

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

Trestle-Board for October 2006

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p>Charles J. Alley Robert A. Richards Richard Rutter Arthur L. Chauvel Robert G. Conn Ralph H. Emerson PM Charles T. Weiler JR Jason Maher William G. Steele JR Gregory William Norris Ken Cox John D. Jorgenson PM William F. Settle John V. Beahrs Henry A. Hauben PM John D. Roberts Lloyd W. Jordan Meyer Scher Ralph H. Nikolaus PM Ralph S. Lee H. Heath Wagener PM Harry R. Barker Patrick O. Stephens</p>	<p>Read your trestle-board- You'll miss something if you don't.</p> <p>03: Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm 04: Order of the Eastern Star at 8:00 pm Election 07-11: Grand Lodge 14: Grand Master's Reception 5:00 pm 17: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm 18: Grand Chapter 23: George Washington Club 11:30 am 23: Officer Association Meeting: Los Altos No. 712 Dinner at 6:30 pm 24: Ritual Practice at 7:30 pm 31: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</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.</i></p>	<p>7:30 pm on 03 Assemble and Feast Goodie Table: 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Oktoberfest theme Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</p> <hr/> <p>Grand Master's Reception</p> <p>Where: San Jose Scottish Rite Temple Time: 5.00 pm When: October 14, 2006 Price: \$10.00 per person (Guests are welcome) Dress: Social Casual The theme is patriotism The evening will begin with Appetizers Main course: Tri-Tip or Chicken, Roasted Vegetable Medley, Mash Potatoes and gravy with dessert. See your lodge for tickets</p>

Hilliard P. Dorsey, the first Master of Los Angeles Lodge No. 42, in 1854, came from Georgia, where he was born in 1821. During the Mexican War, he served as a Captain of the Mississippi Regiment under Jefferson Davis. He came to California in September 1849. He pioneered in the cultivation of walnuts near San Gabriel. However, he is most remembered for having fought a duel with another Lodge member during his year as Master, even though Grand Lodge had ruled that dueling between Brother Masons would be penalized by expulsion. Nevertheless, the duel took place two weeks later; each suffered a severe wound, and Grand Lodge expelled them both.

Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Greetings Brethren,

Congratulations to our two new brothers, Brother Chiang and Godbole, who received their 1st Degrees on September 19th. The officers were working in advanced stations for the 2nd time and, did an excellent job with their work. Once again, Brother Raj Naidoo is to be commended for his fine delivery of the 1st Degree Masters Lecture.

We had planned to have three 1st Degrees on September 19th. After the stated meeting Worshipful Richard called Mister Krueger and learned that he was undergoing Chemo Therapy, and would not be able to participate. He would like to have his degree put off until he is feeling better.

The committee for the Grand Master Reception has been working very hard on the planning. Thanks to Worshipful Fred Beckner, who presented the budget to the OAM members. The theme this year is Patriotic, and we will be honoring Worshipful Melvyn Stein the Grand Master for '06-07. Twenty-three of our members have already requested tickets for themselves and their wives.

On November 7 we will be presenting a Hiram Award to Worshipful Hal Lesser. He has been an inspiration to many of the lodge officers and has been a champion of the fraternity. Please plan on attending the Stated Meeting in November where we will be presenting his award.

Fraternally, Ralph H. Nikolaus, Master 2006

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Around the Pillar

No One Person Speaks for Freemasonry!!

Frankly, this single phrase cannot be emphasized enough. A Grand Master - by virtue of his office - can speak for Masonry *but only for his jurisdiction and only during the term of his office!* Attempts to make this person or that person a "Spokesman" fail.

Books and other writings about Freemasonry, while perhaps interesting, are simply one person's opinion. Some are researched far better than others and some are more accurate - but just like every other book today (excepting, of course, inspired religious texts) they are no more or no less "true" than the facts the author has provided.

Officer Association Meeting will be on Oct 23rd Monday, Los Altos 712. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. The School of Instruction begins at 7:30 pm and will be Grand Lodge Results and Third Degree Candidates Proficiency.

Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 Order of the Eastern Star



It is hard to believe that it is October already. Our year is drawing to a close. There will be only one meeting in October. On October 4th we will have elections. Anyone wishing to run for the North should make their wishes known. We will be dark on October 18, due to Grand Chapter.

We had a great All Members Party on September 6th. It was so well attended that it reminded us of the old days. We reacquainted with many friends from other Chapters. The entertainment by John Fletcher, Art Walton, and Pat Hannon was absolutely great. They are truly talented singers and we enjoyed their renditions of show tunes. Margaret Wolford was our hostess and led us in a fun game about nursery rhymes. All-in-all, this was a wonderful evening. Many thanks go to Sister Lynn Gentry. On September 20th we honored Past Matrons and Past Patrons with a dinner that was enjoyed by all.

Be sure to let Carol or John know if you plan to go on the trip to the training school for the Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael on October 7. Sister Wilhelmina has all the information. Give her a call for further details. If you need a ride to a Chapter meeting, please let us know. We will make arrangements for you to attend. Star love, Carol and John

The Corinthian Column

Salutations Brethren,

BRIGADIER GENERAL LEWIS ADDISON ARMISTEAD

Born: February 18, 1817, New Bern, North Carolina.

Died: July 5, 1863, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, age 46.

Probably no officer in the army was more spirited, and certainly none possessed a more military family background than did Lewis Addison Armistead. In an army of extraordinary brigade commanders, Armistead by his courage, experience and good judgment would have ranked among the highest of his contemporaries. Armistead's family has left its name on some of the peaks of American History.

His uncle, Major George Armistead, commanded fort McHenry and kept the flag flying during the attack by the British fleet September 13-14, 1814, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."

Although it has never been confirmed, it is possible that his grandfather served with General George Washington during the Revolutionary War. His Father, Captain Walker Keith Armistead, laid out the defenses of Norfolk Virginia, in the War of 1812 and lists its gallant defense, crushing formidable British forces, on June 1, 1813.

Lewis Armistead was appointed to the regular United States Army and was twice brevetted for gallantry during the War with Mexico. He was on duty in California when he resigned his commission, May 26, 1861, to join the Confederate Army in its pursuit of independence. He was commissioned a colonel in 1861 and he participated in the campaigns of 1862, and fought with conspicuous bravery in numerous battles from the Peninsular Campaign to Gettysburg. On the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, in the final Confederate assault on the Union center, Armistead's brigade formed the second rank of the attacking division. Leading his Virginians through the center of the Union line, Armistead was mortally wounded. He was taken to the 11th Corps field hospital site at the George Spangler farm, and died of exhaustion on July 5, 1863.

Mason: Armistead was a member of Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge #22, Alexandria Virginia.

He was a Charter Member of Union Lodge, #7, Fort Riley Kansas.

Fraternally John Myers, Junior Warden

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