

WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

TRESTLE BOARD, MAY 2010



LODGE CALENDAR

- APRIL 29TH** 3rd Degree Practice 6:30 ... Officers are Strongly Encouraged to attend
- APRIL 30TH** Movie Night - Sparks Masonic Family 6:30 Wadsworth Lodge, Double Feature - 1st - Planet 51 (Animated and rated PG), 2nd - Surprise. \$3/person Includes popcorn, juice/pop/water, extra goodies!
- MAY 5TH** Wadsworth Lodge #25 & Ben Franklin #45 Dinner 6:00 Sharp! There will be a presentation on the Masonic Memorial Gardens & Cemetery by Brother Dwight, Thornton Reno #13. This should be a must for our women to also attend. It is an awesome presentation with excellent information to plan with.
- MAY 7TH** Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30
- MAY 10TH** SMBA Board Meeting at 7:00
- MAY 21ST** 7:30 PM - Wadsworth Degree Night - 3rd Degree for Brother Fitzgerald
- JUNE 4TH** Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30
- JUNE 18TH** 6:30 Early - Wadsworth Degree Night - 3rd Degree .. Degree begins at 6:30 PM - Solferino and Lunt - Requires two second sections...
- OCTOBER 9TH** Masonic Public Open House – State Wide 10 – 3 Mandated by Grand Lodge



From The East

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

April and Spring is speeding by us at a fast pace. There is much to do in our lives. Getting the water turned on for the sprinkler system is an example of one Spring task to perform in our lives and it is not always as easy as it seems. The process in itself has its systematic approach before the water for the sprinklers can be turned on. Things to be done: In my case replace the drip lines our puppy "Charlie" chewed up since last Fall and install any new pipe and sprinklers that enable better watering. Then the systematic approach to actually turning on the water to the irrigation system: turn the drain valve to close, open the valves to the main valve, and close bleed cocks. Then the water valve to the water system can be turned on. If all goes well, there are no major leaks in the lines. Then the task to repair and adjust the heads, and fix any leaks that present themselves comes into play. Finally, you can set the timer and enjoy the fruits of your labors – Nice green lawn, pretty flowers, fruits and vegetables, etc...

Turning on the water seems easy enough to do but as indicated above, can take some time and effort to complete the task. I would like to draw an analogy. Putting on a degree seems easy enough to do, just set the date, inform the Brethren and the candidate/Brother, and perform the degree. As in the water situation, there is much to do. In our case, the officers of Wadsworth Lodge have been tasked to deliver Degrees according to their office. The Junior Warden is in charge of the First Degree, the Senior Warden is in charge of the Second Degree, and the Master is in charge of the Third Degree. This was done to help grow the principle officers and prepare them for the Masters Job and subsequent positions into which they will soon be stepping.

Here is the process for the Master and Wardens: Check with the candidate to coordinate when he can be available for the degree (remembering we are all very busy men), secure the degree date and the practice dates with the Building Manager, convey the dates to the members of our lodge and other constituent lodges to support the candidate/Brother, practice the Opening & Closing on the degree performed, and practice the Degree as Master. In my opinion, the most tedious and demanding of all the tasks is to secure the lecturers and parts: major communication mode. Contact the Brothers of Wadsworth Lodge to inform them of the Degree specifics and enlist their help. If all goes well, everyone agrees and has no scheduling conflicts. If not, then the search begins

to see if any other Wadsworth Brethren will be able to help. If that fails, then a search begins with constituent lodges to enlist their help. Finally at the last resort, putting on the Degree not from memory or cancel the event, both of which are not ideal solutions.

My Brothers, as Master of Wadsworth Lodge #25, I expressly call your attention to our Degree work. We have the need for our members to take part in our Degrees and learn parts and lectures. As our Senior Warden indicates in his message, "to learn a lecture or a charge is very important for growth and the lodges well being". We need to fill positions to enable us to perform our degree work by and for our Brethren from within. The goal is to have at least two resources for each part and lecture from which to draw and preferably more. To have many men with the ability to perform Degree working parts allows the officers the flexibility to operate around conflicting schedules without moving down the list to request other lodge members to fill in for our lodge. It also allows for the last minute curves that life tends to toss at us.

Please contact your Master and Wardens to tell them which parts and lectures you can perform. If you have not committed yourself to memorize a couple of parts, please take up the challenge and learn one or two. You will not be sorry for your efforts as it is extremely satisfying repaying the effort your Brothers gave for you when you were advanced on your Masonic journey.

Lastly, dates and times for events are provided in this Trestle board and on our web page on the calendar at: wadsworthlodge.com/wadscalendar.html.

**MOST HUMBLY,
WILLIAM JOHN WEARNE IV
MASTER
WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F. & A. M.**



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Brethren and officers,

I write to you this month about service to our lodge. It only takes a few brethren to answer the call of service. It is a great honor to be in the line of officers of Wadsworth Lodge and we are missing just a few pieces. We need to come together as a team and figure out our duties. The first degree we put on for Tom Cohan was outstanding for the team we had there, however the searching that goes on to try to find the parts is difficult. Summer is coming and brothers get very busy, but to learn a lecture or a charge is very important for growth and the lodges well being. Thanks for all the hard work everyone contributes. And to hope the next stated meeting is filled with prosperity and lots of joy. All families and brethren are welcome so please attend.

**Fraternally,
Patrick Higgins
Senior Warden**



GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

On April 16th our most recent Entered Apprentice, Tom Cohan, was initiated into the Craft. Tom is an outstanding individual and while attendance was sparse, the First Degree was conferred upon him. Tom's father-in-law traveled from the Eureka, CA area to attend this important event and, even absent evidence of active membership, he was impressed with the outstanding facilities at our disposal.

Brother Ed Davis did a great job filling in at the last moment as the Senior Deacon. Brother John Bower was an impressive Junior Deacon and our illustrious secretary; Charley Steiner did double duty as Secretary and Chaplain.

We were very fortunate to have nine members of the Lodge in attendance, which gave us a buffer so that we could legally open on the First Degree. It was an intimate and cozy group and the degree proceeded without issue. Brother Cohan understands that additional active members of the Lodge do exist and he looks forward to meeting more of the brethren in the future.

In fairness to all, several of the Brethren were excused from attendance due to personal and family matters. This included Brother Jack Watson who had surgery. Brother "Ducky" Anderson reported that the surgery went well and that Jack was recovering nicely even though he was in pain. Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

The meal for the month of May will be Pizza and you know what that means; (I am preparing the meal in the absence of the Rainbow), therefore imagination in the selection of the cuisine is somewhat limited. *Please, please, please*, let me know if you plan to attend, as I need to order the pizzas in advance. I will attempt to convince Brother Mark Smith to bring some of his home made brew to wash it all down. (626-4225) or (232-2497)

**Fraternally,
Howard Rigdon PM
Junior Warden**

Humor

After receiving his entered apprentice degree the candidate returned home. His wife asked him what happened to him. Recalling that he couldn't give up the secrets of that degree all he could muster was, "Well honey, there were a lot of walkers, talkers and preachers."

With a somewhat confused look on her face she asked what he meant. He explained, "Well, I couldn't see anybody in the room and was guided around. I would stop then somebody would talk. Then I was guided around by someone else, was stopped, then somebody else talked."

His wife then asked, "That explains the walkers and talkers ... what about the preachers?"

He pondered for a moment then finally replied, "Well, often when somebody finished talking I would hear some other people whispering 'Oh, God!'"

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Patrick W. Higgins	3 rd	Richard L. Roblyer	11 th	Del R. Rytting	14 th
Dayton J. McDonald	22 th	Danny R. Waldrop	28 th	John E. "Jack" Watson	PM.31 st



Pictures from the Grand Masters Dinner

WADSWORTH #25 OFFICERS 2010

Worshipful Master **William J. Wearne, IV**
 Senior Warden Patrick W. Higgins
 Junior WardenHoward L. Rigdon JPM
 Treasurer Thomas E. Black
 Secretary Charles F. Steiner PM
 ChaplinJohn E."Jack" Watson PM
 Senior DeaconNathaniel "Battery" Brown
 Junior Deacon Bernie Dow
 Senior Steward Mark E. Smith
 Junior Steward..... Willard "Ducky" Anderson PM
 Marshal Joseph R. Boteler, Jr
 Historian Del R. Rytting
 Tyler James "Mike" LaSance
 DGL John Buffington Senior Grand Deacon

LODGE TRUSTEES

John Buffington PM
 John Bower PM
 Robbie Snyder PM

BUILDING TRUSTEES

Howard L. Rigdon PM
 Thomas E. Black
 Dana A Nöllsch PM
 Ducky Anderson PM
 Mike LaSance

RSVP FOR MEALS

If you are planning to attend the meal with a guest or family members we request that you leave a message with Tiffany Higgins by the Friday preceding the Week of the Stated Meeting advising how many will attend.
 R.S.V.P. Tiffany Higgins at rsvp@wadsworthlodge.com

COMMITTEES

COGNIZANCE

John Buffington Senior Grand Deacon, Robbie Snyder PM, Dana A Nöllsch PM

DELINQUENCY

Charles F. Steiner PM, Patrick W. Higgins, Howard L. Rigdon PM

FUNERAL

John E. "Jack" Watson PM, John E. Bower PM, Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson Sr. PM

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

John E. "Jack" Watson PM, Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson Sr. PM,

TYLER'S ASSISTANTS

Bernie Dow, Joseph R. Boteler, Jr., Nathaniel A. Brown

COACHING & MENTORING

Robert L. Duncan, John E. "Jack" Watson PM

EDUCATION

Chairman – Howard L. Rigdon – Junior Past Master (JPM), William J. Wearne, IV WM

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Committee: Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson Sr. PM, Robert C. Snyder PM

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Rick Wallace PM, Dana A. Nöllsch PM, William J. Wearne, IV WM

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Chairman -Dana A. Nöllsch PM, Joseph R. Boteler, Jr

RAINBOW COMMITTEE

Rick Wallace PM, Patrick W. Higgins

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

EA Degree: Howard Rigdon JPM, Nathaniel A. Brown, Jasonlee K. Hohman

FC Degree: Patrick W. Higgins, John M. Buffington SGD,

MM Degree: William J. Wearne, IV WM, John E. Bower PM, Dustin J. Simpson

FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE

Harry W. Dixon, Kurt Green, Joseph R. Bottler, Jr.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Patrick W. Higgins, Trey R. Watts, Danny Waldrop

TRESTLE BOARD

Dana A Nöllsch PM, William J. Wearne, IV, Rick Wallace PM

Masonic Neighbors

CRAFT LODGES

Amity #4	Silver City	7PM, 1st Thursday
Escorial #7	Virginia City	11AM, 1st Saturday
Reno #13	1st and Virginia, Reno	7:30PM, 1st Tuesday
Washoe #35	Peckham Lane, Reno	7PM, 1st Wednesday
MT Rose #40	1st and Virginia, Reno	7PM, 1st Wednesday
Pyramid #43	1st and Virginia, Reno	7PM, 1st Thursday
Ben Franklin #45	York and Pyramid, Sparks	7:30PM 1st Wednesday
Golden #50	Peckham Lane, Reno	7:30PM, 2nd Monday

Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite 1st and Virginia, Reno 6PM, 2nd Wednesday

YORK RITE BODIES

Royal Arch #7	1st and Virginia, Reno	7:00, 1st Thursday
Reno Council #4	1st and Virginia, Reno	8:15, 1st Thursday
Commandery #1	1st and Virginia, Reno	7:30, 3rd Thursday

Masonic Youth Groups

Sparks Assembly, York and Pyramid, Sparks, 7:00, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays