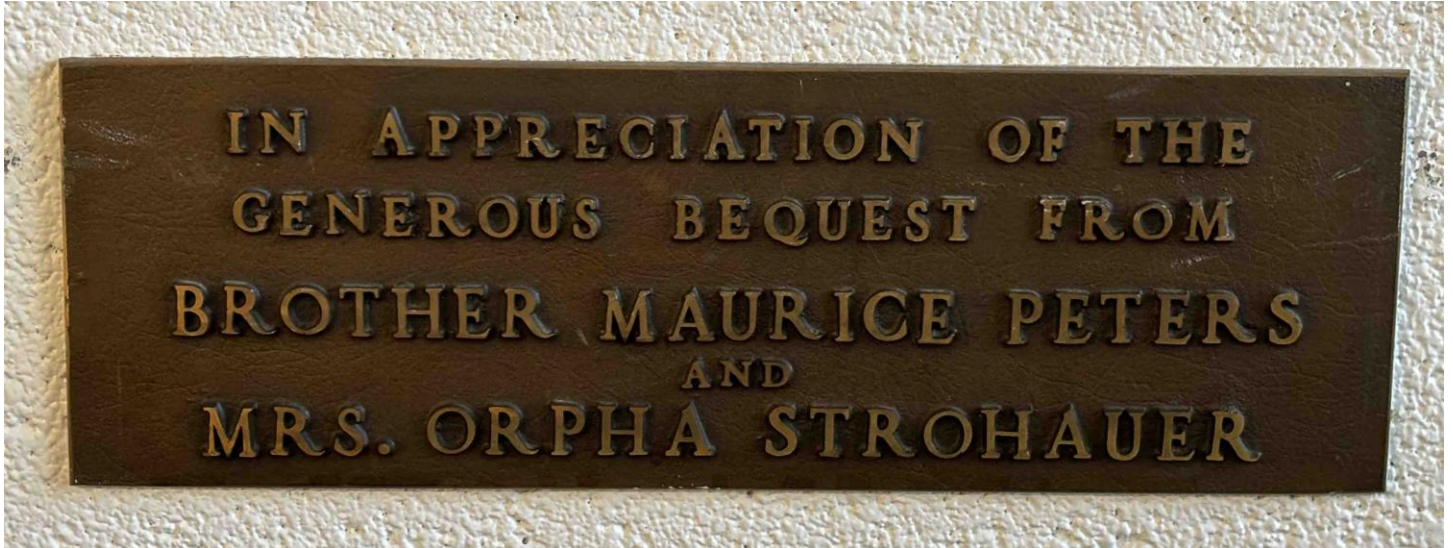


Last month I talked about some of the people who have made generous donations to our Lodge. This month I will inform you about more of these members and their families.

Brother Maurice Peters received the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge in 1955. He had been a supervisor for the Post Office for many years and currently was managing the Post Office employee's Finance department (most likely something like a credit union). In 1957 he was elected our Treasurer and maintained this position until his death in 1962. His sole survivor was his mother, Mrs. Orpha Strohauser.

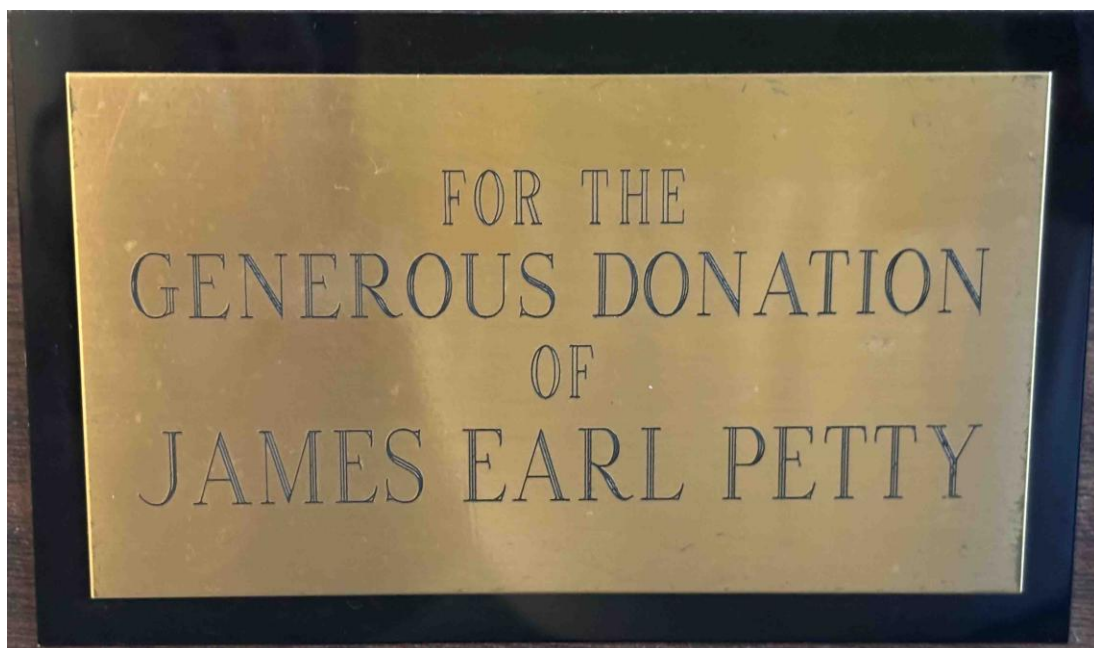
Bro. Peters, and his mother, left their entire estates to Las Palmas Lodge to pay off the indebtedness of our New Temple and on December 12, 1964 the Lodge had a Mortgage Burning Ceremony.



Brother James Earl Petty received the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge in 1925 and became a Life Member. He received his 50-year pin in March of 1976. He passed away on November 15, 1991 in Merced where he lived. His Masonic Funeral was performed by a Lodge in Merced.

By trade he was a box maker for a Flagstaff, AZ Lumber company that made boxes for peach and fig growers in Fresno. I do not know how often he attended Las Palmas Lodge, or any other Lodge, but in his file are several letters to our Secretary in which he was asking why he had not received his Life Member dues card for the year.

Bro. Petty left $\frac{1}{4}$ of his estate to Las Palmas Lodge and another $\frac{1}{4}$ to Flagstaff Lodge No. 11. The funds, \$40,870.94, were used by our Temple Association to refurbish the foyer and other parts of the Temple. The balance was placed in a scholarship fund in his name. In today's dollars it would be worth over \$125,000. In the early days, those who contributed to our Scholarship fund had their names associated with the fund. Our current Scholarship fund does not have any names of those who donated associated with it as it is maintained in one combined account.



The last plaque on the wall is for a gift by Lindsay & La Verne Connors. Brother Lindsay Connors was initiated in 1946 and before he was to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft an objection was raised to his proceeding. He was sent a letter telling when his hearing would be and since he received his 2nd degree in November of 1949 and was raised in February of 1950, the objection must have been dismissed.

He listed his occupation as Telephone lineman and at the time of his death, January 6, 1987, lived in Sacramento. I could not find any record of his gift to our Lodge, other than the plaque on the wall.

