

WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

TRESTLE BOARD



LODGE CALENDAR

- March 27th, 28th, & 29th** – Nevada Masonic Leadership **Conference** - Reno
April 3rd - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm
April 5th – Happy Easter
April 9th - Officer/Degree Practice 7 pm
April 17th - Officer/Degree Practice 7:30 pm
April 23rd - Officer/Degree Practice 7 pm
May 1st - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm
May 9th – Washoe 35 Crab Feed 8:00 pm
May 14th – Officer/Degree Practice 7 pm
May 15th – Officer/Degree Practice 7:30 pm
May 16th – Masonic Town Hall Meeting – host Reno 13 (13 – 25 – 35 – 40)
May 21st – Officer/Degree Practice 7 pm
May 28th – Officer/Degree Practice 7 pm
June 5th – Stated Meeting



Greetings From The East

Brothers,

I wish to thank all the Brothers who attended the March Stated Meeting. We had a very tasty meal prepared by Bro. George McKiernan, PM, and good fellowship with several Brothers from other lodges in the area. We also were visited by a couple of friends of Bro. Christin Sandu who are considering petitioning our lodge.

As I said above, we have visiting Brothers at our stated meeting. They were Bro. Richard Grabsky, Worshipful Master of Pyramid #43. his father Bro. Jim Grabsky, Past Master of Pyramid #43. Bro. Bill Sullivan, Secretary for Pyramid #43, Bro. John Hayman, Tyler for Pyramid #43. Bro Pedro Leon, Worshipful Master of Amity #4 and Bro. Bob Behling, Past

Master of Amity #4.

As I stated at our March stated meeting, I am extending a personal invitation to all wives or significant others of Brothers to join us for dinner prior to our stated meeting, they are most welcome and my wife is also asking for attendance as she has informed me that she will be there.

**Worshipful Master
Arthur "Art" Strode
Wadsworth Lodge #25 F. & A. M.**

April 4/3/15 Due to the failure of the Lodge freezer the April Menu must be updated. The Dinner will be Easter Themed and served buffet style. All Ladies are encouraged to attend Lodge on this evening. Ladies events are planned. Dress for the Ladies need not be formal, Business casual would be nice. Thank You. Spiral Cut Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Asparagus, Dinner Rolls/ Butter Coffee & Tea. All Dinners include a dessert..... Lodge donations most welcome, \$10.00 appreciated



From The West

Continuing from last month:

It should be explained to him that if elected he could consider himself fortunate, indeed to be associated with men all of whom deem him worthy of becoming a Brother Masonry. This will be the first time, practically speaking, that the petitioner will be given authentic information. He has heard many rumors of what goes on in the Lodge room, such things as "riding the goat", being careful to "step high", etc. He being an intelligent man will take all of these admonitions with a grain of salt, and yet he cannot help but feel that some of the things he has heard are based on fact. Here the recommender should prepare the way for the petitioner by telling him what he is to expect and what not to expect. I do not mean that any of the ritualistic work should be disclosed, but I do mean that the petitioner has a right to know that the conferring of the degrees is serious business.

Naturally, the recommender will ask the petitioner why he wants to become a Mason. We all know that there are many answers to this question. Most of them are very good, but it must be established for his action is of his own free will and accord. He should understand that we never invite men to join a Masonic Lodge and that only those are welcome who come entirely of their own volition and not as the result of mercenary motives, personal solicitation, or idle curiosity. There should be no such thing as a "business reason" for joining a Masonic Lodge. A sure way to lose with members of the Fraternity and earn their disrespect is to give the impression that one expects to receive special preference or consideration because he is a Mason. There is no question but that men who think alike can get along better in business as well as in social relationship. Masonry must not be commercialized.

The petitioner must be made to understand that the Masonic Fraternity is not a benefit or insurance society, that there is provision for sickness or death benefits. Masons are taught to relieve the distresses and soothe the afflictions of worthy Brethren, their widows and orphans, through the exercise of brotherly love. Masonic history is replete with records of loving care and generous assistance given by Lodges and individual members to needy and deserving Brethren and their families.

It should be impressed on the applicant that American Freemasonry takes no notice of class distinctions and that a Lodge is made up of men in all walks of life. Doctors, Lawyers, Clergymen, Financiers, together with day laborers and craftsmen, all of them men who, somewhere and sometime, have been found worthy and well qualified, have knocked on the portals of the Lodge room for admission, and who, having been admitted, now call each other "Brother" regardless of origin, creed, or position

Now we touch on a matter that should be given the most careful consideration. It was stated in the opening paragraph of this article last month that the recommender actually becomes a sponsor. The dictionary defines a sponsor as “one who accepts responsibility for the actions of another. With this in mind it can only be assumed that one, who recommends a petitioner for the degrees of Masonry, should be willing to go all the way with him until he receives his Master Mason degree and has signed the By-Laws of his Lodge.

What a wonderful thing it would be for Masonry if every recommender of petitioners considered it his Masonic duty to personally see his candidate through the degrees. It would have a wholesome effect on the candidate, as well as making a lasting impression on him, and when in the future, he, himself, signs a petition as a recommender, he will consider himself duty bound to do likewise.

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



From The South

Making Good Men Better

Masonry is all about transformation and this is symbolized exceptionally well in the rough and perfect ashlar. At first we are called, and then we ask, seek, and knock. We declare our belief in our creator, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and satisfy the first commandment (Love the Lord thy God). We sit through our first meeting and wonder how all this is going to make us better men, after all the second commandment (Love your neighbor as yourself) is in my experience very difficult. What if your neighbor is impossible to get along with? None of us is perfect, and I’ve heard that if you find a perfect organization, don’t join because you will ruin it. As we sit in lodge going through the motions of a business meeting and the associated ritual, it can be tough to see any change taking place and it seems an awful lot like work...with no pay. Just ask my wife if I am a better man for being absent from the family on Friday nights. But the change does occur. As you pass through the chairs something happens and you start thinking differently. You become less judgmental of others and more forgiving of their errors, well aware that you have plenty of your own that are happily overlooked. You start to think less about yourself and more about others, seeing a glimpse of the true happiness that comes from serving others rather than the empty desires of your own heart. You start to look forward to going to lodge and enjoying the fellowship, even with men that test your patience in ways you never thought possible. Now that’s real change.

It reminds me of the movie “The Karate Kid” where Daniel has a meltdown after spending weeks waxing cars, sanding decks, and painting fences. Masonry is work and we don’t always realize what we are being prepared for, the meaning of what we do, and the genius behind it all. It’s not often we get that moment where Mr. Miyagi demonstrates the meaning of the work. To develop the changes to his muscles, nervous system and brain that it takes to be a Karate champion. Wax on, Wax off. These changes occur in us the same way and are symbolized very effectively in the rough and perfect ashlar through verses in that book we all promised to study diligently.

Like lead transformed into gold: “But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold” - [Job 23:10 Proving, Through Testing Prayer, God's Promises Concerning](#)

Like a potter creating a priceless Ming Dynasty teacup: “Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand” - Jeremiah 18:6

Like a sculptor creating a masterpiece: “And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple” – 1 Peter 2:5 “For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands”- 2 Corinthians 5:1

The rough ashlar is our start and the perfect ashlar is the promised finish as written: “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion”- Philippians 1:6

So I get the warm and fuzzies knowing that we have the commandments covered:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Mathew 22:36-40

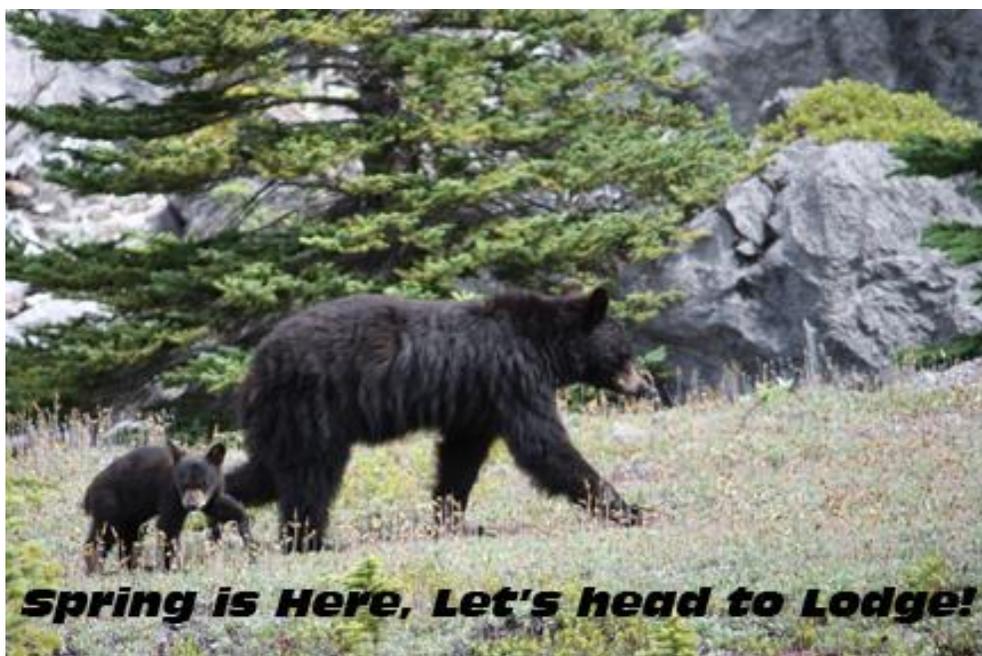
And just so we would get it, he said it again: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another- John 13:34

If you don't come to lodge, you can't experience the change. Change isn't always pleasant, and it's not until a muscle is pushed to the point of failure that it grows. Becoming a better man is a battle against your own nature and it's carefully hidden in plain sight at the corner of Pyramid Way and York carefully disguised as work.

**Fraternally,
D. Kurt Green
Junior Warden**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April Birthdays

Cristin Sandu	5 th	Philip E. Souza II	5 th
Thomas E. Widaman	7 th	D. Kurt Green	14 th
Kenneth D. Thurston	18 th	H. Michael Reed	20 th
Ronald E. Darlington	23 rd	Gary H. Hatlestad	28 th

May Birthdays

Patrick W Higgins PM	3 rd	Richard L Roblyer	11 th
Edro I Cranch	11 th	Jack Watson PM	31 st

June Birthday

Richard H. Wallace, PM	8 th	Mark A. Hawkins	14 th
Kenneth R. Jones Sr., PM	15 th	Feryl L. Fitzgerald	17 th
Robert L. Duncan, PM	19 th	Paul E. Bogue	20 th
Mario Varas	20 th	Mathew L Greiner	28 th

Happy Easter



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DGL Clifford S. Rodecker, PM

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John M. Buffington, PGM 1 Year
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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

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 Cristin Sandu

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 Edro I. Cranch....FC Degree
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 Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson, PM

MASONIC NEIGHBORS

CRAFT LODGES

Amity #4	Silver City	1st Thursday, 7:30pm
Escurial #7	Virginia City	1st Saturday, 10am
Reno #13	1st and Virginia, Reno	1st Tuesday, 7:30pm
Washoe #35	Peckham Lane, Reno	1st Wednesday, 7:00pm
MT Rose #40	1st and Virginia, Reno	1st Wednesday, 7:00pm
Pyramid #43	1300 Stardust St, Reno	2nd Thursday, 7:30pm
Ben Franklin #45	Shrine Building, Reno	1st Wednesday, 7:30pm
Golden #50	Peckham Lane, Reno	2nd Monday, 7:30pm

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Martha Chapter #5 York & Pyramid, Sparks **2nd & 4th Friday, 7:30pm**

Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite 1st and Virginia, Reno **2nd Wednesday, 6:00pm**

York Rite Bodies

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

Grotto

Chaman Grotto 1300 Stardust St., Reno **3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm**

Masonic Youth Groups

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