

I have been trying to paint a picture of Las Palmas Lodge in its early days. In June I asked you to guess how many members we had in 1916 and then in 1928. On January 1, 1916, only being 11 years old, we had a membership of 332. Of these, 140 were by affiliation and 192 were Raised in Las Palmas. On January 1, 1928 we had 620 members. These figures do not include members who demitted out or died.

At the December, 1916 Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to raise the secretary's salary from \$25 per month to \$30. The Tyler's salary and the organist, Professor George H. Taylor, stayed at \$15 per month. In today's values the secretary's \$30 per month would equal \$580.00 and the organist and Tyler would be getting \$290.00. Don't forget that for many years we paid our Tyler to show up to the Lodge early and set up all of the equipment needed as well as put it away after Lodge closed.

In 1916 the Lodge was busy. It was common for there to be several degrees on the evening of a Stated Meeting. It had to be late in the night before Lodge closed after a Stated Meeting and 2 Third Degrees.

In December, 1928 the Secretaries salary was raised to \$100 per month. In today's dollars that would be \$1,300.

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