



# 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><b>Fred Beckner P.M.</b>            Robert A. Borders            Robert S. Langford            Richard P. Giffin PM            John Mapes            Fredric A. Streib            William J. Rieder            Henry B. Payne            Samuel Alkin            Kenneth F. Moylan            George Leylegian            Donald G. Wickert            Raleigh E. Rhodes            Robert E. Hauger            Ronald Dethlefsen</p>	<p><b>Read your trestle-board-            You'll miss something if you don't.</b></p> <p>03: Officer Planning Meeting 10:00 am            07: Order of the Eastern Star                Guest Officers 8:00 pm            13: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm            20: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm            21: Order of the Eastern Star                Appreciation Night 8:00 pm            22: Officer Association Meeting                Moriah No. 292 6:30 pm dinner            26: George Washington Club 11:30 am            27: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Notify the Secretary promptly of any change of address.</b>  <b>Report cases of Sickness and Distress to the Lodge, or the Master.</b>  <b>Calendars can be found at the Tiler's desk and they are also in PDF form on the Web site at the Events page.</b>  <b>2006 Officer List is at the Tiler's desk.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Annual Family picnic will be held at Mitchell Park, Pine Grove, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Please plan to join us.</p>	 <p>7:30 pm on the 6th            Goodie Table begins at 6:00 pm            Dinner begins at 6:30 pm            Star Circle reports dinner will be:                Make your own Sandwich                Dessert                Cost is \$8.00 per person                Please call for Reservations                Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</p> <hr/> <p><b>PILLARS IN THE PORCH</b>            There are two pillars, placed before the entrance of King Solomon's Temple, which are symbolically represented within every Lodge of Fellow Craft Masonry. These pillars are symbols of strength and establishment and by implication, power and control. One must remember that power and control are placed before you, so you might realize that power without control is anarchy, or that control without power is futility. Man must have both, if his life is to be successful.</p>
<p>All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honor; duty; mercy; hope.            Winston Churchill</p>		

### Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Greetings Brethren:

Some of you have commented to me about a supposed error on the Trestle board Header. I assure you that it was not an error; it is just a little flavor of another Lodge's Trestle board. When I was in High School the Trestle board from my Dad's Lodge arrived with the same format, the Header was reversed on the backside of the page. The reason for this was the reproduction method for the Trestle board. When I was in High School the Trestle board was done on a blueprint machine. The Lodge Secretary at the time had access to a blueprint machine and there was no cost for reproduction. The Trestle board is no longer being done on a blueprint machine but they have retained the same format for all of these years.

On Saturday, July 15, I am going out to the Ball Game with San Jose Scottish Rite. If anybody is interested in going please contact me. I need to make ticket purchases by July 7. We will be watching the San Jose Giants play the Stockton Ports.

Fraternally,  
 Ralph Nikolaus, Master 2006

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

## Trustee-Board for June 2006

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### Around the Pillar

Brethren,

Summer is upon us, where has the first six months gone. The officer's have been very busy becoming proficient in their advance station degree work and have been checked out for the First Degree and at labor becoming proficient for the Second Degree. All too often we point a finger at another. It is a human failing that leads us to do that, but a failing that we can and must overcome. We must look at ourselves and honestly consider that we are human and capable of not always performing at the level of another. The important thing is to perform at the best of your honest ability.

Fraternally  
Chuck Grech, Senior Warden

Officer Association Meeting will be on Thurs. the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Mt. Moriah No. 292. School of Instruction is 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Station.

Officers your attendance is required, any member is welcome.

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our first meeting in May was also a different kind of a first for Palo Alto Chapter. We conferred the Floral Degree on a Mother and Daughter – Marjorie Lessing and Lynda Wing. Since both members had been honored with the degree during their previous service as Worthy Matron, an abbreviated version was presented. The ceremony was just as beautiful, just shorter.

Our second meeting in May was Memorial with Sister Marjorie Lessing as Hostess. It is always good to remember our sisters and brothers who are no longer with us.

Our Guest Officers' Night will be our first meeting in June. Come on out and cheer our "Guests" on. It is wonderful to see friends from other chapters. This is always a special night.

We will celebrate Awards Night at our second meeting in June. The names have not been announced, so it will be special to come out and support these very giving members. Save the date of October 7. Our Worthy Matron has planned a Chapter Trip. We would love to have a good turnout. The details have not been finalized, so we are unable to say too much. However, the date is firm. Please put it on your calendar and plan on joining us. Once again, let us remind you that if you want to attend a meeting, but need a ride, please call either the Worthy Matron or the Worthy Patron to arrange 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,

#### The Winding Stairs

A symbol in the Fellow Craft degree is the flight of the winding stairs to the Middle Chamber. In modern Freemasonry, the Middle Chamber is the symbolic place of reward. This was thought of as the place where the Fellow Craft met to receive wages for their labors on the Temple of Solomon. During its construction, they assembled on the evening of the sixth day of the week. Those who were entitled to the wages of a Fellow Craft were invested with certain mysterious signs, tokens, and a word, which enabled them to pass the inner and outer guards and to enter the Middle Chamber. If they did not have the proper identification, they did not get into the Middle Chamber or receive their wages.

There is symbolism in the fact that the stairs wind; a straight stairway hides neither mystery nor secret. However, the winding stairs obscures from view that which is around the corner. To climb the winding stairs then implies we must exercise courage, determination and above all else – faith.

Browning wrote: A man's reach must exceed his grasp; else what's a heaven for?

The winding stairs ties and disciplines a man's soul. He must believe otherwise no summit will ever be scaled. He must climb in faith that there is a summit, and that upward climb is undertaken in sincerity, he eventually will reach the coveted goal.

The Fellow Craft degree is one of action- climbing and rising on the rungs of knowledge to the arts and the sciences. The degree is emblematic of the struggle of life not only materially but spiritually as well. This adventurous climb is not intended for the drone of the laggard, but rather for the fighter and the adventurer and the man of a stout heart. Many may pass through this Degree and see only a beautiful ceremony – something that attracts our attention but may not supply any lasting truth. The thoughtful Mason sees in the winding stairs an invitation to climb into great realities; it is an incentive to know more of the sublime mysteries and a spur to reach the Middle Chamber.

Fraternally,  
John Myers Junior Warden

### Stanley E. Hurst

At 9:00 pm, Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stanley Hurst, our Tiler, passed to the celestial Lodge in the Sky. He was found sitting peacefully in his chair with his hands folded across his lap. God bless our Brother and may he find eternal happiness. He has asked for a Masonic funeral.