



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



The Las Palmian

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Greetings from the East



Brethren,

I extend a warm welcome to each of you as we return to labor. The festive months behind us offered rest and reflection, and now I look forward to seeing the Lodge once again filled with the familiar fellowship, steady purpose, and good spirits that define our work together.

During the break, several updates and rearrangements were made around the Lodge to improve the comfort and function of our space. I encourage you to come by, take a look, and share your thoughts. These improvements were made with our future in mind—and with a genuine hope that they help strengthen the experience of every brother who steps through our doors.

As we look ahead to the upcoming Masonic year, we are still seeking Brothers who are willing to step forward and help fill Officer chairs, learn a charge, or take a part in a degree. Your participation is vital to keeping the Lodge active, engaged, and growing. If you have ever considered taking on a role—or simply want to learn something new—now is an excellent time. We are stronger when more hands and hearts share the work.

I also want to remind everyone that our Lodge library holds a wonderful collection of books—some historic, some instructional, and many deeply meaningful to a Brother's Masonic journey. A number of these books may be "checked out" through the Secretary. However, due to the age and fragility of certain volumes, some materials can only be read at the Lodge. I encourage you to take advantage of this resource and explore the rich history and knowledge preserved there.

As many of you know, I will be away from the Lodge for a period of time due to upcoming back surgery. While I may not be physically present, I will continue my administrative duties as Master and will always be available to answer questions or provide guidance whenever needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you, Brothers, for your continued dedication, your presence, and your fellowship. May our work this year be meaningful, enriching, and guided by the principles we cherish.

Fraternally,
Worshipful Master
Curtis Jack PM



From the West,

I hope that all of you had a great summer as Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge went dark, except for Stated Meetings and our BBQ on the Patio, so that all of us could enjoy our summer. We are now starting September and it is time to return to normalcy at our Lodge.

Renzo Apaldetti was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge at our July stated meeting and I am sure that after waiting almost two months, he is very anxious about being initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason. We have scheduled his first degree for Thursday September 10th at 7:00 pm.

For those of you who have attended some of our BBQ's on the Patio, you already know Renzo and how great a desire he has to become a Mason at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge. Do a favor to Renzo and be at his initiation to show enthusiasm for him and of Masonry at Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend our August BBQ on the Patio as Therese and I, along with our daughter and two granddaughters, traveled to Rome, Italy so we could take a cruise on the Mediterranean Sea. On August 12th we witnessed a total eclipse of the sun from our ship. The sun was totally covered by our moon for a total of 1 minute and 34 seconds. Seeing our sun disappear before our eyes and then 94 seconds later quickly reappear was a spectacular sight.

Next time you see me at Lodge, ask me to show you my movie of this solar eclipse. The movie is less than 2 minutes long and causes most of us who see it to think about our earth and the life on it.

Richard Frey PM
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South,

On Saturday, September 19th, our Lodge has an opportunity to represent Freemasonry at the 49th Annual Fresno Scottish Gathering and Games at Kearney Park.

The Games run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., but I am not asking anyone to spend their entire Saturday sitting at our booth.

My plan is to divide the day into shifts so that a few brothers can take turns representing our Lodge. If you can give us two or three hours, that is enough.

Our purpose there is simple. We will have an E-Z Up Canopy Tent where we can meet people, answer questions about Freemasonry, and direct anyone interested to our Lodge website through a QR code. We are not there to pressure anyone, sell anything, or hand out promotional material. We are simply there to be visible, approachable, and represent Masonry well.

I think this is a worthwhile opportunity for our Lodge.

Many people in our community know very little about Freemasonry. Some have questions. Others may have never knowingly met a Mason. Having a few brothers there who are willing to shake hands, have a conversation, and explain who we are can go a long way.

But this only works if Brothers are willing to show up.

We have a tendency in organizations to hope that someone else will volunteer. This time, I am asking you to consider being that someone.

You do not need to be an officer. You do not need to know every piece of Masonic history. You do not need to have a perfect answer to every question. You simply need to be willing to spend a little time with your Brothers and represent our Lodge in a positive way.

The Games themselves should make the day fun. There will be Highland athletics, caber tossing, bagpipes, Celtic music, Scottish food, clan displays, armored combat, and plenty of activity throughout Kearney Park.

I will be there, and I would appreciate having a few brothers join me.

If you can volunteer for one shift, please let me know... 559-244-9582 (call or text).

Many hands make light work.

A couple of hours from several brothers is all it takes to give our Lodge a presence for the entire day

John Wilson

Junior Warden

559-244-9582

September Birthdays

Isaac	Rosa		1
Frederick	Richburg	II	2
Stephen	Harrelson	PM	3
Peter	Wilson		6
James	Carney		8
Gary	Garant		9
Eugene	Morales		9
Sonny	Mehrtash		12
Thomas	Young	PM	12
Richard	Tarango		15
Craig	Constance		17
Jeffery	Eyberg		20
Jean	Mbodo		20
Devin	O'Connell		20
Kurtis	Docken		21
Kasra	Monazzami		22
Robert	Thomason	Jr.	22
Paul	Locker		24
Charles	Oliver		25
William	Kidd		27
David	Orrantia		28
Gary	Lewis	PM	30
James	Meeks		30



From the Archives:

APRIL 1957

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FREY FREY'S OPEN LETTER.....BY JACK FREY

Dear Sustaining Members:

It would hurt us to call you "inactive" members - so we use the word "sustaining" for you are the ones in good standing, who pay your membership fees year after year, but you do not come to see us as often as we would like to see you. we regret this very much, for we miss you and need you.

Following are the "Ten Commandments" of a good club - the ones we try to live up to:



JACK FREY

1) A member is the most important person in any club.

2) A member is not dependent on us - we are dependent on him.

3) A member is the purpose, and the beneficiary, we hope, of all our work and planning.

4) A member does us a favor when he calls or visits us - it is our pleasure to serve him.

5) A member is part of the club family - he is not an outsider.

6) A member, to us, is not simply a statistic in our membership file - he is our friend and associate.

7) A member is not someone to argue or match wits with - he is someone whose friendship and companionship we enjoy and value.

8) A member is a person who tells us what he expects and desires from a club membership - it is our job to fill those wants.

9) A member is entitled to the most courteous attention and consideration we can give him.

10) A member is the lifeblood of this and every other club.

We hope you will try to arrange, in the very near future, to take greater advantage of the recreational facilities provided by the club for you and your family.

If there is anything the officers and directors can do to make the club more attractive and inviting to you, we shall be pleased to receive your ideas and suggestions. At any rate, won't you visit us a note or give us a telephone call, so we can plan for a "get-together" to talk things over?

I recently found an old scrapbook that my mother maintained about activities of my father. Yesterday, I was reading some of the newspaper articles and other items in this scrapbook and discovered a message that my father gave to the members of Fort Washington Golf Club.

Summer is now over, the days are still long and our lodge is fully air-conditioned. Don't be a "sustaining" member. Our next degree will be on Thursday September 10th and will start at 7:00. Lodge can normally close around 8:30 after initiating a candidate in the first degree. Be a "Member" and be a true Mason.

My father was also a member of Las Palmas Lodge.

Richard Frey PM, Senior Warden

Lodge Night Out

Come join us!



Sal's Mexican Restaurant
Fresno and Alluvial

September 8th @ 6 PM. Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Calendar:

September 3- Dark
September 8 – Lodge night out – Sal's Mexican – 6:00 PM
September 14 – BBQ on the Patio – 6:30 PM
September 17 – Stated Meeting – 7:00 PM
September 24 - To be determined

Happy September!



SEPTEMBER



Our Thoughts
and Prayers
are With you

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,

Well summer is coming to a close and fall will be here before we know it. It was nice being dark for a couple of months, but it is time to get back to work. We will have a first degree on Sep. 10 at 7:00 pm. Please plan on attending. If you just want to get out of the house come by on the 14th and enjoy some BBQ food out on the patio or in the card room. It is free and you don't need a reservation, just show up. It starts at 6:30 pm and goes until we go home.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

See you in Lodge!



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