

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

# The Las Palmian

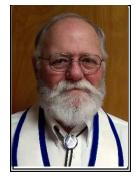
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## Greetings from the East



The month of June has now slipped upon us and we are still conferring degrees, and it would be wonderful if we could get other members of Las Palmas – Ponderosa lodge to at least sit on the sidelines and support your officers. Remember, they are the ones that are keeping your lodge going so you can call yourself a member of this lodge.

If you need assistance on getting to lodge, please contact the Secretary or myself and we will do our best to try and assist you.

We have had really good attendance at the Masters Night Out. We pick a different restaurant every month and we all meet there to break bread together. The month of June we will be going to the Elbow Room on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Notify the lodge Secretary to get on the reservation list. This is open to all Mason's, Entered Apprentices, Fellow crafts, or Master masons.

Fraternally,
Bill Lyons PM
Worshipful Master



From the West,

Summer in the Valley is here. As we begin to really feel the heat, I want to remind yinz to be cautious when working out in the heat. I sat this because some of my prescriptions cause me to have a sun sensitivity.

Congratulations to brother Christian Barries on being passed to Fellow Craft and brother Travis Nolen on becoming and Entered Apprentice. May 7th our Officers Coach Charles Bersani PM was called to the celestial Lodge above.

Worship Bersani will be sorely missed. I am fortunate enough to have learned so much from him for only knowing him for a few years. He was always willing to work with me, be it a Master Mason Competition or fulfilling whatever role I had to discharge within the Lodge, he always had me ready to go.

I will miss him; he was a good man and great Mason. On the 22nd of June we will be holding a memorial service for Worshipful Chuck Bersani PM at 11, this will be at our Lodge. Please attend and pay your respects.

Fraternally, Joshua Barkley Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice Pedro Marron, who has taken his first step in Masonry. Everyone welcomes him as he starts his journey.

Pedro and I are friends as well as co-workers. It does take quite a bit of finesse to get our schedules to align. When we were talking about him becoming a member, I started to remember the reasons I became a member. I was wanting a place where I could go and be among friends and where I could count on the people around me. I have been lucky enough to find that. It's my hope for Pedro that he also finds it.

The lodge has new programs going with the return of Master's Night Out and our new lodge breakfast. Both of these were put into place so that we can meet and socialize, without talking about the lodge. Hopefully some of this might excite you and get you back to the lodge.

Fraternally yours, Joshua Harmon PM Junior Warden (Elect)

# June Birthdays

David	Pitts			1	
John	Gandy		2		
William	Lee		2		
Raymond			2		
Justin	Robinson	Reyes			
Hamo	Hamamjiar		2 4		
Vernon	-	ı		5	
Richard	Gaylord		PGM	5 5	
Devin	Hopper		PGIVI	5 7	
	Hanson		DN4		
Curtis	Jack		PM	8	
Henry		Howard		10	
Michael	Behlen			11	
Timothy	Bezzerides			11	
Joseph	Perry	IV		11	
Edward	Bufford		PM	14	
Dwayne	Farrow			14	
Terrance	Haun	II		15	
Milburn	Holt			15	
Richard	Mets			16	
Allen	Munroe	Jr.		16	
Nicholas	Ionescu			17	
William	Lyons		PM	17	
Michael	Sahakian			17	
Joshua	Hughes			18	
Elie	Choufani			21	
Anthony	Rodriguez			21	
Dennis	Claborn			26	
Brian	Lee			26	
Albert	Petersen			27	
Shawn	Baird			28	
Brent	Calvert			29	





#### From the Archives:

I first met Chuck Bersani in the fall of 1977 when we, as the next year Junior Wardens of our Lodges, met with Inspector Sam Pavlovich to get our certificate of proficiency so that we could be installed. Two years later we were both installed as Master of our respective Lodges for 1980. Chuck was Ponderosa No. 700 and for me it was Las Palmas.

Several years after serving as Master, Chuck was made the inspector of our Masonic District when Sam Pavlovich was installed in the Grand Lodge line to become a Grand Master.



After Ponderosa consolidated with Las Palmas about 40 years ago, Chuck openly accepted the consolidation while some of his Ponderosa Brothers did not do so. Chuck became active in Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and eventually became our Officers Coach. Previously, we had an officer's coach for each degree, but Chuck did it for all three degrees. He knew all of the ritual by heart and even when our Grand Lodge approved a cypher for our unwritten ritual, Chuck never learned how to read the cypher. He kept it all in his memory.

Recently Chuck developed a cancerous spot in his lung which continued to grow despite the latest of immunotherapy drugs. We lost Brother Chuck on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the age of 92.

I know that all of the officers of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge who learned their work from Chuck or had him prompt them in Lodge will deeply miss Chuck. I for one, always appreciated Chuck's desire to have the work presented the way that I learned in back in the 1970's without the aid of a cypher.

Masonic services for Bro Chuck will be at Las Palmas Lodge on Saturday June 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM. It will be followed by a luncheon in our dining hall. Please try to attend and if you can, let our secretary know so that the family will have an idea of how much food to have prepared by Sam's Deli.

As our Webmaster, I try to post pictures from our Lodge activities on our website as soon as possible. I was recently asked to provide some of these pictures in my monthly Trestle board article.



o May 9<sup>th</sup>, Brother Christian Barries was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. PM Andrew Miller did the obligation and lecture.

## **Masters Night Out**

We had a great turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Sakura Chaya in Fresno.





Next Masters Night Out will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Elbow Room, Fig Garden Village. Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

# Happy June!





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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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 wanted to let everyone know we will be going dark in July and August. We will still have our stated meetings, but that will be all. The stated dinners will return in September and I for one am looking forward to the rest. Some of you are behind on your dues and it you are give me a call and explain what is going on and maybe we can come up with a solution to correct the problem. I hope you all have a great summer and enjoy what you have planned, or don't have planned, whatever the case.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

#### June Calendar

6-2 Breakfast 8:00 – 11:00 AM 6-6 OSI 7:30 PM 6-13 Dark Dark 6-18 Masters Night Out 5:30 pm

6-20 Stated meeting 6:30 Dinner 7:30 pm

6-27 TBD TBD







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