



Wadsworth Lodge # 25

Trestle-Board

October 2007

Important Notice

On December 1, 2007, Martha Chapter of the Eastern Star will be hosting a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The dinner will be at Wadsworth Lodge and donations of both time and food are requested. This dinner is a fund raiser and all proceeds will go directly into the Wadsworth Lodge building fund. This is our first annual holiday party and the first 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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| Oct. 5 | Stated Meeting. |
| Oct. 9 | Building Trustee's Meeting. |
| Oct. 19 | Halloween Family Bingo Night - CANCELED for Scottish Rite. |
| Oct. 24 | Masonic Shadow Night with Sparks Assembly Rainbow. |
| Oct. ?? | Possibly the 25th of the 29th.
First Degree, currently unconfirmed.
Subject to a number of new petitions. |
| 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. |



Important Notice

Brothers, even though it is October, it is not too early to start thinking about 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 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

My Brothers, we are once again off to a fast start after our summer break and if you missed the BBQ Tri-Tip dinner prior to our September meeting, I truly feel sorry for you. Brother Mark Smith's BBQ was without question the best meal we have had all year. Thank You to Brother Smith and all of our outstanding kitchen crew. I also want to thank our Senior Warden, Brother Dana Nollsch for an outstanding second degree on September 20. Brothers Watts and Waldrop are now proud Fellow Crafts Masons. This month, we will put on another first degree for two more candidates which will result in seven new members this year. To all of our membership, "Keep up the good work" and Wadsworth Lodge will soon be the biggest in the State.

This month I want to talk about Masonic Ancient Landmarks which are part of the Nevada Masonic Code. I have found that most members don't know about the Ancient Landmarks or the Masonic Code. I therefore copied the following information from the Nevada Masonic Code.

Section 1.020 "Ancient Landmarks", "Landmark" defined.

1. A landmark is a law or custom of the Fraternity that has existed "from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," and of such nature that it cannot be repealed or changed with out making the Fraternity a fundamentally different institution.
2. The Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry are continued as approved by the Grand Lodge at the eighth Annual Communication in September, A.L. 5872 (A.D. 1872).

The Ancient Landmarks are a set of thirty-nine rules that are listed in the first few pages of the Nevada Masonic Code. Few of us ever read the Masonic Code but it governs the conduct of all Masons and Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Grand Lodge. The Ancient Landmarks are the core of the Masonic Code and the basic beliefs from which the fraternity draws it's principles. The Ancient Landmarks and Masonic Codes are not difficult to understand but they are rules that we should all learn to live by as Masons. By knowing the Ancient Landmarks we become better educated Masons. I can not address all of the Ancient Landmarks or Masonic Codes in this article but I have provided a copy of the Ancient Landmarks in this Trestle-Board for you to read.

Richard Meacham
Master of the Lodge



From the West



Brethren

Thanks to all the brothers that attended our Second Degree. We had a good turnout and a great degree. Congratulations to Brothers Tray Watts and Danny Waldrop.

I would like to encourage my fellow brothers to become involved in the next year as there are many opportunities. If you haven't been in for a while, please come by for a visit as we would love to have all that could attend events as well as our regularly scheduled meetings. If you would like to be on a committee or have ideas for the upcoming year, please feel free to contact me.

Dana Nollsch
Senior Warden





Masonic Humor

In the days of the old west, a young fellow held up a bank, and in so doing shot and killed the teller. Several people in the bank and outside saw him well enough to identify him as he rode out of town. A posse was formed and in short order had captured him and returned him to jail. He was duly tried and sentenced to hang for his crime. On the appointed day a scaffold had been erected outside the jail. The fellow was lead up the steps to the scaffold, the Judge read his sentence, and asked the fellow if he had anything to say. "I sure do, Judge. If it wasn't for the damn Masons I wouldn't be here." The Judge inquired to what he referred. "Well, the Sheriff who pursued me is a Mason, as were most of the posse. The jury was mostly Masons, and you, Judge, are a Mason. If it wasn't for the damn Masons I wouldn't be here." That being all he had to say, the Judge ordered the hangman to proceed. The hangman put a HOOD over his head, a ROPE around his neck, took him by the right arm and said, "Take one regular step forward with your left foot."

A postman, on his route, picked up a letter from a mailbox that was addressed to God. The postman seeing that the letter was not sealed, and there being no postage on it, opened and read it. It was from a man who was down on his luck and was asking God for help. The letter asked for \$50 to get his family through the next week. The postman, being a Mason, took the letter to Lodge that evening, read it, and asked for donations for the unfortunate fellow. The Masons, wanting to help, took up a collection, and received twenty five dollars from the brethren. The Secretary placed the cash in a Lodge envelope, and gave it to the postman to deliver the following day, which he did. Another day passed, and the postman again found an unsealed letter in the mailbox addressed to God. Again he opened and read the letter, which thanked God for the money, but instructed him to send it through the Knights of Columbus next time as the Masons kept half.



October Birthdays

Brother Kurt Brown
Brother Howard Rigdon
Brother Michael Dent
Brother Harry Dixon PM
Brother Frank Evans
Brother John Fleming
Brother, Rev. Allen Garretson

Brother James Gilliland
Brother Robert Hackbarth
Brother Donald Hudson
Brother Shawn Jones
Brother Mark Bussiere
Brother Simon Noble



Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry

- I. Belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe.
- II. Belief in the immortality of the Soul.
- III. Belief in the resurrection of the body.
- IV. Obedience to the moral law.
- V. Respect for and obedience to the civil law and government of the country where a Mason may reside.
- VI. The legend of the third degree.
- VII. The modes of recognition.
- VIII. The obligations.
- IX. The obligations, means of recognition, and the forms and ceremonies observed in conferring degrees are secret.
- X. Charity to all mankind, and more particularly to a Brother Mason, is a Masonic duty.
- XI. Every person, to be made a Mason, must be a man of lawful age, free born, and hale and sound as a man ought to be.
- XII. The ballot for candidates is strictly and inviolably secret.
- XIII. No one can be made a Mason except in a lawful Lodge, duly convened, after petition and acceptance by unanimous ballot.
- XIV. The duty of every Master Mason to be a member of a Lodge.
- XV. Initiation makes a man a Mason, and when he receives the degree of Master Mason, he becomes a member of the Lodge conferring it.
- XVI. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge except when such is likely to disturb the harmony or interrupt the working of the Lodge.
- XVII. Masonic intercourse with a clandestine or expelled Mason is a Masonic crime.
- XVIII. Every Mason is amenable to the Masonic laws and regulations of the jurisdiction in which he resides.
- XIX. No appeal can be taken to the Lodge from the decision of the Master, or the Warden occupying the chair in his absence.
- XX. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his Brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
- XXI. Every Mason must be tried by his peers; and hence a Lodge cannot try its Master.
- XXII. The government of the Craft when congregated in a Lodge, by a Master and two Wardens.
- XXIII. Every Lodge, when congregated must be duly tyled.
- XXIV. A "Book of the Law," the square and compasses, shall constitute a part of the furniture of every Lodge.
- XXV. Every Lodge has power to make Masons and to administer to its own private affairs.
- XXVI. No visitor, unknown to the Brethren present or to some one of them, as a Mason, can enter a Lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage.
- XXVII. Every Master, before closing his Lodge, must give, or cause to be given, a lecture on Masonry, or a part thereof.
- XXVIII. The Master and Wardens of every warranted Lodge must be chosen annually by its members.
- XXIX. In case of the death, inability, or absence of the Master of a Lodge, it is the prerogative of the Senior Warden, and in the case of his death, inability, or absence, of the Junior Warden, to preside over the Lodge.
- XXX. The duty as well as the right of every warranted Lodge to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication.
- XXXI. The right of every Lodge to instruct its Representatives to the Grand Lodge.
- XXXII. All Masons as such are peers.
- XXXIII. All constituent Lodges are peers.
- XXXIV. All Grand Lodges are peers.
- XXXV. A Grand Lodge has supreme and exclusive jurisdiction within its territorial limits, over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry.
- XXXVI. A Grand Lodge must meet at least once in each year, to consult and act concerning the interests of the Fraternity in its jurisdiction.
- XXXVII. The office of Grand Master is elective, and should be filled annually by the Grand Lodge.
- XXXVIII. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the Craft within his jurisdiction, wheresoever and whensoever held.
- XXXIX. The Ancient Landmarks are the Supreme Law, and cannot be changed or abrogated.

Officers

Worshipful Master Richard V. Meacham
 (Pat)

Senior Warden Dana A. Nollsch
 (Mary)

Junior Warden Howard L. Rigdon
 (Myung)

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 (Sally)

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 (Heather)

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 (Taryn)

Junior Deacon Patrick W. Higgins
 (Tiffani)

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Junior Steward Nathaniel "Battery" Brown
 (Erin)

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 (Dianne)

Greeter Edward R. Nixon
 (Marilyn)

Building Trustees

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 1 Year

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 1 Year

Edward E. Davis PM
 2 Years

Harry Dixon PM
 3 Years

W. Dalton "Cowboy" LaRue PM
 3 Years

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 Howard L. Rigdon

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 2 Years

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 3 Years

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