



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

August arrives with its familiar warmth and steady pace, reminding us that even as the year moves forward, each month offers new opportunity for reflection and growth. As we enter the latter half of the year, it is a fitting time to pause, take stock, and recommit ourselves to the principles that strengthen both our Lodge and our individual journeys in Masonry.

Strengthening the Bonds of Brotherhood

This season encourages connection. Whether through Lodge functions, or simple moments of fellowship, let's continue nurturing the relationships that make our fraternity a source of support, learning, and light. A friendly call or visit to a Brother can be just as meaningful as any formal meeting.

The Work of August

Our theme for the month is **Perseverance**—the quiet yet powerful force that keeps us moving forward in our personal and Masonic growth. Consider:

- Refreshing your study of ritual and symbolism
- Setting a meaningful personal improvement goal
- Offering mentorship to newer Brothers
- Participating in Lodge projects and outreach

Even modest efforts, done with intention, shape us into better men and stronger Masons.

Looking Ahead: Officer Opportunities

As we look toward the future and begin preparing for the coming year, any Brother interested in serving as a Lodge officer is encouraged to let the Master know. Stepping into leadership offers a fulfilling opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Craft and contribute meaningfully to the continued vitality of our Lodge.

(From the East cont.)

Upcoming Events

August 1st – Work Party at the Lodge, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for fellowship and hands-on support as we maintain and improve our Lodge.

August 10th – BBQ on the Patio, 6:30 p.m.

A relaxed evening of good food and great company. Bring your appetite and enjoy summertime fellowship.

August 11th – Lodge Night Out, 6:30 p.m., Luna's

Join us for an enjoyable evening out with the Brothers at Luna's. All are welcome—bring family and friends.

August 20th – Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in Lodge for our regular business meeting. Your presence strengthens our work.

Coaching:

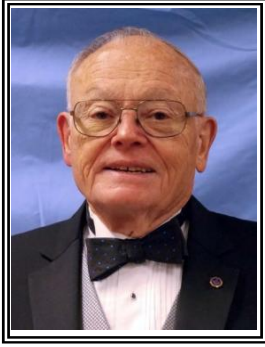
Coaching is available and scheduled with the Senior Warden. If you are progressing through your degree work or wish to refresh your knowledge, please reach out.

A Closing Thought

Freemasonry is a journey built day by day. Through acts of kindness, moments of contemplation, and a commitment to betterment, we continue shaping our own rough ashlar. As August unfolds, may we move forward with purpose, humility, and renewed dedication to living out the tenets of our Craft.

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Fraternally,
Worshipful Master
Curtis Jack PM



From the West,

After I got my 3rd degree in April of 1968, I was very happy because now I could visit all of the other 5 lodges in Fresno/Clovis without imposing on a brother Master Mason to accompany me. It soon became apparent that going "dark" for the summer was the practice of all of the lodges in the area. When Las Palmas went "dark" for the two summer months, this also meant that the officers, who attended their summer stated meetings, could now wear more casual clothes rather than the suit and ties which were required for all of the other stated meetings.

At our July BBQ on the Patio, bro Ruben Rios bar-be-queued seasoned boneless skinless chicken thighs which were very delicious. This was one of our better attended BBQs with about 25 brothers and guests in attendance. Thank you, brother Ruben and your helpers.

Even though we go "dark" for the summer, we will continue our BBQs on the Patio on every 2nd Monday of the month. At this time, I do not know what the menu will be for August 10, but I am sure that it will be very good.

Enjoy your summer.

Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

"And then God said, 'Let there be light...'"

As we all bake in the heat of the Fresno sun, I can't help but think about the relief the nighttime darkness brings.

If you have ever read the Bible, there is a good chance the first thing you read was Genesis 1. Have you ever noticed that there was darkness before God made light?

When light appeared, things could be seen. Order could begin. The work of creation could move forward. In Masonry, Light means more than just sunlight. It stands for truth, knowledge, and understanding. It helps us see the world and, more importantly, helps us see ourselves more clearly.

An operative stone mason needs light to see the rough parts of a stone. He has to see what needs to be chipped away... the better to fit for the builder's use.

As speculative masons, we need to do the same with ourselves. We can't fix that which we cannot see. I'm speaking for myself when I say that Pride, Anger, Selfishness, etc., can grow when it stays hidden. Just like mold!

Maybe you can remember what you were asked while in darkness, "What do you most desire?"
What did you answer?

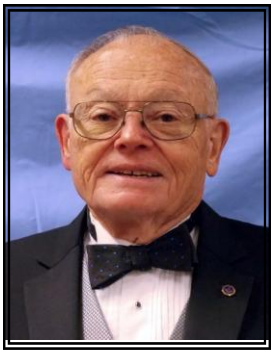
At our lodge, we are "dark" right now. Nothing is going on, except for Stated Meetings. I ask you to join me in reflecting on the Three Great Lights of Masonry. How can we apply those tools to our lives?

John Wilson
Junior Warden
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August Birthdays

Charles	Vaughn	1
Brian	Richburg	2
Jack	Mattox	3
Tony	Delumen	4
Richard	Sherrod PM	4
Linley	Cole	5
Joshua	David	6
Dick	Manoogian	7
Benny	Contreras	8
Andrew	Miller PM	8
Robert	Preston	10
James	Keeton PM	11
Henry	Alcantara	12
Howard	Ford	15
Gary	Frey	17
James	Wilson PM	18
Richard	Avila	19
Wayne	Newquist	23
Milton	Snavely	24
Jack	Afonin	26
Derek	Olsen	26
Bernard	Hollenbeck	28
Rian	Bowman	31





From the Archives:

In mid-June, Therese and I went to Winchester, VA for the family reunion of the descendants of Heinrich Frey (1663-1734). There were about 60 of us from all over the United States who were in attendance. In addition to visiting the still standing Frye Fort which was built in 1750 and other places of Frey importance, we participated in a walking tour of the downtown area of Winchester.

Our guide was pleased to point out the building of Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21. This Lodge started off with a charter from Pennsylvania (later chartered by the GL of Virginia) and during the Civil war it also served as a military lodge. Its most famous candidate for the degrees of Masonry was William McKinley who later became President of the United States.



I phoned a member of the Lodge and asked about attendance at their meetings. He said that at their monthly business meeting they have about 35 attend out of about 250 current members. As for William McKinley, he thinks that during the Civil War, a person could get all three degrees in one day as this was common in Military Lodges at that time.

I wish that I could have gone in to the actual Lodge room as this brother told me that there was original art painted on the walls lodge room.

Lodge Night Out

Come join us!



Luna Pizzeria
349 Pollasky Avenue

August 11th @ 6 PM. Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Calendar:

August 10 – BBQ on the Patio – 6:30 PM
August 11 – Lodge night out – Luna Pizzeria – 6:00 PM
August 20 – Stated Meeting – 7:00 PM

Happy August!



Our Thoughts
and Prayers
are With you

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,

I hope all are doing well. As I sit here at the computer, I see that 39 people have not paid their dues, some owe for multiple years. Please check and see if your dues are paid and if not, either catch them up or call me to see if we can work something out.

The lodge is currently working on projects to make this a better place and I hope you stop by and see them. Our management board president, Stuart Hoskins, is working on the building all the time.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

See you in Lodge!



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