

Las Palmas did well in our new Temple. It was an upward extension of the great success that Las Palmas had been experiencing. The "Dinner with our Dates," which preceded our Stated Meetings, was started when we moved into our new Temple. At the July, 1961 Stated Meeting 140 dinners were served. Our new Temple not only brought in a good number of applicants for degrees, it also brought in a large number of new members by affiliation. In the past, there were 5 or less new members by affiliation each year. In 1961, there were 22 new members by affiliation.

The monthly rent in our new Temple was \$220 which in today's dollars is \$1,725.

On June 21, 1961, the officers for the first time were dressed in white dinner jackets and baby blue accessories. This being the summer attire as opposed to the black tuxedos for the rest of the year.

Dues were raised to \$20 per year effective January, 1962. (\$155. in today's dollars)

At this time Masonry in California was still quite old fashioned. Our Las Palmas Masonic Temple was the first new Masonic Temple to be built in California that was only one story. In the past, concern was that someone might look in the windows and see what we were doing if the Lodge room wasn't on a second, or higher, floor.

In 1962 Masonic charges were brought against a brother. The charge: being a bartender, a violation of Masonic Code 513 and 692.4. He admitted the charges and was expelled. This brother was a Life Member and it is unfortunate that he died before the Masonic Code in California was changed so that he could be readmitted to Masonry. At that time we had several members who owned stores that sold alcohol so the selling of alcohol in a bottle must have been OK.

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