



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



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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

March arrives with a sense of renewal. The days stretch a little longer, the air softens, and the world around us begins to wake. It's a fitting reminder of the work we do within our lodge—steady, deliberate, and always aimed toward growth.

As we move deeper into the year, I'm encouraged by the energy and commitment I've seen from our officers and members. Degrees, practices, and fellowship events have all been marked by strong attendance and genuine enthusiasm. Thank you for showing up—not just physically, but with intention.

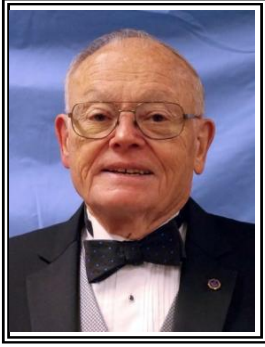
This month, I invite each of you to reflect on the idea of **renewal**. In Masonry, we are constantly shaping and reshaping the rough ashlar within us. March is a natural moment to recommit to that inner labor. Whether it's attending lodge more regularly, reaching out to a Brother you haven't seen in a while, or simply taking a quiet moment to study the ritual, every effort strengthens our fraternity.

Upcoming Events

- **March 5, 2026:** BBQ on the Patio, 6:30 p.m.
Open to all Brothers and male guests/prospects.
- **March 12, 2026:** Hosting District Officers School of Instruction
6:00 p.m. - Snacks.
7:00 p.m. – School.
- **March 19, 2026:** Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Vote on Stated Meeting time change.
- **March 26, 2026:** Degree or Masonic Education Night, 7:00 p.m.

As the world around us begins its annual renewal, may we each find renewed purpose in our Masonic journey. Let us continue to support one another, uphold our obligations, and carry the light of our fraternity into our daily lives.

Fraternally
Worshipful Master
Curtis Jack P



From the West,

As most of you know, I have been a member of Las Palmas Lodge for over 50 years. During that time, we have always had a Trestleboard. I do not know for how many years our Trestleboard has listed the members with birthdays for the month, but I am sure that it dates to before the introduction of smart phones.

This last Christmas, I was in Oregon with family. To my surprise on Christmas Day, I started receiving text messages from some of my Brothers wishing me a Merry Christmas. I was not only surprised, but happy.

Last Saturday I celebrated my 82nd birthday over at the coast with Therese. To my surprise, I started to receive texts wishing me a Happy Birthday from some of my Brothers. It added some joy to my special day and gave me an idea to start something at our Lodge.

I asked our Brother Bryan if he could list the phone numbers of our Brothers who are on the monthly birthday list that that he puts in the Trestleboard. I thought it would be a great way for Brothers to wish other Brothers a Happy Birthday. Bryan said it would be easy, but some Brothers do not want their phone numbers given out.

The solution that we reached was that if you do not want your phone number published with your name on your birthday month list, you must notify Bro Bryan of this fact before the April Trestle board is published and distributed at the end of March. You can notify Brother Bryan by sending him an e-mail to Secretary_Lodge@comcast.net

If you do notify Brother Bryan of your desires, you can expect to get some Happy Birthday text messages on your next birthday.

This also means that you can easily wish many of your Brothers a Happy Birthday on their special day.

Our March BBQ on the Patio will be Thursday March 5th. We normally start around 6:30 and end when the last person goes home. It is always free to members and their male guests or prospects. I hope to see you this coming Thursday.

Fraternally,
Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

Our Ritual is the backbone of our fraternity. It is more than memorized words. It is the living method by which we work.

Every degree, charge, and lecture has been preserved not just for tradition's sake, but because it forms men through repetition, cadence, and meaning. When we learn the ritual well, we do more than perform; we internalize. The lessons we are taught begin to move from our lips and ears into our blood.

Ritual also binds us together. When we labor together to perform a degree, something happens beyond memorization. Unity forms. Timing sharpens. Trust builds. The lodge moves as one body rather than as scattered individuals.

I highly recommend all of you learn a part of the ritual. It doesn't have to be big. It can be anything... a prayer, a charge, part of a lecture, etc.

I can't tell you how helpful memorizing this stuff has been to my personal life. The lessons really come to life.

For newer Brothers, learning ritual deepens understanding. For seasoned Brothers, it renews appreciation. Words memorized years ago often reveal new meaning when studied again with maturity and experience.

It requires effort. It demands memory, attention, and practice. But it gives back far more than it asks. It builds confidence in public speaking, sharpens the mind, and inspires discipline.

Most importantly, it honors those who entrusted it to us. We received it from men who cared enough to learn it well. We owe the same care to those who will receive it after us. Our lodge depends on us learning it. No ritual, no Masonry.

Don't look at it as an obligation, but as a privilege. The more we learn it, the stronger our lodge becomes.

The next School of Instruction is at our Lodge on March 12th (refreshments at 6pm, school at 7pm). I encourage all of you to attend.

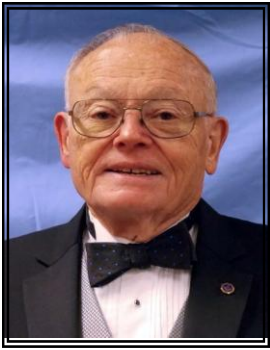
Sincerely yours,

John Wilson
Junior Warden

March Birthdays

Jordan	Bachman		3
Franklin	Lewis		3
Mike	Hamzy		4
Robert	Crossland		5
Lyle	Evans	Jr.	6
Stephen	Harlan		12
Jeffery	Whitener		13
Ronald	Letterman		17
Michael	O'Connell		17
Clifford	Carrigan		18
Denton	Hollifield		18
Timothy	Jurkowski		18
Gerald	Peloian		18
Thomas	Davenport		19
Norman	Meachum		19
Glen	Ream		19
Jack	Ouzounian		20
Gabriel	Benard		22
Michael	Chapman	PM	24
Sean	Rutledge		25
Donald	Pribble		28





From the Archives:

In the February, 1981 Trestleboard, Bro Jim Kleinknight's Senior Warden's message talked about what Masons need to do to continue to keep our Lodges alive. We confer degrees and to do that, we must have prospects who become candidates. This is followed up by Brothers who spend quality time with our candidates and coach them so that they can become Master Masons. While we are not allowed to ask a man to become a Mason, we can educate him about our Fraternity.

"This, my brothers, is the way Masonry perpetuates itself and has survived and will survive so long as good men are available to fill its ranks. I'm sure many of us know Masons that we work with, or enjoy a good game of golf or some other activity with, that have not asked for a petition to become a Mason. My Brothers, this may very well be our own fault. We sometimes regard ourselves as a secret fraternal organization and restrict our talk of Masonry to when we are in the company of Masons only. Perhaps your worthy friend has not been informed about Masonry or is just waiting for someone to bring the subject up. In most cases I'm sure we can satisfy the "Uninitiated Mason" as to our goals and what we stand for. Then he can make up his own mind of his "own freewill and accord".

When we started our BBQ on the Patio last year, we did it for several reasons. The first was to create a way for informal social interaction between members. We soon discovered that when our Grand Lodge notifies us about a local man who has contacted our GL about Masonry, we can invite him to our BBQ's on the Patio, let him see our physical Lodge, meet some of our brothers in an informal setting and inform him about Masonry in general and what is required of a man to become a Master Mason. We also try to answer all of his questions about LPP and Masonry.

The BBQ on the patio is also a way where you can invite a friend or relative so he can also learn about LPP, see our physical Lodge and have his questions about Masonry answered. At LPP we want to stop the myth that we are a secret organization and let men know that we are an open organization that has a few secrets.

Our goal is to have our BBQ on the Patio every month. If we have an open Thursday, it will be on that Thursday, if we are busy every Thursday of the month, it will be on a Monday evening. We pick the exact date at the beginning of the month.

Masters Night Out

Come join us!



Antonio's Mexican Restaurant
7959 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93720.
Tuesday, March 10. @ 5:30Pm

The time will be at 5:30 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy March!



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,

I want to ask a favor of you checking your dues card to see if you have a current card. We have several members that haven't paid their dues and it needs to be taken care of. The lodge is moving right along and the BBQ on the patio are really a nice event. If you haven't come to one, you are missing out. The food is delicious, the conversation is great, and the atmosphere is relaxing. And, the cost is nothing, I call that a really good deal.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

March Calendar

3-5	BBQ	6:30 PM
3-12	OSI	6:00 PM
3-19	Stated Meeting	7:30
3-26	Degree – Education	7:00



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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