

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

Trestle-Board for November 2007

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Happy Birthday Brethren!

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"Brethren! The Worshipful Master invites you to join us at our Stated Meeting for your *Complimentary* birthday dinner!"

Masons learn through a series of lessons. These "degrees" of insight move from basic to more complex concepts. This no more hides the nature of Freemasonry from novice members than does having a student understand fractions before calculus.

Lodge Activities

Calendar at a glance:

- 06: Stated dinner and Meeting 6:00 pm**
- 07: Order of the Eastern Star Farewell 8:00 pm**
- 12: Temple Board Association Meeting 7:30 pm**
- 13: Third degree second section practice for check out**
- 20: Installation Practice and check out on third degree 6:00 pm**
- 21: Order of the Eastern Star Installation 8:00 pm**
- 26: George Washington Club 11:30 am**
- 27: Officer Association Meeting at Mt. View/ De Anza No. 194**

Notify the Secretary promptly of any change of address.
 Report cases of Sickness and Distress to the Lodge, or the Master.

Freemasonry does not require improper oaths

Stated Meeting

7:30 pm on the 6th

Goodie Table: 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Dinner: Lemon Chicken and Rice
Price: \$ 8.00
Reservations are still an important part of the dinners.



Installation of Officers for 2008

Date: December 01
Time: 5:00 pm
After the installation there will be Dinner.

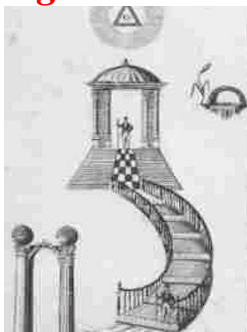
Annual Holiday Party

will be at the lodge on December 11th. Santa will be making an appearance and there will be lots of food and good cheer.

2007 Officer Association Meeting Schedule

Dinner 6:30 pm, School 7:30 pm

Nov 27th Mt. View/DeAnza No. 194
Swan Song/Installations & Protocol



Officer Planning Meetings for 2007

All members may attend Planning Meetings

November 27th

December 18th

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

Brethren,

My year as Master of the lodge is rapidly coming to an end. On December 1, 2007 I will pass the gavel to my successor. Several Past Masters have told me, the real job of a Master is not being a good ritualist or a good administrator. The real job of a Master is to find people who will succeed as Masters of the future. Although every year seems to be a challenge, I can look forward and see a line of officers that with patience and practice will succeed as Masters. No Master can succeed or fail on his own. The ultimate success of the Lodge is based on the efforts of the brethren and officers. It is no accident when the lodge has quality social events or confers a quality degree. It is the efforts of the officers and Brethren, who give their time and expertise to plan, organize and execute the event. I humbly thank those of you who gave their time and effort to the Lodge to make this past year an easy year for this Master. Finally, having completed a term as Master of the lodge, passing the insignia of the exalted position on to my successor, I now can become a member of the distinguished group of Past Master's of Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No. 346.

Fraternally, Charles S. Grech Worshipful Master

Around the Pillar

Greetings,

Last night, Oct. 15th, Mountain View/De Anza Lodge had a Third Degree. It turned out to be a multi-lodge Past Master Third Degree sponsored by Mountain View/DeAnza # 194 what was significant was 34 Masons were in attendance. Ritual was delivered in style and proficiency; including a long form Lecture. Congratulations were well deserved.

All the Brethren appeared to have a good time and enjoyed the presence of so many. Any Mason is a Mason everywhere. What is more Fraternal than traveling and joining with others in a common bond? The candidate was impressed with the appearance of so many on his special night. Some thing he can remember well into his Masonic Career.

Why am I posting this in Palo Alto-Roller's trestle board? Because in future we should have any degree at any lodge and all give our fraternal support again. We can expect the same results, a good night for the candidate and a great night for all.

Very soon I will be in the Master's chair for the third time. I have a few long-term projects I wish to present and I'm sure our year will run smoothly with everyone's attention and support.

Thank you to Chuck Grech and the officers of 2007 who did a wonderful job.

The Past Master's Dinner went well; we had a catered meal at the lodge and everyone had their verse to share. We passed around a box of chocolates, while sharing our memories.

I had a swinging time at the Grand Master's Reception; great music, good food and good fellowship. The Grand Master received a flag that was flown over the Capital Building and his wife received a beautiful vase. It was a very pleasant afternoon. Two candidates, Brother Godbole and Wolf, were past to the degree of fellowcraft in a Past Master's conferral of the Second Degree. We hope that our two brothers continue on the Masonic Journey to their their degree.

If anyone needs a ride to our meetings please call the lodge we will be happy to make arrangements for you.

Fraternally, John Myers Senior Warden

The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

Do you know who I am?

"Recently I noticed in one of our trestle-Boards a mention of membership; a request asking the members for better participation and attendance at our monthly meetings and activities. It really is funny, when I read these emotional words and appeals, because I've been here all the time.

"You do remember me, don't you? I was the one who joined a while back. I was really impressed with the friendly and warm atmosphere and attention I received when I first joined and then after awhile a subtle change seemed to take place.

Everybody seemed to be just too busy to notice me. Oh, yes, they greeted me when I arrived and spoke to me when spoken to, but when I tried to be friendly and take part they didn't appear to be that interested in my ideas or suggestions.

Everybody had their own friends that they sat with and talked to and I was just left to shift for myself, especially after I told them that I didn't want to be an officer, but would just rather be a sidliner. Guess the honeymoon was over.

"Finally, because of illness, I had to miss a meeting. Next month, when I attended, no one bothered to ask me where I'd been, or said that they missed me; I guess it didn't matter very much whether I attended or not. So I decided to stay home and do something else and from then on it became easier and easier not to attend any more. And you know something else that's funny, no one has asked me why I stopped attending, if I have been sick, or if something is wrong; I wonder what ever happened to that warm and friendly atmosphere and the feeling of 'You are important' when I first joined?

"Now you know who I am! I'm the member who just pays his dues and doesn't attend any more!

Fraternally, Raj Naidoo, Junior Warden

Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We would like to thank all the officers for accepting offices this year and to all the sideliners for being there and supporting us. Now we know our year is coming to an end. We held elections for the ensuing year at our first meeting in October. Your new officers will be:

Pat Likowsky, Worthy Matron – Ralph Nicholas, Worthy Patron
 Susan Hartmann, Associate Matron – Charles S. Grech, Associate Patron
 Lynn M. Gentry, Conductress – Yvonne Myers, Associate Conductress

This is an impressive lineup with almost all first timers in the line. We wish them all much success in their new offices. Also, at our meeting in October, we had a report from our Chairman of the Consolidation Committee. We voted to continue discussions. There will be a combined meeting with Sequoia to discuss the terms of the merger further on November 3rd at the Palo Alto Masonic Center at 6:00pm. Sister Lynda Wing will send you a letter letting you know the outcome of this meeting.

The meeting of Star Circle for October was cancelled due to the absence of so many members attending Grand Chapter. Since Star Circle is normally dark in November, the next meeting will at 2:00pm on December 9th at Betty Lee's home. This will be our Annual Christmas Party, so be sure to bring a White Elephant Gift.

It was announced at our October 17th meeting that our Sister Betty Lee has been appointed Grand Representative to Washington State for the next two years. Sister Betty will do a great job and we all wish her well on her travels to other Eastern Star Chapters.

Please get in touch with either one of us if you need a ride to a Chapter meeting. We will do our best to get you there.

Star Love,
 Lynn and Richard

November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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04	05	06 Stated Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm	07 Order of the Eastern Star Farwell	08	09	10
11	12 Temple Board	13 Open?	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Installation Practice	21 Order of the Eastern Star Installation	22	23	24
25	26 George Washington Club	27 Officer Association Meeting 6:300 pm	28	29	30	