



Due to the passage of resolution 12-18 "personal privacy" at Grand Lodge Annual Communication there will be no personal information posted in the Trestleboard until consent forms are signed and received.



Our Patriotic holiday this month was President's Day. Remember when we used to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Birthday and George Washington's Birthday separately? I was reminded of this at Chapter last night. Sometimes it seems that those we should look up to and use in life as role models, are no longer important.... They no longer each have their own day...

It always feels good to say the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings! I am grateful to be part of this country and thankful to those who have gone before us and were inspired to create these United States. It is good to be with others who also take pride in our Pledge and our country.

## The Traveling Gavel

It has been a long time since I have commented on the Travels of the Gavel... To be honest I have had no clue where it has been. It hasn't been to Forbestown in a long time! Rumor has it that it is possibly at Gridley at the time of this writing.

Last night at Amapola's Chapter, we were asked to take notice notice of a certain award on display near the secretary's desk. This certain person, who I can't identify because I do not have a signed release, orated in his usual jovial form and informed us that last year Orland Lodge had provided a wonderful dinner as they had been the recipients of the 2012 award....

**We wish to congratulate Oroville Lodge #103** with their award for retaining the gavel for the longest period of time this past year and, **dear Worshipful of Oroville Lodge**, the burning question is.... What's for dinner?!



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 Worshipful John has his first official meeting as Master under his belt. Forbestown is now having to concentrate on preparing for the visit of Grand Lodge in June. This task that would seem insurmountable except for the support of many wonderful persons!  
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We congratulate those who had Birthday's or their Raised Anniversary this month!



### Events



District Officers Assn/School of Instruction  
Will be held Tuesday March 18, 7pm – 9pm at FORBESTOWN LODGE  
Description: Second degree



Saturday March 1st, **Forbestown Lodge** - potluck is at 6:30. Stated at 7:30  
On Tuesday, March 4th, Lodge is held in both **Orland and Oroville** at 7 p.m.  
**Table Mountain** will be meeting Monday March 10th at 7 p.m. / Dinner is at 6 with a \$5 donation.  
Tuesday March 11th, Lodge is held at **Chico Leland-Stanford** starting at 7:30 p.m.



**Chico Shrine Club** - Wrecking Crew Meeting  
Thu, March 13, 6pm – 7pm at the Chico Masonic Family Center



### March

**Amapola** at Oroville March 6th at 7:30 - Party Night - "I Love a Mystery"  
Amapola's **Sew-n-Sews** will meet Friday March 7th from 9 till 12 noon  
**Josephine Chico** March 12 at 7:30 - St. Patrick's & PM/PP Night  
**Amapola** at Oroville March 20th Deputy Grand OV - "Catch a Leprechaun"  
**Josephine Chico** March 26th 7:30 Deputy Grand OV "Spring is in the Air"



NO INFO ON OUR YOUTH



## The History Corner...



In March's Trestleboard I discussed W. W. Braddock, Forbestown's Past Master of 1878, who moved around quite a bit from Forbestown to Gridley and eventually to Stockton. I was looking for a little more evidence that the School teacher from Gridley was also our Past Master....

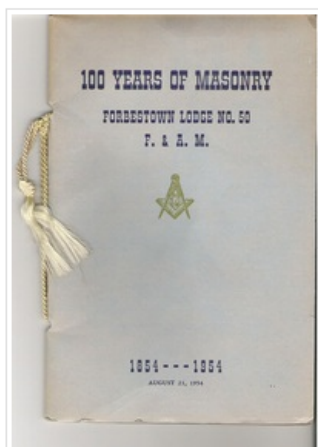
I have since reaffirmed that people are very mobile! We have had, from the beginning, members who came from Oroville. Members who were found later in San Francisco. Many brethren visited from lodge to lodge, the mode of travel being their two feet or maybe horseback or wagon or stage. A trip that takes us little more than an hour or so by car could take our earliest brethren a day or more... yet they traveled.

This week, while researching, I browsed through the diaries of Gaylord S. W. Twogood Past Master of Forbestown 1879, and came upon his travels during the period just before qualifying for Master. He had gone to Gridley to be taught by ..... Brother Braddock!

***Saturday Jan 11th I take the train for Biggs at 1:00 p.m. We pass Lomo, Oakville and arrive at Gridley Station at 2 o'clock and twenty minutes - some rain falling. We arrive at Biggs Station three p.m. I find my friend Mr. Braddock at La Pointe store in Biggs Station. He and I go to Mr. Downing's residence where I have a good room and at home with every necessary comfort. Eve. B. and I enter upon our work which is a huge undertaking on my part, requiring much patience on his. The rain has nearly ceased.***

I have read through the diaries before but not paying as much attention as I did to this section this time around. Becoming more familiar with the Past Masters and their names has helped me make progress as now a name will leap off of a page at me....

Further reading of Brother Twogood's diaries can be done at <http://www.yubaroots.com/nuggets/twogood8.htm>



Here's another discovery that I thought was very exciting! I had never seen this booklet before. This is the 100 year anniversary of Forbestown Lodge No. 50 from 1954! I scanned it today and I will post it on our history page if you wish to access it.