



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

Trestle-Board for December 2006

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Happy Birthday Brethren!

Jason Abrams
Walter L. Keller
Thomas J. Edsall
Bernie F. Bayuk
Just K. Willis
James E. Bevel
Eugene H. Nickell PM
Harry J. Blacy JR
Axel Schultze
Jack P. Kilburn

Officer Association Meeting will be DARK in December

There are parts of a ship which taken by themselves would sink. The engine would sink. The propeller would sink. But when the parts of a ship are built together, they float; so with the events of my life. Some have been tragic. Some have been happy. But when they are built together, they form a craft that floats and is going places. And I am comforted. -Ralph W. Sockman

Lodge Activities

*Read your trestle-board-
You'll miss something if you don't.*

- 02: Palo Alto-Roller Lodge #346 Installation 6 pm**
- 05: Stated Meeting/Dinner 6 pm**
- 06: Order of the Eastern Star 8 pm**
- 12: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm**
- 19: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm**
- 20: Order of the Eastern Star 8 pm**
- 26: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm**
- George Washington Club DARK**
- Officer Association Meeting DARK**
- 30: Officer Planning Meeting 10 am**

Notify the Secretary promptly of any change of address.

Report cases of Sickness and Distress to the Lodge, or the Master.

Calendars can be found at the Tiler's desk.

Stated Meeting

7:30 pm on the 5th
Assemble and Feast

Goodie Table: 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Dinner will be an Italian Theme
Bring a Brother, tell your friends!

PALO ALTO-ROLLER LODGE No. 346, PROUDLY ANNOUNCES OUR 105TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: Palo Alto Masonic Center

Social Hour at five o'clock

Refreshments following the ceremonies

The truth is like a balloon and a lie is like a pin, once you pierce the balloon with the pin the balloon, like the truth, becomes worthless. - WRF

The Great Dickens Christmas Fair

Saturday December 16, 2006

The Santa Clara Valley Masonic Lodges have chartered buses for this event. Cost of the bus ride \$20.00. The additional entrance fees are for ages 12 and over \$15.00 and for those ages 5-11 the cost is \$8.00. Hours are between 9:30- 7:00 pm. Space is limited. Contact your lodge Master for more information and reservations.

There is a flyer up at the Tiler's board.

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

Officers for 2007

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| MASTER | Charles S. Grech |
| SENIOR WARDEN | John A. Myers, PM |
| JUNIOR WARDEN | Raj Naidoo |
| SECRETARY | Richard Wing, PM |
| TREASURER | Phil Smith, PM |
| CHAPLAIN | John Lew, PM |
| MARSHAL | to be announced |
| SENIOR DEACON | Donald Groshart |
| JUNIOR DEACON | Richard Creason |
| SENIOR STEWARD | Gerald Colombi |
| JUNIOR STEWARD | to be announced |
| ORGANIST | Luis Orozco, PM |
| TILER | Bernie Bayuk |

A complete list is at the tiler's desk in the lobby of the lodge.

Brethren,

Congratulations to Brother Chiang for doing an excellent candidate's lecture in the first degree.

As Master-elect I am looking forward to being installed as Master of Palo Alto-Roller Lodge on December 2, 2006. There are many thank yous to all brothers who have helped, and have encouraged me, as I progressed though the blue line these past nine years. There have been many challenges specifically facing my "stage fright".

The calendar of events for 2007 is marked by social, fraternal and degree activities that are customary to our lodge.

Brethren, it is your active participation, in every stated meeting, social event and in every degree, we have presently eight candidates progressing though the degrees. Needless to say, your presence is what makes Palo Alto-Roller Lodge forever strong and alive.

To the 2007 core of Officers thank you for saying yes and to servicing Palo Alto-Roller.

Worshipful Master Ralph Nikolaus on behalf of Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No. 346 thank you for serving as Master of the lodge and stepping in at a time of need.

Fraternally
Chuck Grech Master-elect 2007

Around the Pillar

Salutations Brethren,

The Annual Family Holiday Party, will be held on Tuesday Dec. 12, 2006 starting at 6:30 PM. Santa Claus will be arriving from the North Pole around 7 PM; there will be gifts for all the children who PRE-REGISTER with Santa's helper Worshipful Elf Kevin Hall (Children of any age as long as they are in high school or younger.) Please call Elf Kevin at 408-314-0818 and leave this information: boy or girl, name, age and contact information (name and phone number), if he is not home at the East Pole, leave a message. Cut off date to pre-register is Dec. 9, 2006, to allow time for shopping. There will be holiday refreshments and we expect Santa Claus to be on time, accorded to Elf Kevin. Santa knows that the kids have to be home early on a school night.

Fraternally, John Myers, Senior Warden

The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

Behold your Master

When, in the installation services, the formula is used, "Brethren, behold your master," the expression is not simply exclamatory, but is intended, as the original use of the word behold implies, to invite the members of the Lodge to fix their attention upon the new relations which have spring up between them and him who has just been elevated to the Oriental Chair, and to impress upon their minds the duties which they owe to him and which he owes to them. In like manner, when the formula is continued, "Master, behold your brethren," the Master's attention is impressively directed to the same change of relations and duties. These are not mere idle words, but convey an important lesson, and should never be omitted in the ceremony of installation.

Fraternally, Raj Naidoo Junior Warden

Greetings Ladies and Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my year as Master a success. The names are too many to mention and I am sure I will forget someone if I tried to name them separately, so I will list the events and try to include those I remember in the events.

This all started in August 2005 when I decided that it was inevitable that I be the Master, either this year or in 2 years. I talked with John Myers and we decided that this year might work out better. Everybody I spoke to about the Installation agreed to help, from the ceremony to the refreshments after. Yvonne Myers agreed to help with the Trestle board, which was one of my biggest fears. There was the Hiram Award for Cal Lessing, which was under John's year and the Christmas Party. There was the Golden Veterans Award for John Lew and the Crab Feed. We hosted the Officers Association Meeting in April. There was the Lodge Picnic in July. There were degrees in July, September, and October. There was the Grand Masters Reception. Raj Naidoo and Rod Creason gathered together a lot of people who helped make the event a success. This included people from other Lodges and other orders; and last was the Hiram Award for Hal Lesser. Thanks are also due to the people who helped keep the daily activities going: The Officers who attended all of the meetings and practices, The ladies from Star, who helped with the dinners, Fred Beckner, who was the Officers Coach and Candidates coach, Alvie Hartzog, who coached Vinicio on his second degree. I know the second degree is a favorite for Alvie. With the help from each of you my year ran very smoothly. I now turn the reigns over to Chuck Grech, who promises to have another exciting year.

Fraternally, Ralph Nikolaus, Master 2006



Dear Sisters and Brothers

This is our last message to you as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. It was been a wonderful year. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve our Chapter. Without all your help, it would have been a tough job. But, as usual, all we had to do was ask, and you were all there to give whatever assistance we needed. Our meeting on November 1 was bittersweet, as it was Farewell. Many of our members were attending the General Grand meeting in Minnesota, so we had several substitutes. Once again, you members came through and all the stations were filled. Thank you. On November 15, we had the installation of the 2007 officers. It was a lovely evening for Lynn Gentry and Richard Wing. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Karen Fletcher, Past Worthy Grand Patron, John Fletcher and several other members of the Grand family were present. Many of Lynn and Richard's associates also attended. Don't forget Cancer Dressing meets at the home of Sister Alta Clark on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:30am. Star Circle will meet at the home of Sister Betty Lee on December 8 at 1:00pm. It is our annual Christmas party. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange. Be sure to attend our December 6th meeting to give Lynn and Richard your support as they guide us through the next year. If you need a ride or assistance to attend any meeting, please give us a call. Star love, Carol Smith and John Lew

Star Circle meets each month; all members are welcome to attend. Cancer Dressing meets on the second Thursday of each month at the home of Alta Clark at 10:30am. If you would like more information on their current projects, please contact either Gwen Lew or Alta Clark.

Order of the Eastern Star Rosters for sale

Small and large sizes
\$3.00 for 1
\$5.00 for 2 (one small and one large only)
Please add \$1.00 for postage if mailing to you

Please contact Marjorie Lessing

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

From Grand Lodge of Manitoba, October 1947

No man has a mind big enough, quick enough, open enough, to absorb and understand in an evening, even the introduction to what Freemasonry knows; not in a month of evenings. No degree, no matter how impressively delivered, can possibly take him far along this road. All that the Entered Apprentice degree can do is to point the way, and give the seeker sustenance by which he may travel. Equally true it is that while men do receive the degrees of Freemasonry at the hands of their brethren, there is no Freemasonry in a man's heart if he is not willing to sacrifice some time, give some effort, some study, ask some questions, digest some philosophy, to make it truly his own. The candidate is designated an Entered Apprentice because we have conferred the initiatory degree, in which he took a central part. No man however, can in reality be "Entered" unless he is willing to enter. In the character of a candidate you were brought into a large place - a universal brotherhood. Henceforth a pathway lies before you, and whether you will travel blindly or not, depends only and wholly upon you. As a newly initiated craftsman you should ask yourself this question, "Have I become a real Freemason, or merely joined the Lodge as another member?" An Entered Apprentice must learn and learn well, if he is to enter into his heritage. That which is worth having is worth working for. Experience in life teaches that what comes without labor turns soon to ashes in the mouth. Without labor there can be no rest; without work there can be no vacation: without sorrow there is no joy. You have crossed the threshold of a very old and very ancient craft. What you do in the future, and how well you learn the lessons taught you as an Entered Apprentice, will be the yardstick by which your craftsmanship is measured. In your Lodge you will find faithful brethren ready and willing to help you, on your journey.

DECEMBER 2006

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 | | Officer Association Meeting DARK | George Washington Club DARK | Mountain View/De Anza Installation 2 pm Dec 02 | | |

