

The Post WW II War Years Part 3

March 1949-- Stated Meeting "The matter of having dinners on the evenings of our stated meetings was brought up and after considerable discussion, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the W.M. appoint such assistance as needed to have a dinner on the stated meeting of April 21st at \$1.00 per plate per member and any necessary overage above the cost of \$1.00 per plate be absorbed by the Lodge." In today's dollars that would be \$9.90, remarkably close to the \$10 that we currently charge.

On May 1, 1949, rent on the Masonic Temple for Las Palmas Lodge went from \$60 per month to \$80 per month. In today's dollars that would be from \$560.00 to \$750.00.

December, 1949 "P.M. Dan Winters gave an interesting and inspiring talk preceding the annual election which was then held with the following result; James Avenell Hopper, W.M., Norman Sanford Foley, S.W., Price Robinson, J.W."

When James Hopper was installed as Master of Las Palmas Lodge he inherited a Lodge with 41 Entered Apprentices and 34 Fellow Crafts.

In 1950 Las Palmas Lodge raised 50 new members. Because of this, WM Hopper got the nickname of "**50-50 Hopper**" as during his year as Master, he raised 50 members in 1950.

December, 1950--Stated Meeting, Bro. Dee Moyer PM and Bro. Rhine Meyering PM reported that the committee of all of the Lodges in Fresno had visited numerous sites for a new Temple and would be making a recommendation within a short period of time. It was still over 8 years before Las Palmas Lodge would, without the help of any other Lodge, start construction on our present Temple.

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