



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

Amongst the Pillars

Trestle-Board for February 2008

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Happy Birthday Brethren!

From the Secretaries Desk:

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

Keep the faith and work from within to aspire to the VISION and help make Masonry something SPECIAL once again.

Lodge Activities

Calendar at a glance:

- 05: Stated Meeting Dinner**
- 06: Order of the Eastern Star**
 Happy Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day
- 11: Temple Board Association**
- 12: Crab Feed**
- 19: practice**
- 20: Order of the Eastern Star**
 Awards Night
- 25: Officer Association Meeting at San Jose # 10**
- 25: George Washington Club 11:30 am**
- 26: Officer Planning Meeting then Practice**

Keep Your Contact Information Current:

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

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Stated Meeting

Assemble and Feast

7:30 pm on the 05

Goodie Table: 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Dinner: Stuffed Pork Chops

Price: \$ 8.00

Reservations are still an important part of the dinners.



Crab Feed:

Our annual Crab Feed will be on February 12th, at 6:30pm. We will have lots of crab and spaghetti. **Please note** this is an all you can eat event at the lodge.

\$15 with reservations, \$25 without, you may call the lodge or leave your name at the Stated Meeting.

The trestle-board is the only way the lodge has in reaching all of its members. There are a few ways to receive the trestle-board

Hardcopy (a copy is mailed directly to your home)

[[Desired]] PDF (A copy will be mailed to your e-mail address)

Website (everything is on the Internet).

2008 Officer Association Meeting Schedule

Dinner 6:30 pm, School 7:30 pm

<u>OAM Date</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>2008 Master</u>
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Feb. 25 (Monday)	San Jose #10	Hiristo Angelov
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

Feb. 26th
 March 25th
 April 29th
 May 27th
 June 24th

July 29th
 August 26th
 September 16th
 October 28th
 November 25th
 December 30th

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

Dear Brethren, Ladies and friends,

I will be mentioning in my article through the months those things that are happening in and during that month. Even though there will be times that publication will beat the actual event. The trestle-board must be mailed in a timely matter so that each member has a chance to plan for the coming month. So with that in mind: We have 3 candidates that will be conferred in February. A 1st degree will be conferred on De Souza and A. Varakas, on January 22nd and dual 2nd degree for Scott K. and Jonathan Holts. Sideliners are always welcome. Congratulations Brothers.

Please remember to call in your reservations for Crab Feed on the 12th the price \$15.00 with a reservation, \$25.00 without. We will have lots of food and lots of fraternal friendship.

Can you read this?

FR-MASONRY is a MORAL ORDR, institutd by virtuous m, with the praiseworthy dsign of rcalling to our rmmbranc th most sublim TRUTHS, in th midst of th most innocent and social plasurs, - foundd on LIBRALITY, BROTHRLY LOV and CHARITY. It is a bautiful SYSTM of MORALITY, vild in allgory and illustratd by symbols. TRUTH is its cntr, - th point whnc its radii mrg, point out to its discipls a corrcet knowldge of th Grat Architct of the Univrs, and th moral laws which h has ordaind for thir govrnmnt.

Probably not or it's very hard to understand why because the letter e has been left out. The object being that it is hard to read the article when something has been left out, so too it is hard to lead a lodge without the support and presence of it's members.

Fraternally, John Myers Master 2008

Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

Around the Pillar

Brethren,

February 2008 is already upon us. Congratulations to our two newly initiated Enter Apprentice Masons, brothers De Sousa and Andrew Vrakas and the 1st degree team headed by Brother Don Groshart in the East. Congratulations also to our two brothers Jonathan Holtz and Scott Kuriger who have been passed to the Degree of Fellow craft and thank you to my degree team, a job well done.

The month February promises to be an eventful one as usual, beginning with the Crab feed (please make your reservations early) and degree practices.

On this note, I would like to remind all line officers to start learning their ritual for advanced stations. We do not want to leave it too long and be rushed at the end of the year. We have a lot to do but little time to do it in.

The Santa Clara Officers Association Meeting is on February 25, at San Jose 10. I encourage all our Master Mason brethren to attend, but particularly our new Master Masons who can meet brethren from other lodges. This is part of the Masonic Journey through the Fraternity.

Last but not least, our thoughts, prayers and well wishes for Brother Gerry Columbi who is home from a hip replacement and Brother Alvie Hartsog who will be having surgery.

Fraternally, Raj Naidoo Senior Warden

The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

It used to be the tradition that only the Master wrote an article for the Trestle Board. Now we all know that Masonic tradition, like Masonic ritual never ever changes, at least not for the last 4,000 years or so – plus or minus a decade or two. I remember when my Dad was Master in 1972, he would sit down at the dining room table each month and dutifully write the “Master’s Message” for the Trestle Board. Everybody else, “Keepa U Hands Off.”

In 1985 Bill Ellison was Master of Palo Alto Lodge and again in 1991. He wrote some very interesting articles in his two years as Master, articles that always grabbed my attention. So, with Bill’s permission, I’m just going to plagiarize his Trestle Board articles. Luckily for me, he was Master for two years, which gets me off the hook for the next two years of having to do a creative writing project each month.

Cowans and Eavesdroppers

A “cowan” is defined as “One who builds dry stone walls (i.e. without mortar); a dry stone dike; applied derogatorily to one who does the work of a mason, but has not been regularly apprenticed or bred to the trade.” (Oxford English Dictionary) In the minutes of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge of 20th December 1705 the following is to be found: “no meason shall imploy no cowan which is to say without the word to work if ther be one masson to be found within ffiffthin mylls he is not to imploy ane cowan under the paine of fortie Shilling Scots.” If you could not do the job properly they would not let you do it at all! I wonder how often they argued about the correct spelling for “Mason”? Eaves are defined as the overhanging edge of a roof or thatch. A person who stands under the eaves in order to listen in to conversations taking place inside of the building is called an “Eavesdropper.” This expression can be traced back to medieval English but it is still a word which is in common use today, at least in the Masonic Lodge’ in fact it’s the only place I’ve ever heard it used.

Fraternally, Don Groshart Senior Warden

Palo Alto Chapter No. 203 Order of the Eastern Star

Dog Tales from the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

So far, this has been an exciting year for us. Our January meetings were particularly enjoyable because of the increase in the number of sideliners. Our consolidation process is right on target.

Our first meeting this year celebrated Happy New Year and a good time was had by all, thanks to our Chairman, Sister Irene McReynolds. We celebrated our renewal of obligation with our Candlelight service, directed by Sister Wilhelmina Smith. Prior to the ceremony, Sister Wilhelmina gave a brief history of the development of the ceremony by Sister Helen Roberts Vogt of our Chapter. It is unique to Palo Alto Chapter.

February will be a very busy month for our Chapter. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Official Visit to our District will be February 1st at the Scottish Rite Center at 19th Avenue and Sloat Blvd. in San Francisco at 7:30pm. All members are welcome to attend. There is a practice planned for January 31st at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Francisco at 7:00pm. Only some officers are required to attend, but all are welcome.

Our February 6th meeting will celebrate Chinese New Year. This meeting will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30pm. Reservations are necessary. Please call Sister Donna Josue to make your reservation. Cost is \$8. There will also be a dinner prior to our Awards Night at 6:30pm on February 20th. Please make your reservations to Sister Ramona Burnett. The cost for this dinner is \$8. Please call Sister Lynn Gentry with your recommendations for the Rob Morris Award and the Service Award. This is a special night. The Consolidation Committee will present and the Chapter will vote on the Revised By Laws for Palo Alto Chapter #203.

UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center is the 2008 Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project. UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center ranks as the best Cancer Center in California. It is time to "Strike out Cancer," Let's all support this worthwhile cause. Please make all donations payable to the California Eastern Star Foundation, and in the memorandum section note "Cancer Research."



Please Note:

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

Star Circle's next meeting will be, February 22nd and will start at 1:30. Open to all members of Star.

Calendar:

February 06: Happy Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day

Dinner: 6:30 pm (Reservations)

Chairperson: Donna Josue PM

February 20: Awards Night

Dinner: 6:30 pm (Reservations)

Chairperson: Ramona Burnett PM

Relay for Life:

Lynn Gentry, PM

Star Care:

For Information and Assistance for all OES Services

Toll Free: 1-800-567-2273

Membership:

Susan Hartmann, AM

Mollie Anne Steele, Cond

Madge Kingman, 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

Impact 2008- Keeping the Vision Alive!

Vision Statement: The order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization of men and women committed to providing an environment of friendship and fellowship, regardless of age, by implementing innovative ideas, facilitating positive change, and planning for the future while working cohesively with our Masonic family.

Goals:

Mutual Respect: To demonstrate mutual respect for each other while recognizing the strengths and diversities of our members.

Service: To make the name of Eastern Star synonymous with service to our communities and service and assistance to our members.

Membership: To engage and revitalize our existing members and appeal to prospective members through creative programs and activities.

The poor man is not he who is without a cent, but he who is without a dream. -Harry Kemp

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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03	04	05 Stated Meeting and Dinner 6:00 pm	06 Happy Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day Dinner 6:30 pm	07	08	09
10	11 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Crab Feed 6:30 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 practice	20 Awards Night Dinner 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24	25 George Washington Club 11:30 Officer Association Meeting at San Jose # 10	26 Officer Planning Meeting and then practice	27	28	29	

Most people think the story of the Golden Fleece is a myth, but it isn't, it's a legend. The difference, of course, is that one doesn't have an historic basis, while the other does. The Real Golden Fleece: In this case the historic basis is the fact that, according to many historians, the ancient people of the Caucasus (to the east of the Black Sea) had a secret process for extracting gold from their rivers. They placed a sheepskin in the river and weighted it down to keep it from floating away. Since river sand didn't stick to the fleece but gold did, the sheepskin eventually became laden with gold dust. It literally became a golden fleece, from which a significant amount of the valuable metal could be extracted.