



Trestle Board

UPON THE SQUARE

Ron LaBlue, Master

As summer draws to a close, it is time for us, as a lodge, to return to our work. September will be an important month as we vote on consolidation with Wadsworth Lodge No. 25—marking the beginning of a new chapter in our history.

As traveling men, we are constantly reminded that life is a journey, not a destination. Each step we take, whether inside or outside the Lodge, is an opportunity to build upon the foundation laid before us. Our working tools teach us that improvement comes through steady labor, discipline, and reflection—and that we should be shaping not only ourselves but also the world around us. To travel as a Mason is to live with purpose: to better our character, strengthen our families, and uplift our communities. Just as we seek further light in Masonry, we should seek to be a light for others—offering guidance, compassion, and encouragement along their path. By doing so, we honor the obligations we have taken and reflect the true spirit of our fraternity.

This month also carries a wider significance, as September is Suicide Awareness Month. I believe that we, as Masons, are in a unique position to make a difference—both within our fraternity and in the larger community. According to the World Health Organization, in 2021 the global suicide rate for men was approximately 12.3 per 100,000—more than twice the rate for women. Each year, an estimated 720,000 people die by suicide worldwide, with men consistently at higher risk. These numbers are sobering, but they also remind us of our responsibility. Sometimes, it takes only a moment—a call, a message, or even a simple “I was just thinking of you”—to make a difference in a Brother’s life.

This is an issue close to my heart, as I have seen its impact far too many times. I believe that by acknowledging it, discussing it openly, and supporting one another, we can bring light where there is darkness and hope where it is most needed. That is what Brotherhood truly means.

I look forward to seeing you all at our stated meeting on Wednesday, hearing about your summer, and working together on this consolidation and our future as a lodge. I am proud to stand among you, and I am excited for what lies ahead.

ON THE LEVEL

Carl Rueckl, SW

September will be a memorable month. Among our working tools, the Square and Compasses hold a special place. Without the Compasses, no accurate Square can be drawn; without the Square, no true building can be raised. Together, they are the universal symbol of a Master Mason and of Freemasonry itself.

These symbols carry countless interpretations, and each Brother may see them in his own light. In our ritual, the Compasses are dedicated to the Craft and remind us to restrain our passions—not only anger, but also intemperance, selfishness, intolerance, and rash judgment. Spiritually, the Compasses circumscribe our actions, guiding us toward balance and harmony.

The changing positions of the Square and Compasses across the three degrees symbolize light, further light, and more light—an ongoing journey of growth and understanding. They remind us that Masonry is not a destination, but a lifelong path of refinement. Each time we enter the Lodge, we are called to apply these lessons a little more carefully in our daily lives, striving to build not just better buildings, but better men.

I look forward to a great Masonic year with you, my Brothers.



BY THE PLUMB

Gregg Moore, JW

I hope you've been enjoying a wonderful summer here in Northern Nevada with all the activities, from barbecues to the Rib Cookoff, and that you've been able to spend that time with those who matter most.

I'm looking forward to our September dinner—gourmet pizza pies, chicken wings, and Caesar salad—a great chance to share a meal and fellowship together.

As always, I'd like to leave you with a thought for the

Quote of the Month:

“To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.” — Anatole France



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

September

Wed, 3rd 6:00 PM Stated Dinner
 7:00 PM Stated Meeting

 Vote on Consolidation
 with Wadsworth Lodge No. 25

October

Wed, 1st 6:00 PM Stated Dinner
 7:00 PM Stated Meeting

November

Wed, 5th 6:00 PM Stated Dinner
 7:00 PM Stated Meeting

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Sickness & Distress

Masonic Education