

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

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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

November invites us to pause and reflect on the many blessings in our lives, and among them I count the privilege of serving this Lodge and laboring alongside each of you. This month brings a truly special occasion as we recognize those who have guided our Lodge with wisdom and dedication. **Past Master's Night will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026**, and I am pleased to share that our Past Masters will be participating in the **raising of Brother Stilfox to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason**.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the degree will begin promptly at 7 p.m. I encourage all Master Masons to attend and support this important milestone, as well as to help us celebrate the legacy and ongoing contribution of our Past Masters. Reservations are requested (contact the Secretary)

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us carry the spirit of gratitude into our Masonic work. This season reminds us of the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth—virtues that enrich our Lodge and our homes. I encourage everyone to support charitable efforts this month and to remember those who may be facing challenges during the holiday season.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the brothers who have volunteered to serve as officers for the upcoming year. Your willingness to step forward is deeply appreciated. **We are still in need of a Treasurer**, and I invite any brother interested in serving to reach out.

May the Great Architect bless you and your families with warmth, peace, and gratitude during this Thanksgiving season. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge, especially as we gather to honor our Past Masters and raise Brother Stilfox on November 12.

Fraternally,
Worshipful Master
Curtis Jack PM



From the West,
In my last message to you for the month of October, I said that we would have two second degrees and a third degree. Sometimes the best laid plans don't always come to fruition.

Unfortunately, Brothers Tom Davenport and Joshua David were not able to be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft as previously scheduled. Brother Tom is now scheduled to be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on October 29th. Brother Joshua David has a busy work schedule this time of year so if he is not able also be passed on the 29th, we will schedule him for a later date.

Initially we scheduled Brother Nicholas Stelfox to be raised on October 22. Our Master decided to give Brother Nichoals the privilege of being raised on Past Master's Night so he will now be raised on November 12th by our illustrious Past Masters.

We also have a newly elected candidate to be initiated most likely in early December as November is a short month for us at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.







Our October BBQ on the Patio was well attended and the BBQed marinated chicken breast was a hit. Our November BBQ on the Patio will be on Monday November 9th starting at 6:30. I hope to see you at our BBQ on the Patio

Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

I'm currently reading At the Sign of the Square And Compasses by Geoffrey Hodson. It is an older book (1976), but it is extremely interesting.

As I've been reading it, I've thought a lot about the night I was initiated. How I was a poor, blind candidate, desiring admission.

The image of a poor, blind candidate knocking at the door, gives us something worth thinking about. For me, it speaks to the condition we must accept before any real growth can begin... we have more to learn, and we have to be willing to seek it (even if we don't quite exactly know what we are looking for).

The door can represent the entrance to our inner temple, where we can examine our motives and consider our relationship with the G.A.O.T.U.

Blindness can represent the limits of our own understanding. We can be quick to see another man's faults while making excuses for our own.

Pride and bad habits can keep us from looking closely at ourselves.

I've always been naturally drawn to symbolism. However, I find that it takes more effort to let a symbol challenge how I think and behave.

Respectfully,

John Wilson
Junior Warden
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November Birthdays

Jeremy	Kern			2
John	Sorge			3
Brenton	Weiner			3
Donald	Williams			5
John	Denton		PM	6
Michael	Jensen			6
John	Lane			8
David	Kreller			9
William	Lyons			9
William	Bissell			10
John	Herring		PM	11
Tyler	Faruzzi			12
Ryan	Luna			13
Gene	Page			15
Sean	Ford		PM	16
Thomas	Ewing	III		18
Guadalupe	Marron			20
Garroll	White			21
Richard	Ehorn			22
Joseph	Perry	Jr.	PM	24
Michael	Bowman			25
Stuart	Hoskins			28
Brian	Rowland		PM	28
James	Wilson	III		28
David	Hiatt			29



From the Archives:

In Masonry there is a term for members who are not officers, but attend the degrees. We call them "sideliners". The presence of sideliners at a degree enhances the degree for not only the candidate(s), but also for the officers. For the candidate(s), sideliners show them that Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge is more than just the required number of officers. Sideliners show the candidate(s) that LPP is a group of men who are dedicated to Masonry and that this is what the candidate(s) should strive to be. As an officer, we work hard to give our ritual in a proficient manner and, at least for me, the more Masons present at a degree, the better I seem to give my ritual.

Sojourners are members of other lodges, from in California or out of state, who attend our degrees and/or stated meetings.

At most of our degrees, and Stated Meetings, since the Covid shut down, we are lucky to have 2 or 3 sideliners present at a meeting. The lack of more sideliners is disgraceful for our members who can and do not show up as well as for LPP in general. How long has it been since you attend a stated meeting, or a degree, at your Lodge rather than just sat home in your easy chair? If you keep this up, your Lodge will probably die before you do.

When I first started giving Masonic Funerals for our fallen brothers, I was happy to tell the family that I personally knew our newly deceased brother because I had sat in Lodge with him on numerous occasions. For the last few years, when asked, I have to inform his family that in my 60 years of being a Mason and member of Las Palmas Lodge, I never got know him as I have no memory of ever sitting Lodge with him.
Is that what you want me to tell your family upon your death?

Sideliners also perform an important function at our meetings. Many times, an officer can't make a meeting or degree and we need a sideliner to fill the vacancy. This gives you a reason to learn the part of a junior office and to help us put on degrees.

We have changed the starting time for our Stated Meeting and most degrees from 7:30 to 7:00 to make it easier for our members to attend. If transportation to and from Lodge is a problem for you, give our Secretary, Bryan, a call at (559) 268-2303 to see if he can arrange a ride for you.

Richard Frey PM, Senior Warden

Lodge Night Out

Come join us!



Cool Hand Lukes
Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ 6:00 PM
Please notify secretary to reserve your chair.

Calendar:

November 5- 2nd Degrees – 7:00 PM
November 9 - BBQ on the Patio – 6:30 PM
November 10 – Lodge night out – Cool Hand Lukes – 6:00 PM
November 12 - Past Masters Night, Dinner 6:00 PM, Lodge 7:00 PM
November 19 – Stated Meeting, Annual Election of Officers, 7:00 PM
November 26– Dark, Happy Thanksgiving

Happy November





We have many brothers who need you r 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 hope all of you are fine and doing well. I want to let you all know about a Past Masters Night, it will be Nov. 12th at 6:00 PM. Come and see how the work was done at the turn of the century. It will be a good time. I hope that all of you are ready for the goblins to be ringing your doorbell this Saturday night. It should be fun, as long as they don't come too late.
Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

See you in Lodge!

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