

Back in 1935, a young member of Las Palmas Lodge named Jesse Pittman passed away. It being in the middle of the Great Depression, his family asked the Lodge if it had land for his burial. Up until this time, Las Palmas Lodge did not have any burial property, but because of Brother Pittman's family's request, the Lodge bought several plots at Mountain View Cemetery.

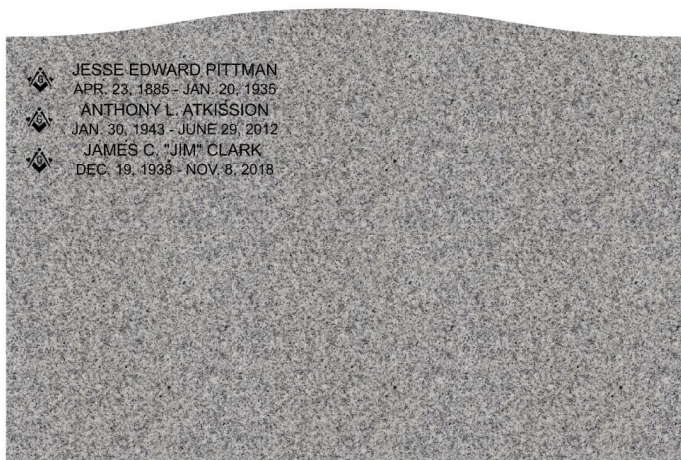
Within a month or two, a sojourner passed away and his family made a similar request. This time the Lodge had sufficient space for the burial of this sojourner.

Seventy-five years later, I discovered that Las Palmas Lodge had ownership of many empty plots at Mountain View Cemetery and together with then Master, Bob Davis, the Lodge purchased a large granite rough ashlar to mark our Lodge's burial property.



Today many of our members are being cremated and with an agreement with Mountain View Cemetery, we have space for the cremated remains of up to 60 members and their immediate family members.

The initial plans were for the Lodge to purchase a second marker for the names of those interred in this space. Several months ago the Lodge approved the design of such a name marker. The marker is currently on order and the cost includes the engraving of all of the names who are interred at that time. Currently we only have three names, Jesse Pittman whose current marker is unreadable, Anthony Atkission and Jim Clark. This Marker is 24" tall and 36" wide and is of the same kind of granite that our rough ashlar is.



This picture is of a proposal for the placement of the names on the marker. If any of the Las Palmas-Ponderosa family have cremated remains of members and you do not know where to have their final resting place, now is the time to consider our Las Palmas-Ponderosa burial site. The reason is that if you do this before this marker is engraved, you will save the \$250.00 cost of having their named added to the marker. You will still be out the cost that the cemetery charges, currently about \$700.00, but you will save the \$250 engraving fee. While I do not have a cutoff date, I would assume that it will be around September 15, 2019.

Contact the Lodge Secretary at (559) 268-2303 if you have questions or are interested.