

Our Las Palmas widows club planned a two-day bus trip on Nov. 12-13, 1984. The trip included a tour of our children's home in Covina, Universal Studio, and the J. Paul Getty Museum. Overnight lodging would be aboard the Queen Mary at Long Beach Harbor. The cost per person was \$80.00. That would be about \$225.00 in today's dollars. Still sounds to me like a good deal. I am sure that they had lots of fun.

In our October, 1984 Trestleboard, our Secretary, Bob Paden, wrote in his article: At our last stated meeting a resolution was introduced to increase our dues from \$30.00 a year to \$36.00 a year. The finance committee reported that a study had been made and the amount of dues now being received would pay the bills of the lodge through September of each year, it being necessary to get extra money from the Trustees to remain solvent for the last three months of the year. The dues increase will produce about \$5,000.00, which will take care of expenses for the last three months and will help keep our savings account intact for more important purposes.

If a \$6.00 increase in dues would raise about \$5,000.00, then we must have had over 900 paying members in 1984. I do not know what the Grand Lodge assessment was back in 1984, but today, out of our \$140 in dues, just under half goes to our Grand Lodge Assessment. Thanks to the hard work of our Secretary, Bryan Kincade, and our Treasurer, Richard Ehorn, our Lodge expenses have been kept down so the Lodge has not asked the Trustees for any money for the past 3 years.

Here is something that I have totally forgotten. When members got their dues receipt for 1985 they found enclosed in the envelope a round decal which was to be attached to the rear window of their car. This would be a visible sign that they had paid their dues for 1985, and also may be a signal to persons who have been thinking about masonry to stop you to ask about becoming a member. While we cannot ask a person to be a Mason, we can still advertise.

A Layman's Night was held at Las Palmas Lodge on Thursday, May 23, 1985 and all non-masons were invited to attend with their wives. A dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. and prospective members were admitted free. The wives had to pay for their meal, as will members of the lodge. Following the dinner was a special program to explain masonry to those not acquainted with the fraternity. Brother Leland T. Peterson, representing the Grand Lodge of California was in charge of the meeting.