



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

## Trestle-Board for June 2006

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Happy Birthday Brethren !	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
 <p>John W. Young III Louis Strauss Volney W. Barchard John R. Primm Robert E. Dannenberg Philp C. Gustafson Richard T. Moge Nicholas H. Peters John A. Myers Jr. P.M. Roy J. Millender Jr. Edward L. Walls P.M. Robert H. Eng John G. Lew P.M. Gary C. Yount P.M. Michael Stewart Mitch Halpern P.M. Beverly L. Davis Jr.</p>	<p><b>Read your trestle-board- You'll miss something if you don't.</b></p> <p><b>05: Order of the Eastern Star 8:00 pm Men's Night</b> <b>08: Officer Planning Meeting 10:00 am</b> <b>11: Stated meeting at 7:30 pm</b> <b>18: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</b> <b>19: Order of the Eastern Star DARK</b> <b>22: Officer Planning Meeting 10:00 am</b> <b>25: 1<sup>st</sup> Degree begins at 7:30 pm</b> 29: Annual Family Picnic at Noon <b>George Washington Club DARK</b> <b>Officer Association Meeting DARK</b></p> <hr/> <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> <i>Calendars can be found at the Tiler's desk and they are also in PDF form on the Web site at the Events page.</i> <b>2006 Officer List is at the Tiler's desk.</b></p>	 <p>7:30 on the 11th No dinner is scheduled; Refreshments will be served after the Stated Meeting.</p> <p>Please call for Reservations Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</p> <hr/> <p><b>Family Picnic</b> <b>The Picnic will be held at Mitchell Park at the Pine Grove Site. There is plenty of parking by the Tennis Courts.</b> <b>Date: July 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Time: High Noon</b> <b>Adults: \$10</b> <b>Children: \$5.00</b> <b>There will be plenty of food and fun. Please plan to join us.</b></p>

### The Globes on the Columns

These are the celestial globe and the terrestrial globe, and are symbols of universality. The shape of the globes let us know that this is a modern addition to Masonic Ritual-Because our forebearers thought the earth was flat and the heavens a sphere revolving around it.

### Palo Alto-Roller Lodge Recycles

We now have a city recycle bin. Please put all aluminum cans, plastic bottles in the box by the back door.

### Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Greetings Brethren,

On June 8th I attended the awards ceremony for Palo Alto High School. Ben Beitler was the student selected by the Staff at Palo Alto High School to receive our lodge's scholarship. Ben was an excellent choice. As I waited for the ceremony to begin it was obvious Ben was well liked by his fellow students, which demonstrates the he has good citizenship skills. During the ceremony Ben received 2 National Awards and another award for music, which shows he also has the desired academic achievements for these awards.

Congratulations to the officers, who have been working hard on their Second Degree work for advanced stations. We had the checkout on June 27 and everything went well.

On June 14th I attended a first degree at San Leandro Lodge #113. One of my neighbors is the Junior Deacon in this lodge. The work was done well. I especially enjoyed the lecture given by the Master. I wish I could put as much feeling into the lecture as he did. I invited the Brethren from San Leandro Lodge and the candidate to attend our 1st degree on July 25. I hope we can have a respectable turn out to greet these visiting brethren.

July is a busy month; Holiday, Stated Meeting, Baseball, Degree and BBQ. I hope everybody has a safe and sane 4th of July Holiday. The Stated Meeting will be on the following Tuesday, with Chuck Grech in the East. On July 15 I am going to see the San Jose Giants play the Stockton Ports with the San Jose Scottish Rite. Tickets are \$19 and include admission to the game with Turkey Mike's BBQ. 1st Degree on July 25 and Lodge Annual Picnic on July 29. I hope to see you at some of these events.

Fraternally,  
Ralph H.Nikolaus, Master 06

# Palo Alto Roller Lodge No. 348 F. & A. M.

## Trustee-Board for June 2006

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### Around the Pillar

Brethren,

Ladies night was very successful. Each lady received a long stem red rose and box of chocolate truffles. During dinner and during the presentation in the lodge room,

Kathleen Nelson played the piano; it made for a very pleasant evening and thank you ladies for your support.

Just around the corner is the lodge annual family picnic.

Mark your calendar; it is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, the last Saturday of the month, at Mitchell Park. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Officer Association Meetings are set up as schools of instructions for Lodge Officers requiring their attendance; all master Masons are welcome to attend.

Brethren, I wish you and your families a safe and an enjoyable summer.

Fraternally

Chuck Grech, Senior Warden

**Officer Association Meeting will be Dark**

Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!

Benjamin Franklin

### Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 Order of the Eastern Star



Dear Sisters and Brothers

Our meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> was Guest Officer's Night. We had a great time with our Guest Officers from other Chapters. This is always very special.

The meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> was also special. We celebrated Awards night and honored three very deserving sisters with the Service Award. The Honorees are Sisters Alta Clark, Judy Chamberlain and Lynda Wing. A delicious Chinese dinner was served prior to the anteroom meeting with the award ceremony following in the Blue Room. Our July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Men's Night. We're sure Brother Richard Wing has some fun ideas for this evening. Come and join us.

We will be dark after the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and will resume our regular schedule on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Have a good summer and plan to join us in August. Remember to save the date of October 7<sup>th</sup> for our Chapter trip. We will be going to the graduation ceremony at the Guide Dogs for the Blind school in San Rafael. We will have more details, as the date gets closer. Ask your friends, as this trip is not limited to OES members.

If any member would like to attend a Chapter meeting and you need a ride, please call either John or Carol and arrangements will be made for you to be picked up.

**Star love, Carol and John**

We're on the web at:  
[www.paloaltolodge.com](http://www.paloaltolodge.com)

### The Corinthian Column

Salutations Brethren,

William McCutchen

The third of the "big three" of the Donner Party was William McCutchen, Born in Nashville, Tennessee, about 1816. He and his family joined the great overland migration of 1846 to California and were identified not only with the Reeds and Donners who crossed the Salt Desert, but also with the Gordons and others who took the longer way around by Fort Hall.

McCutchen has been described as a huge man with a powerful voice and stubborn disposition. If he had anything to say, he said it. There was no mistaking where he stood on any subject. When his party was struggling through the deserts of Nevada, just before reaching the Sierra Nevada, he and another man pushed on to Sutter's Fort in search of relief. He was taken sick there, but just as soon as he had recovered sufficiently to be up and about, he returned to the mountains, fighting his way through gigantic snowdrifts with relief for his stranded party. He was accompanied on the trip by his good friend James Frazier Reed.

As it was, McCutchen lost his daughter Harriet, but his wife survived. On reaching the valleys of California, McCutchen settled in San Jose, where, in after years, he had other children, one of whom became a prominent San Francisco attorney. His first wife died in 1857, and he remarried in 1860. In 1853, he served as Sheriff of Santa Clara County, but toward the end of his days devoted his energies to hotel keeping and farming. He died April 17, 1905, aged 79.

McCutchen's Masonic career was only a fragment. He received his entered apprentice degree in San Jose Lodge No. 10, in 1854, and appears in the records as a Fellowcraft the following year. And there he stayed till he was dropped from the roll in 1861. Why he went no further is unknown. Perhaps being a Southerner, he became involved in some of the heated pre-Civil War controversies that were about that time splitting lodges and churches wide open.

At any rate, he was the last of the "big three" of the Donner Party to sever his connection with San Jose Lodge, and unlike Reed and Eddy, it is certain that he had no Lodge to which he could return.

Fraternally John Myers, Junior Warden

From One Hundred Years of Freemasonry in California.