

The early part of the 20th century was good to Las Palmas Lodge. During the "teens" we were raising about 15 new Masons each year. In 1916 and 1917 this jumped to 25.

Technology was advancing and Las Palmas was taking advantage of it. After conferring the 3rd degree on Bro R. F. Walker on May 10, 1917, "Lodge was then closed and the members and visitors had the pleasure of witnessing an interesting as well as educational exhibition of motion pictures." At every installation of officers from 1906 until 1917, the retiring master was presented with a gold watch as a token of appreciation from the Lodge. On January 10, 1918, retiring Master Fred L. Swartz was presented with a Victrola.

At the May 1928 Stated Meeting, Bro W. G. Millholland delivered a letter on Radium and Rays. Bro Millholland was a medical doctor and one of the first radiologists in Fresno. At that time the normal procedure was for the doctor to hold the X-Ray film with their hand during the X-Ray. As a result he eventually lost all of his fingers on one hand.

In our November journey into the past, we will talk about the impact of The Great War on Las Palmas Lodge.

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