



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

## Trestle-Board for May 2007

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### Happy Birthday Brethren!

*From the Secretaries Desk:*

- Harold W. Weeks
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- Kelley Ransey
- Eddy Chiang
- Kenneth S. Myers, PM

**"Brethren! The Worshipful Master invites you to join us at our Stated Meeting for your Complimentary birthday dinner!"**

### Lodge Activities

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

- 01: Stated Meeting/Dinner 6:30
- 02: Order of the Eastern Star Floral Degree 8:00
- 08: 3rd Degree conferral 7:30 pm
- 14: Temple Board Meeting 7:30
- 15: Practice 1st Degree- Advanced Stations 7:30
- 16: Order of the Eastern Star Honor Members 8:00
- 22: Practice 1st Degree- Advanced Stations 7:30
- 23: (Wednesday) Officer Association Meeting Willow Glenn # 399 6:30
- 28: George Washington Club 11:30
- 29: Officer Planning Meeting 6:30
- 29: 1st Degree Conferral Advanced Stations 7:30

*Notify the Secretary promptly of any change of address.  
 Report cases of Sickness and Distress to the Lodge, or the Master.*

### Stated Meeting

Assemble and Feast  
**7:30 pm on the 1st**

**Goodie Table: 6:00 pm  
 Dinner 6:30 pm  
 Dinner will be an Indian theme  
 Our host is: Raj Naidoo  
 Price: \$ 8.00**

**We have a new set-up for reservations. A list will be available at the door, for you to sign up as an Automatic. Which means if you are on the Automatic list you will not have to call each month for reservations. Your name will appear on the list. If you do not attend a dinner you are to notify the lodge. Phone in to rescind your reservation. If you do not rescind your reservation the lodge; at its option, may ask you to pay for the reservation.**

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

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Wed) Willow Glenn Fraternity No 399  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree First Section, Short Form Closing & Calling Down**
- June 28<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Mt. Moriah No. 292  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Second Section**
- July DARK**
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Friendship No. 210  
 Investigations/Objections & Funeral Service**
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> San Jose No. 10  
 Grand Lodge Preview & Masonic Information Nights**
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> GRAND LODGE**
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Grand Master's Reception**
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Los Altos 712 Grand Lodge Results & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Candidate's Proficiency**
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Mt. View/DeAnza No. 194 Swan Song/Installations & Protocol**
- December DARK**

### Officer Planning Meetings for 2007

All members may attend Planning Meetings.

- May 29<sup>th</sup>**
- June 26<sup>th</sup>**
- July 31<sup>st</sup>**
- August 28<sup>th</sup>**
- September 28<sup>th</sup>**
- October 30<sup>th</sup>**
- November 27<sup>th</sup>**
- December 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but, like the seafaring man, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you will reach your destiny.

-Carl Schurz

## Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Brethren,

Here we are in May; I am amazed at how fast this year is going as Master of Palo Alto-Roller.

To the officers; starting in May, we will begin advance stations practice in the first degree and progress to the second-degree advance stations. Congratulations are in order for Brother d'Jesus Perez, who was conferred to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 17, 2007. Thank you, to the Officers of Palo Alto-Roller Lodge for their dedication, preparing and doing an Excellent 3rd Degree. Thank you, to Brother Melvin Manchester, P.M. and Brother Tony Horrillo, from Mountain View De Anza Lodge, No.194, whom both participated in the conferral of Brother d'Jesus Perez

May 8th has been scheduled to confer brother Chiang to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Please plan to be present. On May 29th we have scheduled a candidate for the first degree. Palo Alto-Roller Lodge hosted Santa Clara Valley Masonic Officers Association School of Instructions. The school of instructions was the Second Degree, which was demonstrated by the Palo alto-Roller Lodge Officers. Dinner was prepared by Chef Worshipful Master Bill Malmstrom and assisted by the Palo Alto Star Circle Ladies. Thank you, to Chef Bill and the Star Ladies for an excellent dinner. The annual event of honoring our Masonic widows and ladies who have supported the Masons of Palo Alto-Roller Lodge is being plan for June. The Lodge is planning a Sunday brunch. Fraternaly, Charles S. Grech, Worshipful Master

### Around the Pillar

Salutations Brethren,

**Our May Stated Meeting Dinner will surely be a fine on, Raj, our Junior Warden will be hosting. Until the automatic list is stated please call in for reservations.**

**The May Officer Association Meeting will be at Willow Glenn No. 399. We will carpool, meeting in front of the Palo Alto-Roller Lodge around 5:30, please remember all officers must attend and all members are welcome.**

**Brothers Gillespie, Kodweis and I attended the Los Altos Lodge for a 1<sup>st</sup> degree. I would up being part of the degree team; which is always a pleasure. We had a good time and to see the degree as a sidelinar adds to your experience.**

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> degree check out on April 10<sup>th</sup> went well and the following week we conferred a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, on Brother Vinicio d' Jesus Perez. It is great to see new members.**

***The Annual Family Picnic will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> at Mitchell Park.***

**Fraternaly, John Myers, Senior Warden**

**God hides some ideal in every human soul. At some time in our life we feel a trembling, fearful longing to do some good thing. Life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this hidden impulse to do our best. -Robert Collyer**

### The Corinthian Column

Brethren,

**LODGE WILLEM van ORANJE, No. 3976 (E.C.)  
- A BRITISH P.O.W. LODGE**

Prisoners' Lodges were not uncommon in the era of the Napoleonic wars, and some of our old Scottish Lodges treasure interesting records and relics of these. But none attained the status of No.3976 (E.C.). Although naval, military and civilian brethren formed the lodge, it is mainly a military one, men interned in Holland under The Hague Convention of 1917, and who had been prisoners of war in Germany. It was consecrated on 6th July 1918 at The Hague as No.118 of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, and the name, Willem van Oranje, was chosen in memory of the Dutch Prince and Freemason who became King of England in 1689, and "in recognition of the hospitality afforded to British Freemasons by their Dutch brethren, without whose fraternal co-operation and sympathetic help, the Lodge could not have existed." A condition was that only British naval, military and civilian prisoners of war, released from belligerent countries for internment in Holland, should be admitted to membership of the Lodge, either as initiates or affiliates. The Founding Members numbered forty-one and these were drawn from the English, Irish, Scottish and Canadian Constitutions, and represented all ranks and branches of the Services.

The consecration ceremony was carried out by the Grand Master of the Netherlands and his Grand Officers in the Masonic Temple at The Hague, which, with its furniture and fittings, was placed at the disposal of the Lodge. During the brief period of active work in Holland eighteen affiliates and twenty initiates were added to the roll of members. These included officers and non-commissioned officers of British, Indian, Canadian and Australian units. The original laws of the Lodge were, like the Lodge itself, unique. The fundamental regulation was that only British prisoners of war were eligible for admission.

W. Brother Commander Fred Henderson, R.N., a Past Grand Deacon of England, translated the Dutch Constitution and Laws into English and placed this at the disposal of the new Lodge for its guidance. While in Holland the initiation fee was 60 francs, or 5 guineas, and the affiliation fee 10 francs, with a monthly subscription of one franc for all. Failing a satisfactory explanation, arrears of over one month resulted in expulsion.

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

This year is just flying by. At our first meeting in April we celebrated Back to School night with Sister Judy Chamberlain hostess for the evening. She prepared a test for us that she took from her fourth grade tutoring class – and it was tough. Many of us were not smarter than a 4th grader, but it was fun. She also provided school lunches in brown bags for refreshments. It was a delightful evening. Thank you Sister Judy. On April 18th we celebrated Guest Officer Night and it was another successful evening. It is wonderful to see the Hawaiian dresses. They are colorful and cheery. We will be celebrating our Floral Degree at our May 2 meeting. This year we will honor Sisters Carol Smith and Donna Josue. This is always a very special evening and we urge everyone to try to attend. Our director is Sister Fran Groat and Sisters Lorraine Herrick and Ramona Burnett chair our Dining Room Committee. At our meeting on May 16 we will honor Sister Margaret Vesey with the Service Award and Sister Ann Horillo with the Rob Morris Award. These Sisters richly deserve these awards and it will be a pleasure to witness the presentation. This is one evening you won't want to miss.

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. Brother Richard has all the information regarding hotels, maps, etc. Give him a call if you plan to attend. 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**

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Appended this declaration: "The holder of this document declares it to be his wish that after his death it shall, if possible, be returned to the Lodge which issued it, and forbids any other use to be made of it."

Members fortunate enough to be permanently leaving Holland were to be placed on an "absent members roll" at half dues, payable twelve months in advance. Each member of the Lodge not in office was to perform the duties of Tyler in turn. The Lodge was to meet monthly, and there was in addition a monthly Lodge of Instruction. The regular meetings were open by courtesy to members of the three local Lodges at The Hague and of that at Groningen. These by-laws were confirmed by the Grand Directorate at The Hague and read in open Lodge at least once in every three months. In all respects the members were to conform to the laws of the Grand Orient, and it may be of interest to note that to each certificate of that jurisdiction there is after the general repatriation of prisoners of war in November 1918, on the cessation of hostilities, steps were taken by the members to continue the existence of the Lodge by a transfer to the English Constitution. The Grand Lodges concerned placed no obstacle in the way and a specially worded warrant of transfer was eventually granted on 7th April 1919 by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Grand Master of England. On The 14th of July Brother Lord Amptill, the Pro Grand Master, at Freemasons' Hall, London, assisted by Grand Lodge Officers, carried out the dedication of the Lodge as No.3976 on the English roll. Several alterations were made in the regulations as a result of this transfer. The initiation fee was raised to ten guineas and the annual subscription to twenty-five shillings. The original restriction of membership would naturally result in the cessation of the Lodge by the efflux of time, but now membership has turned for ex-prisoners of war "and their direct descendants in the male line".

**Fraternally, Rai Naidoo Junior Warden**

**May 2007**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 pm	2 Order of the Eastern Star Floral Degree 8:00 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree conferral 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm	15 Practice 1st Degree- Advanced Stations 7:30 pm	16 Order of the Easter Star Honor Members 8:00 pm	17	18	19
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27	28 George Washington Club 11:30 am	29 Officer Planning Meeting then 1st Degree Conferral Advanced Stations 7:30 pm	30	31		