



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

## Trestle-Board for August 2006

Palo Alto Masonic Center 461 Florence Street Palo Alto, Ca. 94301 Lodge Office: 650-322-0338

Happy Birthday Brethren !	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
 <p>Pastor George Tarleton Jon D. Armantrout Robert A. Gass Jon W. Hamilton PM Dean R. Beer Loyal L. Hanson Richard Wing PM Robert E. Foster Jeff Searles James K. Miller Robert D. Burnley Alvie K. Hartsog PM Harold Lesser PM Kevin D. Hall Sr. PM</p>	<p><b>Read your trestle-board- You'll miss something if you don't.</b></p> <p><b>01: Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm</b> <b>02: Order of the Eastern Star DARK</b> <b>08: Ritual Practice at 7:30 pm</b> <b>15: Ritual Practice: 7:30 pm</b> <b>16: Order of the Eastern Star Birthday Night</b> <b>22: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</b> <b>24: Officer Association Meeting: (Thurs.) Friendship No. 210</b> <b>26: Officer Planning Meeting at 10am</b> <b>29: Ritual Practice 7:30 pm</b> <b>George Washington Club DARK</b></p>	 <p>7:30 pm on the 1st No dinner is scheduled; Refreshments will be served after the Stated Meeting. <b>Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</b></p>
<p>Masonry has but one aim, to do good; but one banner, it is that of humanity; but one crown, it is for Virtue.</p>	<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.</b></p>	<p><b>The Master's Apron by Bro. Robert Burns</b> There's many a badge that's very grand; With ribbon, lace and tape on; Let kings and princes wear them all, Give me the Master's apron! The honest craftsman's apron, The jolly Freemason's apron, Be he at home or roam afar, Before his touch fall bolt and bar, The gates of fortune fly ajar, When he but wears the apron! For wealth and honor, pride and power are crumbling stones to base on; Eternity should rule the hour, and every worthy Mason! Each Free Accepted Mason, Each Ancient Crafted Mason. Then Brethren, let a wholesome song Arouse your friendly ranks along. Good wives and children blithely sing To the ancient badge with the apron string That is worn by the Master Masons!</p>
<p>Keep those cards and letter coming!</p> <p><b>Gene Nickell: Riverbank Nursing Center 2649 Topeka Riverbank, CA. 95367 The phone there is 209-869-2569. A kind word goes a long way.</b></p>		

### Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Greetings Brethren,

I trust everybody is having a nice summer vacation and enjoyed the Annual Lodge Picnic. Thanks to Worshipful John Myers and all of the help he has received in putting on the event. A good time was had by all.

Thanks to everybody who attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on July 25. It is always nice to welcome a new person into the Lodge. A special thanks to all who stepped forward to help with some of the tasks required for the degree. Thanks to Worshipful John Lew who was Chaplain and electrician; thanks to Worshipful Fred Beckner who gave the charge; thanks to Worshipful Kevin Hall who was Jr. Deacon, and thanks to Bernie Bayuk who was the Tyler.

We have had some interest from potential new candidates during the last several months. Thanks are in order to Worshipful Kevin Hall and Worshipful John Myers, who have met with these candidates and have shown them around the Masonic Center.

On Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Constitutional Observance Meeting in Palo Alto. This coincides with the Constitutional Observance Program organized by the Grand Lodge. The event is going to consist of a dinner and a program depicting the signers of the Constitution in period costumes. The event is being organized by the Masters of 2006 in the Santa Clara Valley Masonic Officers Association. I hope we can have a good attendance from the members of Palo Alto-Roller Lodge.

On August 31, I will be going to Independence to see the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornerstone Ceremony put on by Inyo Lodge #221 this year. The first was in Big Pine, where my dad grew up and the second will be in Independence where I grew up. In 1945 Waucoba Lodge #413 merged with Inyo Lodge #221. If anyone is interested in more details please contact me.

Fraternally, Ralph Nikolaus, Master 2006

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## Trustee-Board for August 2006

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### Around the Pillar

#### Brethren,

It's hard to believe that we are in the second half of the year. But, as the saying goes, time flies when we are busy.

To date your Officers have been checked out in their proficiencies for first and second degrees. Just in time, because of the potential of doing three or four first and second degrees in the months of August and September.

Summer is a time for the Officers to prepare for the advancement to their next place or station in the line. Each of us will worry about learning that next bit of ritual or the lecture that we just have not spent enough time on. We will each select that favorite spot, in our home or elsewhere that somehow helps us open ourselves to further light. We may even wonder why we subject ourselves to what at times seems like endless lines in our Cipher, until we see the look and hear from the officers' coach or the inspector for a job well done, and then it is all worth it. To those of you who have not come out to Lodge for a period of time, I invite you to join us at our next degree or meeting.

As a matter of fact, come early and just sit in the Lodge room and let your eyes and ears enjoy the softness of sound and light which can only be experienced in this place we love. I wish each of you a wonderful summer.

**Chuck Grech, Senior Warden**

Officer Association Meeting will be at Friendship Lodge No. 210, Thursday August 24th. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. The School of Instruction begins at 7:30 pm and will be Investigations/Objections and Funeral Service (Formal) All Officers must Attend, any member welcome.

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



#### Dear Sisters and Brothers

Men's Night was celebrated on July 5<sup>th</sup>, our last meeting before going dark. As usual, it was a fun night with great refreshments.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> we joined with Miramonte in a pot luck dinner to honor a 25 year member from Miramonte and our own Betty Lee who is now a 50 year member. This was a lovely night and very well attended. The food was wonderful. It was great to honor these two special people.

Our next meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the Chapter Birthday and Sister Margaret Vesey will be our chairman.

Our All Members Party will be September 6 with Past Matrons and Past Patrons night on September 20. These are important meetings and ones that we all enjoy. Please try to attend.

If you would like to attend a Chapter meeting and 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,



Mount Moriah is an elongated stretch of land running north-south and lying between Kidron Valley and "Hagai" Valley, between Mount Zion to the west and the Mount of Olives to the east.

The Jebusite "Zion" lay on the southern slope of Mount Moriah, above the Gihon Spring. After conquering the city and making it his capital, King David renamed it for himself: the "City of David". Later David paid full value for the northern area of the summit of Mount Moriah. The mountain was considered very holy, many of the traditions which had sprung up around it dating its sacred status all the way back to the Creation. The best-known tradition related to Mount Moriah is the Binding of Isaac for sacrifice by his father Abraham (Genesis 22).

The tradition of Jacob's Dream, which is also connected with Mount Moriah, is the most colorful representation of the essential nature of the site which some would later view as the navel of the world. In a similar tradition, the summit of Mount Moriah is considered the Foundation Stone, the symbolic fundament of the world's creation, and reputedly the site of the Temple s Holy of Holies, the supreme embodiment of the relationship between God and the people of Israel.

Upon the completion of King Solomon's Temple, famed for its sumptuous splendor, the Ark of the Covenant was placed within its confines. Solomon built his palace in the "miloh" (infill) area which separated the summit of the mountain and the Temple from the city below. This was also a concrete expression of the divine inspiration that was attributed to his kingship.

Fraternally John Myers, Junior Warden