

# WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD



## LODGE CALENDAR

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Officer Practice 7 pm

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** - Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Officer Practice 7 pm

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – FC Degree for Ryan Hart

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Officer Practice 7 pm

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** – Officer Practice 7 pm

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>** – Grand Lodge, Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm



## Greetings From The East

Brothers,

I hope that all of you and your families are safe and well. I am looking forward to the next few months. At our September stated meeting, we will be having as guests, some brothers from Utah. Then two weeks later on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept. we will have a Fellowcraft degree for Ryan Hart. At our October stated meeting, we will be having a step up night for our officers. I am sure that they will all be ready for their new roles for this night. In November, I will be headed to Las Vegas to attend Grand Lodge

and then comes December when I will be hanging up my gavel. So as you can see, the rest of this year should be over in a blink.

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

The following is taken from an article written by Brother (illustrious) Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33°, Southern Jurisdiction from 1859 until his death in 1891.

How many of us have attached any particular significance to the continual recurrence of the number *three* in the ceremonies of the Blue degrees, or been moved by that recurrence to a desire to know why it so recurs, and what connection if any, that number has with the other symbols of the degrees? Numbers as well as words and things, are symbols; and this number has always been regarded as of special sanctity. It is represented by the triangle of equal sides, and by one of the sides of the right-angled triangle, as *four*, the number of the square is by another of the sides, and five by another; and seven by *three* added to *four*, the triangle upon the square with one line belonging to both.

In the Scottish and French Rites, the cable-tow is placed not once only, but *three* times around the neck of the candidate.

He obtains admission into the Lodge by *three* knocks. Having entered, he makes *three* circuits around the Lodge; halting while making each, at each of the **three** stations of the Master and Wardens, his haltings thus mean *three* times *three*:

When he is brought to light, he beholds the *three* Great Lights of the Lodge, by the light of the *three* representatives of the *three* Lesser Lights.

He learns afterwards that the Lodge has *three* principal officers, representatives of *Wisdom, Strength and Beauty*, the Divine *Wisdom*, the Divine *Power* and the Divine *Word*:

That the Lodge has *three* principal ornaments, *three* jewels moveable and *three* immovable, *three* articles of furniture; *three* columns; *three* windows; *three* degrees; that the mystical ladder has *three* rounds; that the Word of the third Degree is of *three* syllables, like the password of one of the words of the Fellow craft's Degree; that all signs are *three*-fold, right angles, horizontals and perpendiculars, and in the distress sign there are *three* movements.

But when and where was the attention of the initiate ever called to these coincidences, and his reflection upon them demanded?

**Fraternally,**

**Edro “Ed” Cranch**

**Senior Warden**





## 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**



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



2015 Dinner Menus

September 9/4/15

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, BBQ Beans, Lemonade & Tea

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Elmer D. Doble	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dale E. McKenzie	1 <sup>st</sup>
James R. Wodke	2 <sup>nd</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>
Clifford S. 'Kip' Rodecker PM	24 <sup>th</sup>	Earl J. Crank	26 <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**



**Junior Deacon  
Cristin Sandu**



**Senior Steward  
Arwin W. Nagano**

**Junior Steward  
Jeffrey A. Pearson**



**Marshal  
Trey R. Watts, PM**



**Historian  
Howard L. Rigdon, PM**



**Organist  
Clifford S. Rodecker, PM**



**Tyler  
Mario Varas**

## 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  
 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 **ORDER OF** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm

### 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 **York** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:00pm

### 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**