




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

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p><b>Harold W. Weeks</b> <b>Miladin Malisic</b> <b>William Woolsey</b> <b>Rajendra Naidoo</b> <b>Peter J. Condos</b> <b>Ronald D. Eberhard</b> <b>Murray Deutsch</b> <b>Benjamin F. Ivy III</b> <b>Charles L. Botsford</b> <b>Boardman W. Moore</b> <b>Peter J. Willis</b> <b>Carl R. Cheney</b> <b>Fred L. Macpherson</b> <b>Kelley Ramsey</b> <b>Sinsuat C. Andang, JR.</b> <b>Charles E. Henderson</b> <b>Kenneth S. Myers, PM</b> <b>Richard W. Bishop</b> <b>Jack S. Euphart</b></p>	<p><b>03: Order of the Eastern Star</b> <b>Floral Degree begins at 8:00 pm</b> <b>09: Ritual Practice: 7:30 pm</b> <b>16: Ritual Practice: 7:30 pm</b> <b>17: Order of the Eastern Star</b> <b>Appreciation Night at 8 pm</b> <b>22: George Washington Club 11:30 am</b> <b>23: Ritual Practice: 7:30 pm</b> <b>24: Officer Association Meeting:</b> <b>Willow Glen no. 399 6:30 pm</b> <b>30: Ritual Practice: 7:30 pm</b></p> <p><i>Notify</i> the Secretary promptly of any change of address. <i>Report</i> cases of Sickness and Distress to the Lodge, or the Master. <i>Calendars</i> can be found at the Tiler's desk and on the Web Site on the Events Page, in PDF format. <i>Officer's list</i> for 2006 can be found at the Tiler's Desk and on the Web site</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right;">7:30 pm on the 2nd</p> <p>Goodie Table begins at 6:00 pm Dinner begins at 6:30 pm Yvonne Myers reports the dinner will be: Beef Stroganoff over noodles, with Dessert Cost is \$8.00 per person We will have a Guest speaker, Dave Kimball, who always gives a very fine talk. Please call for Reservations Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ladies Night</b></p> <p>will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>; dinner begins at 6:00 pm and will be Chicken and Biscuits. There will also be a very special dessert. Kathleen Nelson will be playing the piano for us during our dinner. This will be a wonderful time to celebrate the ladies of the lodge whose husbands have been called from labor. An evening you won't want to miss. <b>Please call the lodge for Reservations.</b></p>

### Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

#### Greetings Travelers:

At end of March I traveled to Independence Calif. and witnessed the opening of Inyo Lodge #221 by the Grand Master Fred Sorsabal and his Grand Officers. After a fine BBQ sandwich lunch we traveled to Big Pine, Calif., where the Grand Master dedicated a Cornerstone for the Big Pine School/County Library. Big Pine is where my Dad graduated from High School in 1929 and was Master of Waucoba Lodge #413 in 1942 before he was called to serve in the U.S. Army. Waucoba Lodge merged with Inyo Lodge, after a fire, in 1945 while my Dad was still overseas. The Cornerstone Ceremony is a very impressive ceremony.

Robert Mannatt is the Master of Inyo Lodge for 2006. Bob and I were in High School together. He graduated in 73 and I graduated in 74.. I have seen Bob take part n different community activities and he is also a member of the School Board in Independence.

On August 31 I plan to travel to Independence for a Cornerstone Ceremony at Owens Valley High School, where I graduated from High School. This is the Thursday prior to Labor Day. Please contact me for details if anybody is interested in going.

Thanks to all the Officers and members who helped with the checkout for 1<sup>st</sup> degree. I know the Raj Naidoo and rest of the team have been working very diligently on this. Now that the basics are down we can proceed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

On July 15 I will be attending a San Jose Giants game with the San Jose Scottish Rite. We will be watching the Giants play the Stockton Ports. The Giants have just had their best season start by beating the Stockton Ports in 2 of 3 games. Please contact me if you are interested in attending the game. For Public Schools in May we will have Dave Kimball from Los Altos Lodge 712 and El Camino Research give a talk. Please see the Trestle Board for details on the dinner.

**Fraternally** Ralph Nikolaus Master 2006

# Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No. 348

## Trestle-Board for May 2008

### Around The Pillar

Officer Association Meeting: **May 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed)**

Willow Glen Fraternity No. 399

Dinner: 6:30 pm

School of Instruction: 7:30 pm and will be First

Section Short Form and Closing Down

All Officers must attend, any member welcome.

Freemasonry has always been true to its name, and the real Mason is the builder of the temple of his own character. Its mission is to furnish high ideals for the individual that may be reflected in his actions towards his fellow men. The Masonic ideal teaches that moral and spiritual attainments are far more

Keep watching this space for more information about our Annual Picnic. This is a family picnic and will be held at Mitchell Park, Pine Grove on the **29<sup>th</sup> of July**. Mark your calendars!

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



### Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our year is flying by very quickly. At our first meeting in April, we celebrated Easter and had a competition for the best Easter Bonnet. We even had a man enter the contest. Sister Lynda Wing was Chairman of the evening and made this evening a lot of fun. She also decorated the tables in the dining room with some of her Easter themed ceramic figurines. These were offered for sale and Lynda planned to donate the proceeds to the Chapter. They were beautiful, different and very appealing.

Our second meeting with Sister Judy Chamberlain as hostess had a theme of raining cats and dogs. We have certainly used that expression often of late. Let's hope the rain is over for a little while.

Most of our energies this month have been devoted to preparing for the conferring of the Floral Degree on Marjorie Lessing and Lynda Wing. This is the first time that we have two honorees and the first time for mother and daughter. Our members have been working hard to make this a special event. Please try to attend to show your support for their efforts. The first meeting in May, May 3, will be Floral. If you need help to attend the meeting, please give John or Carol a call and they will arrange for someone to pick you up.

Our second meeting in May will be Memorial and Sister Marjorie Lessing will be our hostess.

**Star love**  
Carol and John

### The Corinthian Column

From the Right Brethren,

### Who were the men who signed the Declaration of Independence and what happened to them?

Fifty-six men, some who were Masons, were appointed by their fellow citizens of each Colony, meeting in Congress, determined to throw off the yoke of tyranny, and declare the independence and sovereignty of the individual colonies. These fifty-six men, signed the Declaration of Independence, mutually pledging to each other their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Knowing full well that the penalty for signing would be death if they were captured.

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Seventeen lost their fortunes. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary War and two sons were captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were Merchants; nine were farmers and large plantation owners.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and his properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton; the latter four captured and imprisoned.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed; his wife jailed and died within a few months.

John Hart of New Jersey was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Lewis Morris and Philip Livingston suffered similar fates.

Richard Stockton, a State Supreme Court Justice, although he and his family found refuge with friends, a Tory betrayed him. Judge Stockton was pulled from bed in the night and beaten by British soldiers. Then he was jailed and deliberately starved. After his release, with his home burned and all of his possessions destroyed, he and his family were forced to live on charity.

John Hancock, one of the wealthiest men in New England, lost most of his fortune during the war, having given over \$100,000 to the cause of freedom.

Caesar Rodney, Delaware statesman, was gravely ill with facial cancer. He was one of several who fulfilled their pledge with their lives.

It is important to remember that despite the hardships, not a single one of these men defected or failed to honor his pledge.

Fraternally,  
John Myers Junior Warden