

In Worshipful Len Gottner's May, 1968 Trestleboard, he made mention of the fact that starting each May, the officers substituted white dinner jackets for their black tuxedo jackets. Rather than the black cummerbund and bowtie, the officers wore baby blue cummerbunds and bow ties. I do not know when this practice stopped but my guess is that it was before 2000.

Brother Lee French (Master 1989) had the perfect jacket. It was a black tuxedo jacket on one side and when turned inside-out, was a white dinner jacket.

For all of the stated meetings, the officers wore suits and ties except for the summer when dress shirts and slacks were the attire.

On May 2, 1968 the two sons of PM Bob Reynolds, John and Mike, were raised Master Masons. At this time I was teaching at Clovis High School and was able to get to Lodge by 6:00 pm to observe the opening. To my surprise, the Worshipful Master asked me to sit next to him in the East and be the Chaplin for opening and the conferral of the first of the two third degrees. What a thrill for me as I was a Master Mason for less than a month and I got to sit next to the Worshipful Master in the East.

At that time, when a Past Master's son got his third degree, it was normally deemed a special Past Master's Night. This was the case for Brother Mike Reynolds who was the second candidate that evening.

At the end of the Stated Meeting on May 16, 1968 brother Jimmy Tucker, the head candidates coach, examined me in the candidate's lecture of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. I was then presented with a Masonic Bible. At that time, the Masonic Bible was only given to a candidate who had completed his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree proficiency. Today the Bible is given at the conclusion of the conferral of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

At the end of the Stated Meeting, it was announced that our own junior Past Master, Sam Pavlovich, was appointed inspector for the 416<sup>th</sup> Masonic District as Sam Dollar was retiring as inspector after many decades in that position. Brother Pavlovich would then ascend to the East one more time as Grand Master in 1989.