

Wadsworth Lodge # 25

Trestle-Board

February 2007

Important Notice

My Brothers, Table Lodge is February 17. This is our official observance for George Washington's Birthday and Wadsworth Lodge's major money maker of the year. To keep our yearly budget under control, the Lodge is in need of your support. Please plan to attend and please bring a prize for the raffle. Table Lodge is open to all Masons, so bring your friends. Every year we have good food, good friendship and a lot of fun. Don't miss it!



Up Coming Events



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| Feb. 2 | Stated Meeting. Lodge will open on the First Degree. |
| Feb. 13 | Building Trustee's Meeting |
| Feb. 14 | Wadsworth Lodge's spring visit to Sparks Assembly Rainbow. |
| Feb. 16 | At 7:00 pm; general meeting and set up for Table Lodge. |
| Feb. 17 | George Washington's Birthday Observance.
Starting at 9:00 am; finish set up for Table Lodge.
Table Lodge opens at high noon. Tickets are \$20 per person. |
| Mar. 2 | Stated Meeting. Lodge will open on the First Degree.
DeMolay Month and Masonic Youth Groups Observance.
DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs Daughters will be invited to speak. |
| Mar. 3 | Co-Ed Dinner on the town. Time and Location TBA. |
| Mar. 12 | At 7:00 pm; practice for First Degree. |
| Mar. 13 | Building Trustee's Meeting. |
| Mar. 16 | At 7:30 pm; Wadsworth Lodge First Degree. |

A Lodge Phone Directory is being developed.

Along with the new Trestle-Board and our new Web Site, a number of new problems have come to light. The biggest problem is that we no longer provide home phone numbers or addresses in the Trestle-Board. This was done for membership safety since the Trestle-Board is now listed on a public access Web Site. But it has also created problems for member to member contact. To correct this issue, we are developing a Lodge wide phone and address directory that will be mailed out to all members. If your phone number or address is incorrect, please notify the Lodge Secretary or E-Mail the information to the Worshipful Master. If you do not want the information listed, please notify the Lodge in the same manor.



From the East

My Brothers, each month I intend to address one or more issues that effect our Lodge and this month I will address the three things that directly effect our budget. The first issue is to increase income. Dues alone do not meet our no frills budget and currently we only carry a reserve of approximately three thousand dollars. There are no plans to increase the dues at this time, but we can not avoid raising the dues forever. In the mean time, we must increase our income and one way is through our yearly Table Lodge, which will be held on February 17th this year. This not only meets our required George Washington's Birthday observance, but the income is needed to balance the budget. Historically we have done well, but in the last few years increasing expenses have drastically effected our net return. This event has fixed expenses, so any monitory benefit comes from membership participation. If each member would just buy one ticket, provide a raffle gift or better yet, come and have fun, Table Lodge would be a big success. Table Lodge and our budget go hand in hand so help us pay our bills and at the same time have fun.

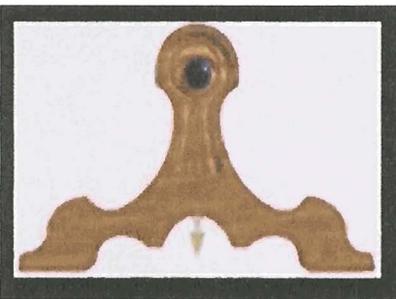
The second issue is to decrease expenses which are already cut to a minimum. But one area that we can decrease is the cost of producing the monthly Trestle-Board. Last year we paid approximately ninety-five dollars a month to copy and mail a single piece of paper. This monthly cost plus the yearly fee for non-profit mailing, totals a little over one-thousand one-hundred dollars a year. If only fifty percent of our membership converted to the new E-Mail Trestle-Board, we can continue with multiple page Trestle-Boards, stop the non-profit mailing, pay for our Web Site and at the same time save over five hundred dollars a year. I know that not everyone has a computer or uses E-Mail but if you do, please log on to our Web Site at www.wadsworthlodge.com and help cut expenses by converting to our new E-Mail Trestle-Board.

The last budget issue is long term investments in the form of a Life Membership. The Lodge has no other investments at this times. The cost of a Life Membership is set by Grand Lodge at twenty-one times the yearly dues. This money is then invested through Grand Lodge and the Lodge receives your yearly dues in the form of investment returns. The returns pay your yearly dues and continue to pay returns long after we are gone. This is also a great way to avoid a future dues increase. So if you are not already a Life Member please consider it.

Richard Meacham
Master



From the West



Brethren, this is an exciting time of the year. We have Table Lodge coming up; arguably our most important event of the year. We are looking forward to a great turnout of both members and guests. Many of you have been to Table Lodge before and know what a great event it is and this year will be one of our best. So remember on February 17, come in out of the cold to Table Lodge and join George Washington for a morning of friendship and brotherly love.

Dana Nollsch
Senior Warden





Greeting from the South.

February should prove to be an eventful month as we hold our annual "Table Lodge." It is expected that the arduous hours of tedious planning will be rewarded with great attendance. Worshipful Master Meacham has been working round the clock to make this a memorable event. This is our annual fund raiser and maximizing its success is extremely important to the fiscal welfare of Wadsworth Lodge #25. Be sure to invite as many Masons as possible to attend. There will be some very nice raffle prizes.



I want to personally thank the following brethren for their assistance and service in the preparation and presentation of the January dinner. The venison spaghetti sauce was extremely tasty and the meal was a success due, in no small part, to the efforts of the following outstanding brother Masons, Charles Bertrand, Mark Smith, "Battery" Brown, Will Werne III, Patrick Higgins and Dana Nolls, and Dana Nolls,

My sincere thanks to each of these brothers for their tremendous contributions and cheerful attention to detail. Thanks, also, to Roger Jacobs for some excellent venison. (at least it didn't taste like chicken) Sources state that the deer actually died from complications due to laughter after having been shot at by Brother Jacobs. This is unconfirmed, however, at this time.

This month the cuisine will be "Beef Bourguignon", pronounced "Borg – in – yawn" with the requisite accompanying support dishes and fare demanded by the renown if not somewhat temperamental Master Chef, Mark "Road Kill" Smith.

Remember that we have increased the suggested donation for dinner to \$7.00.

Howard Rigdon
Junior Warden



Wadsworth Lodge is a proud sponsor of Sparks Assembly Order of the Rainbow for Girls

From our Rainbow Girls

Sparks Assembly #3 had their 192nd Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 13, 2007 with Michelle Lewis as the Worthy Advisor elect. The theme for this term is Olympics and the motto is "Light your Flame, Raise your Torch." Our service project is Leticia's Clothes Closet and the Northern Nevada Food Bank. On Saturday we are going Ice Skating with the Reno Chapter of DeMolay. We will be helping at the Shrine Circus, working Lawlor basketball games, and initiating new members. Our annual Rainbow Camp is coming up in March and we are all very excited. At our last meeting the Grand Officers announced their Trailers and the girls were very excited. We hope that a special bond can be created between these girls in order that our assembly can become closer as a whole. Our meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday and we invite you to come see us when ever you can. We hope to see you all soon.

Michelle Lewis
Worthy Adviser



February Birthdays

**Brother Edward Cobbett
Brother Edward Cockerill
Brother Laurence Wilson
Brother Wayne Block
Brother Edward Howden
Brother Alan Goldfarb**

**Brother Nick Creveling
Brother Willard Anderson PM
Brother Kenneth Husby
Brother Kenneth Stine
Brother Joseph Shiffer
Brother Robert Snyder PM**



Masonic Humor

A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as it was no great distance he would go on his bicycle. Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a backpedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge. Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the WM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.



Editor's notes

If you have not found everything in the new Trestle-Board or run into problems using our new Web Site, so have we. We did not expect the number of bugs that we have found and are now trying to work out. Please understand that change takes time and we are working through the problems as we find them.

Please take note that this Trestle-Board will be posted on a public access Web Site. Therefore, for member's safety, home phone numbers, home address and birth dates will no longer be listed in the Trestle-Board. Officers can be contacted by E-Mail through our new Web Site.