

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

Trestle-Board for September 2006

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Happy Birthday Brethren!	Lodge Activities	Stated Meeting
<p>Donald R. Brunette Edward J. Holland Per S. Anderson Edward R. Oblander Patrick E. Farrell Frank E. Hinman PM Charles Grech Kenneth N. Littrell Raymond F. Kelley Brain Foley David Neilson Howard F. Wilcox Kenneth E. Miller Franklin E. Hawkinson Donald C. Briggs PM Utkan Demirci Robert C. Lantrip PM Steadman Quartermaine Charles H. Hartsog Tony C. Teo PM Robert R. Yuill Arthur E. Farrar</p>	<p>Read your trestle-board- You'll miss something if you don't. 05: Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm 06: Order of the Eastern Star at 8:00 pm All Members Party 12: Ritual Practice at 7:30 pm 19: Ritual Practice at 7:30 pm 20: Order of the Eastern Star at 8:00 pm PM and PP Night 25: George Washington Club 11:30 am 25: Officer Association Meeting: Golden Rule No. 479 Dinner at 6:30 pm 26: Ritual Practice at 7:30 pm 30: Officer Planning Meeting: 10:00 am</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 the 05</p> <p>6:00 pm: Goodie Table 6:30 pm: Dinner Baked Salmon, Potatoes Au Gratin, Basil Cherry Tomatoes and Apple Pie Bring a Brother, tell your friends!</p> <p>(We're on the web at www.paloaltolodge.com)</p> <hr/> <p>Grand Lodge Reception Where: San Jose Scottish Rite Temple Time: 5.00pm When: October 14, 2006 Price: tentatively \$10.00 Dress: Business Casual The theme is patriotism Menu: Appetizers and for the main course Tri-Tip or Chicken Roasted Vegetable Medley, Mash Potatoes and Gravy with Dessert.</p>

The first Master of Mount Mariah Lodge No. 44, Philip Shepherd, was initiated three times and passed twice! Born in Plymouth, England, in 1813, his early life was as a sailor. During his seafaring years he was initiated an Entered Apprentice in a French Lodge that met in a cave near Alexandria, Egypt. However, he had to leave before he could be passed, so he applied for his Fellow Craft degree in an English Lodge at Kingston, Jamaica. However, his French work was so different from that of the English Lodge that he had to be initiated again. Then once more before he could be passed, he had to sail. He tried again in New York and here again the work was so different from either the English or French that another initiation was in order. But once again, he had to leave before getting the Fellow Craft degree. Finally, while in port at Rio de Janeiro, he was passed in St. John's Lodge No. 703. He arrived in San Francisco as Captain of the vessel Arkansas in December 1849, and applied to California Lodge No. 1 for the Third Degree. But, by then, he had such a jumble of French, English, and American work in his mind that the Lodge decided that he had to be passed again. He finally became a Master Mason in California Lodge sometime between November 1850, and May 1851. In 1853, he withdrew from California Lodge to help organize Mount Mariah Lodge No. 44, and he remained a member until his death in December 1865.

Seeking the Pillar of Wisdom

Greetings Brethren,

At our September stated meeting we will be installing a new Tiler. Bernie Bayuk will be installed as Tiler for the remainder of the year. Bernie has been fulfilling the responsibilities for the last several months since Stanly Hurst suddenly past.

The Cornerstone Ceremony in Independence has been postponed. Bob Mannatt, who is the Master of Inyo Lodge and a member of the School-Board, had originally scheduled it for August 31. He wanted the students to be present for the ceremony. The school building is 37 years old and needed some major renovations. It seems that the carpet was showing signs of wear and the ventilation system was not performing adequately. Because of the renovations the opening of school was delayed a week, which means a new date needs to be scheduled with the Grand Master.

Due to scheduling conflicts with some of the other Masters of 2006 the Constitution Night we were planning for September 9 has been canceled.

We will be having 1st degrees on September 19. One candidate has been voted on and depending on the availability of the 2 others we could have 3 first degrees on the same evening. The officers did a fine job on the 1st degree we had in July. Come to Lodge and watch a spectacular performance for the next ones.

Fraternally, Ralph Nikolaus, Master 2006

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Around the Pillar

Brethren,

A first degree was conferred on July 25 upon Mr. Vinicio de Jesus Perez, welcome and congregations. Everything went well although we certainly could use more sideliners to welcome the candidates through their degrees.

At the stated meeting of August 2, three petitions were read for degrees. Watch the Trestleboard for future degrees and come out to welcome and encourage the candidates as they enter a new phase of their life, becoming a Mason.

Masonic membership in the state of California has been increasing steadily, in the past five years for a net gain of 20,000 masons.

Fraternally, Chuck Grech, Senior Warden

Palo Alto-Roller Lodge aided the Santa Clara Valley Officer's Association at the Santa Clara County Fair. The Fair was held Aug. 4, 5 & 6th and the weather was great. A little over 800 kids and adults took advantage of our Child ID Booth which won First place as the Peoples Choice Award in the Non-Profit Exhibit category. Thanks to the members of Palo Alto- Roller, Mt View De Anza and Liberty Lodges for their support.

Officer Association Meeting will be at Golden Rule, No. 479, Monday, Sept. 25th. Dinner: 6:30 pm. School of Instruction: 7:30 pm and will be Grand Lodge Previews and Masonic Information Nights.

Palo Alto Chapter No. 213 Order of the Eastern Star



Dear Sisters and Brother,

Our summer vacation is just about over. We hope you all had a good time – did something a little different, spent time with your families, got some good rest – and are now ready to enjoy some time with our Order.

At our meeting on August 16, we celebrated the Chapter's birthday party. Our Hostesses were Alta Clark and Margaret Vesey. These members really know how to throw a party.

On September 6th we will have our All Members Party. Please come out and meet friends from other Chapters. These parties are always fun and we reconnect with people we haven't seen for a while.

Our meeting on September 20th will honor past matrons and patrons and will be preceded by a dinner. Be sure to get your reservations in. This is one dinner you won't want to miss.

Just a reminder: 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,

Masonic Shoe or Slipper

Among the ancient Israelites, the shoe was made use of in several significant ways. To put off the shoes, imported reverence, and was done in the presence of God, or on entering the dwelling of a superior. To unloose one's shoe and give it to another was the way of confirming a contract. Thus we read in the Book of Ruth, that Boaz having proposed to the nearest kinsman of Ruth to exercise his legal right by redeeming the land of Naomi, which was offered for sale, and marrying her daughter-in-law, the kinsman, being unable to do so, resigned his right of purchase to Boaz: and the narrative goes on to say (Ruth iv, 7 and 8), "Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to change all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel. Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe."

The reference to the shoe in the First Degree is therefore really a symbol of a Covenant to be entered into. In the Third Degree the symbolism is altogether different... It is called the Rite of Discalceation. This ceremony of taking off the shoes, is a token of respect, whenever we are about to approach holy ground. It is referred to in Exodus (iii, 5), where the angel of the Lord, at the burning bush, exclaims to Moses: "Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet. For the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." The Rite, in fact, always was, and still is, used among the Jews and other Oriental and Islamic nations when entering their temples and other sacred edifices. It does not seem to have been derived from the command given to Moses; but rather to have existed from time immemorial, and to have been borrowed, by the Gentiles, through tradition, from the patriarchs. The direction of Pythagoras to his disciples was, offer sacrifice and worship with thy shoes off. The Mohammedans, when about to perform their devotions, always leave their slippers at the door of the mosque. The Druids practiced the same custom whenever they celebrated their sacred rites; and the ancient Peruvians are said always to have left their shoes at the porch when they entered the magnificent temple consecrated to the worship of the sun. Finally, Adam Clarke (Commentary on Exodus) thinks that the custom of worshiping the Deity barefooted was so general among all nations of antiquity, that he assigns it as one of his thirteen proofs that the whole human race was derived from one family.

Fraternally John Myers, Junior Warden

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