

To help commemorate the end of The Great War, now known as World War I, I want to share with you the impact it had on Las Palmas Lodge. The stories are best told by excerpts from our Lodge Minutes:

10/18/1917 "On motion of Bro. Wilber, seconded by Bro. Clark, the Trustee was instructed to invest \$300.00 in Liberty Bonds and the Secretary was directed to draw a warrant for said amount"

11/15/1917 Bro Harry C. Wilber read a resolution in regard to the appointment of a Soldiers Welfare Committee, and on motion, the resolution was adopted and the W. M. appointed Bros. H. C. Wilber and H. E. Leyden.

12/20/1917 "A circular was received and read from the Grand Lodge admonishing us to do all possible for our members who are serving our country, and on motion, the dues of all members now or hereafter in the military or naval service of the United States, or its Allies, be remitted during their service in the present war."

2/21/1918 "Very interesting letters were received from Bros Wailes, Johns, and Benedict, who are serving their Country in the war for Democracy." A communication was received from the Fresno County Council of Defense, asking us to refrain from the practice of serving banquets during the period of the war, and on motion, the Secretary was instructed to answer the communication and inform them we had already adopted their suggestions. A motion was made, seconded and regularly carried that we draw a warrant in favor of the Trustee for \$247.80 with which to buy Thrift Stamps."

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