

WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

TRESTLE BOARD



LODGE CALENDAR

- May 13th – Building Trustees Meeting 12:00 pm
- May 20th – Practice Second Degree 7:30 pm
- June 3rd – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm
- June 10th – Building Trustees Meeting 12:00 pm
- June 17th - Practice or Second Degree 7:30 pm
- July 8th – Building Trustees Meeting 12:00 pm
- July 10th – Scottish Rite Picnic & Lodge Picnic 10:00 am
- Aug. 12th – Building Trustees Meeting 12:00 pm
- Sept. 2nd – Stated Meeting, Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm



Greetings From The East

Greetings Brethren;

Well another month has flown by, in the month of May we had the Grand Masters Official Visit, and it went well. We got word that at least two of our Entered Apprentices should be ready to return their proficiency at the June Stated meeting, if this happens we will do a Fellow Craft degree on the 17th of June, for both of them. The Lodge picnic will be held in conjunction with the Scottish Rite Picnic which will be held on July 10th. Now I will stray from my question and answer for another educational piece.

Defining Initiation

Initiation refers to a specific kind of ritual, a word used by the Romans to “designate admission into the Mysteries of the sacred and secret rites.” It is intended to instruct the aspirant in certain secret knowledge and to join him to a special or sacred society, creating in the process a more fully developed and committed identity. Initiation can also mark for society and the aspirant the transition from boyhood to manhood, at whatever age it comes. It merges the unconscious to the conscious mind, most likely for the first time in the initiate's life. It is profound and intended to be life altering. Joseph L. Henderson in “Man and His Symbol's” by Carl Jung puts it this way: *Any of us can see, of course, that is a conflict in our lives between adventure and discipline, or evil and virtue, or freedom and security. But these are only phrases we use to describe an ambivalence that trouble*

us, and to which we never seem able to find an answer. There is an answer. There is a meeting point between containment and liberation, and we can find it in the rites of initiation. They can make it possible for individuals to unite the opposing forces within themselves and achieve equilibrium in their lives.

Other scholars draw a direct line between initiation and rebirth, with Hall writing, *“By initiation death is transcended, and during the course of physical existence that art of the spirit which is asleep in form is awakened,* Meade echoes these sentiment with his assertion, *“In dreams and dramas of initiation, death represents change for the entire psyche and life of a person.”* Meade is, notably positioning death as an opposite of birth, rather than as the opposite of life. So profound is the intended consequence of initiation that Eliade also considers it to be indispensable for the beginning of a spiritual life: Only in initiation is death given a positive value.

Aristotle believed that it is the experience of the initiation itself, rather than the knowledge imparted during the ritual that allows the initiate to understand the hidden meaning of life. The ritualistic experience itself strikes at a man's very being “awakening” him. He emerges from the ritual as a better person than the man who entered it, and now embarks on a new direction, one that alters for the good his treatment of others and his perception of himself. Nothing will ever be the same.

For those who are ready and able to experience the initiation as it is intended, its effects begin at once. They may start with subtle, internal differences, but they will slowly manifest in how the initiate deals with others. In Masonry, we know a man is truly an initiate when he has changed for the better; when he demonstrates a closer affection for family, greater tolerance at and about work, and less of temper or abruptness in relationships, when he utters expressions that place his temporal life in an eternal perspective. Not all initiates overtly manifest profound changes but the differences are usually apparent to those who know someone who has been transformed. Regrettably, not all who submit to the ritual are initiated. As Socrates wrote, *“Many are the candidates seeking initiation, but few are the perfected initiates.”* Some are simply not ready, some were never appropriate candidates to begin with, and in other cases, the ritual is presented in a jocular, unserious manner that has no positive effect.

**Fraternally,
Edro (Ed) Cranch
Master**



**LODGE PICNIC and SCOTTISH RITE PICNIC
SUNDAY - JULY 10TH - 10:00 AM
RANCHO SAN RAFAEL PARK
Call Wayne Kingsley at 322-1933
for prices and reservations**



Brethren:

Bro. George McKierman and I have been working on a project design to finish the conference room. We are attempting to purchase base cabinets, counter top, small sink, small refrigerator and book shelves to be installed on the wall. There will also be a TV, which has already been donated to the Building Association, to be installed in the conference room.

George and I have been donating our time and effort on this project, and we will donate our time for installation, once materials are purchased. Another Brother is donating the material and labor for doing electrical work on this project.

I would like to propose that the members of this Lodge donate what they can, without hurting themselves or family financially. There has been a challenge put before us by a Brother who is willing to match funds raised by the Lodge up to \$500.00 by the time the Lodge returns to business in September. This project will cost approximately \$1300.00.

Edro (Ed) Cranch, Master



From The West

This month we had the Grand Master's Official Visit. I had heard his speech on other occasions, but just to prove that he keeps it fresh, he added something. Integrity - "Do the right thing even when no one is watching". He also added the fact that the Great Architect of the universe is always watching. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters" - Colossians 3:23. Simple, profound, and full of meaning for all Masons. Doing the right thing even when someone is watching doesn't come naturally. Paul says it eloquently: "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am!" - Romans 7:19-25.

As Masons, we are called to be better men, in spite of our human condition. "Learn to do what is good. Seek justice. Correct the oppressor. Defend the rights of the fatherless. Plead the widow's cause." - Isaiah 1:17. And it is critical to do the right thing *especially* when no-one is watching. "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward" - Matthew 6:1-8.

The rest of the Grand Master's message was no less divinely inspired. He spoke of our sometimes dysfunctional interpersonal relations in Masonry. "Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God" - Romans 14:10-12. He spoke of his pin, and that the heart represents love. "Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth." - 1 Corinthians 13:4-6. Our Grand Master may not have chosen these specific verses when preparing his speech, but I heard these as a call to get back to the basics. As promised, his message was short and to the point, and possibly more profound in its brevity.

**Fraternally,
Kurt Green
Senior Warden**



From The South

Stated Meeting for May is in the box and our GMOV, both handled on the 6th.

My first and most pleasurable act for the month of June is to wish HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Iris Armstrong who will celebrate her birthday on June 13th, may it be a day of fond memories. Best wishes from myself and brothers of Wadsworth Lodge #25.

I was recently engaged by several people regarding a recent expose of Masonic Ritual. I was asked several questions on the subject. I will neither confirm or deny any of that. While I am open to a conversation about Masonry, I will ask you to remember, that it can mean something slightly different to each Mason. After 30 years I am still learning, and still formulation what it means to me.

When does a Mason learn the true secrets of Masonry?

When study and contemplation reveal the wisdom to recognize the beauty of the creation and the strength to hold steadfast while facing adversity, What would your answer be?

RESPECT ALL OF MANKIND (regardless of station) AND YOU WILL RESPECT YOURSELF

Fraternally,
Kenneth R. Jones, Sr. PM
Junior Warden

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June Birthdays

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
Matthew L. Greiner	28 th		

July Birthdays

Dr. Lloyd B. Austin	3 rd	Gordon L. Foote	6 th
John E. Bower, PM	10 th	Joseph D. Schlader, PM	11 th
Edward E. Davis, PM	12 th	Clyde D. Wood	17 th
Philip G. Salemo	19 th	Jack C. McElwee	19 th
Charles E. Bertrand	22 nd	Thomas E. Black	23 rd

August Birthdays

George K. McKiernan PM	1 st	William J. Wearne IV PM	1 st
Charles F. Steiner PM	11 th	Ronald W. Sparks	12 th
David T. Lorenz	14 th	Alvin L. Weideman PM	20 th
Arthur C Strode	24 th	John G. Nelson	26 th



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MASONIC NEIGHBORS

CRAFT LODGES

Amity #4	Silver City	1 st Thursday, 7:30pm
Escorial #7	Virginia City	1 st Saturday, 10am
Reno #13	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 st Tuesday, 7:30pm
Washoe #35	Peckham Lane, Reno	1 st Wednesday, 7:00pm
MT Rose #40	1st and Virginia, Reno	1 st Wednesday, 7:00pm
Pyramid #43	1300 Stardust St, Reno	2 nd Thursday, 7:30pm
Ben Franklin #45	Shrine Building, Reno	1 st Wednesday, 7:30pm
Golden #50	Peckham Lane, Reno	2 nd 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	3 rd Thursday, 7:00pm
Reno Council #4	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 rd Thursday, 7:00pm
Commandrey #1	1st and Virginia, Reno	3 rd 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