

I am sure that those of you who have lived in Fresno for a few years have heard of Powers Elementary school. It is located on the same campus as the Ginsburg school for special need children and together they are called Powers-Ginsburg Elementary school. It is located on the North-West corner of Ashlan and Palm. For many years we participated with them with our bike giveaway program for perfect attendance.

While many of you may recognize the name of Ginsburg as this portion of the school was named for Dr. H. M. Ginsburg who was a prominent local physician and member of Fresno Lodge. The Powers name came from Lucius Powers who was a member of Las Palmas Lodge. He passed away in 1978 and this is the memorial that was placed in the February, 1978 Las Palmas Minutes.

LUCIUS POWERS, JR., age 76, passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on January 30, 1978. He was a member of a well-known pioneer family of Fresno County and had followed the legal profession for many years. He was a state assemblyman 1929-1933 and during his term sponsored a bill to establish a four-year college in Fresno, and another to construct Highway 41 to Yosemite. Besides his widow, Geraldine, he is survived by two daughters and a sister. Powers was raised in Las Palmas Lodge on February 6, 1930 and was a member of Fresno Scottish Rite Bodies, Tehran Shrine Temple and Fresno High Twelve Club.

There was a time when it was proper for a politician to be a Mason. Today, that is not really the case as "we are members of an organization which does not accept women".

While I was scanning these minutes from February of 1978, I found the following in the bills that were paid for that month.

10 Doz. Dinner Rolls 7.50 That would be only 75¢ for a package of a dozen dinner rolls.

I also found a bill for 100 pre-stamped envelopes. It was for \$13.70. How many of you remember when you could buy from the post office pre-stamped letter envelopes. As the price of postage changed, new envelopes were issued with the correct postage printed and embossed on the envelope. At this time the postage rate was 13¢ so the actual 100 envelopes cost only .7¢ each.

Attached to the March, 1978 Lodge minutes is a list of Las Palmas Widows. It has 50 names of our Widows and a dozen widows from other Lodges who were associate members of the Las Palmas Widows club. A few years back we had a Widows club that met at a local restaurant for lunch on a regular basis as well as attended our Stated Meeting Dinners.