

The Sideliner

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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

Brethren, on October 23rd. once again we witnessed a Masterful First Degree, performed by Past Masters. Everyone did a superb job in their respective Stations and Places. It is always a pleasure to see Brothers working together, this was an excellent example of camaraderie, which I am sure, reflects how each Brother acts in his private life.

Thank you to everyone involved. The year is almost over; the holiday season will be upon us before we know it. This is the season to be thankful for all that we are blessed



with. As always it is a time to look to our neighbors, co-workers, friends and family to see if there is anyone that needs our help or encouragement.

Helping others is something that always gives me joy in my heart. I believe if we all look around us we will find someone or some organization that we can give help or encouragement to. By doing this I believe we will be rewarded in special ways.

From my home to yours, we wish you and your families a Joyous and Happy Holiday Season.

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Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

September 11, 2013	Open Meeting Welcome Back -
September 25, 2013*	Brother Bring a Friend Night
October 09, 2013 *	Years of Service Awards Night
October 23, 2013 *	1 st Degree – <i>Past Masters in charge</i>
November 13, 2013	Open Meeting
November 27, 2013 *	2 nd Degree
December 11, 2013 *	Holiday Gathering –“ <i>Toys for Children</i> ” Dinner
December 25, 2013	Lodge Dark for Holiday Observance
January 8, 2014 *	3 rd Degree
January 22, 2014	Pool Tournament to Benefit Brotherhood Fund - <i>\$5 to Brotherhood Fund & \$5 for Collation</i>
February 12, 2014 *	1 st Degree
February 26, 2014	Open Meeting
March 12, 2014 *	2 nd Degree
March 26, 2014	Tiled DD Visit
April 9, 2014 *	3 rd Degree
April 23, 2014	Open Meeting
May 14, 2014 *	Reports Night
May 28, 2014 *	Elections, Appointments & Installation of Officers
June Communications	TBA

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays, ONE WEEK Before Degree Night at 7:00p.m.)

* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Sickness and Distress:

Shirley Stowell wife of the late George Stowell passed away in September 2nd.

Kennetta Wolven wife of the late Bro. Kenneth Wolven passed away September 1st.

Leo Synakowski reports he is doing well but is preparing for a second round of chemotherapy to further treat and hopefully shrink his tumor further. He hopes that his side effects will not be any worse than last time but he is expecting to again have the loss of his hair temporarily.

W.: Brother Bruce Susser's father-in-law, Edwin Uhl, Jr, passed away at the age of 92 on July 10, 2013. We extend our deepest condolences to JoAnn and Bruce.

In June, W.: Don Moore, Past Master of

Wadsworth (presently demitted) was diagnosed with tongue and neck cancer. After two months of chemo and radiation

therapy, he will undergo a PET scan in several weeks to determine the effectiveness of the treatment. At this time, Don has difficulty talking more than just briefly. He can receive email at -Don.Moore48@comcast.net

R.: W.: Bob Baker, Jr, DDGM, should be in our thoughts and prayers because of the recent loss of his uncle, Donald W. Baker Sr., September 7, 2013.

Bro. Christian Abele, a forty-eight year member, suffered a stroke and is being treated in an Atlanta hospital.

R.: W.: Bill Ogren had two skin lesions removed on October 21st they required twenty-five stitches on his back and few on his right ear. He will have the stitches removed on the 30th.

Glad Tidings:

Ron Noll is continuing with his treatments for Macular Degeneration. The shots are helping since he has regain some sight in the affected eye. Currently the recovery is about 99%, but the doctor is going to continue the treatments in hopes of bringing the eye back to full function.

Wadsworth Brother Ken Rouse, Treasurer, ALT Heidelberg/Fidelitas Lodge No.821 received the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross May 2013 at the last USA Garrison Baden-Wuerttemberg award ceremony (prior to closure of the Heidelberg Military Community). Basic requirement to qualify other than NYS resident is receipt of a personal award while on Active Duty approved at or above the Brigade level. Bro. Rouse had seven of these awards in his military career.

Bro. Michael Drooker who presently lives in New Hampshire sends his best wishes to the Brethren of Wadsworth Lodge on the occasion of his 10th anniversary as a member of Wadsworth. He will not be attending the Years of Service Awards Night on October 9, 2013, but appreciates receiving the Sideline and other email updates & news. He was pleased to read that the Masonic Veterans Day recognition will include those brothers currently serving as well as the veterans. Bro. Drooker left active Navy duty in 1968, and this summer, attended a ship reunion (USS Tullibee, SSN-597).

R.: W.: John W. Scott will become a grandfather for the third time! It's a boy!

IN MEMORIAM

W.: **Robert E. Murphy**

Became a Mason April 4, 1962

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 2, 1962

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 6, 1962

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High October 1, 2013**

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.

Dues Notice:

Wadsworth Dues for 2014 and Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessment

Brethren, by the time you receive this edition of *The Wadsworth Sideline* you will have received your 2014 dues notice. Please pay your dues no later than December 31, 2013, and up-date your address, phone number and internet address if necessary. A complete explanation of changes was included in the cover letter with your dues invoice. The revised pocket version Wadsworth By-laws will be published in 2014 to reflect all new changes. The previous version was dated November 2000. Here are the salient points:

The By-laws of Wadsworth Lodge were revised at the May 22 Annual Communication by vote of the Lodge to increase the annual dues for Wadsworth *Regular* members from \$37.50 to \$100 plus \$34 Grand Lodge assessment, and to charge \$10 administrative fee to *Life* members as part of

the per capita assessment collected for Grand Lodge – Grand Lodge dues for 2014 is now \$34. To summarize:

- Wadsworth Lodge *Regular* members dues total will be \$134.00
- *Life* members dues total will be \$44.00

Military Remittance

In keeping with the practice of the preceding years, Wadsworth Lodge will continue to remit Lodge Dues & Grand Lodge Assessment on behalf of those Brothers who are shown to be on **Active Military Duty** as of January 1, 2014. 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, Sec'y, 7 Burtonwood Place, Delmar, NY, 12054 telephone number: 518-817-9935 e-mail: timmartin12054@gmail.com

Dues Notice cont'd:

Each Lodge Secretary must obtain from the qualifying member who is on **Active Military Duty** as of **JANUARY 1, 2014**, 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 Stationery 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".

By-Laws Change:

In explanation of the change in dues the following is the changes that were made to the By-Laws of the lodge the changes are in bold italics.

Revised By-Laws May 2013

Article IV

Membership, Fees, Investigations & Balloting

- Section 1.** Membership may only be acquired by applicant's petition, in his own handwriting, on authorized form provided, sponsored by, and over the signature of a Wadsworth Lodge member in good standing.
- Section 2** Fee for Initiation and Advancement shall be one hundred forty-five dollars (\$145.00), of which fifty dollars (\$50.00) must accompany *the* petition.
- Section 3.** Eligibility of candidates for Initiation and Advancement include being of sound mind, gainfully employed or retired, of good character, not less than twenty-one years of age, acknowledging a belief in a

Supreme Being and the Immortality of the Soul.

Section 4

Fee for Affiliation shall be *seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), and must accompany the petition.*

Article V

Annual Lodge Dues and Life Membership

- Section 1.** Annual Dues commencing in the year **2014** shall be *one hundred (\$100.00)*, and thereafter, an amount approved by the Lodge at a Stated Communication, plus any Grand Lodge *Assessment*, payable in advance by the first Stated Communication in December of each year.
- Section 2.** a. Life Members are exempt from further payment of Lodge Dues, *but* obligated to continue paying Grand Lodge *Assessment* each year *plus ten dollars (\$10.00) administration fee*, unless, because of health or financial problems, and by vote of the Lodge, the Treasurer is directed to remit same from the Lodge funds.

Dear Volunteers-

The Master has asked us to volunteer as “Bell Ringers” for the **Salvation Army “OPERATION BELLRINGERS 2013”** during the Holiday Season and you answered the bell call!

Your quick response is appreciated. **“Thank you for helping the Salvation Army help others.”**

Fraternally & cordially,
Tim Martin, Sec’y



Saturdays, Begin 12 noon and end at 5 pm	Write hour(s)	Your Name (s) <i>two persons per slot</i>
Saturday, November 30th <u>Crossgates INSIDE</u> J C Penny – Top of the Escalator	12 to 1	John Scott & Family 518-283-1168 (H)
	1 to 2	John Scott & Family 518-283-1168 (H)
	2 to 3	James Susser 518-281-8460 & Andy Groff 518-361-4985
	3 to 4	JoAnn & Ed Kosinski (H) 518-434-8425
	4 to 5	Laura & Anthony Rodolakis 518-203-8676
Saturday, December 7th <u>Crossgates INSIDE</u> J C Penny – Top of the Escalator	12 to 1	John Scott & Family 518-283-1168 (H)
	1 to 2	John Scott & Family 518-283-1168 (H)
	2 to 3	Bruce Susser 518-439-9405 (H) & Ron Noll 518-783-1898
	3 to 4	Bruce Susser 518-439-9405 (H) & Ron Noll 518-783-1898
	4 to 5	Doug & Whitney Kantrowitz 518-470-6705 (C)
Saturday, December 21st <u>Crossgates INSIDE</u> J C Penny – Top of the Escalator	12 to 1	John Scott & Family 518-283-1168(H)
	1 to 2	John Scott & Family 518-283-1168(H)
	2 to 3	Jerry McCall 518-275-9893 (C) & Vic Stewart 518-421-1725 (C)
	3 to 4	Jerry McCall 518-275-9893 (C) & Don White 518-495-4549
	4 to 5	Doug & Whitney Kantrowitz 518-470-6705 (C)

Around the District:

District Deputy Grand Master Visits

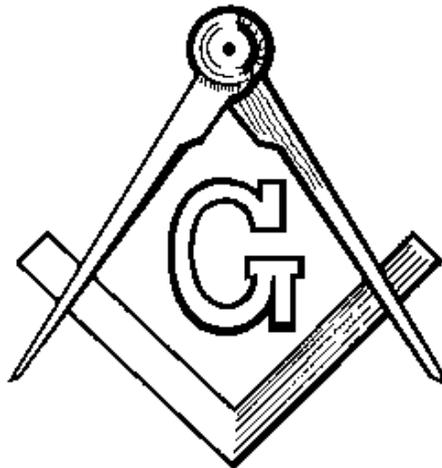
Noah	10/08/13	Ancient Temple	02/18/14
Berne	10/17/13	Wadsworth	03/26/14
Bethlehem	11/19/13	Masters	04/14/14
Van Rensselaer	01/23/13	Guttenberg	05/01/14
Mt. Vernon	02/03/14	(Bob's Homecoming)	

Masters and Wardens Schedule

Van Rensselaer	09/18/13	Masters	02/19/14
Mt. Vernon	10/16/13	Ancient Temple	03/19/14
Noah	11/20/13	Guttenberg	04/16/14
Wadsworth	01/15/14	Bethlehem	06/18/14

District Web Page in addition to the District web page <http://www.albanymasonic.com/> there are several other sources of information and communication. Of course there is the Grand Lodge website www.nymasons.org and the facebook location <https://www.facebook.com/NYMasons>. In addition there is New York Masons Netnews <http://www.nymasonsnetnews.org>. There is also the electronic Empire State Magazine at <http://www.esmason.com/news.html>. And there is also ATHOLL1781 Group to subscribe atholl1781-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Masonic Safety Program There was one event held at the Ravena Methodist Church. There were twenty-six children processed.



Veteran Events It will be Novemebr soon that means Masonic Day at the VA on Novemebr 10th. Meet in the third floor meeting room at noon. This year there is also going to be a Veterans Appreciation Night at Guttenburg Lodge on Novmber 6th. German dinner at 6:30 Meeting to follow. Each veteran in attendance will be given a commemorative coin.

Masonic Care Community The Fall trip to the MCC has been cancel since there were not enough responses to justify the bus. The trip has been rescheduled for April 22nd. As usual it is a FREE trip, a FREE tour of the facility and a FREE Lunch.

Deputy Grand Master The Deputy Grand Master R.: W.: Bill Thomas will be holdong a Town Hall Meeting for the Albany and Rensselaer-Schenectady Districts on November 20th at the Albany Temple.

Poet's Corner:

Here is a new poem by R.: W.: Bill Ogren

Fall in New York

Fall begins with vivid shades of orange, red and yellow,
Amid this colorful display the summer starts to mellow.

Maple trees devoid of leaves stand naked o'er the land,
Just a few short weeks ago, they stood with colors grand.

Fall is now upon us with the frost of early morn.
The countryside looks barren, dreary and forlorn.

The wind is cold and chilly, as a change is taking place.
Winter's fast approaching, and you feel it's cold embrace.

Frost now coats the windows in the early morning light.
Now that clocks have been reset we waken in the night.

Summer's now a memory, the steamy days are past.
Firewood is cut and piled; it seems it burns too fast.



In spite of all the bleakness, I love this time of year,
A harbinger of winter when the air is crisp and clear.

Picking apples in the orchards is a certain sign of fall,
When donuts made with cider will be enjoyed by all.

Another year is winding down as many years before,
Lakes have empty beaches, and the boats are pulled ashore.

Soon the cold of winter will be present all the day,
Along with smoking chimneys, a picturesque display.

Snow will spread its beauty ever peaceful and serene.
We marvel at the grandeur; it is pleasant, bright and clean.

Let's not fret about the future or whatever may befall.
Let us live among the beauty of a season loved by all.

©William E. Ogren
September 24, 2013

Tales of the Ring

My Tale of the Ring happened this summer when my wife and I had a new hot tub installed. The local distributor sends out a service rep to make sure the cover lid is installed correctly and that you have been instructed in the maintenance and upkeep of the unit. After several attempts of scheduling, a rather outgoing fellow named Eric and I connected to do such. As his luck would have it, the scheduled day was one of those scorches we lived through in August, ninety plus and he was visiting mid afternoon. A lot of these reps don't always get the best welcome from the client. It's yeah yeah, you push a few buttons, do this, do that, let me get on with my life. Having experienced that myself, I'm sensitive to making sure in this case that Eric is offered plenty of liquids. He is all business and at first declined my offer.

Then I notice the prominent ring he is wearing and continuing in my small talk mode I mention that I know his

friend Hiram. He is a little surprised and asked if I am a "traveling man" and with that his all business demeanor melted as ice cubes did that day. We exchanged our masonic resumes and I found out he is a sitting Master in a small lodge in Western Massachusetts and that he commutes to the Capital District for his job.

His passion is the ritual and he and his officers like to visit other lodges and see how they perform. I passed on that Wadsworth's next degree work would be in the fall for the first degree and was being put on by the lodge's Past Masters. We may have visitors. By the end of the service call Eric and I were like long time friends and as he drove off to his next appointment he was sipping an ice cold ice tea.

S&F
Ken White



September 11

At our regular meeting on September 11 the program for the evening was preseted by our Senior Warden R. Victor Steward. For the benefit of the brothers who were not there this is the text of his address:

“September 11, 2001 Memorial

No person living or working in New York City on the morning of September 11, 2001, will ever forget where they were or what they were doing on that horrific day.

The memory of the air attack on the World Trade Center that day is burned into the hearts, etched in the minds and seared into the soul of almost every American.

The simultaneous attack on the Pentagon near Washington DC and a field near Shanksville, PA, where a third attack was prevented by some brave souls who gave their lives will also stand in memory for time immemorial.

For the past 12 years, on every September 11th, we have remembered the 3,000 plus people who died that day.

Immediately after the event, a store window near the armory being used as a temporary morgue was covered with hand-made notes and photo-copied pictures taped to the glass. Those notes, some of them asking if anyone had seen a particular person, stayed there for months.

The methods of remembrance take many forms. There are religious services, vigils and an occasional speech.

Probably one of the most evident is the bell ringing and the reading of the names at the site of the former World Trade

Center where an engraved memorial has been constructed and a new tower called the Freedom Tower has been erected.

The wall of pictures and notes hastily filled with pictures and notes asking if anyone had seen or heard of the victims is now gone.

However, many stories of individual heroism will be told over and over again.

There were firemen and policemen who ran into the burning towers while ordinary people ran for their lives out of the buildings.

There was a man who carried a handicapped person down several flight of stairs to safety.

There was a man who while descending the stairway heard a voice calling for help on the other side of a sheetrock wall and with his bare hands made a hole big enough to get the other man to safety.

We will not forget them, the living or the dead, or the heroes who deserve our praise.

The skirl of the bagpipes at all those funeral services will echo in our ears until we ourselves are called to the great beyond to join our brothers and sisters once lost on that day which will haunt us forever.”

Vic is picture with the Flag of Honor. The blue and red stripes are made up of the names of all the people that perished on that day.



Awards Night 2013



The Worshipful Master receiving his 10 year award from the Deputy District Grand Master Bob Baker.



Most of our five year Brothers are in one branch of the service or another. Only Vic Stewart was in attendance



The Secretary Tim Martin, DSA receiving his 15 year award from Ed.



The Editor receiving his 10 year award from Ed.

As usual photography is by R. Victor Stewart



Jim Fuller receiving Fred Fuller's 15 year award.



R.: W.: John Scott receiving his 25 year award.



Steve King accepting Bruce Hazard's 35 year award. Bruce told Steve that he foundly remembers his early years in Masonry at Wadsworth.



Ben Froggett with his Apron and Proclamation from the Grand Master for reaching 50 years.. Ben said that one of the highlights of his Masonic career is sitting on the Board of Directors for the Shrine Hospital.



Jim Fuller with his Apron and Proclamation from the Grand Master for 50 years in Masonry. He could not believe it has been that long, obviously things you love to do go by fast.



The Fuller family was there to share this moment with Jim.

Parting Shots:

Borthers having Birthdays in September and October			
Matthew R. Allan	October 10, 1980	Denis M. Jones	September 5, 1946
Shawn Christopher Allen	September 22, 1990	Cullen Kasunic	October 6, 1980
Paul Frederick Bailey	September 28, 1946	Charles John Semowich	October 10, 1949
Andrew Michael Barrell	October 16, 1964	Patrick J. Strahan	September 4, 1983
Kenneth R. Dawes	October 28, 1987	James Wilson Susser	September 17, 1984
Richard Dale Harvey	September 18, 1957	Jerome Raymond Trembley	September 20, 1983
Pieter Roelof Hiemstra	October 9, 1953	Peter L. Van Kempen	September 2, 1944

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.

