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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

Swan Song Insider

At the end of a famous ballet, the dancer playing a swan comes on stage and the orchestra plays one last song.

What follows represents the swan song of my tenure as master of Wadsworth Lodge # 417, what I consider the best group of fellows and brothers I have ever known or will ever know.

The experience of actually raising a new brother from a humble position to the sublime degree of Master Mason will rest in my memory forever.

Every Master Mason should consider it an honor to be elected to the craft.



To be chosen as the Worshipful Master of a lodge represents one of highest honors achievable any man can hope for. I believe we have enjoyed a good year together and I hope there will be many more.

We must, however, always remember that the Master of the lodge is only one human being with certain limits (physical and mental) and all of us have a duty to help make our lodge the best it can be so that we may pleasure and profit thereby.

Nobody ever put on a banquet in my honor.

I didn't ever expect one. Lots of very famous and deserving people never had a dinner in their honor.

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UNDER THE MASTER’S HAT (CONT’D)

I am extremely joyful to have enjoyed that pleasure even though my arrival was a bit delayed.

The presentations were totally unexpected and out of this world in terms on generosity.

I would like to make one of those wonderful gifts into a tradition.

I would propose that the collar with the past Master’s jewel be worn by the immediate past Master for the ensuing year.

If there is no objection I will begin that tradition with my retirement as Worshipful Master.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those people who made it possible for me to serve within the confines of due and ancient form.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

R. Victor Stewart

Trestle Board for Communications

Wadsworth Lodge F&AM No. 417

March 11, 2015 *	Reports Night - <i>Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees, & Safe Deposit Box Audit</i>
March 18, 2015	Practice for the DDGM Visit
March 25, 2015*	Tiled DDGM Visit
April 8, 2015*	1 st Degree
April 22, 2015*	2 nd Degree
May 13, 2015	Master’s Annual Report and Practice for the 3 rd Degree &
May 16, 2015*	Saturday, Special Communication for Third Degree
May 27, 2015 *	Annual Communication: <i>Elections, Appointments & Installation of Officers</i>
June 10, 2015	Installation of the New Master
September 9, 2015	Welcome Back Brothers Night, Discussion of plans for this year, read any petitions and business meeting
September 23, 2015	Masonic Movie Night, “The Freemason” Pizza and Wings Night Come and watch a never released masonic mystery movie.
September 26, 2015	Family Masonic Trip – Northeast Exposition and Fair, West Springfield, M \$20.00 per person includes bus admission and dinner.
October 14, 2015*	Years of Service Awards - Open Meeting
October 21, 2015	Degree Rehearsal, general discussion of floor work and duties.
October 28, 2015*	Entered apprentice Degree - Past Masters in charge
November 11, 2015*	Fellowcraft Degree
November 25, 2015	No meeting due to Holiday Observance
December 9, 2015	Annual Holiday Party - Holiday get together
December 23, 2015	No meeting due to Holiday Observance

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Gaul reported that Brother Floyd Barrington, who was active in the Shrine had past away.

The wife of Brother Latson Andrews, who is 88 years old and member for 63 years reports he is in poor health. He is in a rehabilitation facility and not expected to be coming home.

Brother Ralph Edgell recently suffered an injury from a fall. He is currently a resident at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home.

Shirley Stewart has not been recovering at the rate that the doctor's had hope. She had an MRI which did not contribute any worthwhile information as to what is

causing her malaise or how to treat it. The slightest amount of exertion wears her out.

Right Worshipful Bill Ogren's condition has declined since our last edition. His latest blood work shows that his white cell count, and his ability to fight infection, is at a less than minimum level. He recently visited his oncologist to learn his health is still declining although not by much. The doctor suggested he begin chemotherapy June 1. This will be repeated each month for 4 months. They will evaluate the results a week after the first session. Bill states, "I have known this was coming for 26 years and now it is here." He said the tiredness and other symptoms are likely to increase but he should get better.

Glad Tidings:

Brother Van de Wal is happy to report his daughter has completed five months of chemotherapy and recent reports indicate the tumors have shrunk with the cancer in-check. It is indeed a joyous occasion.

We received a thank you noted from Ann Mosher regretting that she would not be able to attend the Surviving Spouse Luncheon.

Brother Christian Abele received his 50 year award in Florida (see the Tale of the Ring).

Worshipful Leo Synakowski was given an encouraging prognosis after his last CT scan number 5

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Daniel F. Predpall, Sr.

Became a Mason January 12, 1955

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 23, 1955

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 23, 195

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High March 30, 2015**

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:

District Deputy Grand Master Visits

Noah	09/23/14	Ancient Temple	02/17/15
Berne	10/16/14	Wadsworth	03/25/15
Bethlehem	11/18/14	Guttenberg	04/16/15
Van Rensselaer	01/08/15	Masters	05/11/15
Mt. Vernon	02/02/15		

Masters and Wardens Schedule

Van Rensselaer	09/17/14	Masters	02/18/15
Mount Vernon	10/15/14	Ancient Temple	03/18/15
Noah	11/19/14	Guttenberg	04/15/15
Wadsworth	01/21/15	Bethlehem	06/17/15

On Memorial Day Brothers from the District Lodges joined with the Brothers at Bethlehem Lodge No. 85 to march in the Delmar Memorial Day Parade.



Here is a picture of the wreath placed at the Masonic grave site in Albany Rural Cemetery. Wadsworth Lodge had in attendance at the grave site, Jerry McCall, Geoffrey Hoderath, and Ed. Kosinski. After, we went to the lodge for a Memorial service, the same were present including Vic Stewart. Approximately 20 Brothers from all lodges attended the service.



Poet's Corner: Daddy's Poem

Her hair was up in a pony tail,
Her favorite dress tied with a bow.
Today was Daddy's Day at school,
And she couldn't wait to go.

But her mommy tried to tell her,
That she probably should stay home;
Why the kids might not understand,
If she went to school alone.

But she was not afraid;
She knew just what to say.
What to tell her classmates
Of why he wasn't there today.

But still her mother worried,
For her to face this day alone.
And that was why, once again,
She tried to keep her daughter home.

But the little girl went to school,
Eager to tell them all.
About a dad she never sees, a dad
Who never calls.

There were daddies along the wall in
Back, for everyone to meet.
Children squirming impatiently,
Anxious in their seat.

One by one the teacher called
On a student from the class.
To introduce their daddy,
As seconds slowly passed.

At last the teacher called her name,
Every child turned to stare.
Each of them was searching,
A man who wasn't there.

"Where's her daddy at?"
She heard a boy call out.
"She probably doesn't have one,"
Another student dared to shout.

And from somewhere near the back,
She heard a daddy say,
"Looks like another deadbeat dad,
Too busy to waste his day."

The words did not offend her,
As she smiled up at her Mom.
And looked back at her teacher, who
Told her to go on..

And with hands behind her back,
Slowly she began to speak.
And out from the mouth of a child,
Came words incredibly unique.

"My Daddy couldn't be here,
Because he lives so far away.
But I know he wishes he could be,
Since this is such a special day.

And though you cannot meet him,
I wanted you to know
All about my daddy,
And how much he loves me so.

He loved to tell me stories,
He taught me to ride my bike;
He surprised me with pink roses,
And taught me to fly a kite.

We used to share fudge sundaes,
And ice cream in a cone.
And though you cannot see him,
I'm not standing here alone.



'Cause my daddy's always with me,
Even though we are apart;
I know because he told me,
He'll forever be in my heart"

With that, her little hand reached up,
And lay across her chest.
Feeling her own heartbeat,
Beneath her favorite dress.

And from somewhere there in the crowd of dads,
Her mother stood in tears.
Proudly watching her daughter,
Who was wise beyond her years.

For she stood up for the love
Of a man not in her life.
Doing what was best for her,
Doing what was a right.

And when she dropped her hand back
Down, staring straight into the crowd.
She finished with a voice so soft,
But its message clear and loud.

"I love my daddy very much,
he's my shining star.
And if he could, he'd be here,
But heaven's just too far.

You see he is an American Soldier
And he died just this past year,,
When a roadside bomb hit his convoy
And taught Americans to fear.

But sometimes when I close my eyes,
it's like he never went away."
And then she closed her eyes,

And saw him there that day.

And to her mother's amazement,
She witnessed with surprise,
A room full of daddies and children,
All starting to close their eyes.

Who knows what they saw before them;
Who knows what they felt inside.
Perhaps for merely a second,
They saw him at her side.

"I know you're with me Daddy,"
to the silence she called out.
And what happened next made believers,
of those once filled with doubt.

Not one in that room could explain it,
for each of their eyes had been closed.
But there on the desk beside her,
was a fragrant long-stemmed pink rose.

And a child was blessed, if only for
a moment, by the love of her shining star.
And given the gift of believing,
that heaven is never too far.

Take the time....to live and love.

Until eternity

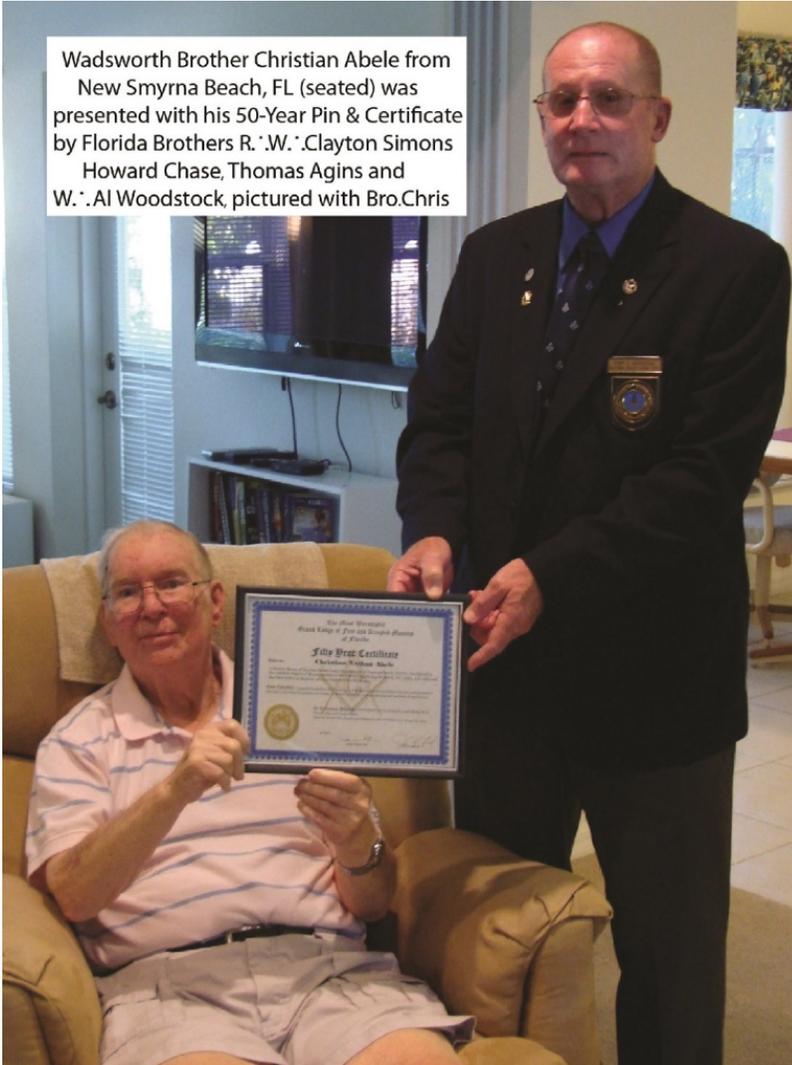
God Bless

There must be many children in the same boat as this
little girl, thanks to our servicemen and their families
for the sacrifice they are making to keep our country
free.



Tales of the Ring

Wadsworth Brother Christian Abele from New Smyrna Beach, FL (seated) was presented with his 50-Year Pin & Certificate by Florida Brothers R. W. Clayton Simons, Howard Chase, Thomas Agins and W. Al Woodstock, pictured with Bro. Chris



Brothers helping Brothers. As can be seen from the caption this is a picture of Christian N. Abele receiving his 50 year pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Florida. Pictured are Brother Abele and W. Alvin Woodstock. Both Christian Abele and R. W. Clayton Simons, present but not shown, are life members of Wadsworth Lodge as well as members of Daytona Lodge 0270 in Florida.



Upcoming Events:

WADSWORTH ANNUAL PICNIC

The Pavilion at Henry Hudson Park is ready and waiting all that is needed is Wadsworth Brothers, their families and friends. This is a great time to get together and catch up after our Summer hiatus. It is also a great "Brother Bring a Friend" event.



Save the date August 9th. Henry Hudson Park in Bethlehem. It is located behind the Old Bethlehem Elks Club on NY Route 144 turn onto either Barent-Winnie Road or Lyons Road they both take you to the park and then look for the pavilion.

The event will be from Noon to Dusk. Burgers and hot dogs will be supplied. The admission is some kind of dish, salad, snack etc.

Come and join us for a relaxing fun filled afternoon at the beautiful Town Park along side of the Hudson River. There will be lots to do. There is the pavilion picnic area, Horseshoe pit, Volleyball court, Playground, Softball field, Fishing, and even a boat launch if you have one.

Please let Bruce Susser know if you will be attending and how many people you will be bringing. His phone number 439-9405 and his Email is bsusser@NYCAP.RR.Com

FALL TRIP TO THE "BIG E"

Yes, this year's *Masonic Family Trip* will be a Fall Trip and we are going to the Eastern States Exposition, "the Big E", in W. Springfield, MA.



The trip will be on Saturday September 26. We will be taking a bus to Springfield to explore the exposition and fair. Hopefully we can enjoy some early Fall foliage as we go over the Berkshires.

Some of the things to see and do include the Butter Sculpture, Mardi Gras parade and the Circus. At the exposition you can visit all six New England Statehouses on the Avenue of States.

If the noise and the excitement of the Midway gets to be too much to handle you can visit Storrowton

Village. It is a village containing examples of 18th and 19th Century New England crafts. With Craftspeople in period costumes to talk about their



activities and answer your questions.

The cost of the trip will be \$20 per person that includes the bus, admission to the fair and dinner during the return trip. We have not included lunch, since we figure there is going to be more than enough opportunities to browse for what you want on the fairgrounds.

There will be more information coming out in the Summer Sideliner. To make reservations contact Joe Posefsky 456-0189 or JoePozefsky@juno.com

Sideline Dinner

As is tradition the Brothers of Wadsworth Lodge, family and friends gathered together to say good bye to the out going Master. This was the case on May 21st. W. . R. Victor Stewart received his Past Master's Apron, Past Master's Jewel and Collar, commemorative plaque and pocket badge. For a man that is never at a loss for words, he was somewhat taciturn the other night. It was not so much that he had nothing to say, but because his eyes were welling up from emotion. He was very much moved by the celebration.

Here is Vic with the Master-elect Leo Synakowski.



Meet the New Brothers:

Dick Powell is the owner and operator of the Erie-Champlain Canal Boat Company. Yes, he is Captain Powell.

Prior to that he worked for thirty-two years with the Albany Police Department. In addition to his regular police duties he did teaching both at the Police Academy in the Capital region and at the Police Academy in the Mid-Hudson region.

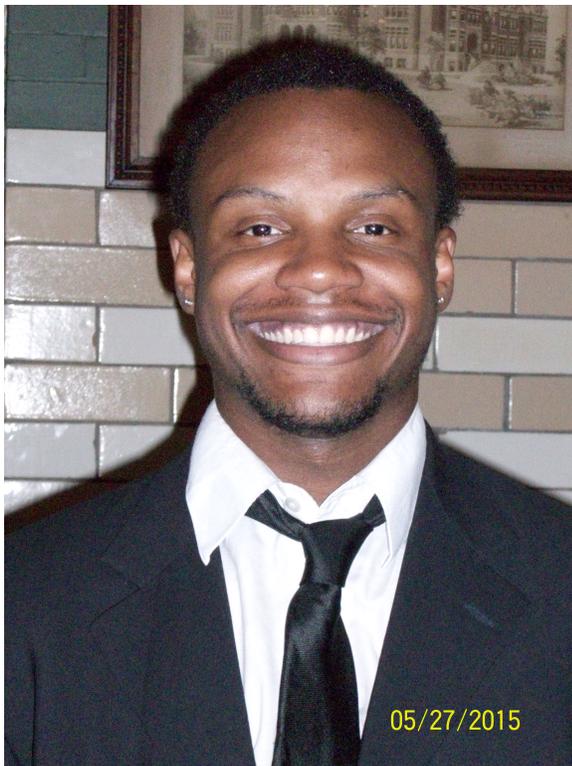
He was also a professor at Columbia-Greene Community College teaching in the Department of Criminal Justice.

He also developed liaisons with numerous international police departments.

His education includes a degree in Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Hudson Valley, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Criminal Justice from St. Rose and a Master of Arts in Social Psychology from Goddard College in Vermont.

He lives in Loudonville with his wife of 43 years Danielle. They have three offspring:

Lt. Colonel Nicole Powell-Dunford, MD, Flight Surgeon, US Army; Fabienne Powell, MA; Captain Max Powell, USCG Certified; and Major Richard W. Powell II, US Army National Guard



Elijah Brown was born in Albany in 1993 and lived there for his early years. He moved to Lawrenceville, GA as a teenager, but returned to the area to go to high school. He graduated from Colonie High in 2012, where he played rugby, football and ran track.

He currently has his own internet consulting/information marketing company called Skeda. He started it in January with a vision to experiment with the ongoing changes in technology with computers and internet. The object is to create 1000's of online job opportunities.

He has a loving girlfriend and family who are his motivation to succeed in life. He works at Moe's while his company comes together. He enjoys research (of any kind), creating motivational quotes, going for long walks and playing 7's rugby.

Some of his favorite things are:

- Steal like an Artist (book)
- Master of Disguise (movie)
- The Blacklist(TV).

His favorite sports teams are the Patriots and USA Rugby

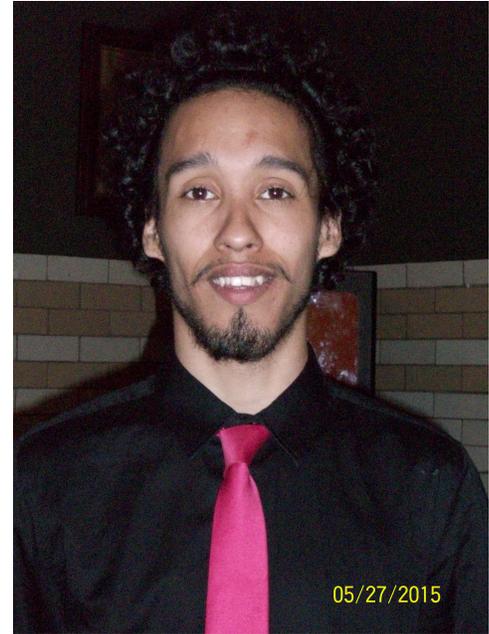
Meet the New Brothers cont'd:

Michael Angelo Cruz was born in Reading PA in 1991. He lives in Albany with his girlfriend Keyona and their son Jaeson. He has worked at several jobs including Bomber's Burrito Bar, Ellis Medicine and Equinox.

He is an avid reader.

He writes poetry and short stories. He enjoy sports especially football, basketball and softball.

He also works as a Peer Educator on numerous subjects.



Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays in April and May			
Charles G.Wolz Jr.	May 16, 1922	Michael R. Gammans	April 28, 1951
John D. DeNuccie Jr.	April 11, 1925	Murray J. Mitkoff	April 16, 1961
Elmer C. Krichbaum Jr.	May 26, 1925	Jonathan A. DePaula	April 19, 1977
Charles E. Morris	May 4, 1930	Daniel N. Chedid	May 16, 1979
Constantine D.Yavis	May 18, 1930	Andrew T. Groff	May 27, 1979
Ward R. Jones Jr.	April 18, 1931	Donovan White	April 14, 1980
Culver F. Hayes Jr.	May 16, 1931	Tyvie D. LaFrance Jr.	April 19, 1981
Christian N.Abele	April 29, 1938	Anthony N. Sanchez	April 23, 1983
John G. Milsop	April 21, 1948	Robert T. Hedgpeth	May 12, 1983
		John M. Lien	May 31, 1989

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.