

In 1983, and for many years after that, our Widows met monthly for lunch at a local restaurant, as well as at our monthly Dinner with Our Dates. Eldon Cole, our Master, attended several of these luncheons and was pleased to report that at one there was a total of 42 Widows and guests present. I know that Covid 19 has made all of cautions about attending group meetings or meals. Let us hope that by next year, our widows, as well as the rest of us, can resume a more normal life.

On Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, Las Palmas Lodge was scheduled to take Markos Karabitoglu to Hornitos Lodge to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree conferred on him. We hired a bus to take members to Hornitos Lodge and charged our members only \$5.00 for the transportation. That would be about \$14.00 in today's dollars. Still a lot cheaper than driving your own car. Unfortunately, this event had to be postponed at the last minute.

On May 15, 1983 between 1 and 6 p.m. at the Valley View Shelter in Woodward Park Las Palmas Lodge held its annual picnic. The menu included the excellent pit barbecued beef as we have had in the past. The Scottish Rite Band entertained us with some great foot tapping music. Oh, those were the days!

On Wednesday, May 25, Center Lodge No. 465 needed a candidate for their Past Masters' Night. Las Palmas was happy to help out because our calendars were crowded.

In April of 1980, I had the privilege of performing the Masonic Funeral for Bro. Albert Marcus Ennis. Prior to the funeral, I paid a visit to his family at their home. It was during this visit that I met Bro. Albert's son, Bill. In 1983, Bill Marcus Ennis petitioned Las Palms Lodge for the degrees of Masonry. He listed me as a reference, but did not know that he should have contacted me before listing me as a reference. During the normal investigation, those on the investigation committee must have assumed that I knew of the fact that I had been listed as a reference. It was not until the stated meeting when the Master read his petition before the vote that I was informed that I had been listed as a reference. If you are asked to be on a candidate investigation committee, it is important that you personally contact all references before you submit your findings and recommendation to the Master. Bro Bill eventually became our Master in 1990.

At our Stated Meeting on June 23, 1983, all Master Masons who have given their Third Degree Proficiency so far this year received their Masonic Bibles. Now we give the Bible at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rather than after they give their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree proficiency. No wonder we have so few 3<sup>rd</sup> degree proficiencies.