

As Covid closures of Lodge have come to an end and we are now advancing candidates, it is time to resurrect a long standing tradition at Las Palmas Lodge. Past Master's Night was created so that our Past Masters could refresh their ritual talents and show off these ritual talents to new Masons.

When Las Palmas had many candidates and some had to wait for their 3rd degree, we would help out other Lodges in the area by loaning them a candidate to receive his 3rd degree sooner than we could confirm it and to allow another Lodge to have a Past Master's Night. Normally, the Jr. Past Master had the duty of coordinating the program which started off with a dinner which was followed by the degree.

Delano Lodge asked Las Palmas for a 3rd degree candidate and our Bro. George Richman was raised in Delano Lodge #309 on Saturday September 17, 1983. Las Palmas had five members in attendance. One Las Palmian was especially proud and happy, Bro. Richman's father-in-law, Ray Snider. This was a Past Masters Night for Delano Lodge and of course they also served a very nice dinner.

In November of 1983 we had only one Degree Night. That was our annual Past Masters Night on November tenth. This Degree was preceded by a Swiss Steak Dinner prepared by Mary Perch and her trusty crew. The Past Masters were guests of Las Palmas on this special occasion and so was the Candidate. The usual five dollars was charged to all others.

Hopefully we can get our LPP Past Masters together in early 2023 so that we can continue our tradition of Past Master's Night.

As I write this article on Friday, November 18th, I was pleased to see so many of you at our Turkey dinner and Stated Meeting last night. Las Palmas-Ponderosa is getting back "to life" after the pandemic. If you missed the dinner, you missed a great dinner thanks to Bro Bryan Kincade and his kitchen crew. If you missed the election of officers at our Stated Meeting you missed something that is very unusual for Masonic Lodges at this point in time. All three of our elected Lodge Officers are newbies, none are Past Masters.

We will be having a 3rd degree on December 8th which will be preceded by a free dinner for Masons at 6:30. I hope to see many of you at this 3rd degree and at our December Stated Meeting diner.