

In my last article I told you about Bro. Jim Kleinknight being installed as our Master for 1982. After Jim had retired from a large oil company and moved to Fresno, he became self-employed as a Snap-On tool dealer.

Las Palmas Lodge officers for 1982 were installed January 16 by Sam Pavlovich, P.M. Jane Higgins, soloist, accompanied by Linda Bauer, presented musical selections during the ceremony. Everything was properly ritualistic until the "Retiring of the Officers", then much to the Master's surprise, all the officers doffed Snap-On caps as they marched out.

Gilma Moyer was the honoree at a reception sponsored by La Sierra O.E.S., held on February 27, 1982 at the Fresno Convention Center. She was Worthy Grand Ruth of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California O.E.S. and a Past Worthy Matron of La Sierra O.E.S. number 555. Her present position was especially noteworthy as only three other O.E.S. members have ever been appointed from California to the General Grand Chapter. Her late husband, T.D. Moyers, was a Past Master of Las Palmas Lodge (1945), and was very instrumental in the building of our present Las Palmas Temple.

While I did not personally know Gilma Moyer, I do remember that if she was present at Las Palmas for any event, she was always publically recognized and thanked.

Brother Sam Marko Pavlovich, PM (1967), was coroneted a 33-deg. honorary member. At this time he was the secretary of the four Scottish Rite Fresno bodies and a member of the board of trustees of the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. He was Inspector of the 416th Masonic District from 1967 to 1979 and served as Assistant Grand Treasurer during the 1979-80 term. He had recently retired from his position with Caltrans where he was a civil engineer. Besides Las Palmas Lodge, Sam was also a member of the Central California Research Lodge, Fresno York Rite bodies, La Sierra Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and Tehran Shrine Temple. He has been a member of the advisory board of the then Las Palmas Chapter Order of DeMolay for many years.

I always felt a kindness to Bro Pavlovich as he performed my father's Masonic funeral in 1967. Recently, I had the honor of performing the Masonic funeral for Bro. Sam's brother, George Pavlovich. I also remember having to qualify for an advanced station by going down to his office at the Scottish Rite Temple and, with the other officers from Clovis and Ponderosa Lodges, give the ritual that was required for advancement.

In 1982, Bro Leon Peters was elected a Trustee for Las Palmas Lodge. Bro Peters was the second man of Armenian descent to be elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge. This was in 1959. Bro Leon was well known in Fresno for his Civic duties. As a legacy, he created the Leon S. Peters Foundation that gives much financial

support to Fresno Community Hospital and other worthy causes such as the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.