

In my articles each month, I try to keep some kind of chronological order, but when a prominent person of our Lodge passes, I write an obituary for them. For September and October, I explained, as best I could, the plaques on the wall by our front door. I will try to get back to this chronological order so for the next couple of months, I will talk about my year as Master in 1980.

I got my first degree on November 30, 1967, my second on January 25, 1968 and my third degree on April 11, 1968. I was extremely faithful in attending Lodge and on any occasion that I could, I would fill in as a Marshall, Steward or Jr. Deacon. In the fall of 1969, incoming Master Ed. Carpenter asked me if there was anything he could do for me. I interpreted this as being asked if I wanted to be appointed to the Officer's line. I told Ed that I was starting Law School, in San Francisco, in a few weeks and it would be impossible for me to do anything at that time.

I graduated from Law school in the spring of 1972 and took the California Bar exam that summer. I was working for the law firm of Stammer, McKnight, Barnum and Bailey in Fresno as an intern until I got my Bar results the Saturday after Thanksgiving and was sworn in in late December. Shortly after I got my Bar results, incoming master for 1973, Phil Lewis, asked me if I wanted to be appointed to the Officer's line. I first checked with Therese, my wife, and then with one of the partners of Stammer-McKnight. They both agreed and I joined the Officer's line as Marshall for our Masonic year of 1973.

At that time, the Marshall had to memorize the candidate's interrogation part of the first degree as well as the first-degree charge. In 1974, I was the Jr. Steward and had to give the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree charge as well as the necessary floor work. In 1975, I was the Sr. Steward and had to give the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree charge as well as the necessary floor work. In 1976, I was the Jr. Deacon followed by Sr. Deacon in 1977. I was elected Jr. Warden for 1978 and had to be able to obligate first degree candidates as well as give the long form lecture. In 1979, I was Sr. Warden and had to obligate fellowcrafts and give the Master's lecture for that degree. In December of 1979, I was elected Master of Las Palmas Lodge and was installed on January 12th of 1980. As Master, I had to give all of the Master's work in the third degree as well as conduct Stated Meetings. I also had to have memorized and give Masonic Funerals. Back then all of the election of officers took place in December and since our stated meeting was so late in the month, our installations were in January.

For those of you who have attended an installation of officers, part of the ritual prescribes that the Master is to see that portions of the Constitution and By-Laws are read in Lodge. I took this seriously and made sure that I read a small portion of our Constitution and By-Laws at every Stated Meeting. I have never heard this done before I did it nor after I did it.

We were fortunate that we had a local brother as our Grand Master and I, therefore, asked then Grand Master Vernon Gordon to be the installing officer. Our own Sam Pavlovich PM (1967) was at the time the Assistant Grand Treasurer and he was the master of ceremonies. Dan Eckland PM (1976) was the chaplain and Coyle Chambers was the organist.

Brother Coyle Chambers was a family friend through my mother's second husband, George Wilson. I knew Coyle and his wife Ruth from having spent many get-togethers with them. When our Temple was being built, Bro Coyle was asked to select the organ for our Lodge room.

The programs were handed out by members of Jobs Daughters Bethels 49, 197 and 243. The Ushers and Doormen were members of Las Palmas Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

When I attended Law School, I lived in a funeral home as it was rent free and a safe place to live in San Francisco. One of the employees, Roger Gilmore, was also a Mason and I asked him and his wife to attend my installation, which they did.

Following the installation ceremony, a roast pork dinner was served by Mary Perch and her committee of Las Palmas Dates who were assisted by Bethel No 187 Order of Jobs Daughters, and officers' wives. If my memory is correct, those attending paid \$5.00 for the dinner.