

I have been a member of Las Palmas Lodge for over 40 years and have never been invited to a "roll call meeting". For those of you who do not know what such a meeting is, I will explain. Notices are sent out to all members with an invitation to attend one special meeting. At this meeting the names of all active members are read and as your name is read, you stand up. When our membership was over 1,100 in the early 1970's such a meeting would have been a real sight to see had it occurred.

On October 21, 1926 Las Palmas Lodge had its first roll call meeting under the direction of WM Ernest Marvin Myers. While we do not know how many members showed up, we estimate that the Lodge had between 600 and 700 members at that time. Since that first roll call meeting, we have had a couple more such meetings, but never on an annual basis.

If a male was born after the Civil War, it was common for the parents to give that child the name of a famous person. Some examples from our member list are: Ben Franklin Paschall, George Washington Cherry, Benjamin Franklin Walker, Andrew Jackson Lyons, Benjamin Franklin Ellisberry, Benjamin Harrison Delk, Grover Cleveland McWilliams, James Monroe Bandy, William Harrison Gilstrap, Benjamin Franklin Harrell, Paul Revere Fisher, George Washington Myers, Monroe Washington Park (each parent must have had a favorite President) and Theodore Roosevelt Stoetzel.

Going to Lodge in 1927 was also educational. After the installation of officers Past Grand Master Sherman spoke at length on various topics of interest. At the end of the February Stated Meeting, Bro. Hawkes made extended remarks on our late Bro. Geo. Washington. After conferring 3 first degrees in June, "Lodge was then closed and the members repaired to the banquet room where an appropriate flag observation was held with Bros. Tuttle and Hawks as the speakers. At the end of the October Stated Meeting, "Bro. Douglas A. May spoke on the subject of 'Masonic Law'".

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