

Every time a Past Master of our Lodge passes, especially when they served while I was in their line, it makes me think back to what things were like during their year as Master. In 1977, I was the Sr. Deacon.



On February 16, we lost John Reynolds. I am sure that most of you did not know John. This was due to the fact that John had been seriously ill for the past four decades and was either in the Veterans Hospital or unable to leave his home. John was the son of Bob Reynolds, our Master in 1959. John always had a smile on his face and had a wonderful sense of humor.

John was appointed to the Officer's line at Las Palmas Lodge in 1970 by incoming Master, Ed Carpenter. Back then the normal was to take 7 years in the Line to become Master. Brother John served our Lodge as its Master in 1977. Midway through John's year as Master he became seriously ill with Type 1 diabetes.

John and his brother Mike were raised in Las Palmas Lodge on May 2, 1968 by their father and most of his fellow Past Masters. Unfortunately, John was only 3 months short of receiving his Golden Veterans Award when he passed to the Celestial Lodge Above.

I had the honor, along with PM Larry Hopper, of giving John his Masonic Funeral in our Lodge, just like Larry's father did for John's father. I think this was as fitting as Robert Reynolds was the Master of Las Palmas Lodge who was the driving force to see our new Temple completed on time. I was very pleased to see so many brothers attend John's funeral and also join us at the cemetery.