

## **The WW II War Years Part 2**

### **Las Palmas Lodge is Getting Busy**

November, 1942 (72 years ago this month) Stated Meeting "A communication was read from the Grand Lodge Defense Recreation Committee."

January, 1943 "On motion, the Secretary was directed to write a letter of thanks to Bro Thiele for his labor in preparing the service plaque for our members in the service of the U.S."

July, 1943 bills paid IRS Victory Tax \$10.95 there were no members suspended for delinquent dues.

A special dispensation was received from the Grand Master so that Grundy Thurman Taylor, who was receiving his basic training in Fresno, could be elected to receive his degrees in Las Palmas Lodge without complying with the residence requirements. Brother Taylor received his first degree on 7/15, second 8/12 and third 8/19/1943. Back then the candidates had to learn the "long form" of their work.

August, 1943 the widow of Frederick Beach Hopkins sent a "thank you" for the lodge for performing his Masonic funeral and a check for \$100 (about \$1,400 in today's dollars) to be used as the Lodge felt correct. The Lodge applied it to the Masonic War Fund. Brother Hopkins, and later his wife, were entombed in the old Fresno (Odd Fellows) Mausoleum along with Past Masters Pottle, Clark and Dick.

August, 1943 "It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Master be empowered to request such degrees being conferred on our newly elected candidates, Harry Edgar Colhouer who was stationed in Washington State, Leland Morris Edman and Donald Ernest Durfey who was in the active military, as may be necessary to complete their Masonic work, two of them now being in the U.S. Army service and the other probably soon to be inducted."

November, 1943 The Lodge purchased \$5,000 in U. S. Bonds.

In 1942 Las Palmas raised 10 new Master Masons and had 5 Masons affiliate. In 1943 we raised 30 and had 7 affiliations.

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