

# WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD



### LODGE CALENDAR

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Stated Meeting, Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7:30 pm  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>** - Festive Board for Sesquicentennial Celebration/Reno  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** – Scottish Rite Reunion  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Escorial 7 150th Anniversary Rededication, 7:00  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** - GMOV and Homecoming, Wadsworth 25, 7:30 PM  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>** - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7:30 pm  
**November 9-10-11** - Nevada Grand Lodge 150th Annual Communication  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Wadsworth Lodge Officer installation for 2015 Officers



## Greetings From The East

So, here's the thing... I've been thinking and writing from the perspective of my experience as a Lodge member in the time frame 1980 to 2000. This has Been A Big Mistake; things were different then.

When Bob Fox, Cal Dodson, Joe Brey, John L. Buffington, Bill Branstetter and so many other long-term Brothers were with us and involved regularly it was more comfortable to share ideas and have different points of view; it was expected to have disagreements. We had some lively discussions and some terrific success working *through* problems as a team. There was assurance that, ultimately, our Masonic Brothers would support us, or at least not injure us so we wouldn't feel like we were floundering-and we would do the same for them. Interaction and goal oriented cooperation were more natural and instinctive due, in no small part, to the fact that we got a lot of practice.

This was taking place before the societal shift towards the 'Me Generation'; that paradigm shift in our world brought on in great part by the onslaught of technology. We had enjoyed true friendship and Brotherly Love back then before it became almost compulsory to distrust information and be suspicious. Things have changed and they continue to change.

I'm of the opinion that our retail and service orientated culture is pulling people apart; teaching us to be more insular, selfish and self-absorbed. Just look at the way we drive... There's constant pressure to get ours and get it first-without too much consideration for the other guy. The idea that the product, idea or service being hawked through a constant stream of information and/or advertising (to us *personally*, online or through the TV) is the only acceptable option rather than a choice among a group trends towards the idea that if you're not

with me you're against me. There are many highly visible examples of where this can lead. Polarization, inflexibility, win at any cost, if I don't win I lose. It's finalistic thinking. The issue at hand is more important than the good as a whole and things are contested with astounding commitment on all sides. I have found myself overwhelmed by it all at times.

And it's not just the Lodge that's going begging for participation in this environment. Bowling leagues, other service groups, churches – almost all group activities have become less relevant in some people's minds as we withdraw further into the self and away from the tribe. For example, the Reno Aces played a very important post-season game last Tuesday night in front of an embarrassingly small crowd. I guess the thinking is to ask why go to all the trouble of supporting our team and go out to the ball park when you can get it on the internet? The genuine experience of attending the game (hot-dogs, cheering on the team, the between inning antics, etc...) is being set aside. Folks want it fast, cheap and easy. I think this trend is causing a tragic decline in the quality of life experience. We're painting ourselves into a corner here...

However, come to think of it, Wadsworth Lodge still is relevant in my life. Because of this I'm not ready to let go of the lessons, sense of belonging or the interactions I enjoy here. This is the bailiwick where I can still hope to act cooperatively and constructively, to agree to disagree and be able to actually discuss things once in a while; to meet on the level with my Brothers and to be a part of something bigger than me and beyond my own personal whims. Our roots in tradition, our ritual, the structure of a Lodge and our Ancient Landmarks are all grounding points in the fabric of my life and I know that I am a better man for it.

I'm in! I wouldn't miss the next Stated Meeting or degree conferral for a million bucks!

**Fraternally,**

**C.S. 'Kip' Rodecker PM  
Worshipful Master**



## **From The West**

Brothers,

It was so nice to sit in lodge in September after being dark for two months. There were two main items discussed in lodge. First was a question posed by the Master. What brought you into Masonry? Why did you choose Wadsworth Lodge to be a member of? And what are you looking to get out of being a member of this lodge? These are very good questions and I think every mason should ask themselves these questions periodically.

Next was the proposed dues increase mentioned last month, An increase of \$20.00 annually was voted upon and passed effective 1 January 2015. So with the passing of an annual dues increase, this is the perfect time to put in a plug about purchasing a life membership. Currently a life membership will cost you \$1386.00, after December 31<sup>st</sup> a life membership will cost you \$1806.00. So if you have been thinking about getting a life membership, NOW IS THE TIME. Purchase one by December 31<sup>st</sup> and save \$420.00 over what will be the new price.

Calendar of upcoming events

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**Fraternally,  
Arthur Strode  
Senior Warden**



### Treasurer's Message

As the Lodge Treasurer, I feel that I need to say something about our recent due increase. Nobody is ever happy with an increase, but I fully understand the need and support it. This Lodge operates very close to being in the red and is often short by the end of the year. Our dues barely cover our expenses, including rent, secretary, Grand Lodge per capita and insurance.

Here are some facts, currently there are 106 members, including 21 prepaid Life Members whose dues are paid from the Life Member Endowment, Plus we have traditionally remitted the dues for our 50 year members, there are 17 of them at this time. This leaves 68 members who will be paying the increased dues in the coming year. In all honesty, the amount of the increase will help, but will not cure the problem. In recent years our budget has been balanced by generous donations from a number of our brethren, and I say thank you to them.

On the bright side of this article, there is a very dedicated core of brothers who are doing everything within their power and ability to keep this lodge afloat, but they are in dire need of assistance from all the brethren. If you know of a brother who is in arrears, contact him and find out why he has not paid his dues. If he is not paying because of something that happened in the lodge, attempt to find out what it was and let the Master know. Hopefully, he can have a meeting with the proper people to attempt to address the problem and get these brothers back into the fold and active again.

If you have not been to lodge for a while, please come to the stated meeting and dinner, that is one way of showing your support for our lodge. Who knows, you might even find that you have missed being an active Mason and missed the fellowship!

**Ed Cranch**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kurt R. Brown	5 <sup>th</sup>
Christopher B. Smith	10 <sup>th</sup>
Harry W. Dixon PM	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Michael S. Dent	28 <sup>th</sup>
Simon D. Noble	28 <sup>th</sup>

Donald W. Hudson	6 <sup>th</sup>
Howard L. Rigdon PM	20 <sup>th</sup>
Kirk L. Holden	26 <sup>th</sup>
Frank B. Evans	28 <sup>th</sup>
Bernard J. Dow	31 <sup>st</sup>



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# Officers of Wadsworth Lodge #25 F & AM

**Worshipful Master**  
Clifford S. "Kip" Rodecker, PM



**Senior Warden**  
Arthur C. Strode



**Junior Warden**  
George K. McKiernan, PM



**Secretary**  
Charles F. Steiner, PM



**Treasurer**  
To Be Elected

**Chaplain**  
William J. Wearne IV, PM



**Senior Deacon**  
D. Kurt Green



**Junior Deacon**  
Ronald E. Darlington



**Senior Steward**  
Willard J. Anderson, Sr., PM



**Junior Steward**  
Open

**Marshal**  
Trey R. Watts, PM

**Tyler**  
Mario Varas



## SERVING GRAND LODGE

GRAND MASTER            John M. Buffington, PM  
 GRAND TRUSTEE        Charles F. Steiner, PM

## LODGE TRUSTEES

Robert Snyder, PM    1 Year  
 John M. Buffington, PM    2 Year  
 Howard L. Rigdon, PM    3 Year

## BUILDING TRUSTEES

1 Year Arthur C. Strode and D. Kurt Green  
 2 Year Howard L. Rigdon, PM  
 3 Year Clifford S. Rodecker, Pm and Mario Varas

## COMMITTEES

### COGNIZANCE

John M. Buffington, GM  
 Robert C. Snyder, PM

### DELINQUENCY

Charles F. Steiner, PM  
 Howard L. Rigdon, PM  
 Arthur C. Strode

### FUNERAL

Jack Watson, PM  
 Willard J. Anderson Sr. PM  
 Clifford S. Rodecker, PM

### INVESTIGATION

Brian D. Markowski  
 Ron Darlington  
 Arthur C. Strode

### FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Arthur C. Strode.....EA Degree  
    ....FC Degree  
 Clifford S. Rodecker, PM...MM Degree

### TRESTLE BOARD

Dana A. Nollsch, PM  
 Mary Nollsch  
 Dana K. Nollsch

## MASONIC NEIGHBORS

### CRAFT LODGES

Amity #4	Silver City	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30pm
Escurial #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, 7:00pm
MT Rose #40	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00pm
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 THE 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, 6:00pm

### York Rite Bodies

Royal Arch #7	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00pm
Reno Council #4	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00pm
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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00pm

