

# WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD



### LODGE CALENDAR

**September 6<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – Officers Practice

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Eastern Star Grand Sessions

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Meeting; Dinner 6:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Officers Practice

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm

**November 10, 11, 12** – Grand Lodge

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**- Officers Practice

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm



### Greetings From The East

The final third of the year is upon us. Several waiting issues, to include possible consolidation of Wadsworth #25 and Ben Franklin #45, remain under consideration and will be further addressed at our stated meeting Friday September 6 2013.

I urge all members of Wadsworth #25 to be in attendance at this meeting. All interested members of Ben Franklin #45 are also invited to attend.

The very survival of our lodge may hang in the balance.

Grand Lodge is approaching rapidly. Therefore, it will be necessary to consider our attendance at that august event where our own member John Buffington will be undoubtedly be elected to the exalted and honored office of Grand Master of Masons in Nevada.

At the last stated meeting I addressed those in attendance with regard to the vital historic issues which confront us at this time. Please make every effort to attend.

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



## From The South

Brethren:

In August we had a fair number of brothers who showed up for our Stated Meeting. We still have a ways to go to fill all our chairs, but it is getting better.

We had a lively discussion about the proposed merger between Wadsworth #25 and Ben Franklin #45. Points were brought up and members were heard. There were numerous questions asking about a lot of smaller issues involving the merger, all that can be said about these types of subjects is that when and if the merger is voted in favor from both lodges, that is when committees will be formed consisting brothers from both pre-existing lodges and recommendations will be made to the body as a whole.

And now for your dining pleasure we will be serving Pulled Pork sandwiches, Baked Beans and Coleslaw plus Drinks.

Continuing on with Masonic History:

On June 4th or June 5<sup>th</sup> in 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Tennessee.

On Sep 11th in 2000, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of D.C. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. signed a ceremonial "proclamation" symbolizing their mutual recognition that had been voted on favorably by both Grand Lodges in 1999

A Dark time for Free Masonry -On Sep 12<sup>th</sup> in 1826, William Morgan, who had published an exposé of Masonic secrets, was taken from the jail in Canandaigua, New York, kidnapped, and possibly later murdered. This was the trigger for the Morgan Affair and the Antimasonic movement and Antimasonic Party in the United States from the 1820s through the 1840s.

On Sep 26th in 1872, the Shrine of North America (AAONMS) was organized, in New York City.

**Fraternally,**

**Arthur Strode  
Acting Junior Warden**



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**



### September Birthdays

Elmer D. Doble	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dale E. McKenzie	1 <sup>st</sup>	James R. Wodke	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Joseph R. Boteler Jr	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Greg A. McKenzie	7 <sup>th</sup>	Willard J. Anderson Sr PM	10 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas A. Cohan	13 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren R. House	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey L Wallace PM	15 <sup>th</sup>
Sheldon Stone PM	17 <sup>th</sup>	Jerald W. Rippeth PM	18 <sup>th</sup>	Floyd H. Meyers	19 <sup>th</sup>
Corey A. Solferino	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mario Frugoli PM	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian D. Markowski	22 <sup>nd</sup>
	Alvin C. Dorman	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Clifford S. 'Kip' Rodecker PM	24 <sup>th</sup>	
	Earl J. Crank	26 <sup>th</sup>			





# WADSWORTH #25 OFFICERS 2013

## WADSWORTH #25 OFFICERS

- Worshipful Master** ..... **Trey R. Watts**
- Senior Warden** ..... Sheldon Stone
- Acting Junior Warden** ..... Arthur Strode
- Treasurer** ..... D. Kurt Green
- Secretary** ..... Charles F. Steiner PM
- Chaplain** ..... John E. 'Jack' Watson, PM
- Senior Deacon** ..... OPEN
- Junior Deacon** ..... OPEN
- Senior Steward** ..... Willard J. Anderson, PM
- Junior Steward**..... George K. McKiernan, PM
- Marshal** ..... OPEN
- Historian** ..... OPEN
- Tyler** ..... Mario Varas
- DGL** ..... Dana A. Nöllsch, PM

### LODGE TRUSTEES

- 1 Year ..... John E. Bower, PM
- 2 Year ..... Robert C. Snyder, PM
- 3 Year ..... John M. Buffington, PM

### BUILDING TRUSTEES

- 1 Year ..... James "Mike" LaSance
- 1 Year ..... Trey R Watts
- 2 Year ..... Arthur C. Strode
- 2 Year ..... D. Kurt Green
- 3 Year ..... Howard L. Rigdon, PM

**... 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, SGW, Robbie Snyder, PM,  
Dana A. Nöllsch PM

### DELINQUENCY

Charles Steiner, PM, Trey Watts, 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, PM, John E. "Jack" Watson, PM

### FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

- EA Degree:** Bernie Dow  
**FC Degree,** Sheldon Stone, PM  
**MM Degree:** Trey Watts

### TRESTLE BOARD

Mailed; Dana A Nöllsch PM, Mary Nöllsch, Dana K. Nöllsch,  
Electronic; Rick Wallace, PM

## Masonic Neighbors

### Craft Lodges

Amity #4	Silver City	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30pm
Escorial #7	Virginia City	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10am
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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:30pm
Ben Franklin #45	Shrine Building, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:30pm
Golden #50	Peckham Lane, Reno	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm

### Order of Eastern Star

Martha Chapter #5 York & Pyramid, Sparks 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 7:30pm

### Scottish Rite

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

### York Rite Bodies

Royal Arch #7	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7pm
Reno Council #4	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Commandrey #1	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00pm

### Grotto

Chaman Grotto 1300 Stardust St., Reno 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm

### Masonic Youth Groups

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