

A CONCISE HISTORY OF
LAS PALMAS LODGE #335

On December 7, 1904, a meeting was held at the home of James Cyrus Pottle for the purpose of forming a new Masonic Lodge. The Brethren present were: James Cyrus Pottle #316, Elliot William Lindsay #277, Charles Lewis Walter (Walten) #277, Joseph Philip Bernhard #247, William Angus (Angers) Sutherland #247, Herbert Z. Austin #247, Alexander M. Drew #247, John Quincy Anderson #247, Charles Sheldon Prince (Pierce) #247, William Oscar Miles #247, Duncan Donald Allison #247, John Simeon Jones #304, Albert Bazzle Clark #304, Briceno Amendez Fassett #279, and Albert Graves Wishon #128.

On December 16, 1904, a further meeting was held to draft a petition requesting a dispensation to hold a lodge to be called Las Palmas Lodge. The officers elected were J. C. Pottle W.M., E. W. Lindsay S.W., A. B. Clark J.W., J. Q. Anderson, Treas., W. A. Sutherland, Sec., J. P. Bernhard S.D., H. Z. Austin J.D., D. D. Allison, Mar.

On December 23, 1904, a letter signed by W.M. Joseph Manoah Smith of Fresno Lodge #247, certified to the Proficiency of the Master and Wardens of the petitioning Lodge.

A dispensation was received January 5, 1905, and the first meeting was held January 19, 1905, at 7:30 P.M. in the Masonic Temple, Tulare and Broadway Streets, Fresno. The candidates were Walrond, Cowan and Marshall for the first

First Degree which took place February 23, 1905. The first Second Degree took place March 9, 1905, Apprentices Walrond and Cowan. The first Third Degree took place April 14, 1905, Fellow Craft Walrond.

A charter was issued to Las Palmas Lodge #366 October 12, 1905. On October 26, 1905 D.G.M. Right Worshipful Edward H. Hunt opened Grand Lodge for the purpose of instituting the Lodge. In 1910, the Lodge moved to the new Temple at Van Ness and Merced Streets, and continued to meet there until December 31, 1960, when notice was given to the Fresno Masonic Temple that Las Palmas would no longer be meeting there.

On Sunday June 5, 1960, ground was broken for the new solely-owned Temple of Las Palmas Lodge #366.* Present were Chester H. Warlow P.G.M., Charles D. Dart W.M. and T. D. Moyers P.M., who wielded the shovels. On Saturday September 17, 1960 M.W.G.M. Joe L. Shell and other Grand Lodge Officers laid the cornerstone. On January 5, 1961, the first meeting was held in the new Temple for the purpose of installing W.M. Hambleton ~~F.~~ Leas.

Thanks to the love and cooperation of the Brethren, on December 12, 1964, a grand ceremony was held to put to fire the mortgage on the beautiful Temple. It had been made possible first through the generous gift of P.M. Thurman D. Moyers of the land, and secondly by the loyal support of Brethren in their contributions.

The Lodge has been fortunate to host many breakfasts

for our Grand Masters. We have a very active Widows Club and a group known as The Las Palmas Dates, wives of members, who provide us with exceptional dinners on the nights of our stated meetings. Dinners are served to an average of one hundred seventy persons. Las Palmas Chapter Order of De Molay is prospering. All in all, we are most blessed. As of March 1, 1982, we have 887 members.

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Historian

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