

By 1933 our country was in the midst of the Great Depression. At the July, 1933 Stated meeting the Lodge remitted the dues of 25 members and also suspended 21 members for non-payment of dues. In July, 1934 dues were remitted for 30 members and 14 were suspended for non-payment of dues. In July of 1935 10 members had their dues remitted and 31 were suspended for non-payment of dues.

In April of 1934 there was so much concern about the safety of Lodge money in local Building and Loan Associations that the Lodge cashed in certificates and bought real property located at 4788 Inyo Street. It was felt that monthly rent was a safer investment than the \$1,900. in the bank.

January, 1935 Stated Meeting. The W. M. appointed Bros. Ray W. Baker (secretary), Douglas A. May (SW) and Roy H. Gerard (JW) as a committee to purchase a radio to be used Thursday nights. It is unknown when the radio would be listened to or by whom.

Saturday November 2, 1935 Lodge opened in the First degree for the purpose of conferring the first degree of Masonry on newly elected Las Palmas member Albert Felix Ladoucer. Lodge went to refreshment and all of the officers and members went to the White Theater where approximately 1200 Masons convened to witness La parfait Union Lodge No. 17 of San Francisco confer the first degree of Masonry in the French Masonic ritual. The Tyler's register showed that 34 jurisdictions were represented. 96 California Lodges were represented and 73 Lodges from other jurisdictions were represented. On January 23, 1936, after Bro Albert Felix Ladoucer received his Fellow craft degree, "Lodge was then closed and the members retired to the banquet room where Mr. Ernest Klette gave an interesting lecture on the Romantic life of Joaquin Murietta." Bro Klette was a Superior Court Judge. On March 5, 1936, Brother Ladoucer would receive his 3rd degree in Las Palmas Lodge and have the distinct privilege of being the 1000th signer of our by-laws.

December, 1935. The Lodge was told that its savings certificate at the now defunct Pacific States Savings & Loan in the sum of \$1250 was now being liquidated for the sum of \$89.96.

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