

In my last article I mentioned the fact that the two brothers who were our Grand Lodge appointed Inspectors held a tight rein over blue lodge Masonry for many years. A few more details about these brothers will be very enlightening.

Sam Dollar was the Master of Center Lodge No. 465 in 1930. I do not know when he was appointed an Inspector, but he held the position for many many years and did not retire until 1968. At that time our own, Sam Pavlovich (Master in 1967) was appointed Inspector. Sam Dollar was also the Secretary of the Fresno Scottish Rite, a position later held by Sam Pavlovich.

Herbert R. Hargrave was Master of Sun Garden Lodge No. 500 in 1930. Brother Hargrave was the owner of Chapel of the Light in Fresno. He served as our Inspector for over 30 years until the mid-1980's when a young Grand Master proclaimed that no Inspector would serve for more than 10 years. Obviously, Brother Hargrave was not re-appointed Inspector.

You might wonder why I am informing you about these two brothers who served as Inspector for all of the Lodges in the Fresno-Clovis area. At the time these two brothers were Inspectors, there was a rule, perhaps an unwritten rule, that in order to be elected to the line to become Grand Master, you not only had to be a Past Master of a California Lodge, you also had to have been an Inspector.

In 1928 Chester Harvey Warlow served as Master of Fresno Lodge. He served as our Grand Master in 1948. Because Sam Dollar and Herbert R. Hargrave held on to their position as Inspector for so many years, the Fresno-Clovis Lodges were denied having a local brother serve as Grand Master from 1948 until Sam Pavlovich served as Grand Master in 1989, a length of 41 years.

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