

Officers Association School Of Instruction

Combined Districts #216 & #2011

Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2011

The meeting was jointly called to order by Inspectors Darrel Deatherage (#226) and Jim McKasson (#216) at 7:00 pm in the lodge room of the Chico Masonic Lodge #111 in Chico . Darrel Deatherage Inspector of district 226 announced that tonight he will have James Gage PM, Secretary of Oroville 103 run the meeting. Jim McKasson Inspector of district 216 explained that this was a part of an IDA course that James was involved in.

Brother Jim McKasson reminded the brethren that the Grand Masters reception will be held on April 17, 2011 in the Chico Masonic Center at 4:00 pm. He encouraged all of the brethren that can to attend.

Brother Gage asked our chaplain to lead the invocation. Brother Nicholas Andermahr presented the invocation.

Brother Kent Fowler President of Districts 216 and 2011 Officers Association led the brethren in the pledge of allegiance to our country.

Brother Jim McKasson introduced WM Larry Donnelly of Orland Lodge 245.

Brother Deatherage introduced PM Monte Deal of North Butte 230 and PM John Neiswanger of North Butte 230. PM Bob Baker of North Butte was introduced and congratulated on the fine Fizz Breakfast served last Sunday at North Butte 230.

Brother Jim McKasson informed the brethren that Orland Lodge has a traveling gavel and it takes five or more officers from a visiting lodge to take the gavel back to their lodge where it will stay until five or more officers from another lodge visits and they will take the gavel to their lodge etc...

Brother James Gage requested that the secretary read the minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting. After a discrepancy was discussed they were approved as read.

Brother Gage informed the brethren of donations requested for the Grand Masters Project for the training of oncology nurses. All of the lodges should have some sort of a program to support the success of this worthy program.

Brother Gage pointed out that April is public schools month and all the lodges should have a program to support the public schools.

Brother Gage informed the brethren of the Annual Inspectors OV representative to each of the lodges in District 226 in April. You should make an effort to be in your dress blues and act accordingly.

Worshipful Inspector Darrel Deatherage addressed the brethren with further details on the Grand Masters visit in April. The Grand Master being a past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star and was also in the world association of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star has been invited to the reception. Darrel would like to have the brother masons outnumber the Star visitors. The Grand Master asked that all the Masonic family be invited including the youth groups.

Worshipful Inspector Jim Mc Kasson stated that there would be a presentation and all of the donations would be presented as one.

Worshipful Darrel Hunter said that he had received invitations from nine other Grand Lodge Officers who will be attending. Worshipful Darrel said that he will need assistance setting up and will probably start around 9:00 am.

Brother Richard Sutherland PM asked if we were required to have a program for the Grand Masters Project. James Gage PM said that there was information and helpful suggestions sent out by Grand Lodge as he had just received his. The Lodge secretaries should have this information. Brother Jim McKasson offered to supply information from the Grand Lodge regarding planning and suggestions to organize your programs if you did not receive them from Grand Lodge.

Lodge Reports

Chico #111

WM Reported:

There is a first degree coming but no date has been set. We will be balloting on another candidate and that first degree will be coming up.

Orland #245

WM Reported:

We are scheduling a first degree and when a date is set we will notify all the lodges. Two fifty year awards coming up one in April and one in May. These will be done on the stated meeting nights at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Paradise #124

WM Reported:

March 28, 2011 First Degree 7:00 pm

April 11, 2011 Stated meeting, dinner at 6:00 pm and possibly a Golden Veterans Award.

April 14, 2011 Public Schools Night 7:00 pm

April 21, 2011 Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6:00 pm

Forbestown #50

WM Reported:

March 17, 2011 Funeral at Sutter Cemetery 2:00 pm for Keith Reynolds

April 2, 2011 Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 pm

Dan Norton PM stated that Forbestown #50 has lost two members and we would like to get four back so anyone wanting to join Forbestown just call Dan and he will roll out the red carpet.

Gridley #230

WM Reported:

Brother Bob Baker PM put on a great fizz breakfast with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Wonderful job Bob.

April 10, 2011 Fizz breakfast at 7:00 am for the Gridley HS Band. This band is the only band from California to represent California at the Pearl Harbor Memorial. The USS California was sunk on December 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor .

Oroville #103

WM Reported:

March 22, 2011 First Degree at 7:00 pm

April 5, 2011 Public Schools Awards at 6:30 pm with a dinner supplied by Taco Bell, courtesy Richard Sutherland PM.

We are looking forward to the up coming second degrees and when scheduled we will inform all the lodges of the dates and times.

James Gage Reported:

June 26, 2011 Forbestown BBQ 12:00 to 4:00 pm (usually winds up by 3:00 or 3:30 pm.) Last year we served 400 plus or minus.

Brother Larson and I are going to the Secretaries Retreat and we will work out a schedule for the planning meetings to be held for pre planning the BBQ. We invite all that are interested to attend these meetings. We will rotate the meetings to locations closest to each lodge involved. All are invited to join us at these meetings.

Worshipful Darrel Deatherage introduced Mike Johnston from Molino Lodge #150 who participated in many of the planning meetings last year for the BBQ. Mike is the SW at the Molino Lodge.

Last meeting we approved the By-Laws but we did not get them signed. I would like to have an elected officer from each Lodge sign the By-Laws before leaving tonight.

The Chico Shrine Club is having a corn beef and cabbage dinner on the 24th of march oasis at 6:00 pm dinner at 7:00 pm. in the Chico Masonic Center .

There will be a dinner honoring Jack Coulter on June 11, 2011 at the Edson's place more information will be coming.

It was suggested by Brother Eldon Brownell PM and secretary Gridley #230 and Brother Don McVicker SW Gridley #230 that we have a spot on the net where anyone interested could go to view all the dates of up coming events. They have built a web page for this.

We will need one person from each lodge to keep this information current. This will require getting a password from Brother Mc Vicker. The address is www.masons216226.weebly.com.

Brother Dan Norton suggested we have a website where anyone interested in masonry could go and find out whom to contact about masonry and to get information on masonry.

Brother Deatherage said that Oroville has a website that does just that.

Brother Jim McKasson suggested that we do the second section of the second degree tonight.

Ritual Practice

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2011 at North Butte #230 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Marvin Larson, Secretary Forbestown #50