



# Trestle Board

## UPON THE SQUARE

Ron LaBlue, Master

As I reflect on what feels like a very long and eventful month, one encounter stands out in my mind. I recently met a remarkable man who had just completed the immigration process and become a naturalized U.S. citizen. He was rightfully proud of his achievement.

Originally from Afghanistan, he served as an interpreter for the U.S. government—a role that brought significant danger to him and his family. Some of his loved ones were threatened and even killed because of the work he did. Hearing his story reminded me of the freedoms we often take for granted and the unimaginable sacrifices others have made in pursuit of those same liberties.

I told him that it is people like him who make this country stronger. He came here not just for a better life for himself, but to contribute to the betterment of all. His story touched me more deeply than I expected.

As Masons, we too are on a path of personal growth, service, and enlightenment. We should be proud of who we are and the good that we can accomplish together. As we continue on our individual and collective journeys, may we remain ever mindful of our Brothers—of their struggles, their growth, and their needs. Let us stay focused on what we have and the good we can do, rather than what we lack.

I am deeply proud of what our lodge has contributed to the lives of others, and I'm honored by your trust in me as Worshipful Master. With this being our last stated meeting before we go dark for the summer, I encourage each of you to take time to reflect on the future of our lodge—particularly your vote regarding the upcoming consolidation. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

This month, we will be presenting a scholarship to the young woman Brother Jack told us about. She will be joining us at the lodge between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. to receive it. We will also be discussing the rules and process for the \$500 charity donation opportunity available to any Brother who wishes to participate.

Have a wonderful evening, and I hope to see you at the stated meeting.

## ON THE LEVEL

Carl Rueckl, SW

While reading a book on the Civil War recently, I came across a powerful piece of trivia that truly struck me—and I wanted to share it with you.

*It was an April morning, just three days after General Robert E. Lee had surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant. Southern troops, led by General John B. Gordon—a Mason—were marching in columns toward the northern troops to formally stack arms and fold their flags.*

*Suddenly, a shifting of arms was heard. General Gordon looked up in alarm, unsure of what was happening. But there was no threat—only a profound gesture. General Joshua Chamberlain had ordered his Union troops to assume the position of honor: “Honor answering honor.” In response, Gordon’s Confederate troops snapped to attention and returned the honor.*

*It was the first symbolic act of healing after four years of war and the loss of over 618,000 lives.*

*And it was a Mason who gave that command.*

Moments like this remind me how deeply Masonic values—honor, respect, and reconciliation—are woven into the fabric of history. I'm proud to be a Mason and even more proud to stand among you, my Brothers.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Lodge meeting.



## BY THE PLUMB

Gregg Moore, JW

I hope you all had a great May and enjoy a safe and happy 4th of July with those who matter most.

I'm looking forward to another evening of fellowship—good food, good company, and great conversation. We'll be serving grilled chicken, tasty sides, and cool drinks, so come hungry!

### Quote of the Month:

*“It isn’t how much time you spend somewhere that makes it memorable: it’s how you spend the time.” — David Brenner*



## History

Chartered June 8, 1950

Consolidated (40 & 45) December 3, 2021

## Time and Place

First Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

Sparks Masonic Center

2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, Nevada

## July

Wed, 2nd 6:00 PM Stated Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

## Officers

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## September

Wed, 3rd 6:00 PM Stated Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

Vote on Consolidation  
with Wadsworth Lodge No. 25

### Rainbow Board

### Delinquency

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### Sickness & Distress

### Masonic Education