

**District Officers' Association**  
**Combined Districts #216 & #226**  
**Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2011**

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The meeting was jointly called to order by Inspectors Darrel Deathridge (#226) and Jim McKasson (#216) at 7:00 p.m. in the lodge room at Table Mountain Masonic Lodge #124 in Paradise. Andy Hanafelt, Worshipful Master of Table Mountain Lodge #124 called on the Chaplain to lead the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of elected officers for the Officers' Association, Worshipful Hanawalt agreed to lead the meeting.

**LODGE REPORTS**

**Oroville - #103**

- Two Entered Apprentice degrees will take place in mid to late February.
- 2010 was a very busy year for Oroville degrees.

**North Butte - #230**

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin ceremony for Clare Campbell, P.M. is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2011 with the time to be determined. Brother Campbell is a Past Inspector of District #222 from '47-'51, AGL from '51 – '66, as well as a Past Master. This is a rare event. Your attendance would be very much appreciated.
- One candidate is currently being investigated.
- Two fundraising breakfasts are planned for the scholarship fund. One will be in March. The second is in November.
- A special fundraising breakfast is scheduled for April 10, 2011. This fundraiser is in support of the Gridley High Marching Band. They have been invited to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pearl Harbor Parade in Honolulu. They will represent all of California in memory of the U.S.S. California.

**Forbestown - #50**

- Stated meetings are monthly on the 1st Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
- Potluck dinners are always served at 6:30 p.m.

**Chico-Leland Stanford - #111**

- Entered Apprentice Degree is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
- Stated meetings are monthly on the second Tuesday.

**Table Mountain - #124**

- Funeral service for Sojourner from Long Beach, Brother Riles on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
- Currently investigating a candidate
- Stated Meetings are monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Dinners are served at 6:00 p.m. for a \$5 donation.

### Orland Laurel - #245

- Installed officers last Saturday, January 15, 2011
- Only installed 7 officers.
- Stated meetings are monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.

### GRAND MASTER'S PROJECT

Inspector McKasson gave a report regarding the Grand Master's Project, "*By Your Side*". The project is intended to raise funds for education and training of Oncology nurses. As cancer survivors, both Grand Master Bray and his wife are ardent believers in the needs for additional cancer support nurses.

- The goal is to raise \$200,000.
- Please include an article in your Trestleboard about the project.
- The Grand Master has requested 100% participation by the local lodges.
- A York Rite Fund Raising Dinner is scheduled on February 20, 2011 at North Butte Lodge #230. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the project.

### GRAND LODGE STRATEGIC PLAN

- Live life by the three principal tenets of Free Masonry and you're half way there.
- Make masonry more visible to the public

### DISTRICT OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

- Inspector Deathridge will update the by-laws to reflect the combination of Districts #216 & #226 for meetings.
- For 2011, the officers will be elected from the following lodges:
  - President: Oroville - #103
  - Secretary: Forbestown - #50
  - Chaplain: North Butte - #230

### GRAND MASTER & GRAND LECTURER DIRECTIVE

- Do not translate the esoteric code into plainly written English. This is strictly forbidden by the California Masonic Code.

### ANNUAL RETREATS

- Secretary                      3/18/11 – 3/20/11                      San Ramon
- Jr. Warden                      4/8/11 – 4/10/11                      San Ramon
- Sr. Warden                      5/13/11 – 5/15/11                      San Ramon

## **GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION**

A reception is planned for the Grand Master at the Chico Masonic Family Center on Sunday, 4/17/2011 at 4:00 p.m. With three districts and nine lodges, from Red Bluff to Gridley, it is hoped that we have a major turnout. The reception is open to concordant bodies.

## **FORBESTOWN BBQ – 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

- Always scheduled for the last Sunday in June. This year, the date is 6/26/2011 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Soliciting sponsorships through the lodge secretaries.
- Website is ready for ticketing and sponsorships

## **BUTTE COUNTY FAIR**

- Brother Kent Fowler proposed that our districts sponsor and man an information booth at the Butte County Fair in Gridley scheduled from 8/25 – 8/28/2011.

## **RITUAL PRACTICE**

Table Mountain Lodge Officers proceed to exemplify ritual & did a fine job for the following:

- Opening – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Balloting
- Presentation of the Flag
- Presentation of Grand Lodge Officers or their designees

The meeting was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Oroville Lodge #103 on 2/15/2011 and will exemplify the First Degree.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don McVicker

Sr. Warden – North Butte Lodge #230