



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

As May arrives, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable heritage of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and the responsibility we share in carrying that legacy forward. Our Lodge has always been strongest when its members are active, engaged, and committed to both personal growth and the advancement of our candidates. This month, I encourage each of you to take an intentional step toward deeper participation.

Strength Through Presence

Every Brother who walks through our doors adds something meaningful to the life of this Lodge. Whether you attend regularly or haven't visited in some time, your presence matters. When we fill the Lodge room—during stated meetings, degrees, practices, or fellowship nights—we create an atmosphere of unity and purpose that cannot be replicated.

If you've been away, consider this a personal invitation to return. Your Brothers look forward to greeting you again.

Supporting Advancement

Our candidates continue to progress with enthusiasm, and their journey depends on the example we set. Las Palmas-Ponderosa has always taken pride in strong ritual, thoughtful mentorship, and genuine brotherly support. I encourage every Brother to take part in this important work—whether by helping with degree teams, assisting with coaching, or simply offering encouragement to those advancing through the degrees.

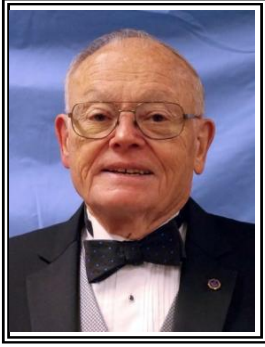
For our newer Brothers: stay engaged, ask questions, and take advantage of the wisdom around you. Masonry gives back in proportion to the effort you invest.

Looking Ahead

May brings opportunities for learning, fellowship, and service. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming gatherings as we continue to strengthen the bonds that make this Lodge exceptional. Together, we can ensure that Las Palmas-Ponderosa remains a place where every Brother feels valued, inspired, and empowered to grow.

Thank you, Brethren, for your continued trust and dedication. Let us move forward with renewed energy and a shared commitment to the Craft.

Fraternally
Worshipful Master
Curtis Jack PM



From the West,

Life in Fresno has changed much during my lifetime. When I was a child living at home with my parents, we knew the name of the gas station attendant who put gas in our car, washed our windshield and changed the oil in our engines. (George Pavlovich, a member of LP) I used to ride the No. 4 bus from the corner by our house to in front of the old PG&E building downtown. His name was Archie. I then got off of the bus and walked over to Van Ness next to the Rodman Chevrolet dealership where my father's store was located. We knew the name of the Bee Boy who delivered our copy of the Bee every afternoon and early on Sunday mornings. I won't go into how safe we thought it was at that time compared to day as that will be for another day.

When I first joined Las Palmas Lodge, I not only knew the names of the members who attended lodge regularly, I also visited the other Lodges in Fresno & Clovis and learned the names of many of their officers and members.

At our last Stated Meeting, we had three visitors from Fresno Lodge come to give a presentation on their program called "Christmas in July". The program is to raise funds to buy toys for children at Christmas. Since I had never seen them before, I, as Sr. Warden, had to ask another officer "who they were" before we could open Lodge.

One of the purposes of Masonry is to develop fellowship amongst Masons. I think it is time that we, as Masons, devote a little more of our evening time to visiting other Lodges in our area. This would be Fresno, Sanger, Madera and Selma.

Our April BBQ had only 12 men attend including several prospects. None of you who smoke cigars outside even showed up. It is a lot of work to put on these BBQ's so if you can, do show up to this fun and free evening. Our May BBQ on the Patio has been scheduled for Monday, May 4th. It starts at 6:30.

There has been a calendar change for Murat Dugan as he has been called back to NASA to do some work for them. Murat will be raised a Master Mason on Thursday, May 28th. 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,

When I first started coming to lodge, it felt like a place I was just visiting. Now it feels like a place where I belong. This isn't because I'm in a secret clique of LPP; it is because I kept showing up. Strangers became familiar faces. Familiar faces became friends. Friends became brothers.

You don't have to be the most knowledgeable Mason in the room. You don't have to have all the answers. You don't need a title, a memorized portion of the ritual, or a perfect understanding of Freemason symbolism.

You just need to show up.

Because over time, something happens. Like I said, familiar faces become trusted brothers. Quiet participation will lead to confidence.

Our Craft does not demand perfection. It demands participation.

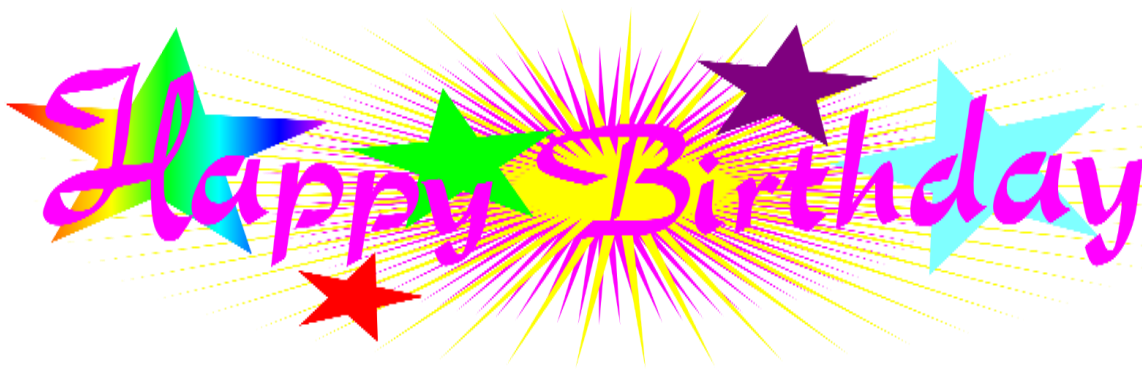
And participation begins with the simplest commitment a man can make:
Showing up.

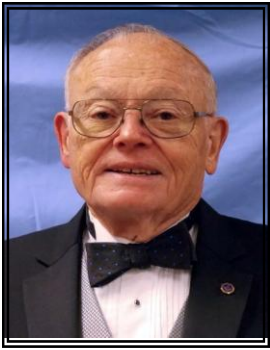
Fraternally yours,

John Wilson
Junior Warden

May Birthdays

Woodrow	Nichols	Jr.		2
Jonathan	Pierro			3
Christian	Barries			4
Frank	Gann	Jr.	PM	4
Robert	Davis		PM	7
Andrew	Peerson			8
Shawn	Clark			12
Bert	Flores			12
Allan	Melikian			12
John	Schmidt			12
Richard	Payne	PM		13
Thomas	Stockwell			13
Gordon	Keeton		PM	14
James	Vaughan		PM	17
Matthew	Houk			18
Nikolas	Stelfox			19
Nathan	Williams		PM	21
Nikhil	Kohli			24
Nathaniel	Stapp			24
David	Clark			25
H. A.	Welddon			25
Donald	Milligan			26
Gary	Starr		PM	30
Chad	Stokes			31





From the Archives:

Our Master for 1981 was Gary Starr. Gary followed me in the Master's chair and while I was Master in 1980, he was the Chaplain for most of the Masonic funerals that I gave to our fallen brothers.

During my year as Master, our daughter, Erica, turned 4 years old and our son, Wesley, turned 2. Therese supported me in going through the chairs and especially when I was Master. This allowed me to be away from home sometimes several nights a week. Our agreement was that once I became a Past Master, I would stay home in the evenings to be a good father. For a good number of years, the only Lodge functions that I participated in were Past Master nights.

It was not until the early 2000's that Sam Pavlovich asked me to join him and do an audit of the books of the newly consolidated Las Palmas-Ponderosa lodge. When John Herring personally called and asked me to attend his installation as one of the two remaining members of the night when he got his 3rd degree, this sealed the deal and I returned to Las Palmas Lodge. Richard Ehorn was the other and this invite also brought him back to Lodge.

Upon my return to Lodge and by attending all of the degrees, the ritual came back to me and it was common for me to mouth the words as the officers gave their parts. With the help of Larry Bennett, I re-learned the 3rd degree Master's lecture and even gave it several times over several years.

When Bro Chuck Bersani passed away, WM Bill Lyons suggested to our inspector that I be appointed the Officer's coach. This is a job that do enjoy, but I do wish that Brother Bersani was still alive as his memory of our ritual was far better than mine.

As I was holding several practices for our 2025 Past Master's night, I asked Brother Starr if he was willing to participate and he agreed. Since it had been many years since he had last seen a 3rd degree, he questioned his memory of our ritual. Because of this I gave him an easy part. While we were practicing the parts that came before his part, I noticed that he was mouthing the ritual. When I mentioned this to him, he acknowledged that his memory of parts that he had not seen or repeated in decades was quickly coming back to him.

While our Masonic Ritual has been around for several hundred years, it is so impressive that our minds will just not let us forget it.

Lodge Night Out

Come join us!



Mad Duck

CAMPUS POINTE

3085 E Campus Pointe Dr. Fresno, CA 93710

May 12 @ 6 PM.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy May!



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,

Wow those storms were intense. I hope that everyone made it through them OK. I want to make all of you aware of a funeral for our Bro. Stan Walker. It will be on Saturday May 16, 2026 at Memorial United Methodist Church located at 1726 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, CA 93612. It will be at 2:00 PM with light refreshments served afterwards. The family would love for you to attend.

Try to make it by for a BBQ on the patio, a free event and a nice way to meet new brethren.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

May Calendar

5-4	BBQ	6:30 PM
5-7	3 rd degree practice	7:00 PM
5-12	MNO (Mad Duck)	6:00 PM
5-14	3 rd degree practice	
5-21	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
5-28	3 rd degree- Dugan	7.00 PM



Credit card payments:

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2025 Dues: \$155.00

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Legacy Chapter #555, Order of the Eastern Star
invites you to a

RODEO HOEDOWN

A fundraiser to support the Senior Living Community and Scholarship Fund.

May 30, 2026

\$55.00

Western and casual wear are welcomed

Fresno Masonic Center
3444 E Shields Ave
Fresno, CA 93726



5:30 pm Social
6:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Line Dance
Lessons
8:30 pm Dancing

Menu

Salad
Chicken and Beef
Chili and Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert



Don't forget the
Silent Auction!

To make your reservation, mail the completed form below along with your payment.
Reservations and payment must be received by May 21, 2026. Tickets will not be sold at the door.
Questions: Contact Katie Benard at (714) 864-1793; masonicdirector@hotmail.com



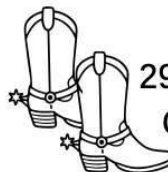
You will receive an email or phone confirmation. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact Katie.

Please include the names of all the
members in your party to be seated
together on the back.

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