

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

Trestle-Board for April 2007

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p><i>From the Secretaries Desk:</i></p> <p>Benjamin J. Lehman Martin Katz Mohammad M. Nafissi Donald E. Davis, PM Charles E. Carroll, PM Eric Hansen Jeffrey S. Padgett Jon M. Dunn Jack F. Schindler Billy G. Larson Larry M. Schwab Tom Slavisky Gerald Colombi Wilfred C. Hirschman</p> <p>"Brethren! The Worshipful Master invites you to join us at our March Stated Meeting for your Complimentary birthday dinner!"</p>	<p><i>Read your trestle-board- You'll miss something if you don't.</i></p> <p>03: Stated Meeting/Dinner 6:30 pm 04: Order of the Eastern Star Back to School 8:00 pm 09: Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm 10: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm 17: Ritual Practice 7:30 18: Order of the Eastern Star Guest Officers 8:00 pm 23: George Washington Club 11:30 24: Officer Planning Meeting 5:00 pm 24: (Tuesday) Officer Association Meeting Palo Alto-Roller No 346 6:30 pm</p> <p><i>Notify the Secretary promptly of any change of address.</i> <i>Report cases of Sickness and Distress to the Lodge, or the Master.</i></p>	<p>Assemble and Feast 7:30 pm on the 3rd</p> <p>Goodie Table: 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Dinner will be: Meat Loaf Our host is: Chuck Grech Price: \$ 8.00</p> <p>Please Call for Reservations</p> <hr/>  <p>In memory of our brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above.</p> <p>Robert A, Borders Raised: Sept. 14, 1954 Called From Labor: Feb. 14, 2007</p>

2007 Officer Association Meeting Schedule Dinner 6:30 pm, School 7:30 pm

**April 24th (Tuesday) Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No 346
 Second Degree**

May 23rd (Wed) Willow Glenn Fraternity No 399
 3rd Degree First Section, Short Form Closing & Calling Down

June 28th (Thurs) Mt. Moriah No. 292
 3rd Degree Second Section

July DARK

August 23rd Friendship No. 210
 Investigations/Objections & Funeral Service

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.

April 24th Meeting at 6:30 pm

May	29th
June	26th
July	31st
August	28th
September	28th
October	30th
November	27th
December	18 th

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

Man's actions are the picture book of his creeds. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Brethren,

Congratulations are in order for Brother Eddie Chiang for an excellent candidate's lecture in the Fellow Craft Degree.

Thank you, to everybody who attended the crab feed. It was an outstanding success; the dining room was filled to capacity. Palo Alto-Roller Lodge received many compliments. Thanks to Star Circle and the Brothers who helped make the crab feed an outstanding success.

Brother Robert A. Borders was called from labor February 14, 2007. Masonic Services was performed by members of Palo Alto-Roller #346 on March 10, 2007. Brother Borders was also a recipient of the Golden Veterans Award.

The next time you find yourself disagreeing with a fellow Mason, be thankful that we can disagree, for through disagreement we can find growth. Through error and correction, we find ourselves moving towards enlightenment, and by walking in another's shoes we find understanding. Read, think and consider all views, then make your own decisions while remembering we all have the right to our own point of view. Then we can sit around and enjoy our agreement and disagreement alike.

Fraternally, Charles S. Grech Worshipful Master

Around the Pillar

Salutations Brethren,

The Annual Crab Feed was a big success. We had 86 people in attendance. The crab was fresh and sweet. Thank you to all the star ladies who worked so hard in making the evening so wonderful. Thank you to those of you who came, it was good to see so many familiar faces and some new faces.

March's Stated Meeting Dinner was Corned Beef and Cabbage even though we had 28 for dinner, I do wish more members would come to these dinners. Where else can you find a good down home cooked meal, in such pleasant surroundings?

Brother Eddie Chiang has completed his proficiency for the second degree and is now awaiting his third degree. He did a fine job.

Our April Stated meeting Dinner will be Meat Loaf and Scalloped Potatoes. Come join us.

The Officer Association Meeting will be hosted by Palo Alto Roller in April, let's have a fine turn-out for this meeting. Let's show the lodge in it's best light. The Date is April 24th Bill Malstrom will be our chief. He will prepare a Tri-Tip Dinner. All members are welcome and all officers must attend. If any officer cannot make this meeting you must call the Inspector and get excused, then call the Master, Chuck, and let him know what is going on.

Mark your calendars The Annual Family Picnic will be on July 14th at Mitchell Park, more details to come when the time gets closer.

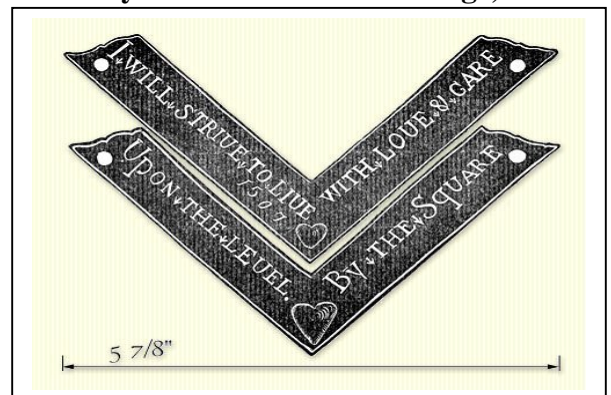
Fraternally, John Myers, Senior Warden

The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

The Baal's Bridge Square

Everything points to the fact that the Craft was flourishing in Ireland in the sixteenth century. It is impossible, however, to be dogmatic about the point, whether or not it possessed any esoteric ceremonies. Yet if we may trust the testimony of a certain old relic of antiquity, some measure of ethical symbolism was associated on occasion with the implements of Masonry, as is shown by what is usually known as the "Baal's Bridge Square," carefully preserved by Union Lodge No. 13, Limerick, warranted November, 1732, and probably "time immemorial" like others of our ancient Lodges. This ancient brass square was discovered in excavating the foundations of Baal's Bridge, in the City of Limerick, in November 1830. It was dug out of the eastern corner of the foundation of the northern land pier on the King's Island or English Town side of the river Shannon, where the abutment of the new bridge now [1850] stands." The position in which the square was found indicates that one of our Masonic customs, still in vogue, was practiced in Ireland over 400 years ago. The annexed sketch of the square is an exact facsimile (full size) reproduced from a rubbing, a matter of some difficulty owing to the metal being much corroded, made for us by Brother James Le Gear, the courteous Secretary of Triune Masonic Lodge, No. 333, Limerick.



Fraternally, Raj Naidoo Junior Warden



Dear Sisters and Brothers

March has been a wonderful month for our Eastern Star. Not only has spring arrived, but also the sunshine has brought out all the wonders of our gardens that were hidden in the gloom of winter. Our March 7th meeting honored our sideliners. There weren't too many present because many of them had to replace officers who were missing due to illness and previous commitments. Our March 21st meeting was our Deputy Grand Matron's Official Visit. Susan Amirsehhi has been a constant supporter of our Chapter and frequent visitor this year. It was a pleasure to perform our work for her. Our Chapter will be presenting our Candlelight Ceremony for the Eastern Star's Senior Living Center during the Fiesta in June. This will be a first for both the Senior Living Center and for our Chapter. The Candlelight Ceremony is unique to Palo Alto Chapter and it will be a privilege to share it with the Senior Living Center at this time. If you would like to attend the Fiesta and support the Chapter in this presentation, please contact either Lynn or Richard. They will include you in plans for carpooling, hotel reservations, etc. We will celebrate Back to School at our first meeting in April. Our Chairperson will be Sister Judy Chamberlain. Our second meeting in April will be Guest Officers Night. Our Hostesses will be our Star Points and dress will be Hawaiian. Please join us for these evenings, as they are always special. Our Floral Degree will honor Carol Smith and Donna Josue on May 2. The practice sessions are scheduled as follows: April 9, April 16, April 23, and dress rehearsal on April 30. Each practice session will start at 7:00pm at the Palo Alto Masonic Center. If you have any questions, please call Sister Fran Groat. If you need a ride to any of our meetings, please contact Richard or me and we will arrange to have you picked up. Star Love, Lynn and Richard

The Entered Apprentice
The Meaning of the Term

The builders of those remarkable structures in Europe and Great Britain, from six hundred to nine hundred years ago we call operative masons, because they were builders in the literal sense. It was necessary for the Operative Masons to recruit new members to replace those lost through removal, accident, illness, or death. To do this, they used the apprenticeship system.

The word "apprentice" means "learner" or beginner, one who is taking his first steps in mastering a trade, art or profession. The operative apprentice was a boy, usually from ten to fifteen years of age. He was required to be sound in body, in order to do work requiring physical strength and endurance. He had to be of good habits, obedient and willing to learn, and of unquestioned reputation, and be well recommended by Masons already members of the craft. When such a boy was chosen as an apprentice, he was called into the lodge where all the members could assure themselves of his mental, moral and physical qualifications. If they voted to receive him, he was given much information about the Craft, what it required of its members, something of its early history and tradition, and what his duties would be. He gave a solemn promise to obey his superiors, to work diligently, to observe the laws and rules and to keep the secrets.

After being thus obligated, he was bound over, or indentured, to one of the more experienced Master Masons. As a rule, he lived with this Master Mason, and from him, day by day, learned the methods and secrets of the trade. This apprenticeship lasted usually seven years.

After this young man had "gone to school" in this manner, his name was entered on the books of the Lodge and he was given a recognized place in the Craft organization and, because of this official entering of his name, he was given the title "Entered Apprentice". All those of the same degree of advancement constituted the rank or grade of Apprentice Masons.

April 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 pm	4 Order of the Eastern Star Back School 8:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Ritual Practice 7:30 pm	11	12	13	14
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