



Wadsworth Lodge # 25

Trestle-Board

December 2007

Important Notice to all, about the Holiday Party.

Martha Chapter of Eastern Star was planning to host the first annual Sparks Masonic Center Holiday Party on December 1, 2007. However, due to the unexpected passing of one of their members, the party has been postponed. A new date for the party has not been set and tickets will be redeemed upon request. If you wish to hold on to your ticket they will be honored as soon as the new date is set.

Up Coming Events

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| Dec. 1 | Martha Chapter of the Eastern Star, Holiday Dinner.
*** Dinner postponed to a new date in 2008. *** |
| Dec. 7 | Stated Meeting, open in the First Degree.
Election of Officers for 2008. |
| Dec. 11 | Building Trustees meeting at 11 am. |
| Dec. 14 | Past Master's Degree will be held at Fernley Lodge at 7 pm. |
| Dec. 15 | Wadsworth Lodge Installation of Officers in the Morning.
Lodge will open at 10 am, the installation will start at 11 am.
Ben Franklin Lodge Installation of Officers in the Evening. |
| Dec. 17 | Tenants meeting for everyone at the Sparks Masonic Center at 7 pm.
Each group should have at least two representatives present. |
| Dec. 25 | Merry Christmas to all. |
| Dec. 31 | New Years Eve. |
| Jan. 4 | Stated meeting, open in the First Degree. |
| Jan. 8 | Building Trustees meeting at 11 am. |
| Jan. 15 | Wadsworth Lodge's Annual Share Holder meeting at 7 pm. |
| Jan. 18 | Degree practice at 7pm. |





From the East

My Brothers, first I want to congratulate and welcome our two newest Entered Apprentices, Brother Dennis Moore and Clay Schnase; who were brought to light on November 16. I also want to welcome back Brother Tom Black, who has returned to the Lodge to finish his degrees.

As I write my final Trestle-Board, I also look back over the past year. We started the year in turmoil and Lodge has seen a number of issues, some of which are yet to be totally resolved. But despite the problems, the Brethren have proven to be stronger than all the negative issues. The Brothers stepped up, took control of the problems and together we are moving Wadsworth Lodge forward to new heights. Where else than Masonry can you find like minded men where everyone is on the level. I am not only impressed with each and everyone but I am very proud to call everyone of you my friend and brother.

As we all know, membership is our life's blood and when talking to prospective members outside of the Lodge, the most common question is, "what do you do". So here is a recap of our activities for the past year. We have:

- ~ Started up a Lodge Web Site at www.wadsworthlodge.com
(Thank You Brother Rick Wallace PM)
- ~ Revamped the Trestle-Board and posted it on our Web Site.
- ~ Reduced our over all mailing expenses by fifty percent by using our new Web Site.
- ~ Hosted a successful Table Lodge program on February 17.
- ~ Held a successful Family Bingo and BBQ on May 19.
- ~ Held a successful summer Lodge Campout on June 22 through 24.
- ~ Held a successful summer Lodge Picnic on August 25.
- ~ Sadly officiated over seven funerals. We will miss the following Brothers.
(Brothers Spark, Adams, Sowash, Norgaard, Brey, Kemp and Cook)
- ~ Did four Lodge visitations. (Reno, Ben Franklin, Washoe and Fernley).
- ~ Actively sponsored Sparks Assembly # 3, Order of Rainbow for Girls.
- ~ Started the Lodge Dinner on the Town program with Ben Franklin Lodge.
- ~ Brought in a total of eight new Entered Apprentices.
(March 16, Brothers Darlington, Holden and Walker; April 20, Brothers Waldrop and Watts;
November 16, Brothers Moore and Schnase)
- ~ Advanced three Fellow Craft.
(May 18, Brother Darlington; September 20, Brothers Waldrop and Watts)
- ~ Was awarded the Silver State Lodge Award of Excellence, for the first time, on November 12.

I want to say "Thank You" to all of my Officers, all my Lodge Brothers and to everyone that supported me over the past year. I want to give a special "Thank You" to my wife Pat, who was my biggest supporter and at times my biggest critic but was always there when I needed her. Being Master of this Lodge has been a long time goal of mine and now that I must return to the ranks from which I came, it is hard to believe that after years of hoping, I was finally able to live my dream. In many ways, I am glad that the year is coming to an end and at the same time find it difficult to believe. But I will set down with happy memories that I will cherish for ever.

Richard Meacham

Soon to be Past Master of this Lodge.
Thank You, one and all for your support.

PS: Despite a prevailing rumor, I am not leaving the Lodge at the end of my term. In fact, I intend to remain active in Wadsworth Lodge for many years to come and may even run for another office.



Brethren

From the West

Well my year as Senior Warden is coming to an end, where I go from here will be largely up to the members of Wadsworth Lodge. With this month's elections coming I would like to see as many of my brothers in lodge so that we can all see who we will be electing for the coming year. Remember to come and vote often. Let's show our support for our officers, as they have done a wonderful job this past year. I'm sure that our master would love to have a full house for his last meeting of the year.

This was a great Masonic year. I am so encouraged by the activity in the lodge this year. We have many new brothers in various stages. Let us encourage our new brothers to seek more light in masonry. I would also like to let our current Master Rich Meacham know what a great job he has done for this past year. Let us also take time during this busy season to remember those who are no longer with us. Thank you all for a great year.

With installation just a few weeks away, I am looking forward to working with all of you for the next calendar year.

Senior Warden
Dana Nollsch



Important Notice to All Wadsworth Lodge Members.

Brethren, our December meeting will be the election of Officers and Trustees for 2008. If you like what you have seen over the past year and believe that the Lodge is headed in the right direction, your vote of confidence is needed. If you disagree with the changes, desire to hold an office or want to vote for someone else, don't miss out. If you are only able to attend one meeting a year, this is the one. Every vote counts and our future is dictated by those who come to this meeting. So come one and come all, vote early and vote often, but don't miss your chance to set the course for Wadsworth Lodge's future.



Public Notice.

As required by the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Sparks Masonic Building Association is holding it's annual Share Holders Meeting on January 15, 2008, at 7 pm. All interested parties are invited to attend.



Editors Notes

Effective the January 2008, Brother Del Rytting will be the new Editor / Publisher of the Trestle-Board. You can contact Brother Rytting at Del.Rytting@IGT.com



Decemebr Birthdays

Brother Gary Beard
Brother, MW John L. Buffington PM, PGM
Brother John Buffington PM
Brother John Carr PM
Brother John Dale
Brother James McClure
Brother Theodore Mitchell

Brother Gerald Norman
Brother Marion Rose
Brother Darren Spark PM
Brother Jack Streeter
Brother Bruce Thomas
Brother William Zundel



Masonic Humor

There is the incident of the cop who stopped a car full of Shriners for speeding. When he saw that they were wearing fezzes he said, "Oh! Your Shriners are you? Then I'll let you off this time because they do a lot of good. BUT if you were Masons I'd run you all in."



A Doctor and Plumber are in the same Lodge. On Sunday Morning the Doctor wakes up to find his toilet blocked. So he rings the Plumber. "But I do not work Sundays! Can't it wait until tomorrow." The Doctor said. "I do not like working Sundays either but if you were in trouble, and felt unwell, Brother I would come round to see you" "Ok" says the Plumber and goes round to the Doctor. Goes upstairs and looks at the toilet, take two aspirins from his pocket and throws them down the bowel. "There" he says "If it's no better tomorrow give me a ring and I will call round."



Two experienced Master Masons were enjoying a flight in a hot air balloon when suddenly a thick cloud formed between them and the ground. Being without instruments, after half an hour they realized that they were well and truly lost. A short time later there came across a large hole in the cloud and espied a gentleman below walking his dog across a field. They had time to exchange pleasantries and found that he too was a member of the Craft. The chaps in the balloon enquired of him as to their location and received the reply, "About 200 feet up in a balloon." Just then the cloud closed the hole and they were alone again. One turned to the other and said, "I bet he's the Secretary of his Lodge!" "Why do you say that?", the other asked. "Well what he has told us is absolutely true - but in our present predicament is totally useless!"



Officers

Worshipful Master Richard V. Meacham
 (Pat)
 Senior Warden Dana A. Nollsch
 (Mary)
 Junior Warden Howard L. Rigdon
 (Myung)
 Treasurer James A. Grabsky
 (Sally)
 Secretary Charles F. Steiner PM

 Chaplain Dustin J. Simpson PM
 (Heather)
 Senior Deacon William J. Wearne, IV
 (Taryn)
 Junior Deacon Patrick W. Higgins
 (Tiffani)
 Senior Steward Charles E. Bertrand

 Junior Steward Nathaniel "Battery" Brown
 (Erin)
 Marshal Mark E. Smith

 Historian J. J. McDonald III, PM

 Tyler J. Darren Spark PM
 (Dianne)
 Greeter Edward R. Nixon
 (Marilyn)

Building Trustees

Phillip A. Anderson PM
 1 Year

 Charles F. Steiner PM
 1 Year

 Edward E. Davis PM
 2 Years

 Harry Dixon PM
 3 Years

 W. Dalton "Cowboy" LaRue PM
 3 Years

Committees

By-Laws W. Dalton "Cowboy" LaRue PM
 Richard V. Meacham
 Del R. Rytting

 Budget J. J. McDonald III, PM
 James A. Grabsky
 Robert C. Snyder PM
 John M. Buffington PM

 Cognizance: John M. Buffington PM
 W. Dalton "Cowboy" LaRue PM
 Dustin J. Simpson PM

 Delinquency: Patrick W. Higgins
 Dana A. Nollsch
 Charles F. Steiner PM

 Funeral Robert L. Duncan PM
 W. Dalton "Cowboy" LaRue PM
 Richard V. Meacham

 Greeters: Patrick Higgins
 Edward R. Nixon
 William J. Wearne, IV

 Hi-Twelve: Dustin J. Simpson PM
 Del R. Rytting

 Masonic Education: J. J. McDonald III, PM

 Refreshments: Charles E. Bertrand
 Nathaniel "Battery" Brown
 Mark E. Smith
 Howard L. Rigdon

 Sickness and Distress: Dana A. Nollsch, Chairman

Lodge Trustees

J. J. McDonald III, PM
 1 Year

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 2 Years

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 3 Years