

On March 11, 1982 Brother Larry Bennett was raised a Master Mason in Las Palmas Lodge. In 1982 a total of 9 Brothers were raised in Las Palmas Lodge so I am sure you are wondering why I am mentioning Brother Bennett.

While Brother Bennett was never Master of Las Palmas Lodge, he did serve as Master of two other Lodges in the area. In 2001 he affiliated with Hanford Lodge No. 279 and in 2008 he affiliated with Sanger Lodge No. 216. He was a Life Member of both Las Palmas and Hanford Lodges. In 2003 and 2005 he was the Master of Hanford Lodge and in 2009 he served as Master of Sanger Lodge. He was also an officer's coach as well as a candidates coach for Las Palmas-Ponderosa as well as Hanford and Sanger.

As a candidate's coach at Las Palmas-Ponderosa he had the ability to quickly teach candidates their work. I remember one particular candidate who I was coaching and had problems memorizing the work. Somehow Brother Larry was able to quickly teach this candidate his work and get him through his proficiencies.

On June 18, 1992, Las Palmas-Ponderosa awarded Brother Bennett the Hiram Award.

As a Junior Past Master, I was always told that choice of parts you take on Past Master's night were first given the most senior Past Masters and what was left was to the most junior Past Masters. For the first 25 years as a Past Master, I had normally been the Jr. Deacon on most Past Master's nights. However, now being one of the more Senior Past Masters, I decided to give the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree lecture. Even though I had not given it in over 35 years, I decided to re-learn it. Thanks to Brother Larry, I was able to re-learn this lecture with much ease and give this 20 minute lecture with little need for prompts. I continued to give this 3<sup>rd</sup> degree lecture at several more Past Masters Nights as well on other occasions. However, before I gave the lecture, I always got together with Brother Larry and went over it several times so that the candidate would get the best possible experience in his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

For the last couple of years Brother Larry was suffering illnesses and occasionally I would see him during the day at Lodge where he would park his car so he could go to the VA Hospital for treatment. I did not know that we had lost Brother Bennett until I got a call from the staff at Mountain View Cemetery asking where Brother Bennett's ashes were to be buried in the Las Palmas-Ponderosa burial plot. I immediately went to the cemetery and showed them the exact place that Brother Bennett had shown to me several years earlier when he made his pre-need arrangements. We will miss you Brother Bennett.

