

Las Palmas Lodge and the WW II years

April, 1941 At the Public School program Bro. Weldon gave an interesting talk on the activities of the Technical High School war defense participation.

July, 1941 There were only 3 members suspended for Non Payment of Dues.

August, 1941. It was moved and passed that the secretary's salary be increased from \$100 to \$125 a month effective September 1. That equates to \$2,000.00 per month in today's dollars. At this time we had about 750 members. Today we have about half as many members and our Secretary is paid half as much.

December 18, 1941 The Master reported that all of the Masters in the Fresno area got together and were to appoint a committee of 3 from each of the Masonic bodies to work on planning a new Masonic Temple for all bodies to use. This was only 11 days after the Pearl Harbor attack and the start of the US in WW II. They certainly didn't know about the immediate future.

February, 1942 Stated meeting "The proclamation from the Grand Master regarding National Defense Activities was read and the W. M. appointed Bro Oscar Olsen, Junior P.M. as chairman of the committee for that purpose."

April 9, 1942, After a first degree was conferred, "In observation of Army Week, the W.M. made appropriate remarks and the Secretary read the names of our members in the Armed Forces of the U.S., which was followed by a moment of silent prayer for our members."

5/21/1942 The Masonic War Relief Fund was given \$340.00 from Lodge collections.

June, 1942, Las Palmas Lodge purchased \$2,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds.

July, 1942 No suspensions for non-payment of dues. "P.M. Olsen reported on the activity of the committee appointed to write our members in the armed forces of the U.S." (At this time, the Lodge suspended members for nonpayment of dues only at the July Stated Meeting.)

October, 1942 Stated Meeting "Bro. Connors was introduced and gave an interesting talk on Fresno's war industries and P.M. Olsen reported on our members in the U.S. services and appealed for attention to the coming War Chest campaign."

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