



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

Trestle-Board for January 2007

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p>Tony Lin Prescott A. Thompson PM John Arthur Henderson Burl D. Kitchen Rod Creason Jr Lucian Radu-Rabulescu Don E. Groshart Samuel A. Bishop William E. Ellison PM Nickolas E. Zesses Charles W. Nicolai Sr PM J. Robert Clarkson Carl L. Herington Phillip Smith PM Tony Horrillo</p> <p>"Brethren! The Worshipful Master invites you to join us at our January 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>02: Stated Meeting/Dinner 6 pm 03 Order of the Eastern Star 8 pm Happy New Year 05: 2nd degree 7:30 pm 09: Practice 1st degree 7:30 pm 16: 1st degrees for 2 candidates 7:30 17: Order of the Eastern Star 8 pm Candlelight 22: George Washington Club 11:30 am 23: 1st degrees for 2 candidates 7:30 25: Officer Association Meeting Liberty No. 299 Dinner 6:30 pm 30: Officer planning meeting at 6:00 pm then 3rd degree 2nd section Practice at 7:30 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 2nd Goodie Table: 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Dinner will be stew in bread bowls Our host is Richard Wing Price: \$ 8.00 We will also have a Guest Speaker</p> <p>Mark your calendars and please plan to join us on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, it is our annual Crab Feed. The Price is \$15.00 with a reservation, \$25.00 without and \$5.00 for children 12 years old and under. This is an all you can eat event, it is not an all you can pick out of the shells to take home event. If you want crab to take home there will be enough left-over to purchase. For those who do not want crab there will be chicken. When calling for reservations please indicate how many for crab or chicken. This is one of our most popular events so get those reservations in early.</p>

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

Jan 25th (Thursday) Liberty No. 299 Stewards & Deacons' Rod Work Reception of flag & Grand Officer
 Feb 26th (Monday) San Jose No 10
 March 19th (Monday) Golden Rule No. 479
 April 24th (Tuesday) Palo Alto-Roller No. 346
 May 23rd (Wednesday) Willow Glenn No. 399
 June 28th (Thursday) Mt. Moriah No. 292
 July **DARK**
 August 23rd (Thursday) Friendship No. 210
 September 24th (Monday) San Jose No. 10
 September 28-30th (Friday-Saturday) Grand Lodge
 October 6th (Saturday) Grand Master' Reception
 October 22nd (Monday) Los Altos No. 712
 Nov. 27th (Thursday) Mt. View/ De Anza No. 194
 December **DARK**

Officers for 2007

<i>Chuck Grech</i>	<i>Master</i>
<i>John Myers PM</i>	<i>Senior Warden</i>
<i>Raj Naidoo</i>	<i>Junior Warden</i>
<i>Richard Wing PM</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Phil Smith PM</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>John Lew PM</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>
<i>Don Groshart</i>	<i>Senior Deacon</i>
<i>Rod Creason</i>	<i>Junior Deacon</i>
<i>Prescott Thompson PM</i>	<i>Marshal</i>
<i>Gerald Colombi</i>	<i>Senior Steward</i>
<i>Junior Steward to be announced</i>	
<i>Luis Orozco PM</i>	<i>Organist</i>
<i>Bernie Bayuk</i>	<i>Tiler</i>
<i>Randy Downey</i>	<i>Inspector of the 170th Masonic District</i>
<i>Fred Beckner PM</i>	<i>Head Officers and Candidate's Coach</i>

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Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Brethren,

Thank you to all the brethren for having accorded me the trust and confidence to carry on as this year's Master of Palo Alto-Roller Lodge. My profound gratitude also goes out to all of you who assisted with and attended the 2007 installation of officers. Each of you made this a very meaningful and memorable occasion, which I will treasure for as long as I shall live. As you know, this is my first time in the Oriental Chair, and it is indeed an honor and privilege to serve you.

And let us not forget to put this holiday season in its true light. May we Freemasons enter the New Year with a firmer resolve to work at the completion of the temple of "Brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of Supreme Grand Master of the Universe."

After all, we exist not for ourselves but for one another.

Once again, thank you all. The heart never forgets.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Charles S. Grech
Worshipful Master

Around the Pillar

Salutations Brethren,

The Stated Meeting Dinner, Dec 05, was well-attended, good food, good company. Our dinners would not go as smoothly as they do without the Star ladies who take such good care of us, thank you to each and every one.

Santa made a visit to the lodge for our Annual Holiday Party. To see the children's faces as Santa came into the banquet room sure warmed the heart. We had presents, and goodies even a chocolate fountain, which the children of all ages certainly enjoyed.

January is a busy month with 5 degrees.

05: Eddie Chang will be receiving his 2nd degree

16: There will be two 1st degrees

23: There will be two 1st degrees

Side-liners are always welcome and very appreciated. Please come and show your support.

We will have a Guest Speaker at the Stated meeting Dinner so please plan to join us.

Officer planning meeting for January will be on the **30th** this is a change for us. This year our planning meetings will be on Tuesday one week before our Stated Meetings. I will post the Officer Planning Meeting Schedule in the next Trestle-board and each month make note of the date here in my column. The meetings will be held at 6:00 pm and then we will have what ever is planned for at 7:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend all planning meetings.

For those die-hard football fans, or for those who just like to be with friends **Sunday, February 4, 2007** there will be a Super Bowl pot-luck Party at Los Altos Lodge #712. Bring a dish and enjoy.

Fraternally, John Myers, Senior Warden

The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

Lily

The plant so frequently mentioned in the Old Testament under the name of lily, as an emblem of purity and peace, was the lotus lily of Egypt and India. It occupied a conspicuous place among the ornaments of the Temple Furniture. The brim of the molten sea was wrought with flowers of the lotus; the tops of the pillars at the porch were adorned with the same plant. The lily's three leaves, in the arms of France meant Piety, Justice and Charity. We must not, however, forget the difference between the lotus of the Old Testament and the lily of the New. The former is a Masonic plant; the latter is scarcely referred to. Nevertheless, through the ignorance of the early translators as to sacred plants, the lotus is constantly used for the lily; and hence the same error has crept into the Masonic rituals.

Fraternally, Rai Naidoo Junior Warden

GEOMETRY

In the Modern rituals, geometry is said to be the basis on which the super-structure of Masonry is erected; and in the Old Constitutions of the Medieval Freemasons of England the most prominent place of all the sciences is given to geometry, which is made synonymous with Masonry. Thus, in the Regius MS., which dates not later than the latter part of the fourteenth century, the Constitutions of Masonry are called "the Constitutions of the art of geometry according to Euclid," the words geometry and Masonry being used indifferently throughout the document.

Speculative Masonry is, in the manner, intimately connected with geometry. In deference to our operative ancestors and, in fact, as a necessary result of our close connection with them, Speculative Freemasonry derives its most important symbols from this parent science. Hence it is not strange that Euclid, the most famous of geometers, should be spoken of in all the Old Records as a founder of Masonry in Egypt, and that a special legend should have been invented in honor of his memory.



Dear Sisters and Brothers

Your new team is off and running. We had a really good first meeting on the first Wednesday in December and then the Christmas Party on the third Wednesday. It doesn't get much better than that.

We will celebrate the New Year at our first meeting in January and then at the second meeting in January we will have our Candlelight Ceremony. This is always a very special meeting when we renew our obligation and honor our sisters who have passed on.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year at our first meeting in February. We always have a Chinese dinner on this evening. If you plan to attend, reservations are necessary. Please call Gwen or John Lew at (408) 732-3153 and let them know that you will attend.

Cancer Dressing will be meeting at the lodge, in the upstairs lounge until further notice.

To add a little adventure to the meetings, occasionally we plan to offer some little gifts. At our first meeting, we held a drawing for four poinsettia plants. They were lovely decorations at the Masonic Center and then they went home to add a holiday touch to four of our members' homes. That is a neat exchange.

If you need a ride to our meetings, please give us a call and we will make arrangements for you to attend.

Star love,
Lynn and Richard

Star Circle meets 4th Friday of each month; Marjorie Lessing PM is President.

Cancer Dressing meets on the second Thursday of each month at the lodge until further notice at 10:30am. If you would like more information on their current projects, please contact either Gwen Lew or Alta Clark.



In memory of our brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above.

Charles W. Nicolai Sr PM
Raised: Feb. 10, 1970
Called From Labor: Dec. 09, 2006

Empty Chairs in the Lodge

To often there are more empty chairs than filled ones in lodge rooms. At times this is true even of the officer chairs. Many things contribute to the "Empty Chairs" in our Lodges. Pressing business in this modern day and time causes Brethren to want to stay at home and relax at the end of their day in the business world. Many are prevented by health, distance and other obligations from being in attendance. Some are just, shall we say, lazy. Some, we feel, never learned the lessons of seeking more light in Masonry when they receive their degrees. Perhaps this is due to the manner in which the degree was conferred. Others have become disinterested for various reasons. Attendance at meetings of Lodges can be increased in many ways. Often we hear the expression that "They don't do anything; just the same old open and close and pay the bills." Doesn't this give your Lodge officers an idea? One of the best ways to encourage enthusiasm is through the example set by officers of a Lodge; not only in their prompt attendance, but by good (creditable) performance in their stations and places. The officers should also know their duties and work in the degrees, performing their functions in a dignified and impressive manner so that the beautiful lessons of our beloved Fraternity are fully exemplified and taught to the candidates. Many Brethren sitting on the sidelines have never heard the complete sections of the degrees given. If degree work is not scheduled, plan your meeting so that there is something of interest for everyone. A short talk something informative and interesting to many of the members, especially new Brethren. We can fill those empty chairs if we try.

January 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Stated Meeting/Dinner 6:00 pm	3 Order of the Eastern Star 8:00 pm	4	5 2nd Degree conferred on Eddie Chang	6 Liberty No 299 Installation 4pm
7	8	9 Practice for 1 st degree 7:30 pm	10	11	12	13
14 Los Altos No 712 Installation 3:00 pm	15 Golden Rule No 479 Installation 7:30 pm	16 1 st Degree for 2 candidates 7:30 pm	17 Order of the Eastern Star 8:00 pm	18	19	20
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