

It is always sad when a member of our Lodge passes away, it is even sadder when that member served our Lodge as Master and continued to show his presence at our functions.

By now you probably know that I am talking about Brother George William "Bud" Pope Jr. who passed away June 14.



Brother Bud was born in Fresno and after attending Fresno State College served 2 years in the U.S. Army. At age 24 he petitioned Las Palmas Lodge. His father, George Pope Sr. was a member of Las Palmas. He was raised a Master Mason on September 8, 1955. Brother Pope was our last Past Master to have been raised a Master Mason in the Old



Masonic Temple on Merced Street in downtown Fresno. He received his 50 year pin in December of 2006. Until his retirement, Bud owned Pope Tire Company which he took over from his father.

When I was raised a Master Mason in April of 1968 Brother Pope served as Sr. Deacon. Brother Pope served as Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1971.

Some of the activities that Brother Pope had during his year as Master were a bus trip to a Giants game, a 3rd degree at the old Columbia Masonic Temple, a shish-k-bob dinner and an Easter Egg hunt at the temple for the young children and grandchildren of members. In Brother Pope's September Trestleboard message he told us that Las Palmas was backlogged with candidates for degrees.

We will all remember Bud for his great sense of humor. Brother Bud, you will definitely be missed.

While I am not our oldest Past Master, by year, of being Master, I will now assume the position of the oldest Past Master of Las Palmas who continues to be active at Lodge.

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