

Wadsworth Lodge # 25

Trestle-Board

March 2007

Important Notice to all Lodges and Grand Lodge Officers.

— As part of Wadsworth Lodge's budget re-alignment we are converting all non-members to an E-Mail Trestle-Board effective April 2007. In this day and age of computers, snail mail is out and E-Mail will save the Lodge time and money. So please log onto www.wadsworthlodge.com and provide your E-Mail address to our web master so that you don't miss a single copy of the Wadsworth Lodge information network.

Up Coming Events



- 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. 12 At 7:00 pm; practice for the First Degree.
- Mar. 13 Building Trustee's Meeting.
- Mar. 16 At 7:30 pm; Wadsworth Lodge First Degree.
- Mar. 24 Wadsworth and Ben Franklin, "Take your wife to dinner night."
6 pm at the La Fuente Mexican Restaurant, 790 Baring Bl., Sparks
Seating is limited and a head count is needed.
Dinner will be a buffet at \$18 if we get thirty people confirmed.
If not, the average menu cost is \$12 to \$15, plus drinks.
- 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.

Camp site reservations are mandatory.

The Wadsworth Lodge camp out will be held on June 22 through 24. Camp sites are limited and reservations are mandatory. The estimated cost should be less than \$25 per camp site, per night. For further information or to confirm your site, contact Richard Meacham by phone or through the Web Site by March 9th.



From the East

First I want to say "Thank You" to all the Brethren, who participated in our annual Table Lodge event. It was a great success due to the outstanding membership of Wadsworth Lodge. I could not have done it without each and everyone of you and I hope that everyone had a good time.

This month I will talk about membership. As we have all heard, membership is declining and Wadsworth Lodge is no exception. Currently, the Lodge has a total of 142 members and the average age is 66.5. However, we are not unique according to "A Handbook For the Leader of a Masonic Organization". The handbook reports that 90% of men will no longer join a secretive organization, 50% of all petitioners will fail to complete their degrees or drop out of the Lodge, 15% of the membership will be active and now days most of the men need the approval of their wives. The statistics are sobering but also make three very clear points. Our membership is aging, times have changed and most Lodges fail to meet the expectations of the membership.

First we must remember that Masons are not a secret organization but a fraternity with some secrets. Historically this has been an ongoing problem that has created a negative public opinion and we have done nothing to change it. The bumper sticker (2 Be 1 Ask 1) is a good slogan and I encourage everyone to use it but it does not stop us from talking to friends and family. We should be proud of the fact that we are Masons and every member should be proud to talk about Wadsworth Lodge. When we fail to provide positive information, we encourage our friends and family to believe the misinformation they will hear, find on the internet, see on TV or read in the next New York best seller. You should not be afraid to ask your son, son-in-law or best friend if he wants to know about Masons. They may be waiting and wondering why you will not talk to them about your Masonic Lodge; or worse yet, they may think you don't want them in your Lodge. We must stop this attitude of don't ask and tell. We can no longer afford to be the best kept secret in town, times have changed and we must spread the word if we are going to survive. If every member found just one new member, we would be the biggest Lodge in the State of Nevada.

The next step is to identify and meet membership expectations but since I am running out of room, I will address that issue in the April Trestle-Board.

Richard Meacham
Master of the Lodge



A Lodge Phone Directory is being developed.

Wadsworth Lodge is trying to develop 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 your information listed in the directory, please notify the Lodge in the same manner.



Member to Member

Our Brother Bill Cook has moved to Golden Years Castle, 2060 Arcane Ave. Reno, Nevada, 89503. The phone number is 747-7171.

Robbie Snyder PM



From the South

The Table Lodge was an outstanding event and a whole lot of fun. I am told that we now have sufficient "balls" to convene our lodge at just about any level necessary. Golf balls seemed to be the predominant item which was actually won by the brothers in attendance. The meal was super. Once again "Road Kill" Smith and "Taxman" Bertrand did the lion's share of the cooking and really did a great job. Many thanks to all those brethren that helped in the set up and in the clean-up.

This month, rumor has it, we will be putting on a double First Degree. Thus far I have been tasked with conducting the Degree work. Due to my advanced age the memory work is going rather slow. This should be a very entertaining event and many of the brethren have expressed an interest in attending just to see how badly I screw it up. Brotherly love and inclusion is such a wonderful thing. There is plenty of wine left over from the Table Lodge, so maybe if it is used to "intemperance and excess" no one will notice the predicted departures from established ritual that will befall this hapless servant.

Since the Rainbow and DeMolay are making presentations at our Stated Meeting it was decided to honor their presence with a repast of pizza. Therefore, the menu will be: Pizza
Wine and or soft drinks (as required by criminal statute and the boundary of decorum) and afterwards Cherry pie and ice cream. I may decide to throw some left over ham into the mix as well as some salad.

The Master will be helping me prepare the pizzas. Since he is an outstanding purveyor of culinary delight it is expected that with a little help from "Papa John" they will turn out alright. That is it from the South, looking forward to seeing everyone at Lodge.

Howard Rigdon
Junior Warden



From our Rainbow Girls

We're sorry most of you couldn't make it to our meeting on February 14th, it was a lot of fun. You are welcome to come to any of our meetings, we really appreciate having Master Masons watch us work. Our next meeting is an Initiation and if you've never seen a Rainbow Initiation, you should try to come on February 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

March is a very busy month for us. We start on the first weekend by working at the Shrine Circus selling cotton candy Friday night, Programs Saturday morning and cotton candy again on Saturday afternoon. The next weekend, March 9th, 10th, and 11th, is our Rainbow Camp. This is a fun weekend when every Rainbow girl and their chaperones meet together in Tonopah. No dressing up, no ceremonies – just lots of fun.

Our regular meeting on March 14th, will be full of leprechaun hijinks and green fun everywhere. And our last meeting of the month is set for March 28th. This will be our formal escort night – the only night of the term where everyone with a title gets escorted and introduced. The girls will be dressed in their formals and we'll celebrate the beginning of spring.

Rainbow Love,
Michelle Lewis
Worthy Advisor Sparks #3





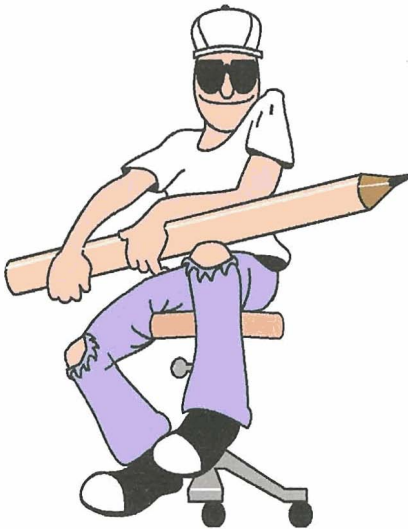
March Birthdays

Brother George Falkowski
 Brother James Weaver
 Brother Andrew Braham
 Brother Edward Cobeen Jr.
 Brother John Lebroke Jr.
 Brother James LaSance
 Brother Guy Richardson P.M.

Brother Justin Olin
 Brother John Watson P.M.
 Brother Jon Madsen
 Brother Richard Meacham
 Brother George Robinson
 Brother Carl Short
 Brother Philip Anderson P.M.



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 Lodge Officers



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Editor's Notes

In the future I would like to increase the Trestle-Board's newest section called "Member to Member". If you have any articles of interest, or information about members or other Lodges, please E-Mail them to me through our web site and I will attempt to find room for the information in the next Trestle-Board.