

I first met Chuck Bersani in the fall of 1977 when we, as the next year Junior Wardens of our Lodges, met with Inspector Sam Pavlovich to get our certificate of proficiency so that we could be installed. Two years later we were both installed as Master of our respective Lodges for 1980. Chuck was Ponderosa No. 700 and for me it was Las Palmas.

Several years after serving as Master, Chuck was made the inspector of our Masonic District when Sam Pavlovich was installed in the Grand Lodge line to become a Grand Master.



After Ponderosa consolidated with Las Palmas about 30 years ago, Chuck openly accepted the consolidation while some of his Ponderosa Brothers did not do so. Chuck became active in Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge and eventually became our Officers Coach. Previously, we had an officer's coach for each degree, but Chuck did it for all three degrees. He knew all of the ritual by heart and even when our Grand Lodge approved a cypher for our unwritten ritual, Chuck never learned how to read the cypher. He kept it all in his memory.

Recently Chuck developed a cancerous spot in his lung which continued to grow despite the latest of immunotherapy drugs. We lost Brother Chuck on May 6th at the age of 92.

I know that all of the officers of Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge who learned their work from Chuck or had him prompt them in Lodge will deeply miss Chuck. I for one, always appreciated Chuck's desire to have the work presented the way that I learned in back in the 1970's without the aid of a cypher.

Masonic services for Bro Chuck will be at Las Palmas Lodge on Saturday June 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM. It will be followed by a luncheon in our dining hall. Please try to attend and if you can, let our secretary know so that the family will have an idea of how much food to have prepared by Sam's Deli.

As our Webmaster, I try to post pictures from our Lodge activities on our website as soon as possible. I was recently asked to provide some of these pictures in my monthly Trestleboard article.

On May 9th, Brother Christian Barries was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. PM Andrew Miller did the obligation and lecture.

