

# WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD, JANUARY 2011



### LODGE CALENDAR

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Officers practice for the Grand Master Official Visit and practice Opening and Closing Lodge at 6:30 pm.

**January 7<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting and The Grand Masters Official Visit:** Dinner in honor of the Grand Master will be at 6:30 and will be served by Sparks Assembly #3 IORG at the direction of Worshipful Master Patrick Higgins. All Masons and wives are encouraged to attend dinner. Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** - Sparks Building Association Annual Stockholder's Meeting will be held @ 7:30 pm.

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** - Officers Practice, if you are an Officers please make every effort to attend. Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** - Stated Meeting, Meeting at 7:30 pm. Special presentation by Cory Solferino and Kraft.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Table Lodge at 12:00 pm Tickets are available through Howard.



### From The East

**Brethren,**

Thanks for electing me as your Worshipful Master for the ensuing term. When I started my Masonic travels I never thought I would ever be elected as Worshipful Master of a lodge, so it's truly an honor for me. When I started in my Masonic career, I was initiated in Washoe Lodge #35. After taking the degrees, I then aspired to be in the lodge line, but, due to my job and their meeting night, I was unable to attend lodge very often. So, I affiliated to Wadsworth Lodge #25 as I was able to attend their meetings, and I was welcomed with open arms. After seven years as a member and officer of Wadsworth Lodge, here I am as the proud Master. Thank you, and I will try my best to make Wadsworth the best lodge in Nevada.

This year in our trestle board messages, I will be writing a short biography about one of our officers each month. This month's officer is Sheldon Stone, our Junior Warden. Sheldon comes to us from Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is a Past Master of Washington #21 F & AM, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. His Past Master experience is a great addition to our lodge family, and he offered to step into the role of Junior Warden as we had lost our Senior Deacon during the year. Backing up a few years, Sheldon went to college at the University of Wisconsin and majored in Environmental Science. He was Initiated on October 29, 1987, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on January 21, 1988, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 20, 1988. He left Green Bay in 1997 and came to Reno in 1998 for a short time before leaving for Alaska, Florida, and Georgia. He returned to Reno, and he now currently works for the City of Reno. So, when you see this brother in lodge cooking our dinners before the meeting please welcome him to Nevada with a hardy handshake. Also say hello to his wife, Susan.

We start the new Masonic year with a visitation from Most Worshipful Reed Mosley, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This is also our stated meeting night. We will be having a dinner before the meeting, so please come (bring your wife, if you have one) and enjoy dinner with the brothers and a message from the Grand Master. We will also be conducting the regular business that night, so we have a lot to

accomplish that night. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, and I am positive it will be great.

It looks like we will have some degree work to do in the coming months. We had a couple of men contact us through the webpage showing interest in joining our lodge.

We also have a second degree to put on as soon as Tom proves his proficiency in the first degree.

One thing I am going to try to do this year is to buy my Life Membership. Life Memberships are available to our members for the sum of \$1365. It is 21 years times the dues of the Lodge which, at this time, are \$65. It is best to buy one now before we have to raise the dues.

I am looking forward to some upcoming events for the lodge: Table Lodge in February (we need you to attend) and we will be hosting Liberty Lodge # 299 Santa Clara, California, on June 11<sup>th</sup>. They will be conferring a third degree upon one of their members. So, if you have never seen a degree done in California Ritual, mark your calendar now to save the day for them.

Thanks again, and I am looking forward to a prosperous year with great fellowship and many events to go along with our regular meetings. Here's wishing you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Patrick Higgins**  
**Worshipful Master**  
**Wadsworth Lodge #25 F. & A. M.**



## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers for 2011 especially our new Master Patrick Higgins; whom we should give our unqualified support throughout the New Year.

The Grand Master's Official Visit will be on January 7 and all Master Masons are invited to attend to show support for the Grand Master and our Grand Lodge leadership for the year.

Table Lodge is scheduled for February 19 at "High Noon" and I have the tickets for distribution to the brethren. Brother Sheldon Stone will be in charge of the meal and he will need help from many of the brethren for set up and take down/clean-up.

While this is a tiled event it is open to all Master Masons; Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

I hope that I can persuade Brother Mark Smith to provide some of his excellent home brew for the event.

We are in sore need of items for the raffle that we conduct during the event so please be generous. If you know some business that could provide items for the raffle, please contact them ASAP for a donation.

I sincerely wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year.

**Fraternally,**  
**Howard Rigdon PM,**  
**Senior Warden**



## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

I would like to thank you for electing me to serve the lodge in the south. You may regret this after you eat my cooking! Seriously, I cannot lay claim as to whether I can prepare delicious meals or not because any compliments come from Susan, my wife. Seriously, if you enjoyed the cream cheese/pistachio dessert that I prepared during step up night, you will like the year to come. I plan on making meals that will please the brotherhood (I hope) and am open to suggestions for future meals.

During the past year when meals were served prior to the Stated meetings, the tables and chairs were set up prior to the meal by members of the Lodge. Therefore, I invite the Stewards and the Deacons to be there early on the nights where we have a meal to accomplish this task. Anyone wishing to help in the take down will also be appreciated.

I will be out of town until late afternoon on the 7<sup>st</sup> of January. I will be there for the Stated meeting assuming that my flight from Florida is on time. The meal is being provided by Bernie Dow and he promises it will be one that you will enjoy.

If you are planning to attend any meal with a guest or family members we request that you leave a message with Howard Rigdon or myself by the Friday preceding the Week of the Stated Meeting advising how many will attend. It makes it easier to determine how much to prepare.

To R.S.V.P. to me please copy this link for your email; [sheldon.stone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sheldon.stone@sbcglobal.net). I can also be reached by telephone at 626-4240 (home) or 842-9561 (cell).

Some things I am planning for the year include baked chicken, pulled pork, fresh broccoli salad, strawberry cheesecake, brownies and pistachio cream cheese pie.

Please note that all profits from the meals will go to the pay for my retirement so a good turnout is very important. Just kidding, of course.

Again, we will have a meal preceding the Grand Master's Official Visit, which is scheduled for January this year. This will be for Master Masons only and their wives or significant others.

**Fraternally,  
SHELDON STONE  
Junior Warden**



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### **THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**

Jonathan G Morrow	1 <sup>st</sup>	Frank C Beatey	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jasonlee K Holman	8 <sup>th</sup>
Mark E Smith	14 <sup>th</sup>	James H Shirkey Jr	17 <sup>th</sup>	Carson David Penner	19 <sup>th</sup>
Rodney I Henderson	20 <sup>th</sup>	John J McDow	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dana A Nöllsch PM	24 <sup>th</sup>
Buddy J Haney	29 <sup>th</sup>				



**Lodge Officers for the year 2011**



**Patrick, Tiffani and son Luke**

## WADSWORTH #25 OFFICERS

**Worshipful Master** ..... **Patrick W. Higgins**  
**Senior Warden** ..... Howard L. Rigdon PM  
**Junior Warden** ..... Sheldon Stone PM  
**Treasurer** ..... Donald Kurt Green  
**Secretary** ..... Charles F. Steiner PM  
**Chaplin** ..... William J. Wearne, IV JPM  
**Senior Deacon** ..... Bernie Dow  
**Junior Deacon** ..... Cory Solferino  
**Senior Steward** ..... OPEN  
**Junior Steward**..... James McDow  
**Marshal** ..... OPEN  
**Historian** ..... Joseph R. Boteler, Jr  
**Tyler** ..... J Darren Spark, PM  
**DGL** ..... Rick Wallace, PM

### LODGE TRUSTEES

1 Year ..... Robert “Robbie” C. Snyder PM  
2 Year ..... John M. Buffington PM  
3 Year ..... John E. Bower PM

### BUILDING TRUSTEES

1 Year ..... James “Mike” LaSance  
2 Year ..... Thomas E. Black  
2 Year ..... Howard L. Rigdon PM  
3 Year ..... Trey R Watts  
3 Year ..... Joseph R. Boteler, Jr

**Careful of your Thoughts as they turn into  
Words ,, Careful of your Words as they turn  
into Actions ,, Careful of your Actions as  
they are the True Test of a Man**

## COMMITTEES

### COGNIZANCE

John Buffington Junior Grand Warden, Robbie Snyder PM,  
Dana A Nöllsch PM

### DELINQUENCY

Charles Steiner PM, Patrick Higgins, Howard Rigdon PM

### FUNERAL

Jack Watson PM, John E. Bower PM, Willard “Ducky”  
Anderson Sr. PM

### INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Jack Watson PM, Willard J. “Ducky” Anderson Sr. PM,

### COACHING & MENTORING

Robert Duncan, John E. “Jack” Watson PM,

### EDUCATION

Chairman – Sheldon Stone PM, William J. Wearne, IV PM

### SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Committee: Bernie Dow, Robert C. Snyder PM,

### MEDIA COMMITTEE

Rick Wallace PM, Dana A. Nollsch PM, Will Wearne, IV PM

### RAINBOW COMMITTEE

Rick Wallace PM, Patrick Higgins,

### FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

**EA Degree:** Sheldon Stone PM,

**FC Degree:**, Howard Rigdon PM

**MM Degree:** Patrick W. Higgins WM

### FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE

Richard Meacham PM, Joe Boteler, Jr., Kurt Green

### TRESTLE BOARD

Dana A Nöllsch PM, Patrick Higgins WM, Rick Wallace PM

## Masonic Neighbors

### Craft Lodges

Amity #4	Silver City	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm
Escurial #7	Virginia City	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday, 11am
Reno #13	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm
Washoe #35	Peckham Lane, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
MT Rose #40	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
Pyramid #43	1300 Stardust St, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm
Ben Franklin #45	Shrine Building	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:30pm
Golden #50	Peckham Lane, Reno	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm

### Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite	1st and Virginia, Reno	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6pm
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### York Rite Bodies

Royal Arch #7	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm
Reno Council #4	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 8:15pm
Commandery #1	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30pm

### Masonic Youth Groups

Sparks Assembly #3 IORG, York and Pyramid, Sparks,  
7:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday