



Forbestown Lodge No. 50 Trestleboard January 2014



Important News.....

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. This includes names. As you will see, only Worshipful and his sons have their names included in this Trestleboard. A consent form has been drawn up and will be distributed at Lodge and one will be attached to February's Trestleboard, where it can be downloaded and printed, once approval of the form has been given.

Installation



As is usual, November thru January is a flurry of activity with installations for both our Masonic Lodges and the Eastern Star and let's not forget our holidays that are celebrated between these events!

Forbestown Lodge was excited to install a NEW master at the tail end of all these events. Worshipful John Davis will be serving his first time as Master.



The hat awaits.....





*The gentlemen from DeMolay
present our nations flag.*



*Our Senior Warden presented with
his collar.*

*Worshipful receives a gift from all his sons! Presented by
John Jr. - A beautiful gavel!*



*Posing with his sons and oldest grandson who flew out for his
installation, yes two are also Masons. A proud day for this
Worshipful.*



*L-R Son Michael, WM John, John Jr, & Steve (actually our son-in-law) He
made all the arrangements in acquiring the gavel. Up front is our oldest
grandson, Jordan son of Steve.*

Group Photo Everyone!

All the participants in the days event...



Wait, we have participants behind the scenes! I cannot believe that I did not take photos of the most wonderful ladies who helped complete the celebration!!

Our wonderful sisters from Eastern Star decorated our tables and prepared much of the food for us. They are fantastic!

***We wish a happy birthday to all those who have one, you know who you are!
And a special Happy Anniversary to those who took their 1st step into Masonry this month!***



Upcoming Events and Activities

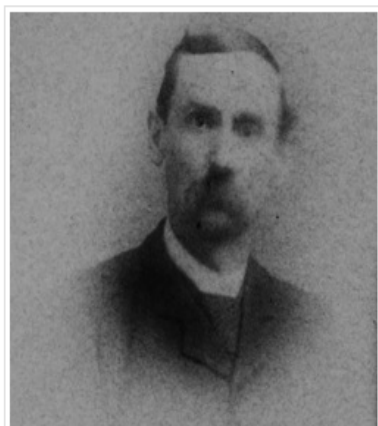


Officers Association February 18th at Chico - First Degree



February 15th at 1 p.m. to work on cleaning, restoring and packing away our Christmas wreaths until time for placement next Christmas on our Veteran's graves. Basement of Oroville Lodge No. 103. Many hands are needed as there are approximately 4000 to be done!

The History Corner...



Where or where had D.W. Braddock gone? Past Master of 1878..... What did he look like? We had no photo. One of the good things that came from all our technological advances is genealogical information and the ease of research. No required searches at libraries or in dusty old files...

My hunt was on for PM Braddock and I do believe I have found him! The difficult issue of research for the 1800's is the wide use of initials for first and middle names. At least he was not a G.W. (George Washington) as is fairly common and Braddock did not seem to be a common name for our area either. All the information that I have was gleaned from the internet on public pages. I often get wrapped up in the search and it is amazing how many hours pass while engrossed in research... I truly love being able to 'fill out' a person and then they become more than just a name with a few dates! I digress.....

D.W. Braddock or David Braddock was born in 1846 in Ohio. He was the son of Josiah C. Braddock. He came to California in 1869 and attended the San Francisco Normal School. He and his wife were staunch Democrats. He was a school teacher. He was one of two school teachers in Gridley. PM Braddock taught in a "commodious two-story school-house" which was "built and furnished in good style." He also taught in Biggs and was superintendent of schools of Butte County for eight years. He also owned a fruit ranch near Gridley in Butte County. In 1895 the family moved to Stockton where he was principal of the Jefferson School for ten years.

He was teaching school at Biggs where he met and married Mary Downing on March 27 1879 , daughter of William and Martha (Butts) Downing . They had four children - Charles, David, Grace and George. AND fraternally he is a member of the I.O.O. F. and is a Knights Templar Mason. PM Braddock died in 1932 and is buried, along with Mary, in the Stockton Rural Cemetery.