### **From the Archives:**

Have you ever wondered what things were like when your father or other close relative joined Las Palmas Lodge. My father, John Wesley "Jack" Frey, petitioned Las Palmas Lodge in May of 1929, was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry on June 20<sup>th</sup> and initiated on August 1<sup>st</sup>, passed on October 10<sup>th</sup> and raised on February 3<sup>rd</sup> of 1930. We know that there was no cyphers back then and when you look at the time span between each of his degrees the lapse of time would seem to be about what a candidate should be doing today.

The reason that I bring this up is because Therese and I and about 30 other Frey cousins just got back from a Frey Heritage tour of where my 7<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather, Jacob Frey lived and worshiped in the mid 1600's. We know that he was born in Gontenschwil, Switzerland as I was able to personally view his original church baptismal record dated 10 January, 1630.

What was it like in January of 1630 in a small mountainous village of Switzerland? I am sure that it was cold due to the winter and that the only way to get heat or cook was from a wood fire. Light at night had come from the fire or a candle. What was their clothing like? Did they have wool, or some other animal skin for clothing. I doubt that cotton was readily available at that time in the mountains of Switzerland.

While the original church building is no longer present and was last replaced only 3 years ago with a new building, there was a museum house that we were told dated back about 300 years. The beams that held up the roof were all hand hewn from now darkened wood, the windows were glass and the walls were stucco or some other cement-based material. Certainly, many repairs or updates were made to this building so my curiosity about what life and dwellings were like over 300 years ago still remains.

I never had the privilege of sitting in Lodge with my father or as a Mason asking him what it was like when he took his degrees as he passed away before I petitioned Las Palmas Lodge. After having been a member of Las Palmas Lodge for over 50 years and having been Master in 1980, I wonder what the ritual was like. In reading through the old minutes of Las Palmas Lodge, I did find several instances of a newly initiated candidate being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft only 1 week after being initiated. I think that my question about the old ritual will remain forever a secret.

## From the Archives: cont.

More particularly, what was the old Lodge room was like. The Temple where my father got his degrees was the third Masonic Temple to be built in Fresno. Design work for this building to be located at the S-W corner of Merced and Van Ness was started in 1910. It was a two and a half-story building with space for a business on the ground floor, the Lodge room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the banquet room on the third floor. It was owned by most of the Masonic groups in Fresno at that time. The stair case to the upper floors was on Merced Street near the west wall of the building. In 1911 there were few cars and many horses. I wonder where they put the horses and carriages when the members were attending Lodge?

My father's business was located 2 blocks north of the temple on Van Ness and the Fresno Camera Exchange was located across from the Temple so I do remember seeing the building, but I never went into it. Unfortunately, I do not have any pictures of the banquet room and the only pictures of the Lodge room are from old pictures of our Las Palmas officers. The 1941 officers are shown below.



## **Lodge Night Out**

Di Cicco's, 1530 E. Nees Avenue, Corner of Nees and Cedar.



Next Lodge Night Out will be October 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, and will be at:

Di Cicco's, 1530 E. Nees Avenue, Corner of Nees and Cedar.

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.



Happy October!



*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,

We have been having problems with the homeless trying to take over the lodge. It seems to be a constant battle. We are finally winning the war, I think. With all of big bushes around the lodge, it offers a great place for them to hide and try and make a nest. The board is taking steps to correct the problem. We have plenty of degrees coming up and we could use everyone to attend so we can put good degrees on for our candidates.

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

**October Calendar**

|       |                    |                      |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 10-2  | First degree       | 6:30/7:30            |
| 10-6  | Practice           | 7:00 PM              |
| 10-9  | Practice           | 7:00 PM              |
| 10-13 | BBQ                | 6:30 PM              |
| 10-14 | Lodge Night Out    | 5:30 PM (read above) |
| 10-16 | Stated Meeting     | 7:30 PM              |
| 10-23 | Past Masters Night | 6:30 PM              |
| 10-30 | Third degree       | 7:30 PM              |



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