



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



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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

April arrives as a month of renewal—nature awakens, light grows longer, and the world around us reminds us that growth is not only possible but necessary. As Masons, this season mirrors our own internal work. We are continually called to refresh our perspectives, recommit to our obligations, and cultivate the virtues that define our Craft.

Just as the operative mason once returned to the quarries after winter, we too return to our labors with renewed energy. April encourages us to examine the “rough ashlar” within ourselves and chip away at the habits, assumptions, and distractions that no longer serve our higher purpose.

Spring is also a time of building. Our Lodge thrives when each Brother contributes his unique skills, presence, and perspective. Whether through ritual work, mentoring candidates, attending degrees, or simply showing up with a warm handshake and a listening ear, every act strengthens the bonds that unite us.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, April is a wonderful month to return. Your seat is still there. Your Brothers are still here. And your presence matters more than you may realize.

We often say that Masonry is not something you join, it's something you become. As new candidates knock at our door this spring, let us be mindful of the example we set. Our words, our conduct, and our unity are the first lessons they will receive. Let us ensure those lessons are worthy of the Craft we love.

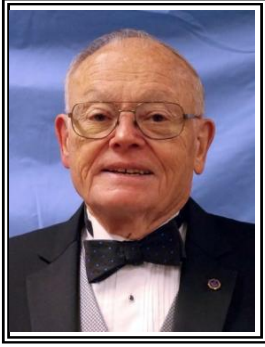
As we welcome our newest Entered Apprentices and guide them through the early steps of their Masonic journey, I ask each of you to take an active role in helping them grow in Light.

Their progress depends not only on instruction, but on the example, we set—our patience, our presence, and our willingness to share what we have learned along the way.

We are also preparing for an upcoming Master Mason Degree, and I encourage all Brothers to take part in its presentation. Whether you are delivering a lecture, assisting with floor work, or simply being present to support the candidate, your participation enriches the experience and strengthens the Lodge as a whole. The Third Degree is one of the most profound moments in Masonry, and it becomes truly meaningful when the Craft stands together.

Let us use this season of renewal to recommit ourselves to the work, to our candidates, and to one another. Your involvement—large or small—makes a difference.

Fraternally
Worshipful Master
Curtis Jack P



From the West,
Our March BBQ had over 20 men attend including several prospects.

Our April BBQ on the Patio will be on Thursday, April 9 starting around 6:30. This is a free Lodge event whereby brothers can eat a great BBQ dinner and, most important, socialize with other brothers.

I have been the webmaster of our Lodge website for about 15 years. When I took it over, it had been created and managed by a member of Fresno Lodge who graciously served as webmaster as Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge did not have a member who was willing to be webmaster.

As webmaster, I created our website so that members, prospects and sojourners could get some history of our Lodge as well as see what events were upcoming. During my term as webmaster, I added some features to our website which included many pictures of Lodge activities information about all of our Past Masters.

Times have changed and most current Lodge websites are designed in a different manner to appeal to viewers who are more accustomed to "browsing the web."

With much help from our Fellow Craft Murat Dugan, we are in the process of creating a new and more modern website for our Lodge. I give Bro Murat most of the credit as he is doing the hard work and all I have to do is give him a few suggestions for content. Our new Lodge website should be up and running in early April for all of you to visit. Murat, I thank you very much for all of the hard work that you have put in to date and all of the hard work that you will perform between now and the launch. Thank you.

Murat will be raised a Master Mason on Thursday, May 7th. I hope that many of you can attend to welcome him as a full member of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

Fraternally,
Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

I'm sad to say that we have lost a good brother, Stan Walker. He has laid down his working tools of this earthly life and has been called to that Great Celestial Lodge above. That house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

He had a lot of years on him, but more importantly, he had a lot of years of wisdom, character and devotion to the Craft. He was also very active in AA, being in recovery for decades. He is a great example to us all, that no matter how dark life can get, we can turn our life around if we want. We have God-given power to accept the things we cannot change and the courage to change the things we can control.

Let us honor him not only in words, but in our actions; let's divest ourselves of our own vices and superfluities of life, like Stan did. Why else are we in the fraternity, but to make our lives and the lives of those around us better?

Sincerely yours,

John Wilson
Junior Warden

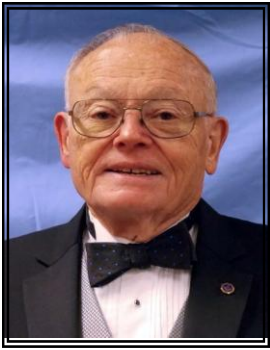


(Pictures courtesy of Richard Frey PM)

April Birthdays

Robert	Sloan		1
Matthew	Ford		2
Joshua	Harmon	PM	2
Dylan	Oak		2
Michael	Bowman	II	3
Daniel	Koontz		5
Richard	Iknoian		6
Frederico	Alcorta	Junior	7
Howard	Pickle		7
Jeffrey	Banks		8
Scott	Fichtner	PM	8
Chad	Schmidt		8
Kenneth	Crum	Jr.	9
Robert	Scott		11
Fred	Lindeman	Sr.	12
W.	Jarboe		13
	La		
Steve	Ferrera		14
Shawn	Erwin		18
James	Keeton		19
Herbert	Johnston		22
Harry	Dyck	Jr.	23
Earl	Jennings		23
Ervin	Kinchen	Jr.	23
David	Helwig		25
Mark	Stroup	PM	26
Thomas	Crossland		27
Kurt	Martin		27
Shane	Burkhart		28
Troy	Johnson	Jr.	29
Glynn	Polacek		30





From the Archives:

In the April-May 1981 Trestleboard, Bro Jim Kleinknight's Senior Warden's message Congratulated our newest Master Mason and gave a projection for the rest of the year.

"On March 12th, 1981, Bro. John Denton received his Third Degree in the Halls of Las Palmas Lodge. Welcome to the craft Bro. John. We are hoping to have at least one Third Degree each month this year and are trying for two. Remember Brethren, Masonry will only grow, and be good and strong if we all help and participate."

Brother Denton became our Master in 1986 and during his year as Master, he raised 10 new Master Masons. Contrast this to last year where we conferred only two third degrees.

In the same Trestleboard, Bro Eldon Cole, our Jr. Warden also gave us some sound advice. "There may be times when we do not remember how important our Blue Lodge is to us; for those times, let us share four ultimate's in Freemasonry: **The Highest Honor:** The bestowal of the Lambskin Apron; **The Highest Degree:** The sublime degree of Master Mason. **The Highest Privilege:** To be admitted to membership in a Lodge of Master Masons. **The Highest Duty:** To live by the Obligations and Principles of country and ourselves. Freemasonry. These are not only the highest; they are also a major part of the foundation of the Masonic Structure. This is true, whether you are the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Lodge, or the Grand Master of Masons in this Jurisdiction. Your Blue Lodge is your foundation in Masonry, let us support and protect it. All other Masonic Bodies are totally dependent on this foundation; without it they simply would not exist. See you in Lodge. Participate."

How many of you have ever attended a Masonic cornerstone laying ceremony. It is normally done by our Grand Master with the help of other Grand Lodge officers and members of local Lodges. The last one that I attended was at the Fossil Discovery Center just off of Hwy 99 north of Madera in November of 2011.

"At the dedication of a new edifice or the laying of the cornerstone, an offering is made of corn, wine and oil. It is the new with the old, the fruits with the seed. Therein are the answers and a great lesson. A building must be true, strong, pleasing to the eye and serve a useful purpose. It follows therefore that the start must be as near true and perfect as is possible. In like manner, the seed to eventually bear good fruit must be properly planted. It must be nurtured and cared for. Fed that it may grow strong and guarded against influences that can harm the reward of its fruits for the benefits that may be derived therefrom. The fruit, the harvest is the reward and the sustenance; the wages and benefits of honest labor. We learn that if our labors are properly guided and the fruits used for the most beneficent purposes, then we will have earned the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of refreshment and the Oil of joy. A just reward."

Masters Night Out

Come join us!



Sakura Chaya
690 E. Nees Avenue
Tuesday, April 14th @ 5:30Pm
Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

From The Archives continued,



Happy April!



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,

April has come in with a blast. The weather has been extremely warm. I thought we were supposed to have a spring in there somewhere. Hopefully it will slow down a bit and we will catch up. The lodge has been clicking along holding its own. We voted on a bylaw change to start the stated meeting at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM. We were hoping that by getting home earlier it would be better for you and your family.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

April Calendar

4-5	BBQ	6:30 PM
4-8	OSI (Fresno Lodge)	6:00 PM
4-9	BBQ	6:30 PM
4-12	OSI	6:00 PM
4-16	Stated Meeting	7:30
4-23	3 rd degree practice	7:00



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Bylaw Amendment – Stated Meeting Time

Brethren,

A proposal has been submitted to amend the Bylaws of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366 concerning the start time of our monthly Stated Meeting.

Current Bylaw: *"The Stated Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m."*

Proposed Amendment: *"The Stated Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m."*

Rationale for the Change

Several considerations have led to this proposal:

- **Improved attendance:** A slightly earlier start time makes it easier for brothers to participate consistently, especially those with early work schedules or long commutes.
- **More efficient evenings:** Beginning at 7:00 p.m. allows the lodge to complete its business at a more comfortable hour, reducing late-night departures.
- **Alignment with common practice:** Many lodges have adopted earlier meeting times with positive results in participation and engagement.

Next Steps

The proposed amendment received its first reading at the January Stated Meeting; we will vote on this proposal at the March Stated Meeting in accordance with the California Masonic Code. All brethren are encouraged to attend and participate in this important decision.

Fraternally,
Curtis Jack, PM
Master

**This was adopted at our March 19, 2026 stated meeting.*