

THE WADSWORTH SIDELINER

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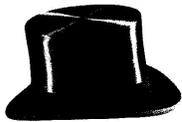
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UNDER THE MASTERS HAT

My Brothers, I hope you have all enjoyed the first four meeting of this Masonic year as much as I have. I can honestly say that the Rededication Night, the Past Masters First Degree and the Veterans Awards Night programs went better than I planned. Thank you to everyone, especially RW Bill Ogren, for all the help and assistance you have given me and the Lodge so far this year.

As I indicated at the conclusion of the Fellowcraft degree, we all need to continue to try to do the best work we can. I want to remind all Brothers in line, and all Brothers who agree to take parts in our ritual, that this responsibility takes study and dedicated effort. Even if you have done the part for years, you have to continue to study and prepare for the ritual presentation. Just because you knew the part last year or last week does not mean that you will know it on Lodge night. There is no substitute for study and practice. We are blessed with a ritual that is beautiful when it is presented well. When we started in Lodge, our predecessors, some of whom are still in attendance, knew their parts, and made sure we were exposed to the best possible Masonic experience. That is why Wadsworth was known as the premiere Lodge in the District. Do we owe our Brothers

and new candidates anything less? Take your responsibility seriously so we can be proud of our openings, closings, and degree work. After all, how can we expect to convince our new Brothers to become proficient in their work if we do not display our own proficiency? Please let me know what I can do to help. I have not called for rehearsals so that we do not have to make additional trips to Albany on off nights. Also, most of the rehearsals in the recent past were either not well attended or everyone merely read their parts. If you think rehearsals will be a profitable exercise, let me know. With a little extra effort we can bring our ritual and standard work back to a level we can all be proud of, starting with our **Third Degree on December 12th**. I thank you all in advance for the renewed effort and dedication I know you will give to this task.

All Brothers, especially the Officers, are reminded of the importance of attending the various district meetings and functions if it is within the length of your cable tows. These functions and meetings include the District Deputy Visits and the Masters & Wardens meetings. I have listed these dates in the Trestle Board section of this newsletter and I encourage you all to mark your calendars accordingly. Attendance at these meetings ensures that you are aware of all developments in the District, and that your opinions are heard with respect to the many important issues that affect us all. You will also have fun meeting your Brothers from other Lodges. I particularly direct your attention to November 30, 2007 between 7:00 and 9:00pm, when RW Kurt OTT will be at Evening Star Lodge. Brother Ott is an engaging speaker, and a dedicated Brother who I believe has earned our friendship and support in his future Masonic endeavors. Please come out on November 30th if your schedule permits.

I want to remind you all that the Bell Ringer Program will be starting on November 17th. This is a wonderful program that is very important to the success of the Salvation Army's holiday efforts. It is fun and a great way to remind the general public that Masons are part of the community. Thank you to all who have already volunteered. I look forward to seeing many of you this holiday season making noise for charity at the same location in Crossgates Mall we enjoyed last year.

Finally, I want to personally invite all of you to attend the Wadsworth Lodge 3rd Annual Table Lodge on Saturday, January 19, 2008. It will start at 4:00pm and continue until all toasts are concluded. The theme is still a secret, but I can tell you that the charging glasses have been designed and the scenery has been commissioned. The script is in its third draft and several Brothers have already agreed to devote their acting talents to the program. I promise you that it will be an explosive evening! If you want to help as an actor, server, or in the kitchen, please let me know. This year I plan to do the cooking in-house so the proceeds can be given to charity. I am proposing the new endowment in the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund, but I am open to suggestions. You will receive more information about this exciting event as the time approaches.

I look forward to greeting you all in Lodge. Please make a special effort to attend as many meetings as you can this year. We are all members of the same family, and we miss you when you are not here.

I wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John W. Scott

2008 LODGE DUES

Brethren, you have received your 2008 dues notice. To those of you who have paid your current dues, thank you. If you have not yet paid your dues, please remit your dues payment at your earliest opportunity. Remember that your dues are the life blood of our Lodge. When you send in your check, please up-date your address, phone number and internet address for our Secretary.

In the By-laws of Wadsworth Lodge revised November 2000, Article V, Section 1 states "The Annual Lodge Dues and Life Membership shall be \$37.50 plus any Grand Lodge Dues, payable in advance by the first Stated Communication in December of each year." If there is a hardship for which a brother is unable to pay his dues, Article VI, 1b states "Should reasonable cause be established because of poor health or financial problems the member may have his due remitted by vote of the Lodge." Please brethren let the Worshipful Master or Secretary know of your hardship instead of becoming unaffiliated for nonpayment of dues. Your lodge is required to pay The Grand Lodge Dues as long as you are carried on books.

In keeping with the practice that was established by the Grand Lodge several years ago, Wadsworth Lodge will continue to remit the Lodge Dues on behalf of those Brothers who are shown to be on **Active Military Duty** as of January 1, 2008. There is a procedure for applying for this remittance, and any brother who is on active duty who wants to apply for this remittance of their dues must communicate with Brother Tim Martin, Secretary, 7 Burtonwood Place, Delmar, NY, 12054.

THE TEST **Author unknown**

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount."

Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it is at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it is a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

A NEW WADSWORTH WEB SITE

<http://wadsworth417.albanymasonry.org/>

A NEW DISTRICT MASONIC WEB SITE

<http://home.nycap.rr.com/albanymasons/>

TRESTLE BOARD

Wadsworth Lodge Communications

November 14	Open Meeting: Brother Bring A Friend Night
November 28	Business Meeting (Program TBA)
December 12	Master Mason Degree
December 26	Lodge Dark in observance of Holiday Season
January 9	Business Meeting (Program TBA)
January 19	Wadsworth 3rd Annual Table Lodge
January 23	Entered Apprentice Degree: Officer Move-up Night

****UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL LODGE MEETINGS ARE PRECEDED BY A LIGHT DINNER AT 6:30pm AND FOLLOWED BY A COLLATION****

District Deputy Visitations

R.: W.: Peter Kermani will make his official visits as follows:

November 20 th	Bethlehem Lodge #85
December 4 th	Ancient Temple Lodge #14
January 3 rd	Guttenberg Lodge #737
February 4 th	Mt. Vernon Lodge #3
March 12 th	Wadsworth Lodge #417
March 27 th	Van Rensselaer Lodge #87
April 28 th	Masters Lodge #5

District-Wide Masonic Events

November 4, 2007	Masonic Veterans Program-12:30pm at VA Hospital
Starting Nov. 17, 2007	The Salvation Army Bell Ringer Program
November 30, 2007	Meet RW Kurt OTT at Evening Star Lodge, 7-9pm
March 2, 2008	District Bowling Tournament
April 19-20, 2008	State Bowling Tournament
April 26-27, 2008	State Bowling Tournament
May 5-6, 2008	Grand Lodge Communication
May 10, 2008	District Widow's Luncheon
May 21, 2008	District Graveyard Memorial Service
TBA	Investiture Service

Masters & Wardens Meetings

Wadsworth Lodge	January 11, 2008
Masters Lodge	February 8, 2008
Guttenberg Lodge	March 14, 2008
Noah Lodge	April 11, 2008
Berne Lodge	June 6, 2008

Brotherhood Fund

Please set aside a portion of your charitable donation funds for participation in the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Your donations to the Masonic Programs supported through the Brotherhood Fund make our fraternity one of the best in the world! Wadsworth Lodge is one of the most outstanding Lodges in the Albany Masonic District for fellowship, ritual and the strength of character of our members. Let us try to make it **the** outstanding Lodge in our district this year with respect to the percentage of giving to the Brotherhood Fund.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact your Brotherhood Chairman, Bro. Edward Kosinski (434-8425; edjokos@msn.com).

PARTING SHOTS

Birthdays: The following brothers will be celebrating birthdays in the coming months: **Bro. Ben Froggett**, 11/12/06; **Bro. David Jurkowski**, 11/24/06; **Bro. William Godell**, 12/13/06; **R.: W.: Al Krueger**, 12/11/06; **R.: W.: Howard Lasker**, 12/16/06; and **Bro. Bruce Susser**, 12/29/06.

I apologize if I have missed your birthday. If I did, it is because the Lodge membership list contains incorrect information about you. Please correct any errors or omissions by speaking with our Secretary, Tim Martin.

Membership: Brethren please help your Lodge get Membership Petitions. Also, please support our Degree Program this year. Remember, the Degree presentations are more memorable for our new Brothers if our sidelines are full.

Communicate! Brothers, please communicate sickness and distress and /or glad tidings. We will never be able to share in your joy or give support to our Brothers, their Widows and Orphans, unless we communicate. Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of ours.

Volunteers: We need Brothers to volunteer some time on one Saturday morning a month to help with cleaning and maintenance of our Masonic Hall. There are many projects that are in the works, such as painting, plumbing, updating of electrical devices and general cleaning. If anyone wants to donate some time to this cause, please contact Mike Gammans (869-6638). This effort helps keep the Masonic Hall beautiful.

News Articles: Wadsworth Lodge is always looking for news articles to be published in future newsletters. Please send them to the Secretary or Master.

Move Recently? If you have recently moved, be sure to let our Secretary know your new address. We save a lot of time and effort by updating our mailing lists as the changes occur. Also, please up date/verify your membership information with our Secretary by confirming that he has your correct address, telephone number and email address.

**HOPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE AN ENJOYABLE FALL SEASON
AND A BLESSED THANKSGIVING.**

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