

Las Palmas Lodge has had a long history of having law enforcement and military personnel as its members. Unfortunately, some of these brothers have given the ultimate sacrifice while on duty. Over 50 years ago my father told me that in his "class" at Las Palmas Lodge there was a brother who was killed in the line of duty shortly after being raised a Master Mason. While I never forgot this conversation, I never pursued looking into the details until now. It turns out that brother Frank Grant Campbell received his 3rd Degree on November 20, 1929 and, as a member of the Fresno Police Department, was killed in the line of duty on January 15, 1931. As we approach this Holiday season, we should be thankful that we have brothers who have, and continue to, put their life on-the-line for our safety and freedom.

On March 12, 1931 Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree and two brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, a 3rd brother was then examined as to his proficiency in that degree. Lodged then closed and everyone repaired to the banquet room where "Bro. Chas. R. Barnard gave a very interesting talk on the subject 'A Layman Watching his Case through the Courts' which was followed by a brief discussion."

July 16, 1931-- The Lodge had been informed that the money it had on deposit with The United States Building and Loan Association of Fresno was now jeopardy as the Building and Loan Association was now in the hands of the Building and Loan Commissioner of California.

On the same date it was reported that the Sanger Masonic Temple was destroyed by fire earlier in the month and that Sanger Lodge was in desperate of Lodge paraphernalia. Las Palmas Lodge moved that our Secretary secure new aprons for all of our officers so that our old aprons could be donated to Sanger Lodge. September -- the Secretary announced that he had procured a new set of aprons for the officers at \$10 each.

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