

The Sideliner

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Under the Master's Hat

My Brothers,

Spring has sprung as the saying goes. What a great spring this is turning out to be. God's creation is exploding around us with new life. I am writing this sitting on my screen porch. I'm listening to the birds sing, watching the trees bud, and I even think I saw the grass turn a little greener. I can't help but be in awe of the work of the Great Architect. I hope all are out enjoying the weather and are in good health.

Brothers take note of the brothers who are absent due to poor health and may not have asked for any help from the lodge. It only takes a few minutes to call and ask how they are today. Even a short visit doesn't take to much time. I think some brothers might think their lodge has forgotten them. Let us not forget them.

March's first meeting was well attended as we conferred the first degree on five candidates. Welcome brothers Nick Casso, Matthew Scott, Matthew Wilday,

Jesse Kendall, and James Susser to the fraternity.

Thank you to R.: W.: John Scott for filling in as Master for the evening. Your eloquence is always inspiring to me.

Thank you to R.: W.: Ron Noll for filling in as the chaplain for the evening. Also congratulations on the recognition bestowed upon you at this years "Event".

Thank you R.: W.: Geoffrey Hoderath for the vocals and your ever present reminder of the perfection in the ritual we should all strive for.

Thank you to Ed Kosinski for another fine meal and great work as Junior Deacon.

Thank you to all the brothers who took part. Donovan White, W.: Ken White, W. Charles Semowich, Tim Martin, R.: W.: Jerome McCall, Bob Joel, and Paul Pfeiffer.

The degree was a success after a snow delay and late start. The new brothers join our existing two Entered Apprentices for a good size



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class of new members. New Growth to the lodge. Sounds like spring to me.

Brothers as this spring unfolds we need to keep in mind we still have quite a full trestle board for the remainder of the year. We still have the second and third degrees to confer on the new brothers. The Lodge's District Deputy Homecoming, Sideliners Dinner,

Surviving Spouse Luncheon, and District Memorial Service are still on the trestleboard.

I will be looking for all to help with the rest of this year's work on the trestle board.

See you soon at a Lodge Meeting

God Bless
Bruce

Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Open Meetings Presentations

September 14, 2011	Business Meeting and Welcome Back
September 28, 2011*	Distinguish Service Dinner (Open Meeting)
October 12, 2011	Business Meeting
October 26, 2011	Brother Bring a friend night
November 9, 2011	Business Meeting and Petitions
November 23, 2011	Lodge Dark
December 14, 2011	Opening and Closing The Lodge
December 28, 2011	Lodge Dark
January 11, 2012	Business Meeting
January 25, 2012	<u>Veterans in Service (Awards Night)</u>
February 8, 2012*	First Degree (Past Masters)
February 22, 2012	Business Meeting - Ballot on Candidates
March 14, 2012*	First Degree for Second set of Candidates
March 28, 2012	Lodge Dark for The Event to honor R.:W.: Ron Noll
April 11, 2012*	Second Degree - with Dispensation for 7 Brothers
April 25, 2012*	<u>DDGM (John's Homecoming)</u>
May 9, 2012	Annual Reports
May 23, 2012*	Third Degree - with Dispensation for 7 Brothers
June 13, 2012*	Election and Installation of Officers

Sickness and Distress:

W.: Leo Synakowski tries to keep working but it is hard. His chemotherapy leaves him exhausted at the end of the day.

Bro. Alan C. Garrison of Albany was admitted to St. Peters Hospital with compromised health caused by chronic diabetes. He is not doing very well.

W.: Joe Pozefski is in Memorial Hospital and will be there for about 3 more weeks. He will undergo major vascular surgery to restore the blood to his left leg and foot, and then they will amputate the top portion of his left foot.

Glad Tidings:

R.: W.: Brother Harold Clark is doing well. His daughter, Laurie says he likes it in Utica where he gets 24 hour care. He is still sharp-minded as ever. He went to Fred Smith's 100th birthday party in another building in the complex. Laurie tries to visit him at least once a week.

Bro. Peter Baldes, a 68 year member of Albany celebrated his 90 birthday on March 6,

2012. Although he has suffered serious medical issues in 2011, he remains very optimistic and his *joie de vivre* is greatly admired.

Bro. Vic Stewart is a grandfather for the fourth time.

R.: W.: John W. Scott is a proud grandfather for the second time. Baby Levi David was born March 3,

Please communicate sickness and distress and/or glad tidings. Brothers, we will never have knowledge to give support to our Brothers, their Widows or Orphans unless we communicate. Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of Our Great Masonic Lodge, Wadsworth #417.

Reminder of 2012 Lodge Dues:

For Brothers who have met their obligation – Thank you. For others please remit your dues as soon as possible. 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 for **Regular members** shall be \$67.50 (this includes \$30 to Grand Lodge) while **Life members** annual dues shall be \$30.

The annual dues is 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 established by the Grand Lodge of New York, 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, 2011. Without documentation please pay dues in full. There is a procedure for applying for this remittance, and any brother who is on active duty who wants to apply for remittance of their dues must communicate with Brother Tim Martin, Secretary, 7 Burtonwood Place, Delmar, NY, 12054 telephone number: 518-439-7998 e-mail: timmartin12054@gmail.com Each Lodge Secretary must obtain from the qualifying member who is on **Active Military Duty** as of **JANUARY 1, 2012, ONE** of the following: **a) a photocopy of the Brother's Military Orders;** or **b) a photocopy of his Military Identification Card;** or **c) a letter on Official Military Stationary from the CO or other military authority attesting to the fact that the Brother is on active military duty.** All documentation can be e-mailed as “attachment”, or sent regular “US Postal Service”.

Around the District:

District Deputy Grand Master Visits

Berne	10/06/11	Mt. Vernon	02/06/12
Noah	10/25/11	Van Rensselaer	03/28/12
Bethlehem	11/15/11	Masters	04/09/12
Ancient Temple	12/06/11	Wadsworth	04/25/12
Guttenberg	01/05/12	(John's Homecoming)	

Masters and Wardens Schedule

Van Rensselaer	09/21/11	Masters	02/15/12
Mt. Vernon	10/19/11	Ancient Temple	03/21/12
Noah	11/16/11	Guttenberg	04/18/12
Wadsworth	01/18/12	Bethlehem	06/20/12

District Deputy Visits

At Mount Vernon John talked about the turbulence in the Craft. The ups and downs that were the results of such things as the Morgan affair, the Civil War and World War II. He taught us .. "that we need to practice Freemasonry in accordance with the time honored ritual and tenets of the Craft by Brothers who are dedicated to preserving this avocation...".

At Van Rensselaer, John reminded us to do the right thing with the right stuff. While looking at all of the various candidates and brothers that going through the degrees in all of the lodges in the District. As well as the young men who seeking further light in the Concordant Bodies.

Note that the last District Deputy visit on April 25th is John's Homecoming it will be an open meeting. We encourage everyone to come out to wish John well as he concludes his term as District Deputy Grand Master. His messages have been getting shorter and shorter as the visits progress through the year. At the current rate John predicts the tank will be empty and the meeting will be as it should be a celebration of his tenure.

Ritual Competitions

The District Competition was held on March 21st and Joel Pierre-Louis [1] and Daniel King [2], both of Masters Lodge, were chosen to represent the District at the

Regional Competition.

The Regional Ritual competition was held at Van Rensselaer March 24th. The top three ritualists are Oscar Alleyne of Wappingers Lodge No. 671 in the Dutchess District; Michael Hernandez of St. George's Lodge No. 6 in the Rensselaer-Schenectady District; and, George Kaiser of Hoffman Lodge No. 412 in the Orange-Rockland District in that order.

District Memorial Services

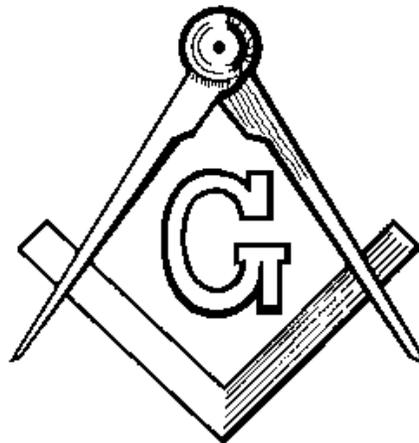
Since this is the last paper before Memorial Day we remind the brothers that we will be gathering at the Masonic Memorial in Albany Rural Cemetery at 6:30 for a brief outdoor service. We will then gather at the Temple at 7:30 for a Candlelight Service to honor those brothers who have laid down their working tools during the last year. This service is open to all especially the families of those who past away this year.

District Third Degree

The District Third Degree will be held on Saturday April 21 starting at 9 AM.

Mount Vernon 250th Anniversary

Mt. Vernon lodge will be marketing sweat, polo and T-shirts to raise funds for their upcoming anniversary celebration.



Poet's Corner:

The Walk

I walk upon an endless beach in early morning light,
Enchanted by the foggy mist that lingers from the night.
The dampness in the salty air feels moist upon my face.
There is no one around me to disturb this peaceful place.

The tide now gently rolls ashore, from somewhere far away,
It reminds me that the night is done and starts another day
The crying seagulls' symphony creates an eerie mood.
They soar across the foggy sea in endless search of food.

A channel marker's beacon flashes light across the sea,
In warning to the passing ships, wherever they may be.
The clanging of a distant bell creates a magic scene.
There is no other place on earth as peaceful and serene.

I know the fog will burn away as darkness turns to light,
But now I feel I'm close to God and know that all is right.
Whatever problems come my way, whatever lies in store,
Will vanish like the footprints that I leave upon the shore.

My earthly fame and riches are as useless as can be,
For a man is but a tiny drop upon the endless sea.
The fog will soon be lifting now; a new day has begun,
But I have had my walk with God before the rising sun.

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From "A Collection of Poetry" by William Eric Ogren
May, 21, 2000



Tales of the Ring:

This is a short tale but says it all.

BECAUSE I AM A MASON

I would hope that most of us would do our best for anyone. At the Festive Board following my initiation, one of the speakers told the apocryphal story about the chap who's car got stuck in a flood on his way to a lodge

meeting. A passing farmer stopped and towed him clear of the water, on shaking hands to thank him the driver noticed a familiar grip. "Oh, I see," he said, "You saw my black tie and briefcase and helped me because I'm a Mason - thanks."

"No my good Brother," the farmer replied, "I helped you because I am a Mason."

(Name withheld by request)

London, England, UK



Summer Bus Trip

Brethren of Wadsworth Lodge #417:

I am resending the trip information for those of you who may still want to go on the trip. However, I want to inform you that we now have 41 paid reservations and there are only 14 empty seats on the bus as of March 22. The bus is filling up quickly. If you are interested in going on the trip you should reserve now and include the information on the flyer tear off with your check.

I have been asked to put together a bus trip for Wadsworth Lodge members and families by our incoming Master Ed. Kosinski. We have decided on a one day trip to West Point with Wade Tours on July 21, 2012. We will again assemble at the usual lot at the far west end of Crossgates Mall at 6:30 sharp. I have again requested that Grant Smith be our driver; he drove the bus during the last trip to Jersey Boys. We have a very tight schedule and we will need to get everyone on the bus so we can leave promptly at 7AM.

We will make a coffee stop on the way down and will arrive at West Point at 9:45. We will have a 1 1/2 hour guided tour from 10 to 11:30 with stops at the Chapel and Trophy Point overlooking the river. We will then have a fabulous buffet luncheon in the Hotel Thayer dining room from 11:45 until 1:15. Following the luncheon we will board the bus for a trip to the West Haverstraw Marina where we will board ship on the "Commander" for a 2 hour trip up river to the Bear mountain bridge and back to West Haverstraw. We will then board the bus for the return trip to Albany

with a short meal stop on the Thruway (meal is not included in the price.)

Most of you have gone on many of the trips and everyone has a great time. They build fellowship among Wadsworth families and are our way of saying thank you to the ladies for putting up with our Masonic activities all year.

West Point is an active military post. Everyone 16 years old and above is required to bring government issued photo ID such as drivers license or passport. Each group must send in a manifest sheet completed with the names, dates of birth, gender and type of ID being used. If the manifest is not provided prior to the tour it can delay the start of the tour.

A spot for this information is included on the tear off on the trip flyer. **You must send in the completed tear off with your check to be included in the trip.**

There are 55 seats on the bus and 43 people have already said that they plan to go. In fairness to everyone I will list reservations as I receive them; first come first served. I would urge all of you to send in your checks as soon as possible. Cutoff date for reservations is June 7. If we go over 55 seats your name will be put on a standby list in the event of a cancellation.

Total cost of the trip is\$55.00 per person

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (518) 482-9326 or wogreni@nycap.rr.com



**WADSWORTH LODGE #417
SUMMER BUS TRIP
To
WEST POINT
July 21, 2012**



This year's trip for Lodge members and their families will include a 90 minute guided tour of the West Point grounds with a stop at the Cadet Chapel and Trophy Point overlooking the Hudson River and Plain. We will then proceed to the Hotel Thayer for a fabulous luncheon buffet.

After lunch we enjoy a 2 hour Hudson River boat cruise on the "Commander".

Price.....\$55.00 per person

Please be at the Crossgates Mall parking lot at **6:30 a.m.** Return will be approximately 7 p.m.

Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis and cutoff date is June 7.

PLEASE NOTE: EVERYONE 16 years and above must have a Photo ID to be admitted on site. Children under 16 must have an adult with them. **Passengers without a photo ID will not be admitted.** Please provide date of birth, full names and license/passport when making reservation.

.....**Tear Off**.....

PRINT NAME Last, First, MI	DOB M/D/Y	M/F	STATE/COUNTRY Of ID	TYPE OF ID

No. of persons _____

Amt. Enclosed _____

Phone No. _____

E-mail: _____

Check should be payable to **Wadsworth Lodge** and mailed to:
William Ogren
4 Carol Ann Dr.,
Albany, NY 12205-1906

Questions: phone 482-9326 or email wogren1@nycap.rr.com

Parting Shots:

BIRTHDAYS THAT OCCURRED DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Clair J. Miller	February 29, 1928	Fredrick L. Fuller	March 3, 1967
Robert E. Murphy	March 13, 1929	Mark B. Monroe	March 13, 1967
John G. Guile	March 22, 1930	David Serrao	March 8, 1973
Donald D. Kingston	March 6, 1943	Mikey J. Dady	February 10, 1976
Frederick John Castiglione	February 27, 1947	Nathaniel A. Anemaet	February 21, 1980
Kenneth H. Rouse	March 18, 1948	Raymond J. Kannes	February 2, 1982
James J. Van de Wal	March 29, 1949	Donald W. Pitts	March 6, 1982
Joseph Olbrych	March 5, 1952	Kenneth Craycraft Jr.	March 14, 1982
Charles A. Poltenson	March 9, 1953	Stanley J. Adams	March 16, 1982
William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954	Stephen Michael Pampinella	February 1, 1984
R. Christofer Dempf	March 13, 1958	Paul Kim	February 16, 1985
Kevin Lloyd Hubbleby	March 24, 1961	Esteban Maccera	March 24, 1987
	Thomas P. Fuller	March 7, 1962	

If your birthday does not appear in the list we apologize, but it is because we do not have the information in our records. Please contact Tim with your birth date.

Upcoming Events:

That time of year has arrived when we think of various dinners and celebrations. On April 25th will be John Scott's homecoming as he celebrates the end of his term as Deputy District Grand Master. This will be an open meeting so everyone come and support John in his celebration. The particulars of the meeting will follow.

The next event on the calendar is the more exclusive Past Masters Dinner. Because of a conflict at the Normanside the dinner will be held on a thursday night instead of the traditional Friday night affair. Past Masters come out and visit with our Master-to-be Ed Kosinski as he presents his line , budget and trestleboard. It will be on April 3 at the Normanside Country Club 5 – 8 p.m., cash bar and fellowship 5 – 6:30, dinner meeting begins at 6:30.

\$25.00 includes Toss'd Salad, Choice of Entree (Boeuf Bordelaise, Chicken Française, or Pan Roasted Salmon), Chocolate Cappuccino Cake for Dessert, Coffee or Tea. *Gratuity Included, Acknowledgement of Attendance & Entree Appreciated by Thursday, April 26, Bro. Tim Martin 518-439-7998 timmartin12054@gmail.com.* Mail your check in advance to Tim Martin, 7 Burtonwood Place, Delmar, NY 12054 or pay the night of the dinner meeting.

Finally, there is the Sideliner Dinner where we will honor and remember Worshipful Bruce Susser for his year of service to Wadsworth Lodge. Please make use of the tear-off reservation slip on the next page.



*Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 F. & A. M.
Masonic Temple
Albany, N. Y.*

April 6, 2012



*The Brethren of Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 Request
the Honor of Your Presence at the Open DD Visit of
Right Worshipful Brother John W. Scott
District Deputy Grand Master of the Albany District*

*To take place at the Albany Masonic Temple
on Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Delegations received at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Meeting Join Us for Collation in the Ground Floor Dining Hall

W. : Bruce J. Susser , Master

5:30 p.m.Reception - 6:00 p.m. Dimmer in the Ground Floor Dining Hall

Entrée - Homemade Succulent Beef Stroganoff

\$20

Dimmer Reservation Appreciated by Friday April 20

Contact Ed Kosinski 518-337-0684 (Cell) 518-434-8425 (H) edjokos@msn.com

25 Forbes Avenue, Rensselaer, NY 12144-1622

Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, F. & A. M.



SIDELINERS DINNER

To Honor W.: Bruce J. Susser, Master of Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, 2011-2012



Thursday, May 31, 2012

THE NORMANSIDE C. C.

150 Salisbury Road
Delmar, New York, 12054
518-439-4505 Ext.10

Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Selected Entrées

Loin de Pork - oven roasted with red wine, garlic & rosemary
Pan Roasted Tilapia - with capers, tomatoes, red onions,, bell peppers, & a lemon white wine cream
Beale Street Beef - thinly sliced beef brisket rolled with garlic, chipotle & herbs, served in a Tennessee BBQ sauce

Dessert
Orange Caramel Flan

Fresh Melon & Berries Reception at 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)
Dinner - 6:30 P. M.

Donation of \$35 per person
(\$60 per couple)
(Includes Gift, Tax, & Gratuity)

Please send checks by Friday May 24, 2012
Payable to Wadsworth Lodge No. 417
Your check is your reservation

↓ Cut Along Dotted Line and Include in Return Mail, THANK YOU.

Send checks to: *Stephen S. King, 46 Ramsey Pl, Albany, NY 12208-3015, steveking1@mac.com 518-489-1341*
Note: *If you cannot attend dinner, but would like to contribute to Bruce's gift, use this form so that your gift may be acknowledged.*

Your NAME: _____ Tele. No.: _____

Check entrée choice Pork Fish Beef
 _____ Dinners at \$35.00 each or \$60/couple \$ _____

Gift only \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____