



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



# The Las Palmian

Legacy Chapter No. 555 Order of Easter Star  
Sharon Temple No. 92 Daughters of the Nile

Heart of the Valley Assembly No. 217 International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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## Greetings from the East



Brethren,

As the fall season settles in and the heat of summer finally begins to ease, I'm grateful for the renewed sense of calm and reflection this time of year brings. Autumn is a season of transition, and for me personally, it has been exactly that. I'm happy to share that my recent surgery went well, and my recovery continues to go smoothly. I appreciate the thoughts, prayers, and support many of you have offered. I look forward to being back in Lodge in person very soon.

This past month has been full of meaningful Masonic milestones for our Brothers. Congratulations to Brother Renzo Apaldetti on his initiation into the Craft. A job well done to Brothers Thomas Davenport and Joshua David on giving their Entered Apprentice proficiencies, and to Brother Nikolas Stelfox for successfully giving his Fellowcraft proficiency. Your dedication to your Masonic journey is inspiring, and we look forward to your continued growth in Masonry.

A heartfelt thank-you to all the Brothers who participated in representing our Lodge at the Scottish Highland Games. Your presence, enthusiasm, and teamwork made a strong impression, and events like these remind us how powerful our fraternity can be when we step forward together.

As we look ahead to the 2027 Masonic year, our Lodge is actively seeking Brothers interested in serving as Officers. Whether you'd like to help for a single year or begin progressing through the line toward eventually serving as Worshipful Master, all interested Brothers are welcome. If you've ever felt even a small pull toward leadership, now is a wonderful time to step forward. The Lodge thrives when many hands and many voices help guide its future.

Wishing each of you a season filled with warmth, reflection, and fellowship. I look forward to joining you again in person soon.

Fraternally,  
Worshipful Master  
Curtis Jack PM



From the West,

We have started our fall season at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge with lots of degree work.

Renzo Apaldetti was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on September 10<sup>th</sup>. At our September Stated Meeting, Tom Davenport and Joshua David gave their 1<sup>st</sup> degree proficiencies and Nicholas Stelfox gave a long form 2<sup>nd</sup> degree proficiency.

On Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will confer the Fellowcraft Degree upon Tom Davenport and Joshua David. The degree will start at 7:00. If you have not seen a second degree in some time, now will be your chance to see our Sr. Deacon, Josh Harmon, deliver the perfect staircase lecture.

Nicholas Stelfox will be raised a Master Mason on Thursday, October 22. Since it has been four months since we have put on a third degree, we will be having a practice several days before the degree.

Our October BBQ on the Patio will be on Monday October 12 starting at 6:30. I know that it is Columbus Day, but I am sure that Christopher won't mind if we have our BBQ on the Patio.

Richard Frey PM  
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

I want to start off by congratulating our newest brother, Renzo Apaldetti. I had the honor of sitting in the East that night, and was very happy to make him a Mason. His enthusiasm for the Craft has personally renewed my own enthusiasm. If you haven't met him yet, introduce yourself to this fine young man.

I also want to congratulate Joshua David and Tom Davenport for giving their EA proficiencies the other night. Great job, Gentlemen. Looking forward to seeing their 2nd degrees on Oct. 1st.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, we set up a booth at the Scottish Highland Games Festival at Kearney Park. I want to thank Worshipful Curtis Jack for giving us this opportunity.

I also want to especially thank Brothers Dylan, Benny, and Murat for volunteering at the booth. I appreciate your time and support, and had a great time with you guys!

We had some Masons from different lodges come and talk to us and gave us support. Our presence there alone was a huge success for our lodge. We will pursue other events in the future.

If any of you brothers have any ideas for events, please let me know. Let's work together to make it happen.

Although, we are not able to recruit men into our fraternity, we still need to maintain a presence in our community. It is time to be bold. You should all be proud to be a part of this ancient fraternity and be excited to share it with people who ask about it.

We have some new lodge t-shirts still available. Ask for one next time you are in lodge.

I'm off to Grand Lodge the 2nd weekend of October.

I've never been. Wish me luck!

John Wilson  
Junior Warden  
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## October Birthdays

|         |             |     |    |
|---------|-------------|-----|----|
| Stanley | Antranikian |     | 1  |
| William | Crossland   |     | 1  |
| Patrick | Leeper      |     | 1  |
| Harry   | Manoogian   |     | 1  |
| Steven  | Howell      |     | 4  |
| Timothy | Newcomb     |     | 5  |
| William | Clem        |     | 6  |
| Shon    | Abell       |     | 10 |
| Stanley | Burton      |     | 13 |
| Blair   | Cunnings    |     | 13 |
| William | Gaudian     | III | 17 |
| Charles | Alstrom     | PM  | 18 |
| James   | Cummings    | PM  | 18 |
| George  | Forrester   | PM  | 20 |
| Charles | Jones       |     | 20 |
| James   | Clare       |     | 22 |
| Donald  | Lenz        |     | 22 |
| Casey   | Sagmaquen   |     | 23 |
| John    | Green       |     | 26 |
| Frank   | Merrill     |     | 28 |



## From the Archives:

Several months ago, I told you about a new and revised website for Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge that I was working on. Murat Dugan provided me with an AI generated home page to which I made some modifications to better fit our needs. I started working on bringing over from the old website much of the historical data on our old website which I have accumulated over the past 20 years.

I am now pleased to say that our new Las Palmas-Ponderosa website is up and running. While most of it is there, there are still a few tweaks to make as well as the placement of additional material. This website is viewable on a PC, Mac, iPhone and Android. Go to [www.lpp366.org](http://www.lpp366.org) and if you have any suggestions for improvements or additions, please get back to me. You can send me an e-mail at: [LasPalmasLodge@currently.com](mailto:LasPalmasLodge@currently.com)

Construction of our Lodge building was commenced in 1960 and on September 17, 1960, then Grand Master Joe L. Shell, along with many Grand Lodge officers and members of Las Palmas Lodge and other local lodges, laid the cornerstone. Bro Clint Shelton recently found a color movie of our cornerstone laying ceremony and posted it on YouTube. Go to our new lodge website, in the header click on "About Masonry in Fresno" and then select "Our New Temple". Scroll down and just below the blue invitation you will see

Click on this and you will see the movie. I hope that some of us old-timers will recognize some of our brethren from over 60 years ago.

Our Lodge parking lot has been "serviced" several times since it was built in 1960, but for the last few years, "servicing" has not really worked as the pot holes and loose gravel had taken over. Recently our Temple board got approval from Grand Lodge to spend the money to have our parking lot totally re-done. The job is now complete and seeing what a great job was done is a good excuse to come back to your lodge.



[Movie of our cornerstone laying ceremony](#)

Richard Frey PM, Senior Warden

## Lodge Night Out

Come join us!



Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant

342 N Clovis Ave #101,  
Clovis, CA 93612

Tuesday, Oct 13 @ 6:30 PM

Please notify secretary to reserve your chair.

### Calendar:

- October 1- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees – 7:00 PM
- October 8 - Practice 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – 7:00 PM
- October 12 - BBQ on the Patio – 6:30 PM
- October 13 – Lodge night out – Four Seasons – 6:00 PM
- October 15 – Stated Meeting – 7:00 PM
- October 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree – 7:00 PM
- October 29 - Possible 1<sup>st</sup> degree – 7:00 PM

Happy October



*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,

Grand Lodge is meeting this month; you know what that means? Dues. It is that time again and your dues notice will be sent to your inbox. Please process it as soon as possible. It's also a good time to check your dues card to see if your current. I hope to see you at some of the degrees we have this month and maybe the BBQ on the patio, it's a great way to see everyone.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

**See you in Lodge!**



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