

In the mid 1950's rent for the Lodge was \$80 per month. In today's dollars that would be \$700.00. Effective July 1, 1957 the rent increased to \$100 per month.

At a meeting on July 12, 1956, Master Wayne Hearn announced that earlier in the evening at the Athenia Café there was a father and sons dinner for members of Las Palmas. Karl Lewis was present with two of his sons, Ellsworth and Richard; Ted Lewis and his son Robert, Harry Tolladay and his son Rex; Golden A. Long and his son; George Posson and his father-in-law Ralph Vianello and Charles Dart with his son-in-law Jean Hartsock.

At the November, 1956 Stated Meeting: "Brother P.M. Hopper, Fresno Masonic Temple committee member from Las Palmas, gave report on progress of proposed Temple. Brother Hopper had little to report except that matters will soon be brought to a head or dropped."

Death has started to take a real toll on the brethren of Las Palmas Lodge in 1956. A total of 20 brethren passed away this year. During the year we raised 22 new Master Masons and obtained 2 by affiliation.

February 21, 1957 P.M. T.D. Moyers reported that the Masonic Temple was not condemned, but necessary repairs were ordered by the Fire Marshall and Bldg. Inspector. The repairs will be made forthwith. P.M. Hearn reported that the Masters and Wardens Association concluded that the proposed new Temple costs would exceed the ability to finance the same. It was then proposed that there be a modification of the plans so there would only be one lodge room. In April the Brethren were told that the cost of repairs of the existing Temple would be \$40,000 and some members of Las Palmas Lodge felt the building was not worth that much to spend on repairs. By June the costs of repairs were down to \$15,000 for a sprinkling system and structural repairs to be no more than \$7,000. The repairs were being made.

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