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November 2014

From the East...



The end of the year fast approaches and let's hope this brings much needed rain to the North State. The traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner will be served prior to the November stated meeting. A

modest \$10.00 donation is requested.

We had ten (10) for dinner in September, and thirteen (13) in October. I think we can do better than that. Brethren, please take note, we have a membership of about 180, of which we average about a one percent (1%) attendance at any of our functions. This is hardly supporting or sustaining our fraternity in Oroville Lodge #103. Having just attended the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the decline is consistent throughout the state. California membership is right around 53,000 down from a high (in the 60s) of 250,000. I try to stay positive in light of this disinterest in Masonry, but the writing on the wall is quite clear.

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STATED MEETING

Nov. 4, 2014

All Masons, their Wives, Widows, Sojourners, and their Guests, are welcome to attend.

6:00 p.m. Dinner - \$10.00 donation
Traditional Thanksgiving
Turkey Dinner

7:00 p.m. STATED MEETING

DEGREES & SPECIALS

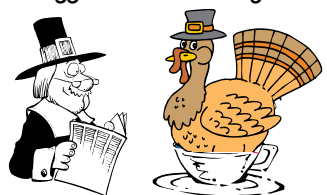
Nov. 11th: TBD

Nov. 18th: Officer Association
Meeting / School of
Instruction
Forbestown Lodge No. 50
Master Mason Degree /
2nd Section; Master and
Wardens questions
7:00 p.m.

Nov. 25th: TBD

Every Thursday morning:
6:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Coffee at the Lodge



**From the
Secretary's Table ...**

*Membership
Report:*

Membership Last Report 189

Members Lost:

Deceased 0
Demitted 0
Suspended for NPD 0

Members Gained:

Joined by Initiation 0
Joined by Affiliation 0
Reinstated 1

Net Gain/Loss 1

Adjusted Total 190

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*In Need of
Some Sunshine:*

If any member knows of someone that needs a little sunshine, call the Lodge Secretary at (530) 589-9852, and we'll take care of it. Better yet, you can phone, visit, or send a card, and give a little attention and cheer to these members.

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**Happy
Birthday!**

to all of our members
with a birthday in

Nov.



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• Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M. •

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO OES

'Tis the season for all kinds of things: honoring our veterans officially, observing Thanksgiving Day, watching the pistache trees in Oroville turn purple and orange and scarlet, having Eastern Star installations. And we certainly hope that you will attend Amapola's on November 22, at 2 p.m. The Chapter has elected new officers for this next year: Worthy Matron, Carolyn Cleek; Worthy Patron, Harold White; secretary, Malinda Caven; treasurer, Pat Foster; conductress, Jody Powell and associate conductress, Kathy Hardy. We hope to elect an Associate Matron and Patron at our first meeting this month. That will take place on Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Sew-n-sews will meet the following day, Nov. 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and could use some hands for pinning and marking and attaching straps to those back packs. No experience needed, just willingness to help.

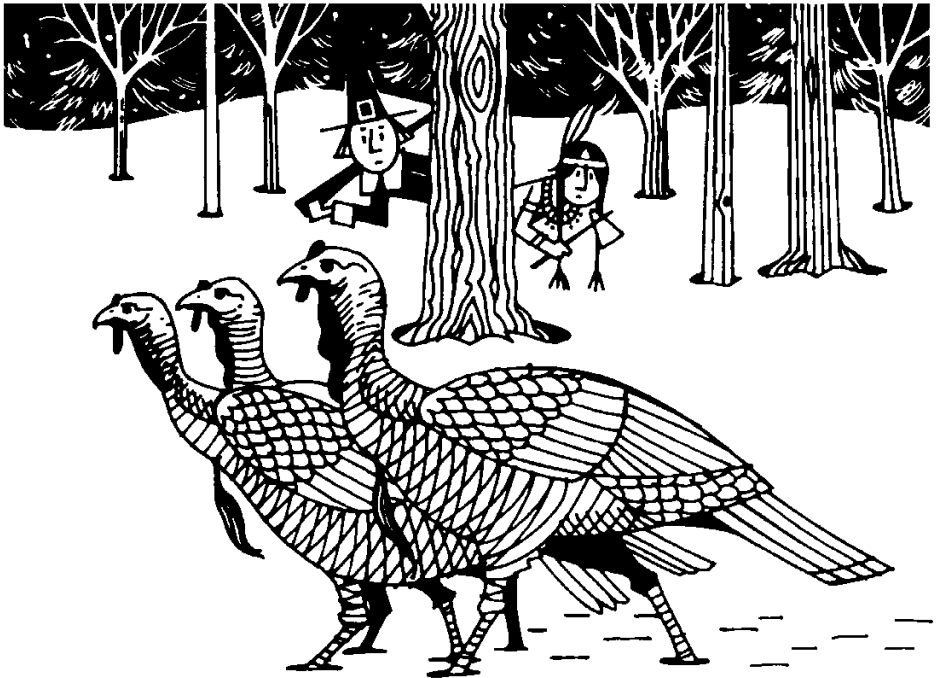
Farewell meeting for our current leaders, Debbie and Fred, will be Nov. 20, same place same time as always. And speaking of that, if you have not been to the lodge room since the lodge brothers redid the roof, you need to come see the light through that beautiful stained glass star. All the tar was taken off and the skylight revealed to the heavens, and it is truly glorious. Again, thanks to the men of our Lodge for doing that.

For the first time in many years, the Chapter held two special meetings in October for the purpose of initiation. We welcome new members David Glover, initiated on Oct. 12, and Sherie Polamba, initiated on Oct. 26. We are delighted to have these new members join our chapter.

OES - Continued...

FYI, we will be laying wreaths on December 5 so they will be out on the veterans' graves by Dec. 7. Please join us for this very worthy project as many hands are needed to distribute the more than 3600 wreaths. In addition, we will be decorating the newly erected monument at the top of the cemetery hill. Bring friends and family members, or members of other organizations that you may belong to. We will be serving coffee, hot chocolate and donuts to any who come to help.

It's a season of wonder and thanksgiving. And we wish that all for you.



Happy Thanksgiving!

From the East - Continued...

November is the annual election of officers and roll call. As of this writing we have numerous openings in the officers line, most critical being that of Senior Warden.

*Fraternally yours,
Richard Sutherland*



HONOR ^{OUR} VETS

Veterans Day
November 11th

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- Warden**.....342-3422
Darrel R. Deatherage

Lodge Calendar on Bulletin Board

TEMPLE DIRECTORY - Continued

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Guardian Director of Music ...370-0624
Kathy Hardy

Director of Epochs.....



Echos from the Temple

REUEL COLT GRIDLEY

The Man with "That Sanitary Sack of Flower"

During the Civil War, Gridley had gone to Austin, Nevada, and with Henry Jacobs as partner, opened a merchandise store. Losing a bet in the 1863 election, Gridley paid off with a fifty pound sack of flour to be auctioned off, and the successful bidder return the flour to be auctioned off again. All proceeds going into the Sanitary Commission fund. He traveled the length and breadth of the union and raised over \$275,000 for the fund by this method. He died in Paradise, Stanislaus County, at the age of forty-two. He is buried in Stockton, where today stands a monument erected by the G.A.R. to the memory of the man with "That Sanitary Sack of Flour". R.C. Gridley's Masonic activities are also notable. He was a member of Table Mountain Lodge No. 124, F. & A.M., and a charter member of Franklin Chapter No. 20 R.A.M. Gridley was the first legally elected High Priest of this chapter and served only one month. He demitted from Table Mountain Lodge No. 124 and Franklin Chapter No. 20 when he moved to Austin, Nevada. He was the first Senior Warden of Lander Lodge No. 172 U.D. under California Jurisdiction, and when the Grand Lodge of Nevada was formed, he was appointed as a delegate to Virginia City to confer with other lodges in forming the Grand Lodge of Nevada. Gridley also was a charter member of Austin Chapter U.D. R.A.M. Note: Table Mountain Lodge No. 124 was located in Oroville at the time Gridley was here. Gridley's endeavoring to raise money for the Sanitary Commission (forerunner of the American Red Cross) in caring for the destitute and suffering soldiers, Gridley suggested (and it was agreed to) that the sack of flour he auctioned off and the successful bidder return the flour to be auctioned off again.



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MEETINGS & EVENTS

3 **Jobs Daughters**
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

4 **Oroville Lodge**
Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

6 **Eastern Star**
7:30 p.m.

7 **Eastern Star**
Sew and Sews
9:00 a.m.

10 **DeMolay**
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

11 **O.M.B.A.**
6:00 p.m.

Oroville Lodge
TBD
7:00 p.m.

15 **DEADLINE FOR**
BULLETIN MATERIAL

17 **Jobs Daughters**
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

18 **Oroville Lodge**
Officer Association Meeting /
School of Instruction
Forbestown Lodge No. 50
Master Mason Degree /
2nd Section; Master and
Wardens questions
7:00 p.m.

20 **Eastern Star**
Farewell Meeting
1:00 p.m.

22 **Eastern Star**
Initiation
2:00 p.m.

24 **DeMolay**
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

25 **Oroville Lodge**
TBD
7:00 p.m.

27 **Happy Thanksgiving!**



Every Thursday morning
6:00 - 8:00 a.m.

“Coffee at the Lodge”

Monthly Group Meetings

Oroville Lodge 1st Tues. (Stated)..... 7:00 P.M. Lodge
 Officers Assn. Mtg. 3rd Tues. 7:00 P.M. TBA

O.M.B.A...... 2nd Tuesday..... 6:00 P.M. Lodge

Eastern Star 1st and 3rd Thursday. 7:30 P.M. Lodge
 Feb., Mar., May, July, Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec.: 1st and 3rd Thursday
 Jan., Apr., June, Sept.: Sat. following 3rd Thursday

Sew and Sews – Friday following 1st meeting of the month – 9:00 A.M.

DeMolay..... 2nd and 4th Monday 7:00 P.M. Lodge

Job's Daughters 1st and 3rd Monday 7:00 P.M. Lodge

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