

1977 started off with the installation of John Reynolds as our Master. Brother John's father, Bob Reynolds, had been Master in 1959 and with PM Moyer oversaw the building of our new Temple. (It wasn't until January of 1961 that the first meeting of Las Palmas took place in our new Temple.)

Brother John and his brother, Mike, were raised on the same day in May of 1968. At that time I was a newly raised Master Mason and Lodge opened about 5:00 pm so the first brother to be initiated and raised. Since there were very few brothers present for this first candidate, I was asked by then Master, Len Gottner, to sit in as Chaplain. What a thrill it was for me. Many of our Past Masters participated in the evening degree. I believe it was also the first time I got to witness a third degree from the sidelines.

In 1977 Las Palmas was still relatively busy. In order to spread out the work, a different chairman was assigned the duty of providing refreshments for each of the three degrees. Mike Reynolds served as Chairman for all 3rd Degrees (of which there were eight); Larry Thull was Chairman for all 2nd Degrees. Don Hoskins was Refreshment Chairman for all First Degrees. Assisting these brothers was Ted Kitamura, and all newly raised Master Masons who were automatically assigned to the refreshment committee.

Before Brother Reynolds could finish his year as Master, he was taken seriously ill and would continually battle his illness until his death in 2018.

Paul Ford was our Master in 1978. He was a retired Greyhound Bus driver and definitely made use of bus transportation during his year. In April, we went to Columbia, had lunch at Twain Harte, and conferred the Third Degree on Brother Jim Hall who was our Master ten years later. In September, we did an overnight trip to Los Angeles where we visited and had lunch at the Masonic Home for our children at Covina and conferred a degree at the Old Masonic Temple in Los Angeles Saturday evening. Our Ladies joined us on both of these bus trips.

In March, our Widows club made a bus trip to Death Valley which included a stop at the Children's Home in Covina and an over-night stop in Los Angeles.

Our new Marshall was Larry Duba. Bro. Duba was employed by P.G. & E. as a communications Supervisor. He planned, engineered and supervised installation of systems. Larry is married to Alice Lynn, they have three children, two daughters, Kim and Christina, a son, Doug, who is a member of Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay. (Yes, Las Palmas sponsored a DeMolay Chapter

back then.) Bro. Duba received a B.S. degree at San Jose State and an M.S. degree at the University of So. California. He was born in Seattle, Washington in 1943 and has lived in Washington, Oregon, and California. He served our country in the U.S. Military from 1968 to 1972 as an officer in the Air Force Command. In 1978 he was a Captain in the Air Force Reserves at Travis Air Force base. He was also a member of the Pacific Coast Electrical Assoc. I.E.E.E., Etta Kappa Nu E. E. Honor Society, co-chairman of Las Palmas DeMolay Advisory Council. His hobbies were gardening, wine making, fishing, woodworking, swimming, and tennis.

On March 2, 1978, Phillip Ford, the son of WM Paul Ford received his first degree in Las Palmas. Brother Phillip Ford was raised a Master Mason by his father in the Old Masonic Temple in Los Angeles as part of the overnight bus trip to Covina and Los Angeles in September.