



Wadsworth Lodge # 25

Trestle-Board

April 2007

Important Notice The Grand Master is Coming!

It is April and time for our official visit from the Most Worshipful Stanley Williams, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada. MW Williams and his core of officers will visit Wadsworth Lodge on April 6. Dinner will be put on by our Junior Warden Howard Rigdon, Mark Smith and Charles Bertrand. The meal will consist of baked ham with all the trimmings, so bring your ladies. This is always a special meeting and a great opportunity for our Lodge to shine. We have much to be proud of, so don't miss this event.

Up Coming Events

April 6

*** Grand Masters Visitation ***

Lodge will open on the First Degree, dress will be formal.
Dinner will be baked ham and baked potatoes at \$10 per person.

April 10

Building Trustee's Meeting.

April 16

At 7:00 pm; practice for the First Degree.

April 20

At 7:30 pm; Wadsworth Lodge First Degree.

April 21

Grand Lecture's School of Instruction at Reno Lodge.

May 4

Stated Meeting. Lodge will open on the First Degree.

Public School Week Observance.

A talk will be given by Mrs. Stephanie Black.

May 8

Building Trustee's Meeting.

May 14

At 7:00 pm, practice for the Second Degree.

May 18

Starting at 6:00 pm; Family Bingo / BBQ Night.

Cost is \$5.00 per person at the door and 25 cents per bingo card.

Soft drinks are free, wine or beer will be available for a \$1.00.

Children under 12 eat and play for free.

(This date maybe subject to change.)

May 21

At 7:30 pm; Wadsworth Lodge Second Degree.

(This event maybe changed to May 18.)



Important Notice

Due to an unexpected opening on the Board of Building Trustees, we are currently accepting the names of those Brethren that would like to be considered. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Richard Meacham, Master of the Lodge.



From the East

First I want to welcome three members to Wadsworth Lodge. Brothers Darlington, Holden and Walker were brought to light on March 16 and we are proud to welcome them aboard. For those of you that missed the excellent degree work done by our Junior Warden Howard Rigdon, his next performance will be on April 20 when Brother Rigdon again puts on the First Degree for two more new brothers.

As promised in the last Trestle-Board, this month I will address the issue of membership expectations. According to "A Handbook For the Leader of a Masonic Organization" most members fail to become active or drop out of a Lodge due to unmet expectations, real or perceived. In a survey conducted by the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America, the following issues stood out.

- 1) Friends and fellowship are the number one reason men join any organization.
- 2) A positive first impression is like money in the bank
- 3) What a man does not know can hurt you, communication makes all the difference.
- 4) Men have no time to waste and membership must have a value for time invested.
- 5) Most men will only join an organization when their wives approve of the membership.

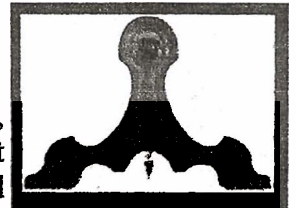
I have no doubt that all of us know at least one Mason that is no longer active in his Lodge because of one or more of the above reasons. Most likely the two biggest reasons are lack of fellowship or the failing to make a positive first impression. If we could step back and look at ourselves, how would we appear to a new or inactive member? Do we care about them or are we too busy to make them feel welcome? When we preach fellowship and brotherly love but fail to meet that expectation, what are we really saying. If we want new members to give of themselves, we must do the same. We must show that we care about them, their family and their needs. Members expectations, real and perceived, can make or break a Lodge. We can only meet their expectations when we get to know that person and what their needs are. Therefore, I ask our new or inactive member to come to Lodge and let their expectations be known. And I ask our active membership to go out of their way to provide fellowship to everyone that steps through our doors.

Richard Meacham
Master of the Lodge



From the West

I want to congratulate Brother Rigdon on his fine degree work. If you missed it, you missed a fun and entertaining evening but the good news is that we will be doing it again very soon. To all the brothers that participated in the degree; you were great and keep up the good work. I especially want to congratulate our new entered apprentices.



On March 24th, the Lodge held it's first annual "Take your wife to dinner night" with Ben Franklin Lodge and it was a success. The food at La Fuente Mexican Restaurant was great. We had 28 Masons and there wives for a evening of fun and Margaritas. We plan to do this again so let me know what type of food you like and maybe we will hold the next night out at your favorite restaurant.

We have many special events coming up, so mark your calendars since I look forward to seeing all of you at these events, especially the campout. Last year's campout was terrific and this year will be even better; so bring your fishing pole and sign up quick.

Dana Nollsch
Senior Warden



April Birthdays

Brother William Branstetter PM
Brother Joseph Brey
Brother Albert Codega
Brother Gary Hattlestad

Brother Antonio Pastini
Brother H. Michael Reed
Brother Kenneth Thurston
Brother Thomas Widaman



Member to Member

You Might Be A Mason if.....

It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, "One nation, under God."
You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.
You still say "Christmas" instead of "Winter Festival."
You bow your head when someone prays.
You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem.
You treat Viet Nam vets with great respect, and always have.
You've never burned an American flag.
You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.
You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.
You'd give your last dollar to a friend.

Submitted by Brother Jim Grabsky

THE MAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself
And see what THAT man has to say.
For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.
Some people might think you're a straight shooting' chum
And call you a wonderful guy.
But the man in glass says you're only a bum,
If you can't look him straight in the eye.
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

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