



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



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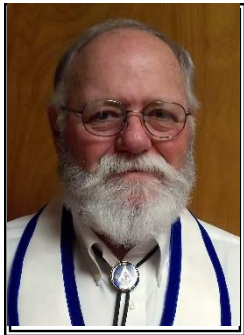
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Greetings from the East



The lodge is now dark until September, but we will continue to have our Management Board meetings and our Stated Meetings. No dinners will be served while we are dark at the Stated Meetings. But our breakfast crew is still preparing that great breakfast once a month. Plus, our Masters Night Out is still going strong. The month of August 13th we will travel to The Texas Roadhouse at 3190 W Shaw at 5:30 pm. I was informed that the food is really good there. On the last Masters Night Out, we were pleased to see an old friend and his lovely lady attend our dinner. Worshipful Brad and Susan Bradway. Great seeing you two again!

So please contact the lodge secretary for your reservation. Also, check your calendars for events.

If you look at our landscaping at the lodge you will see that our lawn has croaked! This was due to someone cutting the power to the sprinkler timer outside. Power is now restored and time will tell about the lawn coming back or not. This heat is really hard on landscaping this time of year.

Before we come back from being dark, we will send out a message that we will have a practice. I think that we might have a couple of guys waiting for their degrees. In the meantime, stay cool and stay hydrated.

Fraternally,
Bill Lyons PM
Worshipful Master



From the West,

The dog days of summer are most definitely here. Keeping cool seems to be getting harder and harder. It seems like the days when it's only 100° we are getting a break.

The Lodge is dark again this month so there are no degrees and no dinner for the stated meeting. September we will get back to conferring degrees and having dinner before the stated meeting. I would like to remind those brothers that will be taking a new officer role to start working on learning your lines, if you need assistance, please let myself or our officers coach Worshipful Richard Frey P.M. know.

Also, we are always looking for help preparing the stated meeting dinners, if interested in lending a helping hand please let me or our Brother Secretary Bryan Kincade P.M. know.

I would love to see more of you coming to Lodge, it means a lot to me to see you. Lastly and it is a bit early, however all of those who will be sitting in new chairs this coming Masonic year start getting familiar with the new ritual you will be fulfilling.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

Summer is here. The Lodge recently being primarily dark, has been a welcome time to rest and reflect. I truly missed my brothers and conducting ritual, further continuing to navigate the path towards finding a better version of myself. Finding the possibilities within us and seeing those potentials we often never recognize. Thus, hindering our own achievements and successes in life.

Masonry has made me not only a better man, but a better supervisor, a better professional, a more devoted person, and I pray a better father and husband to my beautiful family. I can't explain the gratification I feel towards our institution and will continue to work toward being deserving of that fulfillment.

Likewise, I hope my brothers and those new Masons in Lodge will also find something uplifting and inspiring in their travels through Masonry. May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all our loved ones.

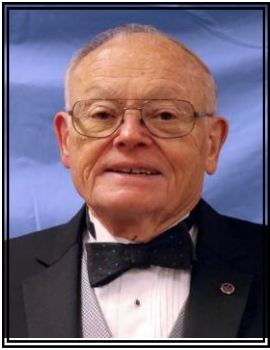
Look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden (Elect)

August Birthdays

Charles	Vaughn		1
Brian	Richburg		2
Jack	Mattox		3
Richard	Sherrod	PM	4
Linley	Cole		5
Albert	Blumer		6
Dick	Manoogian		7
Andrew	Miller	PM	8
Robert	Preston		10
James	Keeton	PM	11
Jeffrey	Woods		11
Howard	Ford		15
James	Holley		16
James	Wilson II	PM	18
Richard	Avila		19
Walter	Kron		21
Wayne	Newquist		23
Milton	Snavely		24
Jack	Afonin		26
Bernard	Hollenbeck		28





From the Archives:

In our degrees, we are taught to practice charity. Charity actually has two meanings. The first is brotherly love and the second is giving our time or money to a good cause.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's we were asked to donate to our Lodge to pay off the mortgage on our then new temple building. We were also asked to donate to our Grand Lodge Masonic Homes for older Masons, their widows and their orphaned children. In 1978, 382 members contributed \$4,035.00 to the GL Masonic Homes, which averaged \$4.28 for each member, based on our membership of 942. This figured out to 41% of the members actually making contributions. In today's dollars that \$4,035 would be \$20,000. The \$4.28 would be \$21.00.

A week ago, I got a letter from our Grand Lodge asking for a donation that I could specify go to either the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund and/or the Working Tools Program.

The Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund raises critical funds that allows the Masonic Homes and outreach to care for brethren, their wives and widows in need.

The Working Tools Program helps remove barriers and creates partnerships that will make careers in fields like automotive, construction, medical, and engineering more accessible to students who may not prefer a traditional four-year college experience. This program helps high school students who choose to pursue opportunities in Career and Technical Education fields.

If for some reason you did not get this letter from our GL, you can still send your check to:
California Masonic Foundation
1111 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94108-9863

Please note on your check which fund you desire to help and mention that you are with Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge No. 366.

Starting in September of 1979, Group discussions were being held in the Card Room for all three degrees. On September 13, a discussion was conducted concerning the First Degree. On October 4, a discussion group was held on the Second Degree and on November 29, the Third Degree. All new Entered Apprentice, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons were encouraged to attend.

As a result of negotiations between Jake Cannon and Congressman "Chip" Pashayan, Las Palmas Lodge got a new flag in September, 1979 which flew over the White House in Washington, D.C.

The first member of Las Palmas Lodge to be presented with the Hiram Award was Brother Paul Shelly. Bro Paul had been our organist for many years. He was also the organist for Fresno Lodge and occasionally played the organ for Masonic



Funerals. By the time I got to know Bro Shelly, he was a retired school teacher.

Masters Night Out

We had a nice turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Toledo's in Clovis.



Next Masters Night Out will be August 13th at 5:30 PM at the Texas Road house, 3190 W. Shaw Avenue, Fresno.
Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

Happy August!



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,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. This past week we caught a break with the weather and it has been extremely pleasant, thank goodness for small favors. The lodge is going along and all the normal problems are being dealt with. We still have a homeless problem but the City of Fresno is doing a better job controlling them. They keep getting into our sprinklers trying to charge their phones, and hopefully we have that fixed. We are starting to see signs of life in our lawn with it starting to green up again. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you next month.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

August Calendar

8-4	Breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 AM
8-13	Masters Night Out	5:30 pm
8:15	Stated meeting	7:30 pm



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