

WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

TRESTLE BOARD



LODGE CALENDAR

January 4th – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

January 15th – Stockholders Meeting Annual Meeting of Sparks Masonic Building Association 7 pm

January 18th – Officers Practice

February 1st – Stated Meeting



Greetings From The East

These are times that we need to come together as a brotherhood and work as one.

Elected positions were not installed during our December 15th installation accordingly, we will discuss a solution to this situation during our January 4th 2013 Stated Communication.

The Rainbow girls will be preparing dinner before the stated meeting.

There will also be an educational program at our Stated Meeting January 4th.

Thank you for the sacrifices made by our brothers for the benefit of our lodge. Let's make 2013 a good year.

Thank you

Trey R. Watts
Worshipful Master
Wadsworth Lodge #25 F. & A. M.





The Oath of Freemasonry. The obligations taken by Freemasons are sworn on the Volume of the Sacred Law. They are undertakings to follow the principles of Freemasonry and to keep confidential a Freemason's means of recognition. The much discussed "penalties," judicial remnants from an earlier era, are symbolic, not literal. They refer only to the pain any honest man should feel at the thought of violating his word.

Freemasonry Compared with Religion. Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion: (a) It has no dogma or theology, no wish or means to enforce religious orthodoxy. (b) It offers no sacraments. (c) It does not claim to lead to salvation by works, by secret knowledge, or by any other means. The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with modes of recognition, not with the means of salvation.

Freemasonry Supports Religion. Freemasonry is far from indifferent toward religion. Without interfering in religious practice, it expects each member to follow his own faith and to place his Duty to God above all other duties. Its moral teachings are acceptable to all religions



Organization of Freemasonry

Freemasonry is the oldest fraternal organization for men in the world, and its organizational structure shows its age. The basic organizational unit of the fraternity is the lodge. We believe the term comes from the lodges (shelters) constructed at the building sites of cathedrals and castles during the Middle Ages. Masons worked and lived in these shelters.

Each lodge is headed by an officer called the "Worshipful Master." "Worshipful" means "highly respected" or "honored." The term comes from the judicial system of England and carries no religious implication. "Master" means "leader," or "best qualified," as in "Concert Master" or "Master Architect."

Each officer of a lodge has a title that originated during the Middle Ages. These titles may vary somewhat from state to state, but in general the officers and their contemporary equivalents are:

Middle Ages Title	Current Title	Middle Ages Title	Current Title
Worshipful Master	President	Marshal	Master of Ceremonies
Senior Warden	1st Vice President	Deacon	Messenger
Junior Warden	2nd Vice President	Steward	Page
Treasurer	Financial officer	Tiler	Door Keeper
Secretary	Recorder	Chaplain	Chaplain

Until 1717, each lodge of Masons was autonomous. On June 24, 1717, four of the lodges operating in London met together to form the first Grand Lodge of England. It became the first administrative or policy-making body of Freemasonry.

Masonic lodges still retain autonomy over their finances, activities, officer election, fundraising, and joining ceremonies. But administratively, each State or Province has a Grand Lodge which co-ordinates activities, serves as a central source of record keeping, and performs other administrative and policy functions for the fraternity. The state president is called the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He has broad powers in overseeing the progress of the fraternity and while there is no national spokesperson for the fraternity, within his own state (Jurisdiction) he is the chief spokesman.





SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The 2013 dues notices have been sent to our regular dues paying members. Life membership cards were distributed at our December meeting and the remainder was sent out via mail.

Thank you to those who have already returned their dues payment. If you have not yet sent your check, please save the Lodge the time and expense of sending a second notice.

Charles Steiner, PM, Secretary



Freemasonry and Brotherhood

The fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has members from every ethnic group and every continent in the world. Brotherhood is a primary teaching of Masonry--that each person must be judged as an individual, on his own merits, and that such factors as race, national origin, religious creed, social status, or wealth are incidental to the person's character.

Freemasonry was brought to North America in the 1700s, a time when racial attitudes were very different from today. As happened with many churches and social organizations, these attitudes caused Freemasonry for African-American men to develop independently. In 1776 a group of African-American Masons in Boston began meeting as a Lodge; they were formally chartered by England in 1784 as African Lodge #459. African Lodge and its descendants developed a separate Grand Lodge system, known as Prince Hall Masonry (after the first Master of African Lodge). Prince Hall Grand Lodges ascribe to the same beliefs and rituals of Freemasonry as do all regular Masonic Lodges throughout the world.

Since a petition for membership in Masonry does not ask a petitioner's race, statistics on ethnic breakdowns are not kept by any Grand Lodge. Collecting such information is considered as inappropriate as collecting information about a Brother's financial standing. A lodge is not permitted to accept or exclude a candidate on the basis of his race or national origin. To petition for membership, the petitioner must be "a man of legal age, good reputation, and possess a belief in God." While election to membership in the fraternity is a matter for the local lodge to decide, the qualifications for membership are standard, and all Masons are required to observe them.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Jonathan G. Morrow	1 st	Frank C. Beaty	6 th	Jasonlee K. Hohman	8 th
John D. Fleming	9 th	Mark E. Smith	14 th	James H. Shirkey, Jr.	17 th
Rodney I. Henderson	20 th	John J. McDow	22 nd	Dana A. Nollsch, PM	24 th
Buddy J. Haney	29 th				

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Lodge Committees and Officers

WADSWORTH #25 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master **Trey R. Watts**
Senior Warden Sheldon Stone PM
Junior Warden Bernie Dow
Treasurer Donald Kurt Green
Secretary Charles F. Steiner PM
Chaplin Jack Watson PM
Senior Deacon James McDow
Junior Deacon Brian Markowski
Senior Steward Arthur Strode
Junior Steward OPEN
Marshal OPEN
Historian Joseph R. Boteler, Jr
Tyler J Darren Spark, PM
DGL Dana Nollsch, PM

LODGE TRUSTEES

1 Year John M. Buffington, SGW
 2 Year John E. Bower, PM
 3 Year Joseph Boteler, Jr

BUILDING TRUSTEES

1 Year James "Mike" LaSance
 1 Year Howard L. Rigdon, PM
 2 Year Trey Watts
 2 Year Joseph R. Boteler, Jr
 3 Year Arthur Strode

**... To Spread The Cement Of Brotherly
 Love And Affection, That Cement Which
 Unites Us Into One Sacred Band Or
 Society Of Brothers, Among Whom No
 Contention Should Ever Exist, But That
 Noble Emulation Of Who Can Best Work
 Or Best Agree ...**

COMMITTEES

COGNIZANCE

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

DELINQUENCY

Charles Steiner PM, Trey Watts, Howard Rigdon PM

FUNERAL

JACK WATSON PM, WILLARD "DUCKY" ANDERSON SR. PM.,
JOHN BOWER PM

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Jack Watson PM, Willard Anderson Sr. PM

COACHING & MENTORING

Robert Duncan PM, Jack Watson PM

TRESTLE BOARD

Dana A Nollsch pm, Mary Nollsch, Dana K. Nollsch

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

EA Degree: Bernie Dow

FC Degree: Sheldon Stone

MM Degree: Trey Watts

Masonic Neighbors

Craft Lodges

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

Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite	1st and Virginia, Reno	2 nd Wednesday, 6pm
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York Rite Bodies

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

Masonic Youth Groups

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