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Under the Master's Hat

My Brothers,

The end of the Masonic Trestleboard is at hand. I'm writing this message as we prepare for our third degree. Our conferral of this degree will bring five new brothers to the Master Mason status. It will conclude our work for the year. Or will it?

It would be easy to let the new brothers slip into the summer break and leave them wondering what next. I will be asking for some brothers to act as mentors for the summer to help the newly raised brothers with their study of the ritual book and prepare for the new trestleboard in the fall. Take the time to reach out to the new brothers during the dark season and make sure they stay interested.

Our election and installation of the new line of officers will be on June 13, 2012. Get out to the meeting and show your support for the new line.

My year as Master has been a great experience. It has taught me that there are so many things to learn

in Masonry. One thing I have learned is the support around you is always there. Like with the building of King Solomons Temple, the stones in our lodge fit together with great accuracy.



The brothers in our Lodge are the stones. The Lodge is resilient and strong because of the way we support each other.

I have a personal goal, as mentioned in my annual report, to support the next master in all ways but especially

by striving to perfect my abilities with the ritual. Our Lodge needs for the brothers to take parts of the ritual and learn them. It's time to let some of the "old guard" to take a rest from the labors of the ritual. Wouldn't it be a great thing if we could call on any brother to deliver the middle chamber lecture? Maybe the middle chamber is to intimidating. Find some part of the ritual that is a challenge to you and learn the piece. It will be a huge burden lifted from the new Master if he knows he has a wide range of expertise at his fingertips.

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I had the opportunity to learn the whys and wherefores questions for the first degree. It was a small part of the degree but allowed me to put myself to the test. If I, a person who cringes at the thought of being at the center of attention, can learn a part like that so can any brother out there.

Best wishes to Ed Kosinski and his line of officers for the upcoming year.

As the year comes to a close I want to thank all of the brothers who have made my job a little easier by being one of the close fitting stones of support.

God Bless
Bruce

Sickness and Distress:

Bro. Al Garrison is still in serious poor health & and his medicines are quite costly and causing considerable distress for his family. It was suggested that the Charity Committee consider action to help toward his relief. A card will be sent to Bro. Garrison expressing deep concern & best wishes from the Brothers of Wadsworth.

W.: Doug Hull Of Ancient Temple Lodge No.14 has recently suffered a cardiovascular episode and had quadruple bypass surgery.

W.: William O'Keefe lost his sister Shirley A. Lanza on April 23rd. Shirley was 82 years old. She passed away surrounded by her loving family.

R.: W.: William Ogren has learned that Elaine Whitehead died. She is the wife of Dorsey Whitehead, Sec'y of Capital City Lodge.

R.: W.: William Ogren is absent tonight due to cataract surgery performed earlier today. He is doing ok and hopes to join us at a Lodge meeting in the near future.

W.: Joseph Pozefsky is doing better following his recent foot surgery.

R.: W.: Dean Hotaling's wife is doing very well in her recovery following recent breast cancer surgery and chemotherapy.

W.: Bob Hollner, Secretary at Guttenburg, is also having some heart problems

Glad Tidings:

R.: W.: Ron Noll thanked the Lodge for their support of him in their attendance at this year's *Brother of the Year Award Ceremony* by the **Albany District Masonic Charities**.

W.: Bruce Susser is a grandfather of an 8 lb boy named Adam born today, and his reason not being in attendance tonight.

V.: W.: Ray Gaul will be a grandfather for the 11th time!

Bro. Esteban Maccera recently returned from a cross-country road trip and reports: "after returning from my six month road trip across the country, I was able to find work right away working in the Senate chamber!"

Bro. Daniel Chedid has accepted a job offer from the Omni Corporation in Fort Worth Texas as a food and beverage manager and will be moving there soon. "My address now is 1400 McKinney Street, Apt 3410, Houston, TX 77010. Please send my regards to all my Brethren." Daniel was living in Carlsbad, CA.

Trish & Drew Millier are proud parents of a "beautiful daughter" named Sophie Aberdeen Millier, 20" long, 6 pounds 12 ounces. All are happy and healthy. He also writes, "I'll keep you posted, but I will be indisposed for meetings for the rest of the year. Talk to you soon!"

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.

Around the District:

Masters and Wardens

The annual meeting of the Masters and Wardens Association will be held on June 20 with a barbecue at Bethlehem Lodge in Delmar. The nominating committee has put forth the slate of officers for the

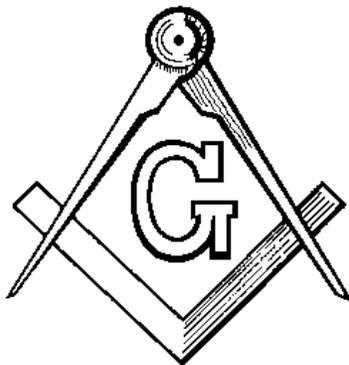
upcoming year. For President the committee has nominated W. Charles "Chuck" DeVoe of Van Rensselaer and the nomination for Vice President is our own Bro. Ed Kozinski. The secretary and treasurer will remain unchanged.

District Deputy Visits

At Masters Lodge, John took advantage of his last tyled visit to reflect on his last two years of messages. He decided that his theme has been "...now is the time to take back and own our Fraternity." He then talked about the need for shared leadership. Reflecting on the fact that the District Deputy is a key person in the District, but cannot do everything he needs the services of the Staff Officer, the AGL and the Masters and Wardens to perform his tasks.

At his homecoming he was treated to feting, that could have easily become a roast. It was a grand evening of praise for John and his dedication to the craft, not just as the District Deputy.

His final message was "Gratitude" where he thank all that had lauded him and especially to his wife and family for their support. Some of his message consisted of a poem for the wives that is reproduced in the Poet's Corner.



District Memorial Services

The Annual Masters and Wardens Memorial service was held at Albany Rural Cemetery and at the Temple. The turn out at the Temple was better than last year but still needs to be better attended. One highpoint of the evening was the fact that there was two lodges in the District that did not have any members that died over the last year.

Mount Vernon 250th Anniversary

Mt. Vernon lodge will be marketing sweat, polo and T-shirts to raise funds for their upcoming anniversary celebration. More information on this next year. Here are what they will look like.



Poet's Corner:

A Mason's Wife
(Author Unknown)

From active Masons, resolute,
Our wives and families we salute;
We surely know the price you pay,
Who sit alone while we're away;
No high degrees on you conferred,
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;
You serve our cause though out of sight,
While sitting home alone tonight;
Masonic papers list our names,
Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours is absent...you who strive,
To keep our fortitude alive;
You're part of every helpful deed,
On your encouragement we feed;
Without your blessings, how could we,
Continue acts of charity?
And so, this poem, we dedicate,
To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love,
Rewards await in Heaven above



John's Homecoming:



On the evening of April 25 the Brothers of Wadsworth Lodge gathered to welcome R.: W.: John W. Scott, as he ended his term as District Deputy Grand Master. We were join by an excellent representation of members from other lodges in the District. After the Reception of Delegations and the opening exercises we were entertained by Skip Parson's Jazz Trio.



After the entertainment John was vetted by representatives of the various District groups including:

W.: Eric Benson representing the Masters and Wardens Association.

R.: W.: Geoffrey Hoderath, Assistant Grand Lecturer

W.: Robert Baker, Jr. the Deputy District Grand Master - Elect

W.: Roy Stock the Staff Officer - Elect

These brief presentations were followed by remarks by R.: W.: Gerald Dievendorf, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

R.: W.: Steve King, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York then presented John with his Jewel. He was accompanied by Gerry Dievendorf, Bruce Susser and Lynn Scott.



Lynn then placed the Jewel around his neck.

After a musical interlue John presented the final talk of his term. The essence of which was present in the Around the District cloumn.

Meet the New Brothers:

Matthew Scott was born in Averill Park and is 24 years old. He currently resides in Troy with his fiancé Tia. He is a Project Engineer for Rifenburg Construction, and currently on a \$64 million dollar New York State DOT Project in Elmira New York. Before this he attended SUNY Institute of Technology and received his Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering. His interests are Hiking, Biking, Running, and playing guitar.



Matthew Wilday was born in Albany NY, is 29 years old and currently lives in Latham. He attended Bob Jones University and studied Ministerial Training. Matt just started working at Trustco Bank as an Assistant Branch Manager, and is also the proud owner of "Tap House Syrup" which is a Pure Maple Syrup company. He likes tending his small hop farm, playing poker, visiting breweries and going on road trips.

Meet the New Brothers Cont'd:

Jesse Kendall was born in Colonie where he lives today. He moved to Chicago for 6 years. While there he studied Sociology & Psychology at Loyola University of Chicago and earned a B.A. degree. He currently works with his father doing commercial trucking and snow removal. He has been an active member in various Andy's sports leagues over the past few years.



James W. Susser was born in albany and is 27 years old . He lives on Marsdale Court in Selkirk. He works as a delivery manager at Loew's

Shawn C. Allen was born in Amsterdam, NY and is 21 years old. He currently resides in Fort Plain on Stone Arabia Road when he is not attending school at SUNYA.



Parting Shots:

BIRTHDAYS THAT OCCURRED DURING APRIL AND MAY

Elmer C. Krichbaum Jr.	May 26, 1925	Murray J. Mitkoff	April 16, 1961
Culver F. Hayes Jr.	May 16, 1931	Bryon Edward Koshgarian	May 22, 1965
Atlee Philip Warner	April 8, 1917	Michael R. Gammans	April 28, 1951
Charles E. Morris	May 4, 1930	Daniel N. Chedid	May 16, 1979
William O'Keefe	May 24, 1933	William H. Conroy Jr.	May 15, 1933
David A. Keiski	April 19, 1938	Donovan White	April 14, 1980
John D. DeNuccie Jr.	April 11, 1925	Justin Crocker	April 1, 1975
Christian N. Abele	April 29, 1938	Denis Serdiouk	April 14, 1987
Carl F. Rymski III	April 8, 1938	Robert T. Hedgpeth	May 12, 1983
Lawrence Murphy	May 27, 1960	Owen K. Scott	April 5, 1985
John G. Milsop	April 21, 1948	Matthew Wilday	April 25, 1983

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.