

WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

TRESTLE BOARD



LODGE CALENDAR

October 2nd – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

October 8th – Officer Practice 7 pm

October 16th, 17th – Scottish Rite Reunion

October 22nd – FC Degree 7pm for Ryan Hart

November 6th – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm, (Officer Step Up Night)

November 8th, 9th, 10th – Grand Lodge, Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas

December 4th – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm, (Elections)



Greetings From The East

Brothers,

We had a very nice memorial for John E. “Jack” Watson on 4 September, His family seemed quite pleased.

We have several things coming up in the near future:

Stated Meeting on October 2nd

October 16-17 is the Scottish Rite Reunion (so if you are interested in the Scottish Rite, get with a member or go to the Masonic Building at 40 West 1st street, for a petition).

We have a tentative second degree set for Ryan Hart on 22 October at 7:00.

Stated Meeting on November 6th (Step Up Night)

The 151st Grand Lodge Communication at the Orleans hotel in Las Vegas on November 8-10.

Stated Meeting December 4th (Elections)

Just a reminder, that all Wives and Significant others are welcome to join us for dinner.

Worshipful Master

Arthur “Art” Strode

Wadsworth Lodge #25 F. & A. M.



From The West

Greetings from the West

It is with heavy heart that I report that Worshipful Brother Jack Watson passed away over the summer. We held a memorial for him on September 4th. The service was well attended by the family and Brothers. The widow (Mary) was given the Widows pen and card by Most Worshipful John Buffington and Worshipful Strode. Brother George McKieman (PM) prepared an excellent luncheon meal, with the assistance of some of the brothers and couple of the wives, thank you ladies and brothers for helping out in the kitchen.

Ladies, you are invited to our stated meeting dinners, we would really enjoy seeing you there, the last time I saw you at the dinners sitting around and talking with each other made me feel good and I enjoyed hearing the laughter (wish I could have heard the joke).

At the stated meeting we had some visitors from the State of Utah and a possible prospective candidate came by for a visit.

I hope to see a lot of you at the stated meeting on October 2nd.

**Fraternally,
Edro "Ed" Cranch
Senior Warden**



2015 Dinner Menus

October 10/2/15

Bratwurst/Rolls, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Lemonade & Tea, Beer available

November 11/6/15

Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans Dinner Rolls/Butter, Coffee & Tea

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 South

I must admit that the concept and most of what I write here is borrowed from my pastor's last sermon, who found his inspiration in the greatest light. The subject of last week's sermon was "Life Groups", where a large church has smaller units that interact with and support each other outside of the main Sunday sermon experience to create a greater sense of fellowship, belonging, and support. Since we all professed a faith in one god, I would like to assume that we all get that Sunday morning experience outside of the lodge, and that the lodge is not our primary source of biblical teaching. The small groups that are popular today mirror the function and purpose of a masonic lodge; in fact I would dare to make the assertion that masons pioneered the concept of small groups to support the primary experience. As I listened to the sermon, I couldn't help but

smile and remember that we all have this covered, or at least should have this covered if we fully embrace the experience of masonry and are active in our lodge.

As described in the greatest light, Mathew 22:35-40, we are designed for two relationships: One vertical with our creator, and one horizontal with our fellow man. Many of us stop with only the first relationship, believing that we have a complete experience with only half of the equation. I remember a story about a famous pastor who had a church member decide to stop coming to church and decide to pursue his relationship with his creator on his own. The pastor invited the man to his home for a fireside chat and picked one red hot coal out of the fire and placed it on the hearth. He asked the man to watch what happened when it was separated from fellowship. The fiery red coal slowly became black and cool while its brothers still in the fire remained red and hot. When placing the cold black coal back into the fire, it quickly became red hot again. I think this is a great example of synergy, where $1=0$ and $1+1=3$, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, and that single coal could not remain on fire by itself. We were designed to be in fellowship, to fully experience the horizontal relationship, that's how we are wired. We aren't meant to take this journey alone. Hebrews 10:25 says "Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing , but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching".

This isn't always easy, in fact it can be really, really difficult. The lodge, much like a church is a hospital for sinners not a museum for saints. When any group of people assemble, "anything that can go wrong sooner or later does", and it's easy to be discouraged. "We have to be close enough to rub each other the wrong way, so we can forgive each other and grow."

And the company we keep is extremely important. You become who you associate with, so we must all choose wisely the people we spend our time with. Proverbs 13:20 says, "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm." As Masons we enter an intentional "structured" relationship for spiritual growth, or character building as some would describe it. We are among good men who desire to be better, and engage in activities specifically designed for that purpose. Although we can't invite, and I believe for very good reasons since it is more accurate to say that masons are called, a quote from my pastor still rings true. "Brother, a man you know needs to be inspired to make the choice to be in good company, and brother you need **to be good company.**"

Much like a life group, our experience is designed to be "in addition to" and not "instead of" the primary experience. The really cool part is that while life groups are attached only to their own churches, ours attaches to any church without fear, favor, or prejudice. As the original life group, or small church group, I hope we really grasp and appreciate what it is we do and the eternal importance of what we have been blessed with. We are "free" and "accepted". What else could we ask for?

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



From The Treasurer

Brothers,

Do you know that from a financial standpoint, there are two elements of our organization? One, of course, is the Lodge itself which we should think of as the body of membership making up Wadsworth 25. The primary financial income for the Lodge is the dues which we pay, usually on an annual basis, to take care of the incidentals necessary to run our organization. The principal pay-outs from this revenue source are the per capita fees which are required by the Grand Lodge annually to support its

organization, rent for the building housing the Lodge (which we get at a significantly reduced rate), and incidentals such printing of the Trestle Board, postal fees, partial reimbursement for the food provided at our stated meeting dinners, etc., etc. There are no salaries paid out of this revenue source for services rendered to administer the Lodge.

As you may have noticed when you look around the Lodge at our stated meetings, we are, sadly, not a dynamic membership in terms of growth... our gain/loss ratio is pretty static. This brings up the second source of revenue to support Wadsworth 25 which is contributions made by brothers, above and beyond the annual dues. The purpose of this correspondence is not to solicit monies to enhance a “general fund” but to simply point out that our operating margin is not terribly robust. Masons have always been recognized as being generous, but if we wish to support non-associated community focused charities we are going to have to find suitable ways/events to raise more revenue or depend on individual contributions to meet those needs as they come up. The money is simply not available in our dues generated budget.

Next month I would like to outline the second, completely independent and separate financial element of our Lodge, which is the Sparks Masonic Building Association.

**Fraternally,
Phil Souza, Treasurer**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Kurt R. Brown	5 th	Donald W. Hudson	6 th
Christopher B. Smith	10 th	Howard L. Rigdon PM	20 th
Harry W. Dixon PM	23 rd	Kirk L. Holden	26 th
Michael S. Dent	28 th	Frank B. Evan	28 th
Simon D. Noble	28 th	Bernard J. Dow	31 st



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3 Year D. Kurt Green , Philip E. Souza II

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Robert C. Snyder, PM, John E. "Jack" Watson, PM
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 **ORDER OF** 2nd Monday, 7:30pm

THE EASTERN STAR

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

Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite 1st and Virginia, Reno York^{2nd} Wednesday, 6:00pm

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