

On May 15, 1978 our Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone for the State Capital. Las Palmas Lodge chartered a bus so that our members and ladies could attend.

How many of you remember the membership rosters that the various Lodges in the Fresno/Clovis/Sanger area published every couple of years? While the earlier ones just had the names of an individual Lodge's members listed by Lodge, the later ones included phone numbers and addresses of the members. Also listed were the names and years that each Master served his Lodge. For those PM's who were deceased, it was so noted. The earliest copy that I have is from 1928 and the latest one that I have is from the mid-1980's. They were free for members. About a week ago, our Lodge got an e-mail, via our website, from a Mason who lives in New York and who wanted to find out about his grandfather's Masonic affiliation in Fresno. From one of these books, I was able to determine that this brother's grandfather was a member of Sun Garden Lodge.

While these rosters were being published, a man desiring to petition Las Palmas Lodge had to personally know both of his recommenders. If you wanted to petition Las Palmas, but didn't know any members, the Lodge Secretary might give you a copy of this membership roster and tell you to go through the names of our members and find two of them that you knew. Odds are that out of a thousand members, you would find several members that you knew.

In 1978 I was the Jr. Warden and in my September Trestleboard article, I wrote the following: **From the South** I hope that all of you enjoyed the summer vacation. The kitchen crew informs me that they are anxiously waiting for the next degree night so they can show off their skills. All lodges serve refreshments at the conclusion of degrees, but Las Palmas is the *only* Lodge in this area to serve cookies and coffee during the break. We do this for a very important reason. Fellowship is one of the major reasons for attending Lodge, and the fellowship is greatly improved when you can talk to one another at the break with a cup of coffee in one hand and a cookie in the other (if you talk with your hands, you've got a problem). Don't you want to partake of the *fellowship*? Join us at Lodge this fall and also see the officers at advanced stations. Fraternally RICHARD FREY, J.W.

Now we have our fellowship before Lodge opens with a light dinner. This way we get home much earlier than we did in 1978.

The City of Fresno came into existence in 1872 and prior to Fresno Lodge's formation in 1878; there were only two lodges in the central valley. Yosemite Lodge No. 99 in Merced and Visalia Lodge No. 128 which were chartered in 1856 and 1857.

On November 11, 1978, Fresno Lodge No. 247 celebrated its centennial. There was a large celebration at the Fresno Convention Center. I remember attending this pageant and all GL officers and committeemen being introduced. Since I was on the Juris Prudence Committee, I got to stand. The Grand Master gave the main address.