



# Trestle Board

## UPON THE SQUARE

*Daniel Lee Venters, WM*

Brethren, we are one meeting from the dark days of summer and my term as Master has been very educational, interesting and gratifying in the sense that we are growing as a Lodge and I have learned so much about Masonry. We still have Brother, Torry Thompson, to get raised this month and hopefully by the Stated Communication we will know the date this event can occur. We have been so blessed by the support given to the Lodge this year from the Past Masters and how they have stepped up to attend meetings and fill positions where needed, as well as, providing sage advice (thanks to all of you).

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, our Lodge had nine Masons present at the Rainbow # 21 Crowning Ceremony to assist the girls in their very gallant event. These young ladies were dressed in their formal wear and did an excellent job with their ceremony.

June 14<sup>th</sup> is our Social Golf Tournament at Washoe County Golf Course, it will

start at 9:00 am, the cost is \$65 per person and will be a 4 – person scramble format with a lunch provided. Come join us for the friendship and brotherly love, it is open to everyone, so invite your friends or relatives and be a part of our first golf event.

The Stated Communication starts at 7:00 pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. If anyone needs a ride to and from, please call me at 775-842-5876.

This month, as in last, I would like to close with more information from “*A History of Benjamin Franklin Lodge, No. 45 written by Alexander A. Coon,*” as follows:

*The dream for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lodge in the City of Sparks started in 1954-55 by a small group of members in Wadsworth Lodge # 25, because of the growth in Sparks’ population. The belief being population growth would encourage growth activity in Masonry, but they*

*decided to wait until the 1960 census figures were available. The 1950 census showed Sparks had 8,203 residents and the 1960 census figures showed 16,617 residents. So, seven Wadsworth Brethren: Hobart J. Breshears, PM, Arthur Conte, PM, Alexander A. Coon, PM, Richard H. Hobson, Edward L. Kleinecke, PM, Martin V. Partenope and David W. Priest, along with three Brothers from other Lodges: Page P. Corner (Mount Rose # 40), Carl C. Hoover (Washoe # 35) and Daniel N. Whitmore (Ely # 29) met on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1961, drew up the petition and signed the same day. At the next Stated Communication of Wadsworth Lodge (September 1, 1961) the petition was presented, accepted and approved by vote in open Lodge without heated debate but with great hope. Most Worshipful Stanley D. Sundeen, Grand Master, instituted Benjamin Franklin Lodge, U.D. with the presentation of the Dispensation on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1961.*

## ON THE LEVEL

*Robert L. Ammerman, SW*

Our Monday Work and Instruction night turns out to be a good time for socializing as well as coaching and practice time. Everyone is invited, even if you only want to visit!

If you haven’t been to Lodge in awhile we would encourage you to come see and help us grow. If you’re having health issues please let us know as we’d like to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. And if you need transportation to and from the meeting just call me at 775-626-7175 and let me know; I’d be happy to give you a lift.

The Golf Tournament is on for June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00a.m. If you’re not a Golfer but want to come, please do we’d love to see you there. And you’re welcome to call me if you want to volunteer to help.

## SOCIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Hosted by Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45*

### First Annual 4-Person Scramble

**Date and Time**  
June 14th - 9:00 A.M. Tee-Time

**Golf Course**  
Washoe County Course - Reno, NV

**Cost**  
\$65 Per Person (Singles Welcome)

**Prizes**

- Raffles
- Closest to the Hole
- Long Drive Prizes

**Lunch Provided** (Limited to First 60 Golfers)

Send checks and entry forms payable to Benjamin Franklin Lodge # 45  
P O Box 362 Sparks, NV 89432-0362

**Questions? Or need an entry form**  
Please contact: Dan Venters at  
(775) 842-5876





### **History**

Instituted September 19, 1961  
Constituted December 9, 1961

### **Time and Place**

First Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.  
Kerak Shrine Center  
4935 Energy Way, Reno, Nevada

### **June Calendar**

- Mon, 1st 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Wed, 3rd 6:00 PM Stated Dinner  
7:00 PM Stated Meeting
- Mon, 8th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Sun, 14th 9:00 AM Tee-Time  
First Annual 4-Person Scramble  
Social Golf Tournament  
Hosted by Benjamin Franklin Lodge #45  
Washoe County Course - Reno, NV  
Cost is \$65 per person
- Mon, 15th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction
- Mon, 22nd 6:30 PM Master Mason Degree
- Mon, 29th 6:30 PM Work and Instruction

### **July Calendar (dark)**

### **August Calendar (dark)**

### **Officers**

- Worshipful Master** Daniel Lee Venters (Pam)  
(775) 842-5876
- Senior Warden** Robert L. Ammerman (Sandy)  
(775) 626-7175
- Junior Warden** Ron Daniels (Sophie)  
(208) 272-1449
- Treasurer** Jack Haddock, PM (Linda)  
(775) 223-1141
- Secretary** Stephen V. Robison, PM (Jerri)  
(775) 233-3349
- Senior Deacon** Ron S. Ellis (Frances)  
(775) 853-2850
- Junior Deacon** Brad T. McKeachnie, PM
- Chaplain** Robert C. Yturiaga, PM (Valerie)  
(775) 848-1295
- Deputy Grand Lecturer/  
Tyler** John W. Freeman, PM (Cynthia)  
(775) 527-1926

#### **Trustees**

John W. Freeman, PM (1yr)  
Robert C. Yturiaga, PM (2yr)  
Ron S. Ellis, PM (3yr)

#### **Rainbow Board**

S. Barton Jacka, PM  
Daniel Lee Venters, WM

#### **Sickness & Distress**

Robert L. Ammerman, JW

#### **Trestle Board/Webmaster**

John W. Freeman, PM