

# WADSWORTH LODGE #25 F & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD, APRIL 2010



## LODGE CALENDAR

- MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>** Child ID, Reno Livestock Event Center, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at Washoe 35 at 6:30 on Peckham for Dwight Gover
- APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>** Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30
- April 6<sup>th</sup>** GMOV Douglas # 12 & Carson Valley #33, 7:00 PM, @ CV#33
- April 7<sup>th</sup>** GMOV Mount Rose #40, 7:30 PM, Peckham Building
- APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>** Wadsworth Lodge Building Association Meeting, 7:00pm
- APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>** First Degree or a Practice for a First Degree. Officers are Strongly Encouraged to attend
- MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>** Wadsworth Lodge #25 & Ben Franklin #45 Dinner 6:00 Sharp! There will be a presentation on the Masonic Memorial Gardens & Cemetery by Brother Dwight, Thornton Reno #13. This should be a must for our women to also attend. It is an awesome presentation with excellent information to plan with.
- MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>** Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30
- OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** Masonic Public Open House – State Wide 10 – 3 Mandated by Grand Lodge



## From The East

### My Brothers,

Here is my update for our progress this year thus far based on *January's message* (in *Italics*) on the Trestleboard:

*The theme I have chosen for 2010 is "Plan, Practice, Execute, and Have Fun!"*

The Grand Master's Visit went off as anticipated – We planned, we practiced, and executed at an extremely high level. My Masters hat is off to all of the officers and the brothers who attended and helped make this a memorable event.

The Table Lodge was another big win! We had loads of fun, fellowship, prizes, good food, appropriate amounts of drink, learning and from the comments days and weeks past - the best sounding cannons since the war. *I have listed below some things to get started with:*

### Housekeeping

- A) *Technology improvement*
  - (1) *Hardware infrastructure upgrade*
    - (a) *Computers, Printer, Add wireless interface* – No change yet ☹
    - (b) *Network – Wireless and add Public Wi-Fi Hot Spot for Members & Tenants* – No change yet ☹
    - (c) *Telephony* – No change yet ☹
  - (2) *Software updates - Purchased and owned by the Lodge* - No change yet ☹
  - (3) *Improve our web presence*

- (a) *Evolve our web page* – Major changes in both our lodge web presence and a new building web presence. HO (Hats Off) to our Web Mason (Rick Wallace) and Dana Nollsch for their hard work and persistence. We have some things to be proud of here!
- (b) *Keep the web calendar up to date with the lodge* – Biggest personal pet peeve for me - solved!!
- (c) *Meetings, Rainbow meetings, Building Committee Commitments for tenants and dates, use Face Book and other mediums to shine our light outward and inward* – All of these are really moving along well, and the first Movie Night is now officially on for Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. A double feature and the first movie will most definitely be “Kid Friendly” so bring ‘em along. Cost structure has changed to reduce money handling and improve enjoyment and will be affordable for sure - \$3 per person all the popcorn and pop you can handle with a couple extra goodies for the kids thrown in. Again, our Masonic brothers and sisters who meet at the building on a regular basis, as well as all our friends, relatives, and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to share in friendship and brotherly/sisterly love.
- (d) *Most of all – Ensure calendar synchronization and availability – Doing well so far!*
- b) *Request a renewal of our Member’s commitment to “Step Up” and become more involved in our lodge and our community* – I am so thrilled to see how our lodge is truly rising to the challenge set forth and I say “Bully – Hip-Hip-Hooray” for our team. The tide has changed and the flow is moving well!
- c) *Promote goodwill and a renewed commitment of our sponsorship to the Rainbows* – We have put forth much effort and have given the Rainbow Girls an opportunity to improve their financial bottom line and provide for their obligations. We are still dialing in the meals so please help us help them to get an accurate head count for the meals so food and money will not be wasted. Communicate your attendance for the dinners well in advance to allow the appropriate time to plan ahead. I believe we will see a motion to allow the girls to run the pop machine concessions with seed money to further help out. Great Ideas All! Let’s see what we can do to improve our attendance at their functions. Last month’s stated meeting was lit up by the wonderful presentation from our Rainbow Girls lead by Shannon LaRue, Worthy Advisor. It is apparent we need this type of bonding – oh to be young again.
- d) *Promote inter-lodge cooperation with our brother lodge Ben Franklin #45* – Attendance of cross-functions and meetings is up and I expect it to continue. We are planning to hold a joint dinner/presentation on our local Masonic Memorial Services on May 5<sup>th</sup> prior to Ben Franklin’s Stated meeting. This will be highly informative and something that will bring great light to the cause. Don’t miss it!
- e) *Promote attendance to the Masters & Wardens Club* – The NNMWA (Northern Nevada Masters and Wardens Association) is moving along well with excellent leadership. Please attend: This group has a mission: Masons helping Masons. Cool idea right! Let’s support this effort we will be helping each other in true Masonic spirit. Wadsworth Lodge has paid the dues for our officers to attend - please support the association who support you.
- ♣️🕒 *Promote friendship and brotherly love* – So far ahead of the curve on this one we may soon pass ourselves ☺️
- g) *Have fun!* – Never a doubt in my mind...the proof is on our website, our tongues, in our faces, and in our hearts.

*I announced the mandatory committees at the Installation of Officers on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as follows:*

The committees are really ramping up and performing well. Some are in front leading and others are still formulating their strategies – I remind all that this year is almost half over (12 Months = 10 Stated Meetings, 3 Meetings past, leaves only 7 more...) and we still have much to do. Please see me to help provide input, direction, or support in your endeavors. I will be there for you and our lodge!

*Be advised that each committee can and should have more than three members – the more the merrier! Your success will be my success and will make our lodge a winner. As members of Wadsworth Lodge #25, our action or inaction will have predictable and expected results. If you notice members who can benefit from participating or have something to contribute, please ask them to join in the fun!*

*I would also like a report at each stated meeting on your respective committee’s activities and schedule of events. Event dates must be communicated to the Web Page Committee for calendar updates as appropriate in a timely fashion. The reports are going so well that last meeting ran long but every word was savored and truly needed in order to provide input and solicit direction. I think everyone who attended voiced great thoughts and presented much needed prospective. I mean to enrich our meetings with appropriate topics, many provided by our Junior Warden Howard Rigdon for Masonic Education. He has many ideas and I know he has and will continue to give us much contemplation material and Masonic Enrichment.*

- 1) *Funeral Committee: John E. “Jack” Watson PM, John E. Bower PM, Willard J. “Ducky” Anderson Sr. PM* – Nothing new - thank God. May need to practice however.
- 2) *Investigation Committee: John E. “Jack” Watson PM, Willard J. “Ducky” Anderson Sr. PM*, - Doing fine and I would like to see a plan to teach how to investigate a prospect. Talk to me and let’s get one going...
- 3) *Tyler’s Assistants: Bernard J Dow, Joseph R. Boteler, Jr., Nathaniel A. Brown*
- 4) *Coaching & Mentoring: Robert L. Duncan, John E. “Jack” Watson PM*, Big stuff coming here next meeting so attend and be a part if this neat program kickoff!
- 5) *Education Committee: Chairman – Howard L. Rigdon – Junior Past Master (JPM), William J. Wearne, IV WM*, - Go Howard Go...
- 6) *Sickness & Distress Committee: Willard J. “Ducky” Anderson Sr. PM, Robert C. Snyder PM*, - Would like to see some work here – all members, do you notice a name associated with many committees? Please help out as we do not want to stretch the cable-tow so tight that our brother suffers.
- 7) *Web Page Committee: Chairman: Richard H. Wallace PM, Dana A. Nöllsch PM, William J. Wearne, IV WM* – Noted above
- 8) *Social Media Committee: Chairman -Dana A. Nöllsch PM, Joseph R. Bottler, Jr.* Noted above
- 9) *Rainbow Committee: Richard H. Wallace PM, Patrick W. Higgins*, Noted above
- 10) *Fellowcraft Club: May need some focus here and help from more brothers!*
  - a) *EA Degree: Howard Rigdon JPM, Nathaniel A. Brown, Jasonlee K. Hohman*
  - b) *FC Degree: Patrick W. Higgins, John M. Buffington SGD*,
  - c) *MM Degree: William J. Wearne, IV WM, John E. Bower PM, Dustin J. Simpson*
- 11) *Fundraiser Committee: Harry W. Dixon, Kurt Green, Joseph R. Bottler, Jr.* – Joe is cranking it up...come to the meetings and hear the ideas being generated here...Follow through and support is crucial...Keep it up!
- 12) *Special Events Committee: Patrick W. Higgins, Trey R. Watts, Danny Waldrop* - Follow through and support is crucial here...Keep it up!

Officers Note:

We need to return to more traditional ways of learning and performing our duty as officers. John Buffington will be one of our greatest assets to help us fulfill our Masonic commitments.

Below are my working orders for our lodge officers:

- a) Learn your ritual part for stated meetings – opening and closing – All Degrees doing very well here- Good job!!!
- b) Learn your floor work for stated meetings – opening and closing – All Degrees doing very well here- Good job!!!
- c) Learn (a) & (b) for the office into which you will be Stepping Up – Moving along...especially Mr. Dow – a real inspiration...
- d) Even if you do not plan on Stepping Up – You need to be prepared for (e)
- e) In the unfortunate event an officer is unable to make a stated meeting, his responsibility includes communicating that fact to his Line of Communication (g) We have a gap in our line that is in need...please search your obligations and see if you can help!
- f) All officers below your chair should Step Up into your chair to fill it without hesitation Listen up officers...there may be a test soon, so take due notice.
- g) Line of Communication for information dissemination: This is getting better each month...Keep going!
  - i) Master communicates with Sr. and Jr. Wardens (Back and Forth)
  - ii) Sr. Warden communicates with Sr. & Jr. Deacons, Secretary, & Treasurer (Back and Forth)
  - iii) Jr. Warden communicates with Sr. and Jr. Stewards and Marshal (Back and Forth)

As a final note, please take due notice; we will always have a meeting at the lodge on the third Friday of every month. This will be used for planning, practicing, degrees, and general fun & fellowship. All members are welcome and officers required. This cannot be stressed enough!

**Together, we decide the fate of our Masonic Blue Lodge family.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Together, we will accomplish great things.

**Fraternally from the East**

**William J. Wearne IV**

**Worshipful Master**



## **GREETINGS FROM THE WEST**

**Greetings to all Brethren and Fellows,**

What a couple of great proficiencies we had in the month of March! Congratulations to the brothers who proved and passed.

The dinner for the March stated meeting was awesome too; it was put on by the Rainbow Girls of Sparks #3 and with much assistance by Rick Wallace and Tiffani Higgins, also with the assistance of the one and only Howard Rigdon. Thanks Tiff and Rick for all you do to help us out.

Sparks Assembly Rainbow Girls will be having an initiation for 5 girls. That is really awesome. The initiation will be held on March 24 at 7:00 pm. Your support is much needed, and we would love to see you there.

The weather is getting nice and the sun is out. Welcome to spring. So go out and have some fun with your families. I look forward to seeing all of you in April.

**Fraternally SW Patrick Higgins**



## **GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH**

Congratulations to our two newest Fellow Crafts, Corey Solferino and Tyler Lunt each of whom participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on March 19<sup>th</sup> after reciting their Entered Apprentice Proficiency in an exemplary manner at the March Stated Meeting.

April is upon us and with it the onset of Spring. Our Stated Meeting will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and I encourage everyone to attend.

The meal will, once again, be catered by the Rainbow Girls and a good turnout is one way in which we as Masons can demonstrate our support for the Rainbow Organization.

This is an opportunity for the Rainbow Girls to provide service hours and raise much needed revenue. Participation in the meal, by the Brethren, family and guests is vital to the success of this essential Masonic sponsored organization of young women. A generous donation is greatly appreciated as these young ladies have limited fund raising activities and we have given them this opportunity to assist them in the generation of much needed income. This is not a "handout" but a "hand up" from the Brethren and the Lodge.

The dinner will consist of stuffed baked potatoes, trimmings, soda and water. If you desire beer or wine there will be a \$1.00 charge per beverage payable to the Lodge. The dinner will commence at 6:30 pm.

**Fraternally,**  
**Howard Rigdon, PM**  
**Junior Warden**



## Humor

While visiting a newly initiated brother at home one day, the new brother's wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strange since joining.

I asked in what way?

She said that he locks himself in the toilet for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue book.

Later that evening I turned the talk to lodge, and asked him how he was getting on.

Oh fine was his reply.

I asked him about his behavior and if there was anything wrong.

No, was his reply.

So why read the book there?

Well he said "It's the only TYLED room in the house"....



## Pictures from the Table Lodge in February



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Donald Kurt Green 4 <sup>th</sup>	Antonio P. Pastini 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas E. Widaman 7 <sup>th</sup>
William F. Branstetter, PM 8 <sup>th</sup>	Albert W. Codega 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth D. Thurston 18 <sup>th</sup>
H. Michael Reed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dwight Wilson Gover 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ronald E. Darlington 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Gary H. Hatlestad 28 <sup>th</sup>		

### WADSWORTH #25 OFFICERS 2010

**Worshipful Master** ..... **William J. Wearne, IV**

Senior Warden ..... Patrick W. Higgins

Junior Warden .....Howard L. Rigdon JPM

Treasurer ..... Thomas E. Black

Secretary ..... Charles F. Steiner PM

Chaplin ..... ..John E. "Jack" Watson PM

Senior Deacon .....Nathaniel "Battery" Brown

Junior Deacon ..... Bernard J. Dow

Senior Steward ..... Mark E. Smith

Junior Steward..... Willard "Ducky" Anderson PM

Marshal ..... Joseph R. Boteler, Jr

Historian ..... Del R. Rytting

Tyler ..... James "Mike" LaSance

DGL ..... John Buffington Senior Grand Deacon

#### LODGE TRUSTEES

John Buffington PM  
 John Bower PM  
 Robbie Snyder PM

#### BUILDING TRUSTEES

Howard L. Rigdon PM  
 Thomas E. Black  
 Dana A Nöllsch PM  
 Ducky Anderson PM  
 Mike LaSance

#### RSVP FOR MEALS

If you are planning to attend the meal with a guest or family members we request that you leave a message with Tiffany Higgins by the Friday preceding the Week of the Stated Meeting advising how many will attend.  
 R.S.V.P. Tiffany Higgins at [rsvp@wadsworthlodge.com](mailto:rsvp@wadsworthlodge.com)

### COMMITTEES

#### COGNIZANCE

John Buffington Senior Grand Deacon, Robbie Snyder PM, Dana A Nöllsch PM

#### DELINQUENCY

Charles F. Steiner PM, Patrick W. Higgins, Howard L. Rigdon PM

#### FUNERAL

John E. "Jack" Watson PM, John E. Bower PM, Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson Sr. PM

#### INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

John E. "Jack" Watson PM, Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson Sr. PM,

#### TYLER'S ASSISTANTS

Bernard J Dow, Joseph R. Boteler, Jr., Nathaniel A. Brown

#### COACHING & MENTORING

Robert L. Duncan, John E. "Jack" Watson PM

#### EDUCATION

Chairman – Howard L. Rigdon – Junior Past Master (JPM), William J. Wearne, IV WM

#### SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Committee: Willard J. "Ducky" Anderson Sr. PM, Robert C. Snyder PM

#### WEB PAGE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Rick Wallace PM, Dana A. Nöllsch PM, William J. Wearne, IV WM

#### SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Chairman -Dana A. Nöllsch PM, Joseph R. Boteler, Jr

#### RAINBOW COMMITTEE

Rick Wallace PM, Patrick W. Higgins

#### FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

**EA Degree:** Howard Rigdon JPM, Nathaniel A. Brown, Jasonlee K. Hohman

**FC Degree:** Patrick W. Higgins, John M. Buffington SGD,

**MM Degree:** William J. Wearne, IV WM, John E. Bower PM, Dustin J. Simpson

#### FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE

Harry W. Dixon, Kurt Green, Joseph R. Bottler, Jr.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Patrick W. Higgins, Trey R. Watts, Danny Waldrop

#### TRESTLE BOARD

Dana A Nöllsch PM, William J. Wearne, IV, Rick Wallace PM

#### Masonic Neighbors

#### CRAFT LODGES

Amity #4	Silver City	7PM, 1st Thursday
Escorial #7	Virginia City	11AM, 1st Saturday
Reno #13	1st and Virginia, Reno	7:30PM, 1st Tuesday
Washoe #35	Peckham Lane, Reno	7PM, 1st Wednesday
MT Rose #40	1st and Virginia, Reno	7PM, 1st Wednesday
Pyramid #43	1st and Virginia, Reno	7PM, 1st Thursday
Ben Franklin #45	York and Pyramid, Sparks	7:30PM 1st Wednesday
Golden #50	Peckham Lane, Reno	7:30PM, 2nd Monday

#### Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite 1st and Virginia, Reno 6PM, 2nd Wednesday

#### YORK RITE BODIES

Royal Arch #7	1st and Virginia, Reno	7:00, 1st Thursday
Reno Council #4	1st and Virginia, Reno	8:15, 1st Thursday
Commandery #1	1st and Virginia, Reno	7:30, 3rd Thursday

#### Masonic Youth Groups

Sparks Assembly, York and Pyramid, Sparks, 7:00, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays