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Called From Labor

This month, on the 10th of April, Brother and Past Master Ralph Whiteley was called from labor. Until just the last few months Brother Ralph had stayed active in lodge. He last coached our current Worshipful Master John Davis whom he had the pleasure of seeing sit in the East as he said he would live long enough to do. It was while then current WM Dan Norton was out of town, but John was in the East. Although he was unable to attend installation he was well aware that John had been installed as WM as he knew he would be.

Brother Ralph was born June 18, 1916 in Sterling Colorado. He graduated from Mt. Shasta high school in California and had a long career in logging which brought him to Clipper Mills and Forbestown Lodge. He was raised in Forbestown Lodge in May of 1954 and became Worshipful Master in 1960 which was the year his late son Raymond was raised in Forbestown Lodge.

He received his Hiram award in 1989 and his 50 year pin in 2004. We have missed Ralph's attendance the last few months and will continue to miss him and cherish our memories of him.

Masonic graveside services were held at the Brownsville Cemetery, Bro. Dan Norton PM presiding and Bro. Harland Roy PM - Chaplain. The family asks, that if you wish, donations be made to Shriners Hospital for Children 1-800-241-GIFT or Yuba Feather Historical Association, P.O. Box 54 Brownsville, CA 95919

There has been a mighty work going on

at the Lodge. We have some very dedicated people that have been working on the Lodge, giving it some needed TLC.

The Jobies and DeMolay have also pitched in with their youthful energy and strength in doing some much needed scrubbing and cleaning. There has been painting going on and it is exciting to see the work that has been completed. We all know how time is precious and hard to come by. We are so grateful and thankful to those who can take a bit of time out of their busy schedules and contribute some love and care to our Lodge. Thank you!



Wishing all those with birthdays or raised anniversaries -
Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



The Events Section!

[There are things to do! Lodge or Chapter to attend. Food to eat! Help needed! A little of everything to be found here! I don't think I am going to hear "I'm bored!" this month!](#)

...Out of order but most important...

District Officers Assn/School of Instruction Tuesday May 20th 7pm – 9pm Oroville Lodge - Third degree 2nd section



This Saturday the 26th of April -Barring any foul weather- there is supposed to be some clean-up going on at the Forbestown Cemetery by Lodge members to prepare it for the visit by Grand Lodge in June. As is usual, all helping hands are welcome! I believe everyone will meet at 8:30 at the Lodge. The cemetery is just down and around the dirt driveway by the lodge....



May 1st

And May has arrived! The Ladies of Amapola Chapter have the first meeting of the month... Chapter starts at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments following. The theme is Animal House. Bring a bag of dry kitty food or doggy food, but kitty is preferred as doggy food is donated more often. No this is not for our refreshment after Chapter but is being donated to the local SPCA!

Friday May 2nd

It's Sew 'n' Sews day for putting together those special packs for camp Okizu! If you can't sew there is always something else to help with! We meet at about 9 or whenever you can get there and we finish up at 12. If you need an outing it's a great place to go and treat yourself to one of the fabulous local restaurants, in walking distance, after we are done!



Two Parades!

Chico Shrine Mini Car - Parade - Paradise - Sat, **April 26, 11am** - Meet at 11am, parade starts 12pm

Shriners Mini Car - Parade - Chico Sat, **May 3, 10am** - Meet at 10am, parade starts 11am This coincides with the **Bar-B-Que HAMBURGER AND BEAN FEED Feed from 11-3 p.m.** only one location this year

which is Kmart (Chohasset Road Side) \$8 donation - A Benefit For The Shriner's Helping Children

For Tickets Call 342-3422...



Forbestown Lodge #50 **THAT'S US!!** - Stated Meeting **Saturday May 3rd** 7pm – 9pm at Forbestown Lodge. **Pot Luck usually starts about 6:30** but there is a lot of visiting going on before then!



A choice of two Stated meetings!

How long has it been since you have visited one of these two lodges?

Orland Laurel No. 245 Stated Meeting **Tuesday May 6th** @ 7pm – 9pm @ 431 Colusa Street, Orland

Oroville No. 103 - Stated Meeting **Tuesday May 6th** @ 7pm – 8pm @ 1462 Myers St, Oroville



Wednesday May 7th

Feel like a beautiful drive up to Paradise? The Order of the Eastern Star Meets the first Wednesday of the month. Chapter starts at 7 p.m. @ 5934 Clark Road, Paradise



Chico Shrine Club - Wrecking Crew Meeting **Thursday May 8th** 6 - 7pm

@ The Chico Masonic Family Center



Another fine group of gentlemen!

North Butte #230 - Stated Meeting

Thursday May 8th @ 7pm – 8pm @ 1200 Sycamore Street, Gridley



Saturday May 10th - Are you hungry?

DeMolay and Jobs Daughters are doing a breakfast at Oroville Lodge - Pancakes etc....
The breakfast is from 6-10 @ I believe it was said cost was \$5 per head but don't quote me!
I am sure they would appreciate any tips too!
It is a big day in Oroville as it is Fiesta Days with a parade, car show, booths etc!
Start yourself off with a great breakfast and enjoy the fun. Shop for Mom too! (Mother's Day!)
For those who can't navigate the back stairs, there is a chair lift at the front of the building!
I see our **Shriners** will be participating in the 10 a.m. parade!



Saturday May 10th

Have a great DeMolay/Jobs Daughter breakfast before attending the Parade and watching our Shriners Mini Cars participate in the Fiesta Days Parade - Oroville

Just a reminder to keep you gentlemen out of trouble. Sunday May 11th is Mother's Day!



One joy of a past visit was a tour of the old stone Lodge room! Beautiful!
Table Mountain #124
Stated Meeting **Monday May 12** @ 5934 Clark Road, Paradise
Dinner @ 6pm, \$5 donation; Meeting @ 7pm



Tuesday May 13th

We always have a wonderful time when we visit here!
Chico-Leland Stanford #111 Stated Meeting
7:30pm – 9:30pm



Wednesday May 14th Chapter starts at 7:30

Josephine Chico Chapter @ Chico
"Celebrate Mothers"



Thursday May 15th Chapter starts at 7:30

Amapola Chapter @ Oroville
"Sports Night"



Wow! These guys are busy! **Saturday May 17th 9-10 a.m.**

Redding may be a bit out of the way
but here's where they will be if you can't get enough of them!
Shriners Mini Cars
Parade - Redding



May 17th

Paradise Order of the Eastern Star is presenting the New York Ritual at 1 p.m.
Dinner is \$10 **RSVP by May 12th**



May 17th 1-3 p.m.

Looking for a way to **honor our Veterans**? What you see at Christmas is beautiful - Wreaths decorating our Veterans graves at the "New" Oroville Cemetery. Getting them ready to place is the hard part and where a lot of help is needed as the wreath count now exceeds 3,600. Do you know someone who would like to honor the Veterans? Anyone can help! 2 hours per month is all that is asked! We will be cleaning and fixing the wreaths, once again, on Saturday May 17th. Help is very much desired! The project takes place in the basement of the Oroville Masonic building. The door is located at the base of the stairs at the

back of the building where you park. Treat yourself to lunch at one of the local restaurants and then join us for a couple hours of dusty work....



Butte Commandery #5

Wednesday May 21st 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Oroville Lodge

Commandery Stated Meeting



Wednesday May 28th Chapter starts at 7:30

Josephine Chico Chapter at Chico

"In Memoriam"



May 29th Official Visit at Marysville

Starts at 7:30

All Chapters in the district are taking part or attending.

You will need your dues card! Do not leave home without it!



A jumble of notes:

Ahead of schedule for next month -- **Sunday June 1st** Josephine Chico will be having their 125th Anniversary at 2 p.m. but you need to **RSVP by May 25th**.

I have a note for Paradise Masonic Family Open House on **May 24th** but no other info....

A note for **May 10th** YC OES will be having an Initiation! Didn't catch any further info.... And I know there were others....



The History Corner

This month I got to spend an afternoon with a special lady! She is someone who bubbles over with a great amount of knowledge of the history of this area. We are blessed with two of these ladies whose family roots run back into the 1800's and they are full of history of the area. My "history teacher" for the afternoon was Laverne Daley, wife of our Tiler, Bob Daley P.M. Her husband Bob sits in the Tiler chair which his grandfather sat in at Lodge, carrying on a tradition. Laverne took me to two special cemeteries; well to me they are special as they go back to the 1800s. After visiting the first we drove, probably the long way, through Butte and Yuba Counties and I got to listen to the best kind of history lesson. School was never like this! Laverne showed me where the flume from Clipper Mills came down into the Valley and where the ponds were that the flume emptied into. She showed me ranches and told some of their history. She spoke of some of the grand old homes one of which was eventually lost to fire. Many of the old homes here end their days that way. Why did I not record this history lesson? We stopped at the Oak Grove Cemetery where a good number of the Daley's are buried, so many Masonic emblems! More history silently

lies in that cemetery. There is an Acacia tree planted there to honor Masonry. It is not very big and when first planted years ago, a huge tub was put in the ground and filled with water which seeped through a hole to keep the new little tree alive while it took root. It still struggles to survive. We finished up our afternoon together at Bob and Laverne's home where Bob was waiting out on the porch. It's a beautiful spot and part of the old ranch. The silent old homestead is across the road. Quietly standing for all to see is a handsome old barn on the hillside. Bob proudly points out that his Grandfather, a Mason, built that barn in 1900. That barn has stood the test of time reaching 114 years on that hill side. Can you imagine the history that has taken place during those years? And Bob is a testament to the Daley family's involvement in the history of Masonry and Forbestown Lodge No. 50 F. and A. M.



A REQUEST - I have been working, albeit slowly, at gathering information (the good kind) on our Past Masters and some of the members of Forbestown Lodge and the other Lodges that eventually joined Forbestown - those Lodges being St. Louis, Gibsonville and Jefferson (La Porte). It is an interesting journey which I am enjoying even though at times it can overwhelm me. Now I have a bit of a project I would love to have our Brothers, their ladies, families etc., take part in. Tell me about yourself, ladies would you tell me about your gentlemen? Your family members can do the same. Tell me about the Past Masters for whom there is nothing written about or even if there is a bit of history on them, tell me more! What were they like? Where did they live? What did they do? What brought them to Forbestown Lodge? What talents did or do they have? What was their passion in life? Tell me about a special member of the Lodge that I don't know about. Our wall is blank on many of you and our brethren from the past and I would like to fill in the blanks.... And tell me about some of these special ladies that have supported their gentlemen in Masonry through the years. Who did you know and what did you love about them? Send me a note, write me a letter.... DON'T BE BASHFUL! I'd love to see more than just a name and a face in our history.