

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

Amongst the Pillars


Trestle-Board for May 2008

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p><i>From the Secretaries Desk:</i></p> <p><i>Harold W. Weeks</i> <i>Miladin Malisic</i> <i>William Woolsey</i> <i>Rajendra Naidoo</i> <i>Peter J. Condos</i> <i>Ronald D. Eberhard</i> <i>Murray Deutsch</i> <i>Benjamin F. Ivy III</i> <i>Charles L. Botsford</i> <i>Boardman W. Moore</i> <i>Peter J. Willis</i> <i>Carl R. Cheney</i> <i>Fred L. Macpherson</i> <i>Sinsuat C. Andang JR</i> <i>Kelley Ramsey</i> <i>Eddy Chiang</i> <i>Richard W. Bishop</i> <i>Jack S. Euphrat</i></p> <p>"Brethren! The Worshipful Master invites you to join us at our Stated Meeting for your Complimentary birthday dinner!"</p>	<p><i>Calendar at a glance:</i></p> <p>04: Ladies Brunch 06: Stated Meeting Dinner 07: Floral Degree 13: Practice 12: Temple Board Association 20: Practice 21: Order of the Eastern Star Memorial 26: George Washington Club 11:30 27: Officer Planning Meeting then Practice 28: Officer Association Meeting at Willow Glenn-Fraternity 399</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-boards are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of the Palo Alto-Roller Lodge</i></p>	<p><i>Assemble and Feast</i></p> <p>7:30 pm on the 06</p> <p>Goodie Table: 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm What's for Dinner: Rosemary Pork Roast</p> <p>Price: \$ 8.00</p> <p>Reservations are still an important part of the dinners.</p>  <p>May 04 is the Ladies Brunch and will be held at Mac Arthur Park, same place as last year. The Ladies Brunch is one way that this lodge has in honoring our ladies. Last year we all had such a good time no one wanted to go home. The ladies will be getting a call/invitation and I do hope many replies favorably.</p> <p><i>"Freemasonry is an institution founded on eternal reason and truth; whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality." -- Dr. Dodd</i></p>

2008 Officer Association Meeting Schedule Dinner 6:30 pm, School 7:30 pm		
OAM Date	Host Lodge	2008 Master
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
Dec. DARK		

Officer Planning Meetings for 2008 All members may attend Planning Meetings	
May 27th	
	July 29th
	August 26th
	September 16th
	October 28th
	November 25th
June 24th	December 30th
We're on the web at: www.paloaltolodge.com	

Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Dear Brethren, Ladies and friends,

Thank you to the Star Ladies We had an excellent dinner. I will be writing about the Officer Association Dinner, which Palo Alto-Roller hosted next month.

The heart of Masonry is in the hearts of its members. To be considered an active member is to be defined as one who mails his dues to his lodge every year. I feel that not coming to your lodge not even once a year is a disservice to your lodge and to you. After all this is a fraternity and it's members are what makes a lodge great or break. You cannot imagine what a difference it makes to have sideliners who have come to the lodge just to be and see a degree given and what makes this even more special is having those sideliners who have been there and done that. What a wealth of information they have to share and yet more times then not our Past Masters, our members who are even right here in the neighborhood do not come. Oh the usual excuses can be heard, I use to go all the time, or I'm tired let someone else do it, or when I get home from work I'm just too tired. There was a man who came in to the lodge for his 50 year pin, how great is that but no one knew him or remembered him that my friends is sad.

You know even those that have moved away could still be part of the lodge, oh yes you can. Why not write us about your time in the lodge. Some stories you might know, the members who were here, or what about the time you were Master of the lodge. Maybe you think what you went through isn't important no one wants to listen to that but you know what, it is just what we would like to hear and we could share your stories at stated meetings and even in the trestle-board. So instead of sitting there day after day, night after night thinking I'm really no longer part of my lodge anymore, think of ways to become involved.

Fraternally, John Myers Master 2008

Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

Around the Pillar

Brethren,

The year is fast moving by us and all officers should working towards advanced stations check out. Let's, not leave this too late.

The May Officers Association Meeting will be held at Willow Glen No. 399. Please notify the Lodge that wishes to attend. Off Course all Lodge officers should and must attend.

May 04 is the ladies Brunch. We will be probably going back to the same place as last year, which was McArthur Park on the corner of University and El Camino. Last year we had a nice turn out of ladies because we called many.

June-Through August possibly Sept. the Banquet room will be off limits. All dinners will be up in the JWR room, 3rd room. Hopefully the room will be ready for the Hiram Award Dinner now scheduled for Sept.

Fraternally, Raj Naidoo Senior Warden.

"The aims of Freemasonry are not limited to one form of operation, or one mode of benevolence. Its object is at once moral and social. It proposes both to cultivate the mind and enlarge and purify the heart." -- Rev. JO Skinner

The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

Masonic Landmarks are a set of principles that many Freemasons claim to be "both ancient and unchangeable precepts of Masonry". Issues of the "regularity" of a Freemasonic Lodge, Grand Lodge or Grand Orient are judged in the context of the Landmarks. Whilst each Grand Lodge is self-governing with no single body exercising authority over the whole of Freemasonry, the interpretations of these principles can and do vary, leading to controversies of recognition. According to Percy Jantz, the Masonic term Landmark is biblical in origin. The term can be found in the Book of Proverbs 22:28: "Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set." to highlight how boundaries of land were marked by means of stone pillars. He further quotes a Jewish law: "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbours' landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance" to underline how these Landmarks designate inheritance. [1] Mark Tabbert believes that the actual rules and regulations laid down in the early masonic landmarks are derived from the charges of medieval stonemasons. [2] According to the General Regulations published by the Premier Grand Lodge of England in 1723 "Every Annual Grand Lodge has an inherent power and Authority to make new Regulations or to alter these, for the real benefits of this Ancient Fraternity; provided always that the old Landmarks be carefully preserved." However, these landmarks were not defined in any manner. The first attempt at this was in Jurisprudence of Freemasonry 1856 by Dr. Albert Mackey. He laid down three requisite characteristics: notional immemorial antiquity universality absolute "irrevocability" He claimed there were 25 in all, and they could not be changed. However subsequent writers have differed greatly as regards what they consider the Landmarks to be. In 1863, George Oliver published the Freemason's Treasury in which he listed 40 Landmarks. In the last century, several American Grand Lodges attempted to enumerate the Landmarks, ranging from West Virginia (7) and New Jersey (10) to Nevada (39) and Kentucky (54). [3] Joseph Fort Newton, in The Builders, offers a simple definition of the Landmarks as: "The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the moral law, the Golden Rule, and the hope of life everlasting." Roscoe Pound subscribed to six landmarks: Belief in a Supreme Being Belief in persistence of personality a "book of law" as an indispensable part of the "furniture" (or furnishings) of the Lodge The Hiram legend of the Third Degree The symbolism of the operative art that a Mason be a man, freeborn, and of age. In the 1950s the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America upheld three "ancient Landmarks"[4]: Monotheism — An unalterable and continuing belief in God. The Volume of The Sacred Law — an essential part of the furniture of the Lodge. Prohibition of the discussion of Religion and Politics. "The first great duty, not only of every lodge, but of every Mason, is to see that the landmarks of the Order shall never be impaired."

Albert Mackey, The Principles of Masonic Law

Palo Alto Chapter No. 203 Order of the Eastern Star



Dog Tales from the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our April 2nd meeting was well attended even though we had several Officers missing due to illness. Our thanks go to Eleanor Moore for filling in for Terri Behnke at Ada's station, Pat Mastalir for filling in for Marjorie Groshart when she became ill and Elsa Biber for being Emblem Bearer for Ada. We're happy to report that Terri and Marjorie are recovering nicely. This meeting was also memorable because Sister Martha Hartsog was presented with her fifty-year pin. This was a real pleasure for us. Congratulations Martha! It was also wonderful to see Alvie back at Chapter.

Our April 16th meeting celebrated our Service Awards with a dinner honoring Brother Richard Wing with the Service Award and Brother Vern Barr with the Rob Morris Award. Their service to our Chapter and to the Order of the Eastern Star is very much appreciated. Many thanks go to Sister Ramona Burnett and her committee for preparing a lovely dinner prior to our meeting.

The practices for the Floral Degree ceremony are coming along very well. It will be presented at our first meeting in May. Please plan to attend. It has been several years since the entire ceremony has been put on.

Our Chapter is hosting the Peninsula Star Point Association meeting on July 26th. It will be a luncheon held at the home of Ramona Burnett. The meeting starts at 11:00am with lunch following. The cost is \$7.00. this is a fund-raiser for the Chapter.



Please Note:

Palo Alto Chapter Meets First and Third Wednesdays at 8:00 pm. unless otherwise noted. Star Circle meets at 1:30 pm; on 25th at 12:30.

Open to all members of Star.

Calendar:

07: Floral Degree; Honoring Lynn Gentry, Jr. PM and Linda Frost, PM. Ante Room Meeting – 7:30 pm

17: Woodside Terrace

21: Memorial; Chairperson Marjorie Lessing, PM

24: (Saturday) Grand Chapter's Sensational Saturday.

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

Minutes of the March 29th Star Circle Meeting

President Yvonne Myers called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm, in the third floor lounge of the Palo Alto Masonic Center. Since the meeting fell on a 5th Saturday, President Yvonne welcomed Kathy Chamberlain and Lynn Gentry to the meeting. These Saturday meetings are arranged to accommodate the Chapter members who are working and unable to attend our regularly scheduled 4th Friday sessions. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as read. Notes had been taken by Nancy Schubert and interpreted by Betty Lee. Thank you both. The January minutes were corrected to reflect that the meeting included the installation of officers, with the exception of Secretary. Jean Jones was absent that day. Treasurer's Report was approved as read. A check was written to Palo Alto Chapter #203 in the amount of @11195, leaving a balance of \$400.64 in our account. Bravo! Jean Jones was installed as Secretary. Under Circle of Concern, the Star Circle callers reported on the calls that they had made, bringing us up-to-date with chapter members who were not present. This is something new and we all found it informative. Harriet Gluck could use a "thinking of you" card as she has had a couple of falls recently and is under doctor's care. Ed Olivera passed away on Easter Sunday. His memorial is scheduled for March 30 at the Burlingame Masonic Center. Car pool arrangements will be discussed at the next meeting when more people will be present. New Business: President Yvonne spoke on the meals that we would help the Lodge with in April. Stated Meeting: April 1st, OAM Meeting: April 22nd this is a meeting when officers from various lodges get together. We expect about 74 people to attend and will need many helping hands with the set up, serving and clean up. Please help if you can. The Hiram Award dinner will be in September and we will also need additional help. Lynn Gentry is now a member of the Temple Board Association. The ceiling in the dining room and kitchen area will be replaced in the June-September timeframe and will be off limits to us during that time. We will use the 3rd Floor Lounge for refreshments. Cancer Dressing Station has a new name. It is now known as Eastern Star Patient Comfort Station. Our next meeting will be April 25th at the Palo Alto Masonic Center and our hostesses will be Sisters Judy Chamberlain and Betty Africa. President Yvonne thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting with the Mizpah at 2:00 pm submitted by Jean C. Jones, PM Secretary



Palo Alto Court No. 115

Order of the Amaranth

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The "Order of The Amaranth" means many things to many people. To its early members it meant the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation of TRUTH, FAITH, WISDOM and CHARITY. A fraternal order having for its purpose, service to humanity, set to the music of fraternal love. To its present members, the "Order of The Amaranth" means a challenge to build higher and stronger upon these foundations of Fraternal Love and Service. It means the Hand of Fraternal Friendship to those in distress. It means Thinking and Remembering about its members in their hours of sorrow and sickness. Most of all, it means the Opportunity to serve its Fellowmen, to enjoy the close fraternal ties of mutual respect and understanding to enrich our lives with friendship worth far more than gold or silver.

The Order of the Amaranth is a moral institution composed of Master Masons and their properly qualified female relatives. In its teachings, the members are emphatically reminded of their duties to God, to their Country and to their fellow beings. They are urged to portray, by precept and example, their belief in the "Golden Rule", and by conforming to the virtues inherent in TRUTH, FAITH, WISDOM, and CHARITY, they can prove to others the goodness promulgated by the Order.

The Grand Court of California was constituted on August 26, 1898. However Honey Lake Court No. 1 in Janesville was chartered before the Grand Court on October 10, 1895! Its charter was current until September 2007. It is currently being reorganized and hopefully will regain active status and continue to be the oldest Court West of the Mississippi, and the second oldest in the Country.

The new officers of the Grand Court of California are
Honored Lady Sylvia Mathews Grand Royal Matron from
Crescent Court No. 3, South San Francisco
Sir Knight Stephen Wallace Grand Royal Patron from Serenity Court No.
25, Manhattan Beach.

Please join us on Saturday April 29, 2008 at 7:30PM
for the Installation
of New Officers for
Palo Alto Court No. 115

Honored Lady Lynda Wing Royal Matron
Sir Knight Bill Malmstrom Royal Patron
Honored Lady Susan Amirsehhi Associate Royal Matron
Sir Knight Paul Williams Associate Royal Patron

Richard Wing

Please note:

**Stated Meetings are held on the 4th
Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm (except on Oct. 20th)**

Colors: Emerald Green, Royal Blue,
Purple, White, Red, Accents of Silver
and Gold

Theme Music: Music, Music, Music and
A shine on your shoes

Motto: Accentuate the Positive

Watchwords: Friendship, Teamwork, and
Learning

Emblems: Bicycle Built for Two and the
Bengal Tiger- Spyder

Flowers: All spring

Special Projects Amaranth Diabetes
Foundation and Grand Court Ways and
Means

Grand Courts and local courts support
many other charities.

Scholarship Funds.
Nurses' Training.
Care for the Elderly
Soup Kitchens
Ronald McDonald's House
Visiting Nurses and many other local
community charities.

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

**Amaranth Love,
Lady Lynda Wing and Royal Matron Sir
Knight Bill Malmstrom**

“Freemasonry is an institution based on that never-failing charity which upholds universal love, calms the troubled sea of our evil passions, and leaves a smooth surface, in which all men, who are sincere and conscientious worshipers of God, and unexceptionable in moral deportment, may unite, bless each other, and rejoice in practically realizing the sublime sentiment that God hath made mankind one mighty brotherhood, himself their master, and the world his lodge.” -- Dr J Burns

May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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04 Ladies Brunch	05	06 Stated Meeting/Dinner	07 Order of the Easter Star Floral Degree	08	09	10
11	12 Temple Board	13 Practice	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Practice	21 Order of the Eastern Star Memorial	22	23	24
25	26 George Washington Club 11:30 am	27 Officer Planning Meeting/Practice	28 Officer Association Meeting at Willow Glenn Fraternity 399	29	30	31

“Freemasonry is an ancient and respectable institution, embracing individuals of every nation, of every religion, and of every condition in life. Wealth, power and talents, are not necessary to the person of a Freemason. An unblemished character and virtuous conduct are the only qualifications for admission in to the Order.” --Laurie