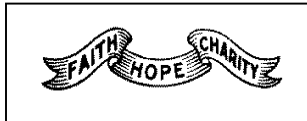




Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No. 346 F. & A. M. Trestle-Board for February 2006

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p>Harry G. Wilson Frank H. Armstrong Fred G. Knauss Robert B. Mc Gavren Jr. Ron E. Homestead Clifford Yip Jay V. Hansen Glenn O. Herreman Mike L. McConnell Roy J. Williams Jr. James Wing Glenn A Wildman II Russell Stewart Yuill Robert H. Light</p>	<p>01: Order of the Eastern Star Happy Chinese New Year: 6:00pm 04: Officer Planning Meeting: begins at 10:00 am 14: Ritual Practice: 7:30 pm 1st Degree Advanced Stations 15: Order of the Eastern Star Be My Valentine: 8:00 pm 21: Crab Feed: 6:00 pm 27: Washington Club: 11:30 am 27: Officer Association Meeting: Dinner begins at 6:30 pm 28: Ritual Practice: 7:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7:30 pm on the 7th Goodie Table begins at 6:00 pm Star Circle reports the Dinner will be: Chinese Food Cost is \$8.00 per person Please call for Reservations Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Annual Crab Feed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For this night, on February 21st, Crab is king. In California, the most abundant crab is the Dungeness crab, sweet, and local. Our special annual event, starts at 7:30 pm, includes goodie table, spaghetti, garlic bread and dessert; bring your appetites. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations are essential. Call the lodge. Please be considerate of others. We want to see everyone have a good time and their fill of crab. We will sell the crab that is leftover.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">50 Year Pin</p> <p>On February 21st a 50 year pin will be awarded to Brother John Lew. Please plan to join us for this exceptional event.</p>	<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 and on the Web Site on the Events Page, in PDF format.</p>	

Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Greetings Brethren:

Congratulations to Dave Duncan who did an excellent job on his first-degree proficiency, and received his second degree on Jan 17. We had the proficiency and the degree on the same night so we could devote all of our energies to the candidate that evening.

Congratulations are also in order to Chuck Gretch and Raj Naidoo, who did an excellent job on the Second Degree Masters Lecture and the Staircase Lecture. Both brothers have been working very hard on their work so they could have a good performance. This was the first time for Chuck and the Second time for Raj.

Thanks to Alvie Hartzog, who gave the charge, and to John Lew, who stepped in as Chaplain. We are indebted to these Past Masters who are able to step up to help with these little finishing details, well maybe they are not so little but they are required for conferring a degree. We also need to have some younger members who can help with these little details. If anybody is interested on giving a charge for any of the degrees please contact me.

Fraternally,
Ralph H. Nikolaus

Around the Pillar

Brethren,

For the Officer's please plan on being proficient in your advance stations for the First Degree, by April and the Second Degree by June.

A thought for February, "The happiest people do not have the best of everything they just make the best of everything."

**Fraternally,
Chuck Grech Senior Warden**

DID YOU KNOW?

That Freemason David Crockett was a Colonel in the Army, a Congressman and a well-known backwoodsman. During the "Battle of the Alamo" the Enemy Commander, Santa Ana, who was a Mexican Freemason, captured him.

Officer Association Meeting:

On the 27th at San Jose #10
School will be on 1st Degree

**6:30PM for dinner, 7:30PM for School of Instruction.
All Officers must attend.**

Gene Nickell's phone number is: 209-869-6014: this is the correct number.

The Corinthian Column

From the right Brethren,

Golden Fleece

In the lecture of the First Degree, it is said of the Mason's apron, that it is "more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter." The reference is here evidently not to the Argonautic expedition in search of the Golden Fleece, or to the deluge, of which that event is supposed to have been a figure, but to certain decorations of honor with which the apron is compared. The eagle was to the Romans the ensign of imperial power; the Order of the Golden Fleece was of high repute as an Order of Knighthood. It was established in Flanders, in 1429, by the Duke of Burgundy, who selected the fleece for its badge because wool was the staple production of the country. It has ever been considered, one of the most illustrious Orders in Europe. The Order of the Garter was, and still is, the highest decoration that can be bestowed upon a subject by a sovereign of Great Britain. Thus, the apron is proudly compared with the noblest decorations of ancient Rome and of modern Europe. But the Masons may have been also influenced in their selection of a reference to the Golden Fleece, by the fact that in the Middle Ages it was one of the most important symbols of the Hermetic philosophers.

Fraternally,

John Myers Junior Warden

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What a wonderful turnout we had for Calvin's Hiram Award thank you to all who made the dinner and the evening so special. Also a big thank you to Santa (Kevin Hall) our Annual Christmas Party with those bright-eyed children could not have been better.

Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our 2006 got off to a wonderful start. Sister Yvonne Myers hosted our first meeting and she did a great job. We welcomed the New Year with a chocolate fondue among other delectable items. Thank you, Yvonne.

We held our first Cancer Dressing Committee meeting on January 12. Sister Gwen Lew and Sister Alta Clark are co-chairmen. We mostly discussed what we thought we could do with the material that was donated by Sequoia Chapter and things that we could do at home like crocheting lap robes, etc. We will not meet in February, so our next meeting will be in March. The exact date has not been finalized. We will let you know the date soon. If you would like to know more about the work this group will be doing, please call Sister Gwen or Sister Alta.

We will celebrate Chinese New Year (year of the dog) at our first meeting in February. A dinner will precede the meeting. The cost will be \$8.00. If you plan to attend, please get your reservation to Gwen or John Lew, our hosts for the evening. This is always a fun evening. Please try to join us.

Our second meeting in February will celebrate Valentine's Day. Sister Irene McReynolds will be our Hostess. This should also be a fun meeting.

If you need help attending Chapter, please call Carol or John and we will arrange for someone to pick you up.
Star Love,
Carol and John