

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

Trestle-Board for November 2006

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p>Earl W. Salmon William Nelson PM James M. Barbera Benjamin Young Calvin G. Lessing PM Hugh D. Pless III Charles Frank JR PM John D. Mitchell William R. Towne Thomas F. Damon Stephen A. Roller Roger S C Eng Eddie Raymond Rose</p> <hr/> <p>The Great Dickens Christmas Fair</p> <p>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 age 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.</p>	<p>Read your trestle-board- You'll miss something if you don't.</p> <p><i>01: Order of the Eastern Star Farewell 8:00 pm</i> <i>04: Officer Planning Meeting 10:00 am</i> <i>07: Stated Meeting/ Dinner 6:00 pm</i> <i>14: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</i> <i>15: Installation for Order of the Easter Star</i> <i>21: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</i> <i>21: Officer Association Mt. View De Anza 194 Swan Song/Installations & Protocol</i> <i>27: George Washington Club 11:30 am</i> <i>28: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</i></p> <hr/> <p>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.</p>	<p>7:30 pm on 07 Assemble and Feast</p> <p>Goodie Table: 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Dinner will be Tri-tip A Hiram Award will be presented to Harold Lesser, PM Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</p> <hr/> <p>PALO ALTO-ROLLER LODGE No. 346, PROUDLY ANNOUNCES OUR 105TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS</p> <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006 TIME: 6:00 pm PLACE: Palo Alto Masonic Center Social Hour at five o'clock Reception following the ceremonies</p>

THE FINAL ACT BY A MASON IN THE CIVIL WAR

It was an April morning three days after General Robert E. Lee had surrendered to General U.S. Grant. The Southern troops, led by General John B. Gordon, a Mason, were marching in columns towards the Northern troops who were standing in formation waiting for the Southerners to stack arms and fold their flags. Suddenly a shifting of arms was heard. Gordon looked up with alarm, but there was nothing to fear. General Joshua Chamberlain had ordered his troops to assume the position of "honor answering honor." Immediately, the Confederate troops snapped to attention and returned the honor. It was the first act to heal the wounds of a nation that had spent four years and 618,000 lives in a civil war. That command of "honor answering honor" was ordered by a Mason. Major General Joshua Chamberlain was a member of United Lodge #8, Brunswick, Maine. After the war, he became Governor of Maine from 1866-71 and President of Bowdoin College from 1871-83. (He is also featured in the movie "Gettysburg" for his role in holding little Round Top.)

Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Greetings Brethren,

The Grand Masters Reception was well attended and our lodge was well represented. The event was a friendly and fun affair. There were people standing around talking, even after all of the chairs and tables were cleaned up. Raj Naidoo and Rod Creason the committee chair-people had a vision of what the event should be like and I think they were successful in realizing their dream, thanks to them and everyone who helped make the night a success.

Thanks to the Amaranth Court of Palo Alto, the White Shrine and Miramonte Chapter OES. Thanks to the Rainbow Assemblies of San Jose and Redwood City. Don Groshart's daughter Stacy is a member of Redwood City Rainbow. Thanks to Barbara Noland, who helped Raj and Rod with the Scottish Rite facility. Thanks to the Scottish Rite Foundation, who provided the facility at no cost. Thanks to our Entered Apprentices, Eddy Chang and Venicio D'Jesus-Perez, who were present and helped with the set-up for the dinner.

Thanks to all of the Santa Clara Valley Officers Association Members, who helped with the clean up. The entire dining room and kitchen was cleaned up in less than an hour.

Congratulations to our newly passed brother, Venicio D'Jesus-Perez, who received his second degree on Oct. 17. This was the first opportunity for the officers to work in advanced stations and do a second degree. An excellent carpet lecture was given by Don Groshart, and an excellent lecture was given by John Myers.

Fraternally, Ralph Nikolaus Master 2006

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Around the Pillar

Brethren,

Congratulations and welcome to our new brothers, Brother Chiang and Brother Godbole.

Who received their first degree on September nineteen. Congratulations to the officers, for an excellent job with their initiatory work. At the stated meeting of October third, we had five prospective candidates attend the pre-meeting dinner, with one petitioning the lodge to become a mason and his petition was read that same evening. A note to our prospective members and candidates, we have been blessed with an unusually high interest in our fraternity of late. We have been conferring more degrees than usual. You are welcome to any event mentioned in the Trestleboard except the stated meeting or the conferrals of a degree higher than you have received. But you can come to dinner, any pre-meeting program and family social functions. Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No. 346 106TH Installation of Officers is scheduled for Saturday December 2, 2006 at six o'clock in the evening

Fraternally
Chuck Grech, Senior Warden

Officer Association Meeting will be on Nov 21st (Tues), at Mt. View De Anza No. 194. The School of Instruction begins at 7:30 pm and will be on Swan Song/Installations & Protocol.

The Corinthian Column

Salutations Brethren,

La Loge La Parfaite Union, of San Francisco, commonly called "the French Lodge," has the honor of being the first non-English-speaking Lodge in California. In addition to being a Lodge with great individuality, because of its using the French ritual, it stands out as well as the Lodge whose Master (1898 and 1899) Alexander Kaufman Coney, saved the life of a Brother who later became President of Mexico. In his early years, Coney went to sea and sailed all over the globe. During these years he became a Mason, in New York City, in 1875. During these years as Purser of the vessel City of Havana, while docked in New Orleans, he managed to assist a stranger who came aboard the ship one summer evening. After some conversation, the stranger introduced himself as a Mexican revolutionary leader named Dr. de la Boza. He identified himself as a Mason as well, for whom the Mexican government had offered a large reward. He asked Coney, as a Brother Mason in distress, to conceal him aboard the ship until the vessel reached Vera Cruz.

Coney knew it was against ship rules to take anyone aboard in this manner, but he knew that here was a Master Mason in distress and it was his duty to help him. On the way, the vessel stopped at Tampico where Dr. de la Boza had an extremely narrow escape from being caught, again with Coney's direct assistance. He finally escaped in the darkness of night when the vessel finally reached Vera Cruz. He continued with his revolutionary efforts, eventually rising to the Presidency of Mexico.

Coney, however, did not know what became of him until several years later while he was on a visit to Mexico City. While sightseeing in the city one day, he was recognized and brought by several uniformed officers to the Presidential Palace. There he learned, to his amazement, that the Brother whose life he had saved was not a Dr. de la Boza, but General Porfirio Diaz, President of Mexico.

Thereafter, he became Diaz's lifelong friend, and served as Mexican Consul General in St. Nazaire, France; in Paris, and later in San Francisco. He affiliated with La Parfaite Union in 1878.

Fraternally John Myers, Junior Warden

If you wish to keep your personal information private and do not wish to be included in the birthday list that is published each month in the lodge's trestle-board, please call the lodge and let us know you do not wish to be on the birthday list. Please leave your name and state you do not wish to be on the birthday list. Thank you

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

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

Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 Order of the Eastern Star



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At our only meeting in October we held elections. The top officers elected are:

Lynn Gentry, Worthy Matron Richard Wing, Worthy Patron
Pat Likowsky, Associate Matron Ralph Nicholas, Associate Patron
Susan Hartmann, Conductress

We need an Associate Conductress. If you or anyone you know, would like to run for this office, please let us know.

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.

The first meeting in November will be Farewell. This has been a wonderful year for us. We have enjoyed serving our Chapter and thank you for this opportunity.

The second meeting in November will be Installation of Officers for 2007. Please come to this meeting and celebrate our new Officers. If you need a ride or assistance to attend, please let us know.

Star love, Carol Smith and John Lew

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Grand Lodge Communication

Grand Lodge was convened on Oct 08-11th; results of the legislation are posted in the library and are scheduled to be discussed at the Officer Association Meeting Oct 23rd. All ballots were voted but attendance was light, any brother who wishes to attend grand lodge may do so and attendance would be appreciated. The Monday night entertainment this year was the Oklahoma Indian Degree, the degree varied from the California ritual but followed a similar path. The variances were exciting and interesting to view. As was a presentation there were some humorous content added but maintained dignity and solemnity.

Fraternally John Myers, Junior Warden 2006

2007 OFFICERS

<p>MASTER SENIOR WARDEN JUNIOR WARDEN SECRETARY TREASURER CHAPLAIN MARSHAL SENIOR DEACON JUNIOR DEACON SENIOR STEWARD JUNIOR STEWARD ORGANIST TILER</p>	<p><i>Charles S. Grech</i> <i>John A. Myers, PM</i> <i>Raj Naidoo</i> <i>Richard Wing, PM</i> <i>Phil Smith, PM</i> <i>John Lew, PM</i> <i>to be announced</i> <i>Don Groshart</i> <i>Richard Creason</i> <i>Gerald Colombi</i> <i>to be announced</i> <i>Luis Orozco, PM</i> <i>Bernie Bayuk</i></p>
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A Mason ought to respect all worships, tolerate all opinions, fraternize with all men, and relieve all unfortunates and the rule of all his instincts should be good thoughts and to speak and to do good.

A fraternity, any fraternity, is whatever its members make it. Who those members are will play a large part in making it what it is. Let us look at some California Masons with whom you may - or should - be familiar.

November 2006

			1 Order of the Eastern Star 8:00 pm	2	3	4 Officer Planning Meeting/10am
5	6	7 Stated Meeting/ Dinner 6:00 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Ritual Practice 7:30 pm	15 Installation Order Eastern Star	16	17	18
19	20	21 Ritual Practice 7:30 pm Officer Assoc. Meeting/Mt. View De Anza 194	22	23	24	25
26	27 George Washington Club 11:30 am	28	29	30		

You know, or should know, that Masonry in its modern Speculative form began with the organization of the first Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge system in London, England, in 1717. It is also important to be aware that the earliest known record of an American Lodge is dated at 1730, only thirteen years after the constituting of the Mother Grand Lodge. In parallel with the evolution of the USA, Masonry moved from East to West. From England to New England, across the fruited plains, majestic mountains and beautiful deserts, to the Golden Coast in the West pioneers, travelers and seekers of all description sojourned, and settled.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us; may Brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us. Amen.

Charles E. Henderson
Raised: Sept. 23, 1958
Called from Labor: Sept. 23, 2006
Marsh K. Eckhardt
Raised: March 11, 1975
Called from Labor: Sept. 16, 2006