



Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No. 346 F. & A. M.

Amongst the Pillars

Trestle-Board for March 2008

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p><i>From the Secretaries Desk:</i></p> <p>James B. Caldwell JR Andreas L. Etelkozi, PM Howard N. McKinney JR Robert H. Harjes Jack F. Seal Hamilton S. Ryder William A. Moss Gerald R. Armstrong Frank Ghassemi Robert Monasmith, PM Art R. Meinhardt Samuel R. Zuck Orville T. Tostenson David Duncan Robert F. Carmody JR</p> <p>"Brethren! The Worshipful Master invites you to join us at our Stated Meeting for your Complimentary birthday dinner!"</p> <p>The All-Seeing Eye Whom the sun, moon, and stars obey, and under whose watchful care, even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits.</p>	<p><i>Calendar at a glance:</i></p> <p>04: Stated Meeting Dinner Inspectors Official Visit 05: Order of the Eastern Star Honor sideliners 10: Temple Board Association 11: Practice 18: Practice 19: Order of the Eastern Star DGM Official Visit 24: George Washington Club 11:30 am 25: Officer Planning Meeting then Practice 27: Officer Association Meeting at Chicken Feed Morgan Hill</p> <p><i>Keep Your Contact Information Current:</i></p> <p>Notify the Secretary promptly of any change of address. Report cases of Sickness and Distress to the Lodge, or the Master.</p> <p><i>The views and opinions expressed in The Palo Alto-Roller Lodge #346 Trestle-board are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of the Palo Alto-Roller Lodge #346.</i></p>	<p><i>Assemble and Feast</i></p> <p>7:30 pm on the 04</p> <p>Goodie Table: 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm What's for Dinner: Roast Beef Price: \$ 8.00 Inspectors Official Visit Reservations are still an important part of the dinners.</p> <p><i>The Pot of Incense</i></p> <p><i>is an emblem of a pure heart, which is always an acceptable sacrifice to the Deity; and, as this glows with fervent heat, so should our hearts continually glow with gratitude to the great and beneficent Author of our existence, for the manifold blessings and comforts we enjoy</i></p> <p>May 13th mark your calendar we will be celebrating our ladies of the lodge. There will be more information to follow next month.</p>

2008 Officer Association Meeting Schedule

Dinner 6:30 pm, School 7:30 pm

OAM Date	Host Lodge	2008 Master
Mar.27 (Thursday)	(Chicken Feed) Morgan Hill #463	Amir Safakish
Apr. 22 (Tuesday)	Hosting Palo Alto Roller #346	John Myers
May 21 (Wednesday)	Willow Glen Fraternity #399	Monte Bishop
June 26 (Thursday)	Mt. Moriah #292	Dennis Anastole
July (DARK)		
Aug. 28 (Thursday)	Friendship #210	Kendall Mills
Sept. 22 (Monday)	Golden Rule #479	Andy del Hierro
Grand Lodge is September 26-28 Grand Master's Reception is Oct. 5		
Oct. 20 (Monday)	Los Altos #712	Jim Gable
Nov. 18 (Tuesday)	Mt. View-DeAnza #194	Mike Ball

Officer Planning Meetings for 2008

All members may attend Planning Meetings

March 25th	July 29th
	August 26th
September 16th	October 28th
April 29th	November 25th
May 27th	December 30th
June 24th	

We're on the web at: www.paloaltolodge.com

Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Dear Brethren, Ladies and friends,

I would like to thank our Star Circle Ladies who are always there. Thank you very much, our Stated Meeting Dinners and any event we may have just would not be the same without you. We had a wonderful time at the Crab Feed on Feb. 12th, so much so no one wanted to go home. We had a substantial turn out. It is always a pleasure to see family and friends.

Each year our calendar quickly fills with events and quicker still time slips by. It is so easy for one month to slip into another, one year and so on. We only need to visit our gallery that shows us the inevitable advance of time, the hourglass teaches us this. Here and there we need to stop along the way and ask ourselves how and why we are doing this task, this way? Has the overall value of the lodge and fraternity been well served? The foundation of a Lodge and its teachings are squarely set, supported by three pillars; Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. From which we may learn that in every undertaking, when wisdom directs, and strength works, then beauty and harmony result. A building works because its parts add to the value of the whole. The protective roof works because the load bearing walls hold it in place. The doorways take the stress of the entrance space and disperse it into the remaining wall. The windows let in light, yet act, as does the doorway. The levels of a building allow many uses of the same ground area. As a brotherhood, we need to remember our Lodge is a fraternal edifice. We need those who uphold, those who protect, those who proclaim new ideas, those who add new dimensions to our purpose, and most of all those who let in the light of understanding.

Fraternally, John Myers Master 2008

Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

Around the Pillar

Brethren,

The Officer Association meeting at Morgan Hill #463 is scheduled for March 27th, 2008. Traditionally, this makes for a wonderful gathering of the Brethren from the valley, due to the wonderful Chicken meal given by the Morgan Hill Brothers and Sisters of Star. This is also the event we normally have a visit from the Grand Master or his representative delivering his message. This is one of those opportunities the brethren get to meet the Grand Master or his representative and have a one on one conversation with him. I encourage all officers to attend and please if you need to be excused contact the inspector and notify the master of you non-attendance.

Our Annual Crab Feed, held on Feb. 12th was a big success. We had ample food, friends and fraternal fellowship.

The Inspector will be making his official visit at our Stated Meeting/Dinner. The Inspector will deliver his message and he will review our records and paperwork. All officers please be in Tuxedos, your attendance is requested.

For the Month of March we will be working towards practicing and check-out.

Fraternally,

Raj Naidoo, Senior Warden.

The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

How did Masonry get started?

We know that something resembling Masonry existed at the time of the building of the great pyramids in Egypt; however, Masonry probably got its real beginning in the period 900-1600 A.D. in Europe during the time of the building of the great Cathedrals such as Notre Dame in Paris; those structures were built primarily of stone by stonemasons who were true artisans of their day. Cathedrals took around three hundred years to complete and were built not in cities but for the most part in the countryside. This is why when visiting Cathedrals you will see cities built around Cathedrals not the other way round. When Masons were needed to build these magnificent structures they had to be given a type of permission to travel. So begins the term Free and Accepted Masons. When the team was set a Guild or Lodge was formed. These positions were taught to male family members and generation after generation past their skills on. When a Mason was no longer needed on the site he would move on to another site, leaving the Guild or Lodge with less men to finish the work. It was at this time that unskilled workers were hired. These workers had no connection to the Masons or their teachings. These unskilled workers were called Cowans. Cowans were men who worked with stone as in stonewalls and fences they worked with stone but did not know how to make the stone beautiful. When more Cowans than Masons were in a lodge, the lodge soon dissolved.

Fraternally, Don Groshart Junior Warden

Palo Alto Chapter No. 203 Order of the Eastern Star

Dog Tales from the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our own Conductress and Associate Conductress escorted at the official visit on the 1st of February at the Scottish Rite Center, San Francisco. This is an event where Eastern Star is at its best. No matter who did their work well or not so well, all were greeted with a smile, a kind word and as the Worthy Grand Matron said we are all, all stars.

We had a special dinner on the 6th a combination of Happy Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. Donna Josue, PM was chairperson for the evening. The Chinese dinner is one that many of us look forward to and we had a good turn out.

On the 20th we will have a little bit of country, which is sure to be fun. For March on the 8th our meeting will be all about honoring sideliners Pat Mastalir, PM is our chairperson for the evening. Then on the 19th we will have a official visit from the Deputy Grand Matron. Lynda Wing and Marjorie Lessing both Past Matrons will be our co-chairman.

Star Circle meetings are open to all members of Star. We meet at the lodge on the third floor unless otherwise noted. Star Circle is a great way to find out what is going on in Star, what programs we might have on-going and to sign up for events that are up-coming. This is where you can make your contribution.

Sideliners are so important to any chapter. It is you who support our officers, it is you who get to enjoy the ritual and floor work that our officers are so diligent in memorizing and completing, it is you, our backbone, that keeps our chapter healthy. I bet you didn't know how important you really are.

George Washington Club is the 4th Monday of every month except unless otherwise noted. Our own Alvie Hartsog is President. Men and Women are welcome. The Club meets at the Bay Café, which is located on Embarcadero by the Golf Course and Airport. We have lunch and listen to a speaker. A great time to meet, visit and possibly learn something new or revisit something known.



Please Note:

Palo Alto Chapter Meets First and Third Wednesdays at 8:00 pm. unless otherwise noted.

For March our Star Circle meeting will begin at 1:30 pm, on the 29th (Saturday) preceded by dessert at 12:30. Open to all members of Star.

We had Star Circle elections in January:
Yvonne Myers President

Carol Smith Vice President

Dode Schubert Second Vice President

Jean Jones Secretary

Betty Lee Treasurer

Our by-laws were read and approved.

Calendar:

March 05: Honor Sideliners

Chairperson: Pat Mastalir PM

March 19: Renaissance Evening

Chairperson: Lynda Wing PM, Marjorie Lessing, PM

Star Care:

For Information and Assistance for all OES Services

Toll Free: 1-800-567-2273

Rely for life:

Lynn Gentry, PM

Please Notify the Secretary of any changes in Name, Address, and Telephone Numbers.

Please let us know if any member needs our attention and if you need a ride please let one of us know.

Star Love,

Pat Likowski and Ralph Nikolaus

What's your Shape?

The Box: They are left-brained, logical thinkers. Detail oriented, they collect data, and so they are always taking notes. They live by policies and procedures. They want things in writing. They must be organized and have everything in its place. They live by their calendars. They are hard workers. They follow the "Plan" in order-A,B,C,D. They keep us focused.

The Triangle: The triangle is the power shape. They are focused and make quick decisions to get things done. They follow the plan-A,B,C,D, like the BOX. They like to delegate. They are left-brained, logical thinkers who love politics and contests. They love to tell you where they have been and what they have done.

The Circle: They need to have harmony and don't like conflict. They are nurturers who need to help others. They smile and really mean it! They are both right and left brained thinkers. Right Brained people are abstract, creative thinkers. They see the big picture. They are intuitive and can read people well. People are drawn to CIRCLES and tell them everything

Next month- The rectangle, squiggle and conclusions.

A secret between two is a secret of God; a secret between three is everybody's secret. -Author Unknown

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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02	03	04 Stated Meeting and Dinner 6:00 pm	05 Order of the Eastern Star Honor Sideliners	06	07	08
09	10 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Practice for check out	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Practice	19 Order of the Eastern Star DGM Official Visit	20	21	22
23	24 George Washington Club 11:30 am	25 Officer Planning Meeting	26	27 Officer Association Meeting Morgan Hill Chicken Feed	28	29
30	31					

Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promote of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.

[GEORGE WASHINGTON]