

As a child I learned the story about The Little Train That Could. It continually said "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can." When it reached the top of the mountain it said "I knew I could." Last night Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodge reached the top of its post Covid mountain.

When I drove into our parking lot for the November Stated Meeting, I was surprised and pleased to see an abnormally large number of cars. When I looked into the dining room I saw more tables with people eating than I had seen since we closed down for Covid. When we started our Stated Meeting and Election of officers, I was extremely pleased to see a total of 19 brothers present.

For some time, in these articles, I have said that we were still suffering from long-Covid. This was because not enough of our members were attending Lodge to even open or put on a degree. On two occasions we resorted to asking members of Fresno Lodge to help us confer a degree. I know that one meeting with a good showing does not mean that we are totally cured from Covid, but it is a good indication that there is hope we have been cured. The only way to prove that we are cured is to show up for Lodge, participate in the degrees and give encouragement to our officers.

Brother Bill Lyons was Master of Clovis Lodge in 2004 and again in 2012. He was elected our Master for 2024 which will make him the first member to be Master of both Clovis and Las Palmas-Ponderosa Lodges. Congratulations Brother Bill. Now you can give Brother Bill and our other officers your support by attend our Lodge as much as possible.

