

May, 1953 Stated Meeting; Lodge was called to refreshment and the Las Palmas Players gave a splendid rendition of the Masonic Play "Judge Not", which was well received. At the August Stated Meeting there was a bill from Burns Hair Store for "Play Props."

1954 was the first time since The Great Depression that a candidate didn't have to wait a long time to get all three degrees. If they learned their work quickly, they advanced quickly. Nelson Edwin Humiston was initiated February 25, 1954, passed April 8, 1954 and Raised May 27, 1954.

June, 1954 Stated Meeting. "A letter from the Inspector to the Master, relating to the use of white aprons only and no jewels for conduction funerals and the omission of pictorial charts in lodge room during the Master's lecture was also read." In 1955 the application fee was \$115. That would be \$1,000 today.

In 1954, 1955 and 1956 there are payments to our inspector Herbert Hargrave of \$40 each year with the notation—"Usual Expense for Official Visit". That \$40 today would be about \$350.00. It was reported that starting in 1957 Grand Lodge would pay this expense, but Las Palmas Lodge continued to pay the \$40 each year. This expense that Las Palmas and the other Lodges paid must have been for the expenses that the Inspector had when he attended the annual session of Grand Lodge. In 1960 the amount was reduced to \$25 as agreed between the various Lodges in our District.

At the December, 1955 Stated Meeting: "The W.M. announced that a very successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was held at the Fresno High School on the night of December 8 at which time a 50 year Veteran's Pin was presented to Brother Jay Preston Noble; Inspector Herbert Hargrave officiated in the presentation as representative of the Grand Lodge; Junior Grand Warden Phil Myers was the guest speaker for the evening; 20 Past Masters were introduced from the stage, a very entertaining program of music and dramatics was presented. Bruce Mecartea wrote and directed a tableau type of performance depicting the History of Las Palmas, which was well received by the approximately 300 Masons and friends present.

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