

In June of 1981, Marilyn Sue Mencarini, the daughter of deceased Bro Albert George McClellan donated 2 lots in the Masonic Section at Belmont Memorial Park if we paid the \$25 transfer fee. The Lodge voted to accept the gift and pay the fee. Our Lodge currently has two lots at Belmont Memorial park, about 10 lots at Fresno Memorial Gardens and ample space for cremated remains at Mountain View Cemetery. At the time of death of a member, or his spouse, these lots are available from the Lodge free of charge. If you want to acquire any of these spaces in advance of need, there will be a nominal charge. You will be responsible for the costs that the Cemetery charges for opening and closing of the grave. Call the Lodge Secretary for more information.

It has been a practice of Las Palmas Lodge, since its inception, to go Dark during July and August. This gave the officers a chance to have a vacation with their families. However, we still had to hold our Stated Meetings for these two months. Because attendance at these two stated meetings was down, it was decided that the Dates could also take a vacation from preparing a dinner for these two months. Bro Stan Wong suggested that we could still have a dinner and at the same time let the Dates have a vacation. For August, 1981, Bro Wong arranged for a local Chinese restaurant to prepare the food and he would bring it over to Lodge for what started our annual Chinese Dinner. How many of you remember attending one of these Chinese dinners or Bro Stan? Bro Stan was a Medical Doctor. I was the one who coached him through his three degrees. I also attended his funeral shortly before the current pandemic.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1982, Bro Jim Kleinknight was installed Master of Las Palmas Lodge. Brother Jim got his degrees in Poinsettia Lodge #663 in 1957. He was in and out of the officer's line several times but his employment kept him from reaching the station of Master. After retirement in 1963 he moved to Fresno and affiliated with Las Palmas. In 1982 he affiliated with Orosi Lodge #383. In January of 1995 he was installed as Master of Orosi Lodge, but could not complete his term as he passed away on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

At our January, 1982, Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to have the Treasurer take \$10,000 from the Lodge checking account and give it to the Trustees so they could obtain a T Bill which would yield 12.532%. Do you remember the inflation in the late 1970's and early 1980's? I remember getting an IRA at a local savings association that paid 18% which was locked in for 5 years. Now a CD will earn you less than 1/2% a year.