

Ever since we moved in to our current Temple in 1960, we have preceded our Stated Meetings with a "Dinner with our Dates." For our June, 1975 dinner we had Shish-Ka-Bob which was cooked by some of our Brothers of Armenian descent under the supervision of Mary Perch. According to Mary, the price of lamb had got so high, that the dinner cost would be \$3.50.

At the August, 1975 stated meeting we voted that we would no longer insert Lodge notices in the Fresno Bee. However, we would continue to place notices in the Fresno Guide which was delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays. We had to pay for our notices in the Bee, but there was no cost from the Guide. How many of you remember Fresno' second newspaper, the Fresno Guide or Fresno Shopping Guide?

All of our Stated Meeting dinners were set up and prepared by our dates. If there was any profit from the dinners, the outgoing master got to select what he wanted to do with that extra money. Outgoing Master Green Young decided to purchase some book cases and a display case so that a library could be established in our card room. Today there are several book cases and a display case. Brother Green was the driving force for our current library.

January, 1976 started off with an increase in the cost to take the degrees of Masonry in Las Palmas Lodge. The old fee was \$80.00 and the new fee was \$100.00. The reason for this was because the Las Palmas Temple Board increased our rent by 10%.

On the occasion of the President Gerald Ford's visit to Fresno on March 22, Bro Bobby Bingham, our Senior Deacon, was in charge of the President's motorcade.



In March of 1976 Brother Bob Paden reported that on March 1 there were 972 members of Las Palmas Lodge. We had the same number a year ago. This was an increase of ten members over July 1, 1974. The number of deaths during the past year offset the number of new members raised. The increase was mainly due to affiliations of sojourners from other lodges.

The Lodge's picnic was held at Woodward Park (Mountain View area) on Father's Day. The menu was Barbecue Beef, Cole Slaw, Peda Bread and "Dake" Beans (prepared by Danny Dake) with hot sauce, ice cream and soda pop. We had as our guests our own chapter of the DeMolay. I remember attending this picnic as our daughter Erica was a newborn and everybody got a chance to see her for the first time.