

As we start a new year for Las Palmas Lodge, I can't help but notice that we have had a first for Las Palmas Lodge. When I was elected Master for 1980, the election of officers was held at our December Stated Meeting. This meant that because of the election being on the 3rd Thursday of December which was followed by Christmas and New Year's, all of our installations took place in January of the new year. Perhaps, because of this problem, our Grand Lodge moved elections from the December Stated Meeting to the November Stated Meeting. For Las Palmas, the installations in January continued partly out of tradition and partly because December was such a busy month for everybody. Most of our installation occurred on a Saturday or Sunday so that friends and families of the officers could more easily attend.

The first for Las Palmas is that on December 28th we installed our 2024 officers. Worshipful Bill Lyons will go down as the first Master to be installed before the new year. Congratulations to Worshipful Bill and to his team of elected and appointed officers.

In 1986, Las Palmas Lodge held activities outside of our normal meeting grounds. The 2nd annual Las Palmas Barbeque and Dance was held on Saturday September 6th. It was again held at Crossland's Barn. Brother Bob Crossland was a member of Las Palms and next to his house and ranch was a barn for social activities. The steaks were cooked the way we liked them and great music was provided for pleasure and enjoyment. The price of each ticket was only \$10.00 and all proceeds went to the Las Palmas Temple Association.

At the September, 1986 Stated Meeting, a proposal was made to increase the yearly dues from \$36.00 to \$45.00, initiation fees from \$115.00 to \$136.00 and Life Membership from \$756.00 to \$882.00. A vote could not be taken on this proposal until October when the proposal was rejected. Instead, a new proposal was made to increase the annual membership dues to \$48.00 per year per member, initiation fee to be increased to \$136.00 per applicant, and the life membership fee be increased to \$1008.00. \$48.00 is worth about \$130.00 in today's dollars.

At the October Grand Lodge, Brother Sam M. Pavlovich, Past Master of Las Palmas Lodge, was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California. He served as our Grand Master in 1990. Brother Sam was our Master in 1966 and soon after finishing his year as Master, he was appointed Inspector for our Masonic District.

On a sad note, we mourned the loss of our Worshipful Brother Wayne Wilber Hearn, Master of Las Palmas Lodge in 1956. Brother Wayne attended just every meeting and was a big help for me in planning our Lodge's 75th anniversary event. On October 15, 1986, Brother Wayne was murdered by his gardener.