



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



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Greetings from the East



As I write my final article as Worshipful Master, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the officers who served alongside me during my year in the East. I truly appreciate not only your willingness to serve but your unwavering commitment to our Lodge.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Richard Ehorn for his remarkable 14 years of dedicated service as our Treasurer, as he is retiring. My sincere thanks also go to Worshipful Brothers Richard Frey P.M. and Bryan Kincade P.M.; your guidance and insight were invaluable to me throughout this journey.

Serving as your Worshipful Master has been a profound honor. To the brethren: thank you for the support and trust you placed in me. It truly means the world. As many of you know, I am someone who rarely feels comfortable leaving the sanctuary of my home—yet the Lodge is the one place where I always feel at ease. Thank you for being such an incredible brotherhood.

Finally, I congratulate the newly elected officers and thank them for stepping up to serve.

Fraternally

Worshipful Master

Joshua Barkley



From the West,

It is definitely a positive for Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge to start 2026 with 4 candidates waiting to receive their first degree of Masonry, one ready to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and at least 2 more to be voted on at our January Stated Meeting.

Our Worshipful Master-elect, Curtis Jack, faithfully served our Lodge over 20 years ago as Master for two consecutive years. I know that he will be an excellent Master and will rule and govern his Lodge in a very proficient and professional manner.

There will be an open installation of officers on Sunday January 11th at 2:00 pm. This will be our first "open" installation in several years and I hope that many of you can personally attend with your spouse and family. Let us fill up all of the seats in our beautiful Lodge room and give Worshipful Curtis and all of our officers a wonderful start to this Masonic year.

At the direction of Worshipful Jack, our BBQ's on the Patio will be on a Thursday night each month as long as we have an available Thursday night. If all Thursday nights are filled with degrees or our Stated Meeting, then the BBQ will be on a Monday night as will be the case for this January when our BBQ will be on Monday January 19 at 6:30. As is our custom, the BBQ's are open to all Masons and their male friends who desire to attend. This is always a free event.

As Sr. Warden, I am in charge of seeing that all of our candidates get "suitable assistance" in being coached with their proficiency. While we coach candidates on Monday nights at Lodge, we need coaches who are willing to work with our candidates during the week. Much of this can be done in person, or on the phone. With all of these new candidates, we need members to coach them. If you haven't coached in a while, it will come back quickly with the help of the GL approved cypher. If you can coach, please get back to me so that you can assist these candidates learn their proficiencies and proceed through their degrees of Masonry.

Fraternally,
Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

I would like to thank you all for your participation this year. We have seen new developments along the way and I think they are positive for the lodge. It is my wish that this continues in the coming year.

It has been a good time being one of the principal officers of the lodge, however, it is now time for me to vacate my spots and start moving back down the line. That of course means that we have new first-time officers moving up the line, always a good problem to have. I am going to be Senior Deacon in the coming year and I will then progress further down as needed. I am looking forward to that day.

It has been my honor to serve the lodge as I have and we all need to do our part to help the lodge along. Please consider stepping up to help out.

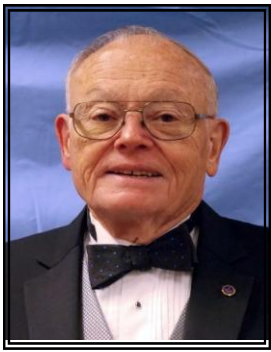
Sincerely yours,

Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden

January Birthdays

Bahram	Shifteh		1
Chris	Weymouth		10
Brandon	Camarena		17
David	Berry		18
James	Stahl	PM	18
Christopher	Guillen		19
James	Fisher		23
Joshua	Barkley		28
Daniel	Tamayo		28





From the Archives:

On Sunday, January 11, 2026, Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge will have its annual Installation of officers. The Installation of Officers is mandated by the California Masonic Code to start a Lodge's Masonic year and there is a ritual that must be followed as closely as possible.

The written ritual specifies what the Master of Ceremonies and Installing Officer must say as well as where they must be positioned in the Lodge room and what they must do. It is specified how the officers being installed must march into the Lodge room, which chairs they are to be seated in and when they must stand up and come forward for their installation.

As part of the installation, all of the officers will be presented, in a specified order, with the jewel of their office as well as the implement of their office by the Installing Officer.

For the Deacons and Stewards, the implements of their stations are their rods. For the Tiler, it is a sword. For the Marshall it is the baton. After the presentation of the implements of their station, these Jr. Officers are escorted to their respective stations by the Installing Officer.

At the Las Palmas Lodge 1988 Installation of officers, there was a conspiracy among some of the officers being installed. The newest officer in the line was Lawrence "Tip" Banks who owned an automobile repair shop and as part of his installation as the new Marshall, to his surprise, he was presented with a large chrome wrench instead of the usual baton.

I have been told that everyone in the room enjoyed this joke on Brother Tip. I do not know if during his year as Marshall, he used the baton or chrome wrench to perform his duties as Marshall.

Masters Night Out

Come join us!



Next Masters Night Out will be January 13, 2026, and will be at AJ'S at 5048 N. Maroa

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy January!



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,

We will be installing a new line of Officers on Jan. 11. It would be nice to show some support for the guys. We are going to start out the new year busy. We will be in need of candidate coaches if you could, lend a hand.

We are hoping to have a management board meeting this month and I will send out an email on the date and time.

I hope you had a great holiday season and hopefully our 2026 will be smooth sailing.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

January Calendar

1 - 1	Dark	
1 - 8	Installation Practice	7:00 PM
1-11	Installation	2:00 PM
1 -15	Stated meeting	7:30 pm
1-19	BBQ	6:30 PM
1-22	First degrees	7:00 PM
1-29	First degrees	7:00 PM



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