



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



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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

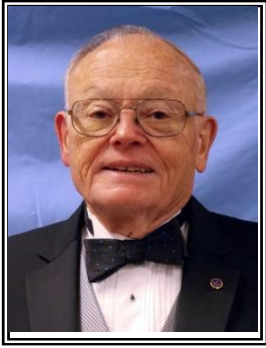
As we embrace the arrival of autumn and the change of seasons, we are reminded of our journey from darkness to light. This theme resonates deeply with the spirit of our fraternity, as we seek the light that illuminates our path, even on the shortest of days.

This month, we return to our regular schedule.

I trust you all had a pleasant and rewarding summer. I look forward to seeing you at the lodge..

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Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Worshipful Master



From the West:

For our August BBQ on the Patio, we moved it from a Thursday evening to a Monday evening. There were 19 in attendance. This time we started off with an appetizer of nacho chips before the hamburgers. Everyone had a good time and since I left about 9:30 I do not know how late some of our members stayed.

Our BBQ on the Patio for September will be on Monday, September 15 at 6:30.

This time we will have a build your own street taco bar along with all of the trimmings. There is no charge for members or their guests.

We have not had a Past Masters Night since September of 2018 when Chris Guillien was raised a Master Mason and Covid 19 closed us down in early 2020. We now have two candidates ready to be raised and since Daniel Valdez gave his 2nd degree proficiency first, he will be our candidate on **Past Master's Night on Thursday September 25th**.

For our Past Master's Night dinner, we will have steak and all of the trimmings. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and Lodge will open at 7:30. For our Past Masters, the dinner will be free and for all others there will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover the cost of the steak.

All Past Masters will be getting a letter asking them what position they would like to take in the 3rd degree. Please respond as soon as possible so that we can get all positions filled with Past Masters. Reservations for all who desire to partake in this delicious steak dinner are mandatory. Please notify our Lodge Secretary of your intent to attend.

If you are a Past Master and not sure of your ritual, I will be conducting two 3rd degree practices. The first will be on Thursday September 11 at 7:00 pm and the second on Monday September 22 at 7:00 pm. These practices are mandatory for all of our current officers. You do not need to make a reservation for these practices.

On Thursday October 2, we will have a 1st degree for Nikolas Stelfox. Nikolas has participated in our last two BBQ's on the Patio and for the last BBQ he made some coleslaw which he brought. Let's give a big LPP welcome to Nikolas by attending his 1st degree. Light food will be served at 6:30 with Lodge opening at 7:30.

On Thursday October 9, we will raise Bro Ruben Rios to the 3rd degree of masonry.

As for future Stated Meetings, due to lack of participation, there will no longer be a dinner before the meeting.

Fraternally Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Dinner on the Patio August 2025



Please plan on joining us this month.



Greetings from the South,

The Lodge, having been mostly dark the last couple of months, I find myself truly missing my brothers and our interactions. I can't explain the gratification I feel towards our institution and will continue to work toward being deserving of that fulfillment.

Likewise, I hope my brothers and those new to Masonry also find something uplifting and inspiring in their travels through Masonry. Fitting to make man wiser, happier, and all-around better men. Discovering the deeper meaning behind the words and how we can apply those teachings in our daily lives.

As always, my brothers please join us at every function possible. Help us inspire and motivate our Lodges' future. May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones.

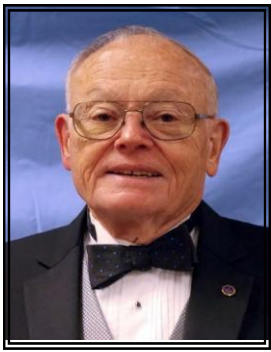
Sincerely yours,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

September Birthdays

Frederick	Richburg	II		2
Stephen	Harrelson		PM	3
Peter	Wilson			6
James	Carney			8
Steven	Clifton			8
Gary	Garant			9
Eugene	Morales			9
Sonny	Mehrtash			12
Thomas	Young		PM	12
Richard	Tarango			15
Craig	Constance			17
Devin	O'Connell			20
Kurtis	Docken			21
Kasra	Monazzami			22
Robert	Thomason	Jr.		22
Ara	Karkazian			24
Paul	Locker			24
Bruce	Morrow			25
Charles	Oliver			25
William	Kidd			27
David	Orrantia			28
Gerard	Gulgulian			30
Gary	Lewis		PM	30
James	Meeks			30





From the Archives:

On January 5, 1961 Las Palmas Lodge opened for the first time in our new Temple. The purpose of this meeting was for the installation of officers for the Masonic year of 1961. It wasn't long before we started to make use of our new kitchen facilities for dinners before our Stated Meeting. The following appeared in one of these early Trestle boards which were mailed out on a monthly basis.



The "Dates" were the wives of our members and it was very common to fill our entire banquet room for these dinners. In the early days we did not have round tables like we have today, we had tables that were 3' x 8' and when not in use were stored under our stage. (Next time you are at Lodge, look at the stage in the banquet room and below the stage are doors that are just over 3' wide so the legs to these tables could be folded up and several tables could be stored in each of these several compartments.)

Mary Perch, the wife of Javon Perch, was soon put in charge of these dinners. For some months there were theme dinners like Ham for the dinner before Easter, Turkey for November and Ham for Christmas with Santa Claus. Past Master's Night usually had a BBQ steak or, better yet, shish-kabob. A definite favorite of Mary was her Salisbury Steak. To give Mary and the Dates a break, dinners were not served during July and August.

To give the wives something to do while their husbands were in Lodge, programs for the wives were arranged in our card room. Once the Stated Meeting was concluded, the member and his wife could drive home together.

Over the time of several decades, it became common for some of our members to leave with their spouses after the dinner and not attend Lodge. As the average age of our members increased, more and more of them stopped participating in our monthly dinners or attending our Stated Meetings.

Five or six years ago, I remember our Inspector telling us that many Lodges were no longer serving dinners before their Stated Meeting as it no longer gave an incentive for members to attend the actual Stated Meeting. At the time, your officers thought this was ridiculous. Well, for us, what we thought was ridiculous several years ago has turned out to be applicable to us today.

Lodge Night Out

Los Ponchos, 4910 Cesar Chavez Blvd, Fresno, CA 93727



Next Lodge Night Out will be September 9, 2025, and will be at:

Los Ponchos Café, 4910 Cesar Chavez Blvd, Fresno, CA 93727

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy September!



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.

Stan Walker

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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,

Being dark for July and August is now over and it is time to get back to our labors. We have several degrees coming up and we will also be having Past Masters Night and our own Daniel Valdez will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations Daniel! The management board bought a "Blackstone" griddle so the food at the BBQ's will be varied. This month we will be having street tacos and it is looking promising. Enjoy these last few weeks of summer.

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

September Calendar

9-4	Dark	
9-9	Lodge Night Out	5:30 PM (read above)
9-11	Practice	7:00 PM
9-15	BBQ	6:30 PM
9-18	Stated meeting	7:30 PM
9-22	Practice	7:00 PM
9-25	Past Masters Night	6:30 PM



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