

# WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD



### LODGE CALENDAR

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - GMOV Mount Rose 40, 7:30 PM

**September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7:30 pm

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Practice

**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 PM

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** - GMOV and Homecoming, Wadsworth 25, 7:30 PM



## Greetings From The East

Brothers,

I am most grateful there are no articles of impeachment included in the Nevada Revised Code! My experience at our June Stated Meeting, wherein I suggested an adequate dues increase, was a strong rebuke and I am still reeling from the negativity and polarization. I guess now I could joke that somebody's next tactic might be to sue me but I'm not sure I know what's funny anymore.

Last fall, I was asked to be available to return to the East and you elected me to serve as chief operating officer. The Lodge was, and still is, in distress and it was hoped that I could help us regain traction. My earliest communications reiterated the fact that no man can do this job without broad-based support. I and the Lodge have received support, albeit from a distressingly small group of dedicated Brothers. I have not been a people pleaser; I am willing to do things I know to be right for the Lodge, not what is easiest or cheapest. The important thing to me is a

return to our strong sense of unity and Brotherhood. A revitalization of a sense of *value*.

“[Freemasonry] isn't a discrete list of tasks that you do and then check off; It's a state of being that pervades every aspect of your life.” Anonymous

I have seen English speaking Freemasonry in other parts of the world trying to reach a lower common denominator; to bolster participation by extending full participation, including voting rights, to Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons, lowering initiation fees and dues, removing or ignoring ‘memory work’, de-emphasizing ritual and officer training, trying to make the Craft “more accessible” and focusing on family participation in Lodge functions. Few, if any, of these changes have done any long term good (that I have seen) and I suspect that some have been downright harmful. I am a proponent of a return to core values; those things our Brothers have found so important all through our long history: a strengthening of the *fraternal* connection among *Brothers* who have served, sacrificed, learned, worked their way into and earned a place among peers. Freemasonry must have *value* to continue to shed its beneficent influence upon mankind. It appears that I am failing to move our Lodge in this direction.

So, I look to the remainder of this Masonic Year with tempered enthusiasm. We've enjoyed crisp and informative Stated Meetings. We've conferred several Degrees and we have attempted fundraisers. None of what has happened has moved the Lodge as far I as hoped toward again becoming a Lodge of Brothers among whom no contention should exist save that noble contention of who can best work and best agree. With disappointment I see that the opposite may have been the result of my stewardship; and for that I apologize.

Freemasonry in general and Wadsworth Lodge in particular are dear to my heart and I will always be a part of both. I hope some unexpected changes are forthcoming to rekindle the time honored beauty of our Fraternity and enthusiasm in and for our Craft.

I earnestly pray; God, what would you have me do?

There will be a degree practice on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact S.W. Strode for details.

Our program of instruction for the September Stated Meeting will be a discussion of what we perceive to be the meaning of Freemasonry, its value and what motivates us, as individuals, to be involved.

**Fraternally,**

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





## From The West

Brethren:

When you next see Br. Jeffery Pearson, please thank him for stepping in on short notice to ensure we had a very nice meal prior to Lodge in June.

When you receive this Trestle Board, we will have just returned from the lodge being dark in July and August. The June stated meeting was eventful and informative. We had one of our three newly raised Master Masons complete their third degree proficiency, then we voted in for dual membership Br. Kenneth Jones, and finally we had a spirited discussion about a proposed dues increase.

I hope to see many of you prior to our stated meeting on 5 Sept. 14, but if I do not, I wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

We have a couple second degrees coming up in the near future, and I will need the assistance from all interested brothers to make our degree work as memorable for our new brothers as possible.

Calendar of upcoming events

September 3 - GMOV Mount Rose 40, 7:30 PM

October 4, 2014 – Festive Board for Sesquicentennial Celebration/Reno

October 19 - Escorial 7 150th Anniversary Rededication, 7:00 PM

October 23 - GMOV and Homecoming, Wadsworth 25, 7:30 PM

**Fraternally,**

**Arthur Strode  
Senior Warden**



## Secretary's Message:

At our June Stated Meeting, the proposed dues increase as published in our June Trestle Board was discussed and amended as follows:

Motion by brother J.J. McDonald, III, P.M. and seconded by John E. Bower, P.M. to publish a bylaws amendment to increase dues from \$40.00 to \$60.00 plus per capita of \$26.00 for a total of \$86.00 dues. Motion carried.

Consider this as “due notice” that this revised Bylaws amendment will be voted on at our September Stated Meeting.



## From The South

Dinner will be served promptly at 6 pm

Brethren, our Stated Meeting Dinner turnouts have been a great disappointment. The dinners have been carefully planned to enhance the season in which they are being served.

The meals are being prepared by myself and a number of your lodge brothers. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship of eating together.

The price is only your generous donation to the lodge as your lodge is the only one who profits from these dinners. Please come out and support your lodge.

Labor Day being the traditional end of the summer season.

September's menu will consist of summer BBQ items.

October's will be October Fest related Schnitzel, Brats, Krauts, Etc.

### Menu

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

BBQ Beans

Cole Slaw

Corn on the Cob

Watermelon

Iced Tea or Lemonade

Brethren this is also a time for reflection as to where the Lodge is headed.

There are some major decisions needing to be made.

Now is the time for us to all get together, with some good ideas, to help your lodge succeed, financially and academically.

We as Masons are obligated to come to lodge on a regular basis and help with the business at hand.

Remembering our obligation, of who best can work and best agree, we should be able to resolve any and all issues.

**Fraternally,**

**George McKiernan PM**

**Junior Warden**





# 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>

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All Submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

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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

