

# WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD



### LODGE CALENDAR

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** – Happy Thanksgiving  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm, (Elections)  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>** - PM Degree Fernley #34 7 pm  
**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Installation of Officers 1:00 pm  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Merry Christmas  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Happy New Year  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Stated Meeting 7:30



## Greetings From The East

Brothers,

The Grand Lodge Communication is now in the bank, the following are the results of resolutions and what we as a lodge wished to vote for them.

**Resolution 1-2015 (Called for a change to a lodges by-laws to include a closing time for stated communications.) we voted to reject and this measure was rejected.**

**Resolution 2-2015 (called for a two-thirds majority instead of a 90% majority to carry as passed.) We voted to reject and this measure was rejected.**

**Resolution 3-2015 (Called for a brother to be charged with misconduct if they file Masonic misconduct against another brother and the charges are not substantiated.) We voted to reject and it was rejected.**

**Resolution 4-2015 to 6-2015 Were withdrawn**

**Resolution 7-2015 (Quite similar to 2-2015) We voted to reject, and it was rejected.**

**Resolution 8-2015 (Was withdrawn).**

**Officers for the 2015-2016 Masonic Year:**

**MW Grand Master - Mark L Mancha (32),**

**RW Deputy Grand Master - Gerald L Ogle (39)**

**RW Sr Grand Warden - Mark A Marsh (1),**

**RW Jr Grand Warden - Stephen V Robison (45)**

**VW Grand Treasurer - John W Reed (35),**

**VW Grand Secretary - Arthur K Cronin PGM (40)**

**VW Grand Lecturer - John M Buffington PGM (25),**

**W Senior Grand Deacon - Louis J Castle II (44)**

**W Junior Grand Deacon - Richard M Graver Jr (13),**  
**VR Grand Chaplain - Kevin P McCans (51)**  
**W Grand Orator - John G Watkins (32),**  
**W Grand Marshal - Michael J Clark (46)**  
**W Grand Standard Bearer - William R Hesser (35),**  
**W Grand Sword Bearer - Ronald L Pulse (39)**  
**W Grand Bible Bearer - Ted P Bendure (1, 27),**  
**W Grand Steward - Daniel S Crowe (32)**  
**W Grand Steward - Zakariah A Gulling (13),**  
**W Grand Organist - Esam Naim (51, 32)**  
**W Grand Pursuivant - Michael R Giles (27),**  
**W Grand Historian - Craig A Phillips (49)**  
**W Grand Education Officer - David W Bolshazy (41),**  
**W Grand Tyler - David J Warren (26, 53)**  
**W Grand Trustee - Richard W Sidford (18),**  
**W Grand Trustee - Charles J Barone (39, 32)**  
**W Grand Trustee - Phillip B Michaelson (41, 18),**  
**W Grand Trustee - Patrick G Tanner (35)**  
**W Grand Trustee - Ronald L Vick (35),**  
**W Grand WebMason - Jacob A Lewis (41)**

**And last but not least we will be attending a Past Master's Degree if needed on Fri. 11 Dec at 7:00 pm, at Fernley 34.**

**Worshipful Master**

**Arthur "Art" Strode**

**Wadsworth Lodge #25 F. & A. M.**



## **From The West**

Brethren;

December is an important month for the Lodge. There are elections to be held, if you have not been to lodge for a while, this would be the month to attend. Bring your ladies to the dinner, if you know of a lady that has no transportation ask her if she would like a ride to the dinner (might want to explain to her that she may have to wait a bit before going home) and be able to sit and visit with the other ladies (you know; girl talk) that might show up for a dinner. This would be a good time to meet the newest members of the lodge.

Continued from the November Trestle board

At the present day, we find much uncertainty as to what Freemasonry is or means. Some call it a religion; others merely religious. Some say its fundamental dogma is monotheism; others add immortality of the soul or even resurrection of the body; some consider it Christian; while still others aver that, fundamentally, it has no religious doctrine at all. Many think of it almost as a temperance society or one of pharisaic morality; others as a patriotic society to uphold the flag, the constitution, and the public schools. Not a few regard it as a charitable or benevolent institution, at least, expecting it to care for them in old age. Some look upon the lodge as a holy place; others as merely a private room where the ceremonies may be performed in secrecy. Some never tire of the ritual and have mastered it so thoroughly that the least slip of a word or phrase gives pain; others are soon surfeited and care little to hear it oft repeated. Many take the ritual literally; others symbolically; while a few, with no thought about it either way, perfect themselves in its rendition in order to gain the eminence which comes from passing through the chairs. Some see all sorts of meanings in the symbols; other see only the symbols themselves. Some become immersed in the history of the Fraternity; others in its philosophy of life; and a few work out of it a fine and exalting spirituality. Some sense a strong bond of brotherhood; others find only a social club or place to meet for diversion; some merely scent the aroma of a dinner;

while some find nothing whatever in the order and soon lose contact with it, Surely, if Free masonry is a jewel, it is a diamond with many facets.

**Fraternally,  
Edro “Ed” Cranch  
Senior Warden**

**Dinner Menu  
December 12/4/15**

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Stuffing, Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Roll/Butter, Coffee & Tea  
All Dinners include a dessert..... Lodge donations most welcome, \$10.00 appreciated



## **From The Treasurer**

The final element that I would like to discuss regarding Wadsworth #25 finances is the individual Brother. We are the heart, body and soul of the Masonic organization...all the other physical elements of the Lodge revolve around us. We constitute the personality, the consciousness, and the dynamic that is Wadsworth #25. As we mature as Masons, we are taught the elements of our Craft and that we are responsible to/for ourselves, illustrating how we should be generous, without causing ourselves hardship, to assist others in need.... particularly other worthy Brothers, their widows and orphans. The Blue Lodge was not intended to be a general philanthropic or community service organization; it is fraternal. The purpose of the Lodge is directed at the Brothers but many of the concepts taught within the framework of our Order apply to how we relate to the world around us as individuals. To me, this indicates the Lodge (as funded by dues) should be prepared to provide, as it can, assistance to its members and their immediate families in need but that other charitable activities should be a matter of personal preference. This goes along with the idea of maintaining harmony within the Lodge. Even voting and deciding by a majority to give Lodge (dues) funds to an outside charity can cause discord among the minority in seeing money that they contributed go to a cause that they might not be in agreement with. If we are truly an organization of equals, this should not happen. If the Lodge should decide by a secret ballot yielding a unanimous decision that Lodge funds should be disbursed or if there is an effort to collect funds within the Lodge by yielding a unanimous decision that Lodge funds should be disbursed or if there is an effort to collect funds within the Lodge by asking individual members to support a specific charity or cause, and only those monies collected in that fashion be given out to that charity/cause, can a sense of equity among the membership be maintained. Masons have been in the past and should be recognized in the future on the basis of their individual charity to others.

One last thought on charity and commitment, and perhaps the modern term of “paying forward” is more fitting here. To be blunt, our membership is dwindling, not growing, and our expenses remain relatively fixed. Did you know that if you purchased a Life Membership, the Lodge still has to pay the Grand Lodge the full per capita fee for your membership annually? Did you know the same thing applies to those who are given “50 year membership” exceptions to annual dues? As our membership shrinks there is less money the Lodge has available to cover those costs. We're not renegeing on those commitments we voluntarily made in good faith, but since this is renewal time, if you could manage to “pay something forward” without causing yourself harm, it would go a long way to help maintain our financial integrity. Even if you're a regular dues paying member, if you could voluntarily donate a little additional gift or bump to your annual dues it will be greatly appreciated for the good of the Order. Any amount helps. The same applies to the Building Fund. We have recently lost three long term renters for the building which together provided a contractual monthly income of about \$1500.00. In a previous note I pointed out that the average monthly cost to operate the building is about

\$2300.00. You can see that we are now critically dependent on bringing in “one time” events to pay the bills. This is hard to do and not guaranteed for any month. We had hoped to be able to arrange for professional cleaning services to keep the building ship-shape but perhaps you can now understand why we are occasionally asking for working parties from the Lodge membership to come in and help maintain and clean the plant. We are not in danger of losing the building or going bust, but we are not thriving either. This is NOT an alarm of pending doom. These are hard times for many, but if we all pitch in and rise to the occasion we will persevere.

The annual Shareholders meeting (all Wadsworth #25 members are shareholders) for the building will be in January. Please watch for the announcement and plan on attending.

In closing, I would like to wish you all, individually and families, a most prosperous and joyful Holiday Season however you chose to celebrate it.

**Fraternally,  
Phil Souza, Treasurer**



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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



### Birthdays

Gerald D Norman	1 <sup>st</sup>	John M Buffington, PGM	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Walter D Markowski	6 <sup>th</sup>	H. Sean Keast	11 <sup>th</sup>
William L Zundel	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce B Thomas	12 <sup>th</sup>
J Darren Spark PM	13 <sup>th</sup>		



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## Officers of Wadsworth Lodge #25 F & AM



**Senior Warden**  
Edro I. Cranch



**Worshipful Master**  
Arthur C. Strode



**Junior Warden**  
D. Kurt Green



**Treasurer**  
Philip E. Souza II



**Secretary**  
Charles F. Steiner, PM



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



**Senior Deacon**  
Kenneth R. Jones, Sr., PM



**Senior Steward**  
Arwin W. Nagano



**Junior Steward**  
Jeffrey A. Pearson



**Historian**  
Howard L. Rigdon, PM



**Organist**  
Clifford S. Rodecker, PM



**Tyler**  
Mario Varas

**Marshal**  
Trey R. Watts, PM

## SERVING GRAND LODGE

GRAND LECTURER John M. Buffington, PGM  
GRAND TRUSTEE Charles F. Steiner, PM  
DGL Clifford S. Rodecker, PM

## LODGE TRUSTEES

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

## BUILDING TRUSTEES

1 Year Howard L. Rigdon, PM  
2 Year Clifford S. Rodecker, PM and Mario Varas  
3 Year D. Kurt Green, Philip E. Souza II

## COMMITTEES

### COGNIZANCE

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

### DELINQUENCY

Charles F. Steiner, PM  
Howard L. Rigdon, PM  
Edro I. Cranch

### FUNERAL

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

### INVESTIGATION

Brian D. Markowski  
Arwin W. Nagano  
Cristin Sandu

### FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

D. Kurt Green.....EA Degree  
Edro I. Cranch....FC Degree  
Arthur C. Strode...MM Degree

### TRESTLE BOARD

Mary Nollsch

### EDUCATION

D. Kurt Green  
Arthur C. Strode  
William J. Wearne IV, PM

### SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Arthur C. Strode, John M. Buffington, PGM,  
Robert C. Snyder, PM, John E. "Jack" Watson, PM  
Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson, 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, 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