



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



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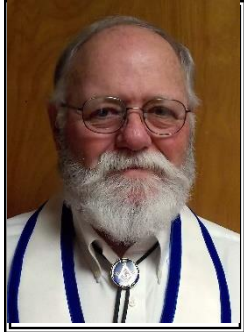
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Greetings from the East



It's finally supposed to start to cool down, thank goodness. I want to tell you why I haven't been to lodge a lot lately. We have had illness in our household and we are trying to manage the best we can, but I can tell you that is sure is cutting into our traveling. We should be back to normal in the near future.

We read petitions for two new gentlemen; the lodge is starting to show life. We could use more sideliners at the degree nights. When we all joined, we were met by different members who showed us what being a member of the fraternity really is. We have gotten away from that and I think we need to get back to it.

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,

With fall time here, we can finally start to cool off from the ever-hot summer.

Our Brother Secretary informed me that the lodge breakfast for October is canceled due to a drain in our kitchen being repaired.

Our officer practices have been going well, I appreciate everyone's hard work. For the upcoming year, I need help filling the Senior and Junior Warden's stations.

Your service would be most appreciated. I hope everyone has a great month and I will yinz in lodge.

Fraternally,
Joshua Barkley
Senior Warden



From the South:

Greetings from the South,

October is here, and I don't know where the year went. Autumn is also upon us bringing the noticeably shorter days and cooler temperatures.

Can anyone relate to this? No matter what I do it always feels like you're not doing enough. One short bursts of success seem to lead to a higher expectation, to eventually fail and self-destruction due to being task overloaded. As I've gotten older, I've learned there's only so much I can do and still control your life.

I've learned to pick myself up, each time pushing for self-change. I don't seek an easy life. I seek to have the strength to endure the most difficult hardships, not pretending life won't have high hurdles to overcome.

No one can push me harder than me. Fundamentally I believe life is about how we approach our problems, hopefully gaining understanding which will produce permanent solutions. Finding the balance between basic needs, everyday life, personal pursuits, and not finding the path to self-destruction can be a daily struggle. With Masonry in our hearts, life will not be a meaningless grind.

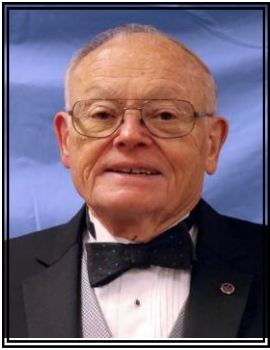
May we all find progress exponentially.

Fraternally yours,
Joshua Harmon PM
Junior Warden (Elect)

October Birthdays

Stanley	Antranikian		1
William	Crossland		1
Harry	Manoogian		1
Timothy	Newcomb		5
William	Clem		6
Richard	Peters		8
Shon	Abell		10
Stanley	Burton		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
Frank	Merrill		28



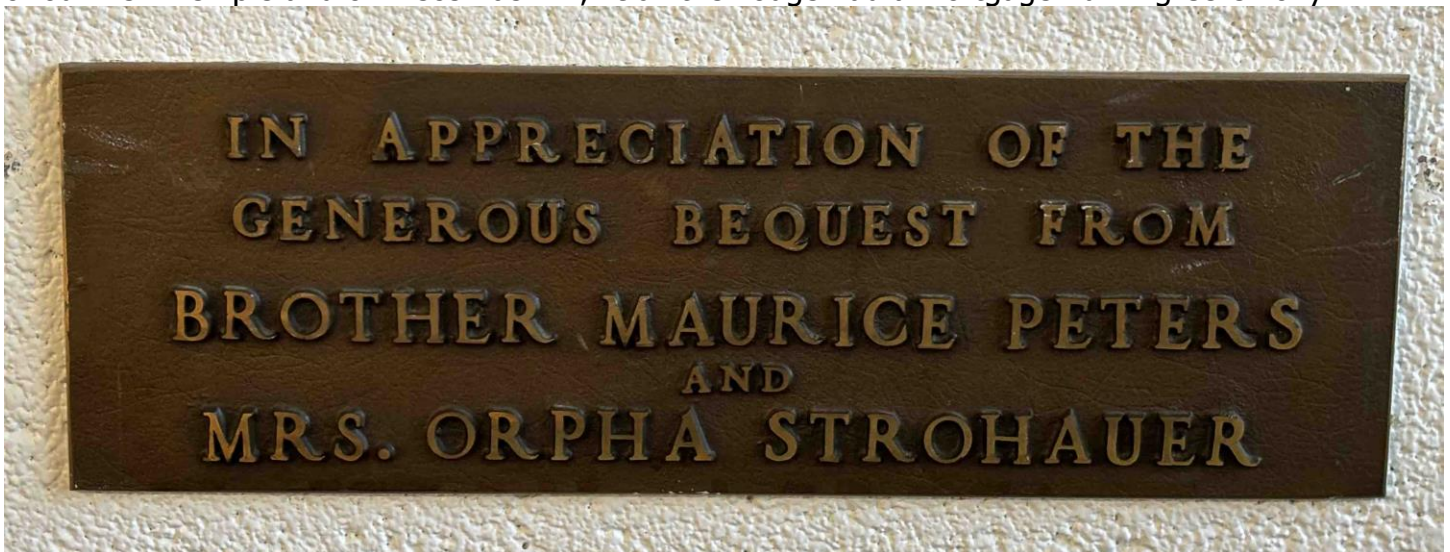


From the Archives:

Last month I talked about some of the people who have made generous donations to our Lodge. This month I will inform you about more of these members and their families.

Brother Maurice Peters received the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge in 1955. He had been a supervisor for the Post Office for many years and currently was managing the Post Office employee's Finance department (most likely something like a credit union). In 1957 he was elected our Treasurer and maintained this position until his death in 1962. His sole survivor was his mother, Mrs. Orpha Strohauser.

Bro. Peters, and his mother, left their entire estates to Las Palmas Lodge to pay off the indebtedness of our New Temple and on December 12, 1964 the Lodge had a Mortgage Burning Ceremony.

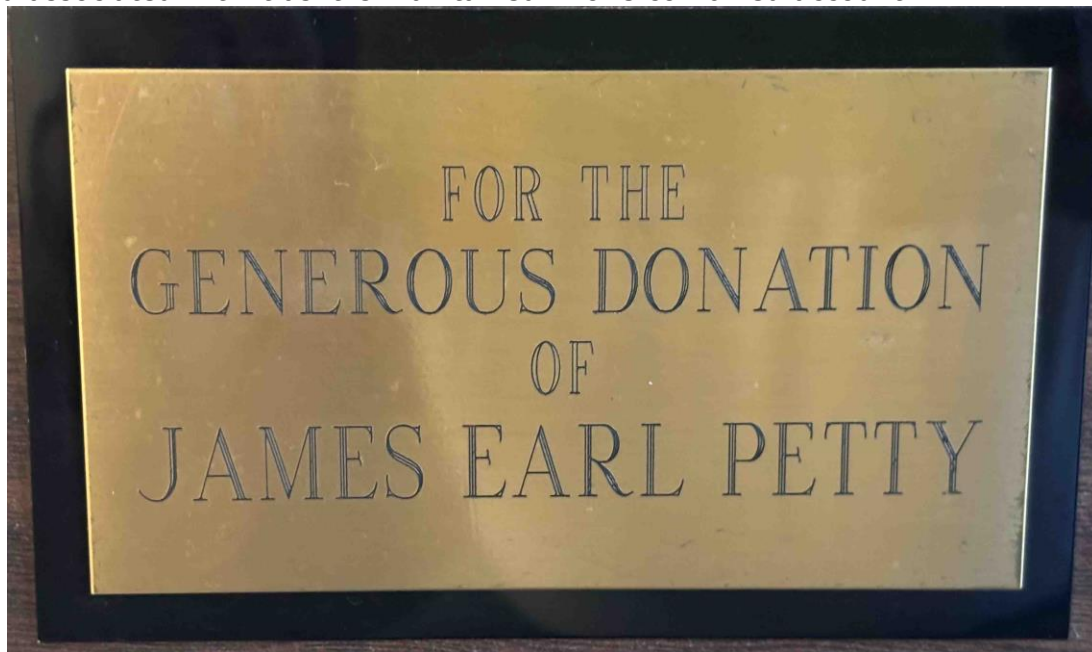


Brother James Earl Petty received the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge in 1925 and became a Life Member. He received his 50-year pin in March of 1976. He passed away on November 15, 1991 in Merced where he lived. His Masonic Funeral was performed by a Lodge in Merced.

By trade he was a box maker for a Flagstaff, AZ Lumber company that made boxes for peach and fig growers in Fresno. I do not know how often he attended Las Palmas Lodge, or any other Lodge, but in his file are several letters to our Secretary in which he was asking why he had not received his Life Member dues card for the year.

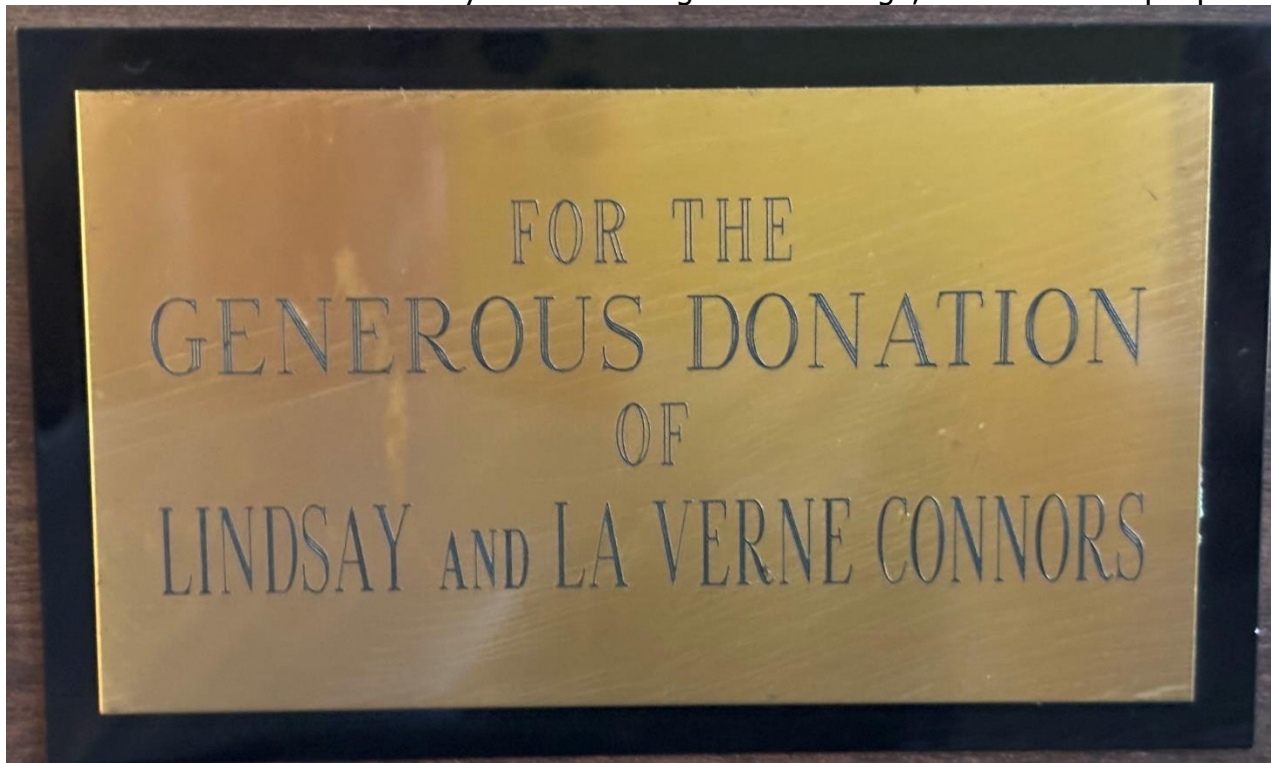
Bro. Petty left $\frac{1}{4}$ of his estate to Las Palmas Lodge and another $\frac{1}{4}$ to Flagstaff Lodge No. 11. The funds, \$40,870.94, were used by our Temple Association to refurbish the foyer and other parts of the

Temple. The balance was placed in a scholarship fund in his name. In today's dollars it would be worth over \$125,000. In the early days, those who contributed to our Scholarship fund had their names associated with the fund. Our current Scholarship fund does not have any names of those who donated associated with it as it is maintained in one combined account.



The last plaque on the wall is for a gift by Lindsay & La Verne Connors. Brother Lindsay Connors was initiated in 1946 and before he was to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft an objection was raised to his proceeding. He was sent a letter telling when his hearing would be and since he received his 2nd degree in November of 1949 and was raised in February of 1950, the objection must have been dismissed.

He listed his occupation as Telephone lineman and at the time of his death, January 6, 1987, lived in Sacramento. I could not find any record of his gift to our Lodge, other than the plaque on the wall.



Masters Night Out

We had a nice turnout for the last Masters Night Out at Ovidio's.



Next Masters Night Out will be October 8th at 5:30 PM at Casa Corona, Northeast corner of Bullard and West, Fresno.

Notify the Secretary for a reservation.

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.
Jim Meeks - hip.*

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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,

The breakfast for October is cancelled. We have had floor drain problems with a couple of the drains in the kitchen. They are having to jack hammer them out and once they have it repaired, we have to have the tile repaired before we can use it again. I apologize for the inconvenience. New dues notices will be coming out by the end of October, if you haven't paid in a while, we will be mailing you a certified letter. If you still don't deal with it, you are going to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

Hope to see you all soon,

Bryan Kincade PM, Secretary

October Calendar

10-3	Practice	7:00 PM
10-6	Breakfast**Cancelled**	8:00 – 11:00 AM
10-8	Masters Night Out	5:30 pm
10-10	Practice	7:00 PM
10-17	Stated meeting/Dinner	6:30 PM /7:30 pm
10:24	Practice	7:00 PM
10-31	Halloween	



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2024 Dues: \$148.00

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