



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

Trestle-Board for September 2007

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p><i>From the Secretaries Desk:</i></p> <p>Donald R. Brunette Edward J. Holland Arthur J. Bisgaard Per S. Anderson John Gillespie Edward R. Oblander Patrick E. Farrell Frank E. Hinman PM Charles Grech Kenneth N. Littrell Raymond F. Kelley Brian Foley David Neilson Howard F. Wilcox Franklin E. Hawkinson Donald C. Briggs PM Utkan Demirci Robert C. Lantrip PM Steadman Quartermaine Tony C. Teo PM Robert R. Yuill Arthur E. Farrar</p> <p>"Brethren! The Worshipful Master invites you to join us at our Stated Meeting for your <i>Complimentary</i> birthday dinner!"</p>	<p>Read your Trestle-Board You might miss something if you don't. <i>The trestle-board has gone to two full pages. With lots more to read, enjoy and plan for.</i></p> <p>04: Stated Meeting/ Dinner 05: Order of the Eastern Star PM and PP night 10: Temple Board Meeting 11: Practice 18: Practice Third Degree Advanced Stations First Section 19: Order of the Eastern Star All Members Party 24: George Washington Club 24: Officer Association Meeting San Jose No. 10 Grand Lodge Preview 25: Officer Planning Meeting/ Practice Third Degree Advanced Stations Second Section 28-30: Grand Lodge</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>Assemble and Feast</p> <p>7:30 pm on the 4th</p> <p>Goodie Table: 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Dinner: Pot Roast and all the fixings Our host is: Bernie Byauk Price: \$ 8.00</p> <p>September 17, 2007 Constitutional Observance <i>Hosted by Golden Rule Lodge.</i> Time: 6:30 pm Dinner cost \$15.00 Constitutional Observance starts at 7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Family and Friends are welcome.</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Robert Light has been called from Labor.</i> <i>When twilight fades and day is done and eyes just close like the setting sun, a weary soul lies down to rest, it's God's own way, he knoweth best.</i></p>

2007 Officer Association Meeting Schedule

Dinner 6:30 pm, School 7:30 pm

Sept 24th San Jose No. 10

Grand Lodge Preview & Masonic Information Nights

Sept 28th-30th GRAND LODGE

Oct 6th (Sat) Grand Master's Reception

Oct 22nd Los Altos 712 Grand Lodge Results & 3rd Degree

Candidate's Proficiency

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

December DARK

Officer Planning Meetings for 2007

All members may attend Planning Meetings

September 25th

October 30th

November 27th

December 18th

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

Brethren,

Summer is rapidly coming to an end and the fall season is upon us. For your Officers this is a month of practice, practice, and practice in preparing to become proficient in the Third Degree Advanced Stations. Once again learning new ritual and correcting those minute mistakes that at times plague us as we move through our places and stations. Life as an Officer of a Lodge at times mirrors that of life outside the Lodge. Learning is a lifelong experience, both in and out of our Masonic Careers, which is sometimes difficult.

The Child ID program was a great success held at the annual Santa Clara County Fair. The Santa Clara Valley Masonic Association processed 1,514 children and adults. Brothers Kevin Hall, PM, John Myers, PM, and myself represented Palo Alto-Roller Lodge. Thank you brothers.

My thanks go to Chef Yvonne Myers who prepared the stated meeting dinners for the months of July and August.

We as Free and Accepted Masons have an obligation, to aid and assist our fraternal brothers and their families. Your continued annual giving protects some of the most vulnerable members of our Masonic Fraternity. We all need to do our part. Make a gift that represents your own ability and commitment.

Fraternally, Charles S. Grech, Worshipful Master

Around the Pillar

Greetings Brethren,

We had a build your own taco night and a Guest speaker at our August Stated meeting. We had a good turn out. The guest speaker invited us to join her for her lecture on Real Estate Capital Gains issues.

A group of seven brothers went to see Gene Nickel in Riverbank. He is doing well.



Chuck, Kevin and I went to the Santa Clara Fairgrounds for the child ID program. We had a good day. Even got a few ideas to maybe extend the program to nursing homes. The luncheon for Charlie Carroll was well attended. We met at the Cheesecake Factory on University Ave.

Charlie was presented with a very nice looking plaque. We appreciate of many years of service.

Grand Lodge is this month. The officers usually stay at a hotel for the duration we find it easier than driving back and forth. Any Master Mason may attend.

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,

Here are a few quotes from George Washington:

Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

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.

On November 4, 1752, Washington was initiated into Freemasonry at Fredricksburg Lodge, Fredricksburg, Virginia. He was passed and raised at the same lodge, becoming a Master Mason on August 4, 1753. He later served as Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in Alexandria, Virginia. Upon his death in 1799, he was given a Masonic funeral at his wife's request.

Fraternally, Raj Naidoo, Junior Warden

Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a great summer.

We look forward to our PM and PP night on September 5th. Dinner reservations are a must. September 19th will be our all member party chaired by Pat Likowski, our associate matron. We will be having election of officers October 3 followed by Men's night on October 17.

Our chapter celebrated our 104th birthday on August 15th.

All who attended the Hot August Night event hosted by 2007 WM & WP of the Peninsula and San Francisco had a grand time.

Star love,

Lynn and Richard

On January 24, 1900 Palo Alto Chapter was founded when seventeen members belonging to Miramonte Chapter, Mountain View, but residing in or near Palo Alto wanted a Chapter closer to home. They first met at the Bradford residence to make plans for the new Chapter. After receiving their demits, the new Chapter was instituted March 18, 1903 and was chartered August 22nd of that same year. Designated as Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 with annual membership dues of \$1.50 Sister Eleanor Simkins and Brother Josiah W. Roller were the first Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Fraternal Hall in the southwest corner of University Avenue and High Street was the meeting place during the early years of the Chapter while the Masonic Temple on Florence Street and University Avenue was being constructed. At our first installation, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Lyman C. Byer assured us that our Chapter would be one of the best in the State, but cautioned us not to grow too big. The first petition for membership was from Brother Henry Simkins a member of Palo Alto Lodge No. 346 and husband of our Worthy Matron, our first Secretary, Sister Vernelia Malcolm, presented a bill for supplies of \$1.25.

(Taken from 100 years of Memories)

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Stated meeting and Dinner 6:00 pm	5 Order of the Eastern Star 8:00 pm	6	7	8
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Book Upon the Altar "Old Tyler Talks," by Carl Claudy

"I heard the most curious tale," began the New Brother. "Shoot!" commanded the Old Tyler. "Friend of mine belongs to a Midwest Lodge. Seems they elected a chap to become a Member but when he took the Degree he stopped the work to ask for the Koran in place of the Bible on the Altar. Said he wanted the Holy Book of his faith, and the Bible wasn't it!" "Yes, go on," prompted the Old Tyler. "What did they do?" "The Officers held a pow-wow and the Master finally decided that as the Ritual demanded the 'Holy Bible, Square and Compasses' as furniture for the Lodge, the applicant was wrong and that he'd have to use the Bible or not take his Degree. The funny part was that the Initiate was satisfied and took his Degree with the Bible on the Altar. I'm glad they have him, and not this lodge." "Why?" "Why, a chap who backs down that way can't have very much courage." "All wrong, Brother, all wrong!" commented the Old Tyler. "The Mohammedan Initiate wasn't concerned about himself but about the Lodge. He showed a high degree of Masonic principle in asking for his own Holy Book, and a great consideration for the Lodge. This man isn't a Christian. He doesn't believe in Christ. He believes in Allah and Mohammed his Prophet. He wanted to take his obligation so that it would bind his conscience. The Master would not let him, because he slavishly followed the words of the Ritual instead of the spirit of Masonry." "Masonry does not limit an applicant to his choice of a name for a Supreme Being. If I believe in a Great Architect that is all Masonry demands; my Brethren do not care what I name him." "Then you think this chap isn't really obligated? I must write my friend and warn him-" "Softly, softly! Any man with enough reverence for Masonry, in advance of knowledge of it, to want his own Holy Book on which to take an obligation would feel himself morally obligated to keep his word, whether there was his, another's or no Holy Book at all, on the Altar. An oath is not really binding because of the book beneath your hand. It is the spirit with which you assume an obligation, which makes it binding. The cement of brotherly love, which we spread, is not material - the working tools of a Master Mason are not used upon stone but upon human hearts. Your Brother did his best to conform to the spirit of our usages in asking for the book he had been taught to revere. Failing in that through no fault of his own, doubtless he took his obligation with a sincere belief in its sacredness. "If you write your friend, you might tell him that the Ritual which permits a man to name his God as he pleases, but demands that a book which reveres one particular God be used, is faulty. If I were Master and an applicant demanded any one or any six books on which to lay his hand while he pledges himself to us, I'd get them if they were to be had, and I'd tell my Lodge what a reverent Masonic spirit was in the man who asked." "Seems to me you believe in a lot of funny things; how many Gods do you believe in?" "There is but one," was the Old Tyler's answer, "Call Him what you will. Let me repeat a little bit of verse for you:

At the Muezzin's call for prayer
The kneeling faithful thronged the square;
Amid a monastery's weeds,
An old Franciscan told his beads,
While on Pushkara's lofty height
A dark priest chanted Brahma's might,
While to the synagogue there came
A Jew, to praise Jehovah's Name.
The One Great God looked down and smiled
And counted each His loving child;
For Turk and Brahmin, monk and Jew
Has reached Him through the Gods they knew.

"If we reach Him in Masonry, it makes little difference by what sacred name we arrive," finished the Old Tyler, reverently. "You reached me, anyhow," said the New Brother, shaking hands as if he meant it.