



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



As I begin my first full month in the East, I am filled with gratitude for the trust you have placed in me and for the strength of the Brotherhood that surrounds our lodge. Standing before you at Installation was both humbling and inspiring, and I am committed to serving with integrity, patience, and a steady hand.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Most Worshipful Richard W. Hopper, Past Grand Master of Masons in California, Worshipful Bryan K. Kincade, Past Master and Worshipful Cline “Cub” Jack Jr., Past Master who served as the Installing Officer, Master of Ceremonies and Installing Chaplain respectively. A special shout-out to Worshipful Kincade who stepped in at the very last moment. Their dedication, precision, and reverence for our ritual made the ceremony truly memorable. Their work reflects the very best of our Craft and set a meaningful tone for the year ahead.

Looking forward, we have a vibrant and active season ahead of us. I am pleased to announce several **upcoming degrees** that will allow us to welcome new Brothers into the light of Masonry:

Entered Apprentice Degree: *January 22 and January 29, 2026*

Fellowcraft Degree: *February 12, 2026*

Your presence at these degrees strengthens the experience for our candidates and reinforces the unity that defines our lodge.

In addition to our ritual work, I invite you to join us for our **BBQ on the Patio Nights** — relaxed evenings of fellowship, good food, and open conversation. These gatherings are an opportunity for Brothers, and prospective members to enjoy the warmth of our lodge in a casual setting. I encourage you to join us, bring a friend, and help build the kind of fellowship that keeps our lodge strong. Another social activity is Lodge Night Out, this is similar to BBQ on the Patio but is held at a local restaurant and is open to spouses/significant others.

As we embark on this new Masonic year, let us do so with enthusiasm and a shared commitment to Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Reach out to a Brother you haven’t seen recently, join us for fellowship, and continue to carry the principles of Masonry into your daily life.

May the Great Architect of the Universe guide our steps as we labor together in harmony.

Fraternally

Worshipful Master

Curtis Jack PM



From the West,
What a great start for our 2026 year at Las Palmas. Our first open installation of officers since before Covid went very well and all but 2 of our officers (due to not being present) were installed.

For our January BBQ on the Patio, we had a total of 23 men present which included two prospects and a brother who is a member of the Prince Hall Masons in Alabama. I think this is the largest group for a BBQ on the Patio that we have since starting these events about 6 months ago. Before the BBQ, several members said I made a mistake by having it on MLK day as well the college final Football Game of the season. Thanks to Bro Stuart Hoskins, we were able to bring in the game to our TV in the card room. Also, thanks to Bro Ruben, with help from Bro Murat, for preparing a special meal that everybody scarfed up.



We finished the month with two evenings of First degrees with two candidates each night.

I welcome our new brothers, Thomas Davenport, Carson Barney, Joshua David and Isaac Rosa.

We will then start February by passing Bro Murat Dugan to the degree of Fellowcraft. I hope you can attend his degree on Thursday February 12th at 7:00 pm. We will be starting all degrees at 7:00 so that our members can get home to their families as early as possible after attending a degree.

Fraternally,
Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

Last month, I started reading ***The Craft*** by John Dickie. In it, he traces the evolution of Freemasonry from medieval stonemasons' guilds into a global fraternity that helped shape our modern political, social and cultural institutions. What is becoming clear is that our group is not just a memorization club or a dormant secret society. It is a living tradition that has helped shape the civilization we live in today.

It is an honor to be a part of this Fraternity, but it is especially humbling to be called your Junior Warden. I'm far from perfect, ask anyone who really knows me. I am going to make mistakes and I will let you down in some shape or form. My ashlar needs a lot more chiseling! But I do promise that I will take this office seriously. I am committed. I am committed to learning, listening, and improving. I will do my best to support our Worshipful Master and the other officers of the lodge.

If Freemasonry teaches us anything, it is that growth is a process, not a destination. I humbly ask for your patience, your advice, and counsel as I continue that work.

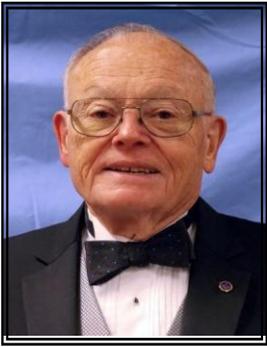
Sincerely yours,

John Wilson
Junior Warden

February Birthdays

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| Edmond | Bandini | | | 3 |
| Robert | Papazian | | | 4 |
| Justin | Arnbrister | | | 5 |
| John | Baird | | | 6 |
| Gary | Spoelstra | | | 6 |
| Lonny | Johnson | | | 7 |
| Jerome | Thormann | Jr. | PM | 9 |
| Richard | Donaldson | | | 10 |
| Byron | Pretzer | | | 10 |
| Timothy | Tyler | | | 10 |
| Richard | Bernier | Sr. | | 13 |
| Ruben | Rios | | | 14 |
| David | Sorge | | | 15 |
| Richard | Childs | | | 16 |
| John | Scott | | | 16 |
| Jason | Weiner | | | 17 |
| Bryan | Kincade | | PM | 18 |
| James | Mc Cown | | | 18 |
| Alan | Hansen | | | 19 |
| Ali | Hatamaria | | | 19 |
| Khoa | Le | | | 19 |
| Richard | Frey | | PM | 21 |
| Rodney | Rowlett | | | 21 |
| Cline | Jack | Jr. | PM | 23 |
| Larry | Lee | | | 27 |
| Larry | Minasian | | | 27 |
| Jared | Lyons | | | 29 |





From the Archives:

At our August, 2011 Stated Meeting, Brother Richard Ehorn was elected the 26th Treasurer of Las Palmas Lodge. The prior Treasurer, Kurtis Docken had resigned due to work conflicts. Brother Ehorn was re-elected each year since then and faithfully served as our Treasurer until December of 2025 when he announced his retirement.

On the surface, the job of Lodge Treasurer is most visible when Lodge opens in the First Degree of Masonry as the Treasurer is one of the seven officers who are required to be present. This job, which is unpaid, entails much work outside of the Lodge room. He keeps the financial books for the Lodge, examines all of the bills and prepares all of the checks to pay our bills. Even though some of the work is now computerized, it still takes time. For many of our prior Treasurers, they only attended Lodge when it was absolutely required-- first degrees and Stated Meeting. Brother Ehorn faithfully attended all meetings of our Lodge. Thank you for all of the work that you have done for Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge as our Treasurer.

While we have pictures of all of our Past Masters on the wall in our card room, nowhere in the Lodge is a list of the 26 former Treasurers that have faithfully served Las Palmas and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge; some for just a year and others for many years. I think it is time that all of these brothers get some recognition.

1906 John Qunicy Anderson (possibly our Treasurer in 1905 while under dispensation)

1906 to 1911 C. S. Pierce

1912 L. P. Jensen

1913 1917 to 1923 Albert Bazzle Clark PM (1906)

1914 C. L. Pugh

1915 E. M. Myers

1916 vacant

1924 to 1955 Speed Butler Leas PM (1912)

1956 Stanley Webster Root

1957 to 1962 Maurice Edmond Peters

1962 to 1967 Conrad James Klein

1968 to 1974 Dale Franklin Orr

1975 to 1981 William E. Wharton

1982 to 1990 George B. Posson PM (1962)

1991 Byron Bradley

1992 John Steven Bjorge

1993 to 1994 Lawrence Donald Hopper PM (1984)

1994 to 1995 Warren E. Carr

1996 to 1997 Michael R. Daugherty

1998 to 1999, 2003 Chris U. Patropulos (PM from another lodge)

2000 to 2001 Theodore L. Marsella

2002 Cline C. Jack Jr. PM (1996)

2004 Richard L Haggerty (PM from another lodge)

2005 to 2006 James C. Clark

2007 to 2008 Sean W. Ford PM

2009 to 2011 Kurtis L. Docken

2011 to 2024 Richard Ehorn

Masters Night Out

Come join us!



Next Masters Night Out will be February 10, 2026, and will be at Santa Fe Basque, 3110 N Maroa Ave

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy February!



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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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From the Desk of the Secretary,

Hello all,

Congratulations to our new officers, another year has started. We have been extremely at the lodge and it feels good. It is always a busy time of the year for the Secretary and the Treasurer, ending one year and starting another. Please check your dues card and if it doesn't say 2026 on it, you are late with your dues. Please make arrangements to catch them up. For our new members, try and make the Monday night coaching sessions to learn your work to be able to progress.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

February Calendar

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| 2-5 | 2 nd degree practice | 7:00 PM |
| 2-8 | Super Bpwl Party | 2:30 PM |
| 2-12 | 2 nd Degree | 7:00 PM |
| 2-19 | Stated meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 2-26 | First degree | 7:00 PM |



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Proposed 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