



# Wadsworth Lodge # 25

## Trestle-Board

November 2007

### Important Notice

On December 1, 2007, Martha Chapter of the Eastern Star will be hosting a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. This dinner is a fund raiser and all proceeds will go directly into the Wadsworth Lodge building fund. The dinner will be at Wadsworth Lodge and donations of both time and food are requested. This is our first annual holiday party and the first co-ed event devoted to the building. Everyone is invited and a big turnout is expected. So mark your calendars and don't miss the fun.

### Up Coming Events

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| Nov. 2     | Stated Meeting. Lodge will open on the First Degree. This will be a step up meeting, officers advance one chair.        |
| Nov. 6     | Building Trustee's Meeting.   |
| Nov. 11-13 | Nevada Grand Lodge. To be held at Circus Circus, Reno.  |
| Nov. 16    | Wadsworth Lodge First Degree.   |
| Dec. 1     | Martha Chapter of the Eastern Star, Holiday Dinner.   |
| Dec. 7     | Stated Meeting, open in the First Degree.<br>Election of Officers for 2008.   |
|            | Past Master's Degree ( Date, Time and Location pending )  |
| Dec. 15    | Wadsworth Lodge Installation of Officers in the Morning.<br>Ben Franklin Lodge Installation of Officers in the Evening. |



### Important Notice

Brothers, next month will be the December elections for the 2008 Officers. Besides the normal core of Lodge Officers, we will have one opening for a Lodge Trustee and two openings for the Building Trustees. If you have any interest in one of these positions, please come and check us out. Remember, proper preparation for the future prevents poor performance and what we do today is the legacy of our Lodge tomorrow. No matter what your age or experience, the Lodge can always use your help.



## From the East

This month will be Nevada Grand Lodge on November 11 though 13. Since Grand Lodge will be held at the Circus Circus Hotel Casino in Reno, everyone should try to attend at least one session. Grand Lodge is not for Officers only, all Master Masons are welcome and encouraged to attend. I have attended Grand Lodge for the past two years and have found it to be a real eye opener. Talking to other Masons around the State has pointed out how Wadsworth Lodge does some things very well but could improve on others. It is also very interesting to learn the history and see the inner workings of Grand Lodge. I now have a better understanding of how and where Grand Lodge started and have provided a short history for your enjoyment.

This year, for the first time, Wadsworth Lodge has qualified and submitted an application for the Nevada Grand Lodge Silver State Award. Our Lodge may not be number one, but we are clearly in the top three State wide and coming on strong. The award is an engraved plaque that is presented to a Lodge in recognition of it's outstanding work over the past year. I believe that we will receive this award and I would love to see everyone there when it is presented. So if you can only attend one session, try to come when this award is handed out.

Also this month Wadsworth Lodge will be putting on the First Degree for three more new members. I encourage everyone to come and support our newest members and at the same time enjoy the show, as our Junior Warden, Brother Howard Rigdon puts on the degree.

Richard Meacham  
Master of the Lodge

### A short history of Nevada Grand Lodge.

In July 1863, Washoe Lodge appointed a Committee of Correspondence relative to the formation of a Grand Lodge of Freemasons in the then Territory Of Nevada. In November 1864, Virginia Lodge and Estuarial Lodge appointed a joint committee for the same purpose. This activity was noted by the Virginia Daily Union on November 16, 1864, when it said: "The Masonic Fraternity of this state are agitating the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge of the Order." As a result of this latter movement, five of the eight chartered Lodges in the state united in calling a convention for Monday, January 16, 1865. At this convention, seven Lodges were represented: Carson Lodge, Washoe Lodge, Virginia Lodge, Silver City Lodge (now Amity Lodge), Silver Star Lodge, Esmeralda Lodge and Estuarial Lodge. Lander Lodge was not represented, probably on account of distance, but readily endorsed the work of the Convention. All these Lodges were holding California registry charters. The convention, on the first day, adopted a constitution, elected and installed a full corps of Grand Lodge Officers and then adjourned.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, for the first time, Tuesday morning, January 17, 1865. The first annual grand communication was held October 10, 1865. By the fires of May 19, 1875, and October 26, 1875, in Virginia City, Nevada, the office of the Grand Secretary, together with the large and valuable library of the Grand Lodge were entirely destroyed. On account of the wide extent of the latter fire, no annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in 1875.



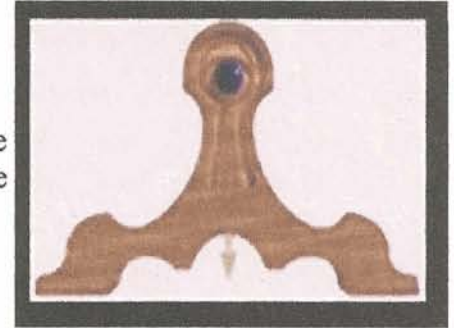




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## From the West

Brethren, in a preview of next year, the November meeting will be Step up Night. This may be very entertaining. All Brothers should be there to show their support to your Lodge Officers.



In just a few short Months we will be having our Annual Table Lodge. For those of you that have been to one of our Table Lodges you know how much fun we have, for those of you that have not been to a Table Lodge you are in for a real treat. We will be having wonderful Home Brew as we had last year. The tentative menu will be Tri Tip or Turkey. We will need Brothers to fill many important roles, let me know if you want to be part of this very fun and entertaining event.

Dana Nollsch  
Senior Warden



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## From the South



The holiday season is upon us once again and 2007 is winding down. The year has, once again, seemingly flown by and we have much to be thankful for this season of Thanksgiving. Of particular importance, for which we should eternally grateful, is the opportunity which is provided us, through Masonry, for men of divergent professions, backgrounds and experience to meld together as one body united by brotherhood and equality. For me it has become a distinct honor and pleasure to have been accepted into the fellowship of the craft and into the association of such a distinguished group of men. During the year I have been impressed with the manner in which issues which have arisen, have been addressed and resolved even though there is evidence of conflicting personal beliefs and positions. I am grateful for the leadership of Worshipful Master Meacham and all of the other officers with whom I have been privileged to serve and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

As I am unable to be in attendance at the Stated Meeting, Brother Mark Smith has agreed to prepare the meal which will consist of bratwurst, potatoes and other delicacies prepared using an ancient and secret recipe of spices and seasonings known only by Ubermensch Chef Mark Smith.

Howard Rigdon  
Junior Warden  
And Chief Cook



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## Congratulations

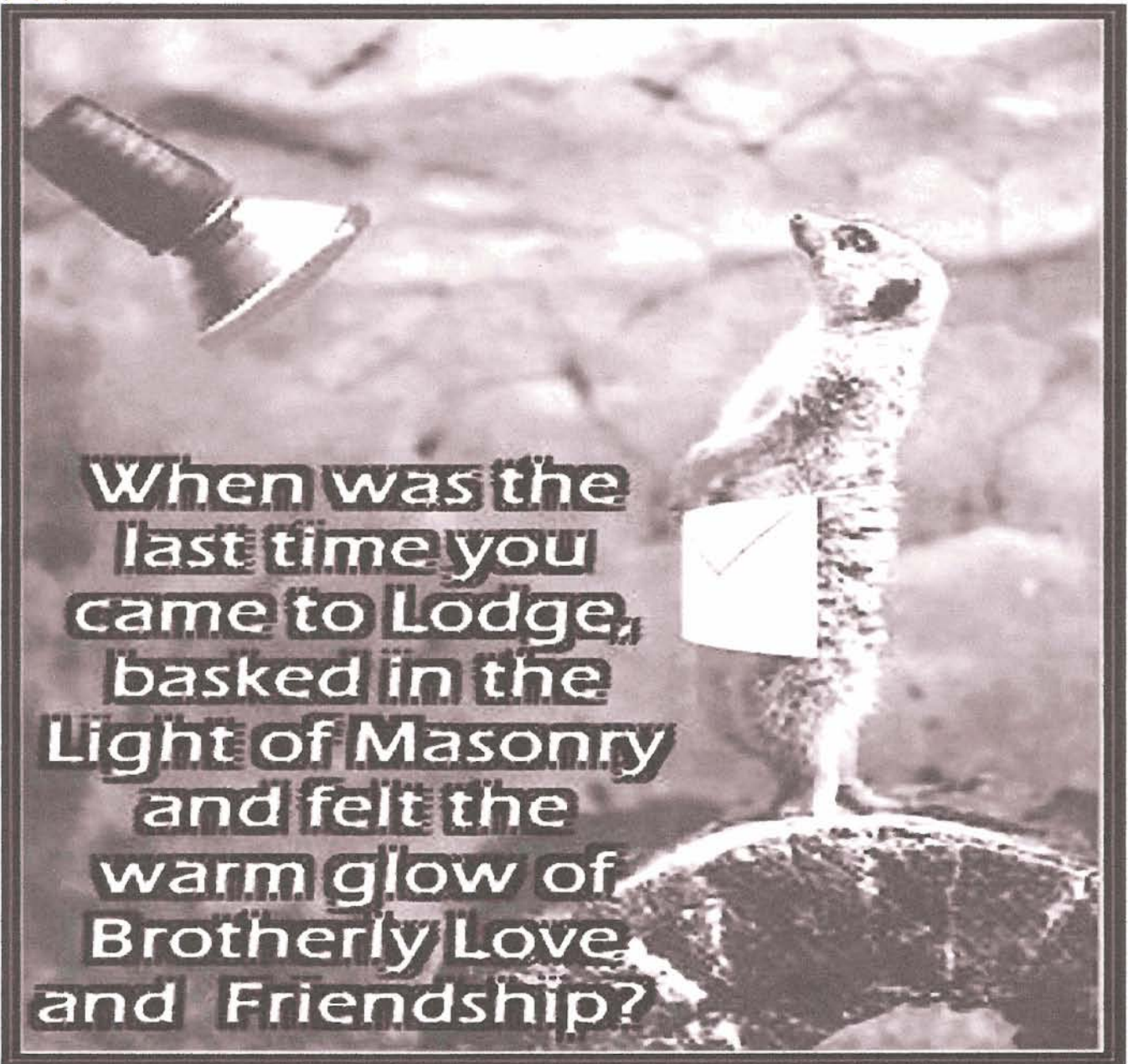
Brother Willard "Ducky" Anderson PM, was installed as Patron of Martha Chapter Eastern Star on October 26.



# Novemeber Birthdays

Brother, Col. William Brinkerhoff  
Brother Gerald Galletti  
Brother Roger Hiestand  
Brother Amos Mathewson

Brother J.J. McDonald III, PM  
Brother Ben Moore  
Brother Edward Nixon



**When was the  
last time you  
came to Lodge,  
basked in the  
Light of Masonry  
and felt the  
warm glow of  
Brotherly Love  
and Friendship?**





## 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  
  
 Robert C. Snyder PM  
 2 Years  
  
 John M. Buffington PM  
 3 Years