



Wadsworth Lodge # 25 F. & A.M. June, 2008 Trestle-Board

Coming Events

Lodge Calendar

June 6th

Dinner 6:00 PM
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Open on Third unless EA
or FC present

June 13th 1:00 PM

Sparks Masonic Building
Association

June 20th 7:00 PM

Degree to be Announced

July 6th

Masonic Picnic
Bartley Ranch Parks

Affiliated Bodies

June 5th 7:00 PM
Reno Chapter #7 RAM
Reno Council #4 CM

Rainbow Calendar

June 11 & 25 7:00 PM
Sparks Assembly #3

Martha Chapter OES **June - Dark**

June Birth Days

Joseph Creveling	19
Robert Duncan PM	20
Feryl L. Fitzgerald	17
Mark A. Hawkins	14
Lester A. Knox	12
Lawrence E. Lathrop	4
Dustin Simpson PM	2
Richard Wallace PM	8
Kenneth C. Williams	1
Ronald Dean Wilson	4

July Birth Days

Dr Lloyd B Austin	3
Charles Bertrand	22
Thomas Black	23
John E Bower PM	10
Nathaniel Brown	4
Edward Davis	12
Fred Fomous	24
Gordon Foote	6
Oliver Hatlestad PM	17
Merle McAlpin	12
Jack McElwee	19
Robert McElwee PM	18
Phillip Salerno	19
Joseph Schlader PM	11
George Shontz	7
Harry "Bud" Smith	27
Clyde Wood	17

Brethren

Congratulations to Brother Tom Black on receiving his Master Mason Degree on May 16, 2008. The degree will be performed at 7 pm. Thank you to our Past Masters for their excellent work on the third degree for our Brother Tom Black.

Our next stated meeting will be a Hawaiian shirt night. Be sure to come and have a fabulous feast prepared by Will & Taryn. Thank you for wonderful meals to help us with our work.

Thank you to all who help out with the setting up and clean up work. It is most appreciated.

From the east

Dana A Nollsch WM



Greetings from the West.

It is June already and the year seems to be passing very quickly. One of the tasks that I had hoped to accomplish this year was the establishment of a permanent Table Lodge Committee which would be under the annual direction of the Senior Warden. While the Senior Warden position would change on an annual basis the intent of forming a committee would be to focus on establishing some modicum of continuity from year to year so that we did not have to continually "reinvent the wheel." There are many tasks which could be initiated early in the preceding year which would contribute greatly to the success of the Table Lodge; to include the solicitation of donations and publicity. If we wait until December and January to promote or publicize the event we fail to keep it foremost in the minds of other lodges whose attendance has been on an annual decline. The Table Lodge needs to remain an event of seminal exclusivity so well executed by Wadsworth #25 that it remains, for all intents and purposes, our domain. This requires our Lodge to refine the ritual production, perfect the cuisine and offer unique and highly desirable raffle items that entice the brethren in attendance to purchase larger quantities of tickets. The standing committee could accomplish these goals and more than likely have a great deal of fun in the process. Letters need to be generated and sent to prospective donors well in advance of the event to elicit their cooperation in maximizing donations. Follow-up correspondence which expresses our appreciation is of equal importance and would also become the responsibility of the committee. The Secretary, of necessity, would be a major committee contributor taking a leadership role in obtaining support from the Grand Lodge and assisting in the generation of all correspondence. Planned visits to other lodges in the area would also be an essential activity of the committee. Should there be any brothers who would like to serve on such a committee please call me and I will get the ball rolling. Naturally the Senior and Junior Wardens would be central figures within the committee. If we could set an attendance goal of at least one hundred guests the resultant revenue could significantly enhance our fiscal resources. Any suggestions are welcome. Let's make the Table Lodge 2009 an exceptional success.

Have a great month.

Fraternally

Howard L. Rigdon, Senior Warden



Brethren,

We are on our way to a good time in Masonry! It is good to see you enjoy yourself with conversation and fine food. June is the first summer month at the lodge and we will be taking a little more relaxed atmosphere. Hawaiian shirts and BBQ is the order for summer. We will be putting on Bratwurst, Kosher Dogs, Chicken Breast, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, and dessert to die for. Be sure to join us as we kick off the summer in style! Just a short announcement – we will be having a cook-off starting September called "Out Cook the Junior." The contestants will be yours truly (backed by Taryn of course) Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Master. Be sure to attend these dinners so you can cast your ballots in December!

Best regards,

Fraternally from the South,

Will Wearne



From The Building Association:

We have sprinkler working, thanks to Bro. John Buffington and Bro. Ducky. And a reminder the trustees meeting is held the second Friday at 1:00pm for those of you who are interested in the attending.

Fraternally, Dalton



The Masonic Garbage Truck

One evening I went to the lodge for my meeting and set upon greeting my brethren.

I was mingling catching up on the recent events of my brothers when I came across one Mason who took me aside and proceeded to speak quietly and deliberately about things which seemed to me as un-Masonic. He talked of Masons who did not see things the way he did and asked me to join him to band against them to further his cause. I smiled at him and said "the meeting was about to start" and took my respective place in the lodge. The Mason looked puzzled at me and seemed to be angry and made me feel uncomfortable and sad, even mad. At the close of the meeting over a beverage, I spoke to the Mason whom I had talked with in the lodge. I kept my conversation light and happy and commented on how well the meeting had gone and noted on some things that could be improved for the benefit of the meeting. My brother then engaged me on the subject of improvement and provided negative feedback and quickly turned the conversation again to his cause. I immediately shook his hand, smiled, and turned to speak sociably with my other brothers.

I went home and thought on the events of the night and could not get the conversations out of my head. I decided to discuss them with the Grand Master and determine his thoughts on the matter. After some discussion, he said he had seen an e-mail recently that seemed to fit this situation and indicated he would send it to me. I thanked him for his time and went about my business.

Here is the e-mail the Grand Master sent to me:

The Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport.

We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so.... "Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't." Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

I understand to what the Grand Master alluded. The brother Mason had an agenda that was self-serving which was to fulfill a need relating to his garbage. He was asking me to carry it with him as it had grown so large he could not bear it alone. I am not a garbage man but a Mason. I try my best to be a better man and perhaps by my actions, he will see a way to throw the garbage in the dumpster and not on his fellow Mason.

Fraternally,
Will Wearne
Junior Warden

Parsnip, Carrot and Leek Gratin

(6-8 Servings)

2 T Butter
2 lbs leeks, halved lengthwise cut into 1" pieces - approximately 5 cups
1 ½ lbs large carrots, peeled cut diagonally ¼ "slices
1 ½ lbs parsnips, peeled cut diagonally ¼" slices
2 ½ cups whipping cream
2 T chopped fresh sage
2 t Dijon mustard
¾ t salt
½ t pepper
½ C Parmesan Cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Butter 13x9 inch baking dish
Melt 2 T butter in skillet, add leeks and sauté until soft approximately 15 minutes. Transfer to large bowl
Cook carrots and parsnips in boiling salted water approximately 3 minutes. Drain well put in bowl with leeks
Whisk cream, sage, mustard, salt and pepper together until blended well. Pour mixture over vegetables and stir gently to combine.
Transfer to baking dish, sprinkle with parmesan cheese, over. Cover dish with foil

Bake gratin 30 minutes. Uncover and bake until the vegetables are tender, top is golden brown and cream is thickened, about 30 minutes.

Let stand 10 minutes, serve hot