

By now most, if not all of you, know that we lost our faithful Lodge Secretary, Brother James Carl Clark.



Brother Jim worked for Pirelli-Armstrong Tire Company in Hanford for 32 years before his retirement. While at Pirelli-Armstrong, he was also a union steward. After retirement, he opened an antique shop on Fulton Street between Belmont and Divisadero. He also prepared income tax returns professionally.

Brother Jim joined Masonry and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge for a very unique reason. Brother Jim's wife, Natalie, and Brother Jim Wilson's wife are sisters. As such he and Natalie used to visit the Wilsons at their cabin in Paradise Park in Santa Cruz. Jim wanted to buy a cabin at Paradise Park, but the whole community was restricted to Masons only. The only solution to this problem was to become a Mason. Jim often referred to himself as a "Property Mason".

Bro Jim received the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge starting in November, 1996 and was raised on April 12, 1997. He received the Hiram Award in 2001. Because of his experience with the IRS and FTB, he was elected our Treasurer for 2004 and served for three years before being elected our Secretary.

As our Secretary, he was organized and helped all of the Masters run the Lodge in an organized manner. He took over the job of being the editor of the Las Palmian and expanded it to include information about our youth organizations as well as other adult bodies. Brother Jim held Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge together when we had Officers who needed help. He also offered his help to Secretaries of Lodges all over the Valley.

Jim's memorial service at the Las Palmas Temple was attended by about 125 friends and brothers. His ashes have been interred at our Lodge cemetery plot in Mountain View Cemetery in Fresno.

Brother Jim, you will be sadly missed by all of us.