

As you may remember from my last article, after the installation of officers in January, 1959, Brother Dee Moyer announced that he had given 2 ½ acres of land to Las Palmas Lodge to construct its new Masonic Temple. The only caveat was that it had to be erected by January 1, 1962. In February of 1959 the Las Palmas Temple Association was incorporated.

On June 4, 1959 a kickoff meeting was held and 175 members attended. More than \$15,000 was pledged. In addition, stock certificates in the new corporation were auctioned off to the highest bidders. No. 1 was purchased by P.M Dee Moyers. No 366 was given to the family of Willard Tanzer who had made a very generous donation. Brother Tanzer had been our secretary from 1935 until his death in 1954. By October, \$50,000 had been pledged and half of that amount had actually been paid in cash.

The directors of this new Temple Corporation met every Tuesday at the Hotel Fresno for a "Dutch lunch". All members of the Lodge were cordially invited to attend.

In January of 1960, Bro Harold E. Paul, chairman of the Building committee, reported that the talents and skills of many of the brothers of the Lodge are being employed by the committee to lower the actual costs of the various steps in the construction. At the April, 1960 Stated meeting with 150 members present, Bro Ken Wakefield, secretary of the Building Association, stated that they had approximately \$47,000 in cash from contributions and another \$25,000 in pledges. "We still needed another \$55,000 to start construction with a possible need of another \$75,000 for completion." At this time a motion was adopted to transfer the sum of \$55,000 from the General Fund of the Lodge to the Building Association. A resolution was also adopted directing the Building Association to borrow a sum not to exceed \$75,000 from a qualified lender. P. M. Reynolds announced that the ground breaking ceremonies would be held June 4, 1960.

At the May 19, 1960 Stated meeting, a resolution was adopted directing the Trustees to deed the property for the new Temple from the Lodge to the newly created "Las Palmas Building Association, Inc." At this time P.M. Moyers announced that the original gift deed had a revisionary clause if the new Temple was not completed by January 1, 1962. At this time he was confident that the new Temple would be erected so he and his wife, Gilma, were going to execute and record a Quit Claim Deed so that this reservation would be eliminated.

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